



# Tracks

Summer 2018



The Tulsa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

## Events:

**June 21, 2018**

Tulsa SPCA Paws & Pictures Movie Night  
*Admiral Twin Drive In*

**July 21, 2018**

Tulsa SPCA Bingo Bash  
*OU—Tulsa Founders Hall*

**September 27–October 7, 2018**

Tulsa State Fair  
Tulsa SPCA Booth  
*River Spirit Expo Center*


**November 17–18, 2018**

Williams Route 66 Marathon  
Supporting the Tulsa SPCA  
*Downtown Tulsa*

Visit [tulsaspcapca.org](http://tulsaspcapca.org) for additional event information.

We speak for those who  
**cannot speak for themselves.**

The Tulsa SPCA's mission is to improve the lives of dogs and cats and engage the community to foster mutual well-being.

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## Williams Route 66 Marathon Charity Challenge

*"Running won't kill you. You'll pass out first."*

For the past four years, the Tulsa SPCA has been a charity partner of the Route 66 Marathon, raising over \$16,000 to support our animals, and we are excited to announce we will be participating again this fall. The Charity Challenge provides a unique opportunity for race participants, individuals and organizations to raise funds on behalf of an official charity partner while giving organizations like the Tulsa SPCA a platform to raise awareness. Better yet, the Williams Route 66 Marathon will match up to \$25,000 total of raised funds for the charity program.

### Interested in running or walking? Here's how it works:

- Sign up to participate in the 5k, half marathon or full marathon.
  - Registration is now open!
- Select the Tulsa SPCA as your charity partner and set up your fundraising page.
- Encourage your friends, family and coworkers to help you reach your fundraising goal.
  - 5K participants are required to raise \$120.
  - Half-marathon participants are required to raise \$300.
  - Marathon participants are required to raise \$525.
  - Marathon relay participants are required to raise \$1,000.

- Share, share, share on social media.
- Hit or surpass your goal and receive a complimentary registration fee for the run.
- Race and feel good knowing you are supporting the Tulsa SPCA.

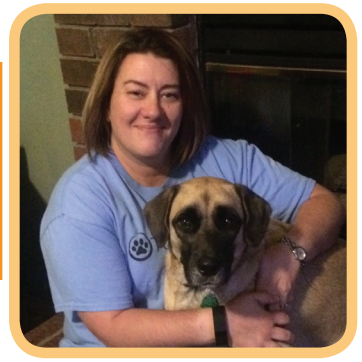
### Not interested in the race but want to help the Tulsa SPCA? Here's how:

- Visit [tulsaspcapca.org/route-66-marathon](http://tulsaspcapca.org/route-66-marathon).
- Click the link "Support a Tulsa SPCA Charity Partner Runner."
- Make a donation.
- Spread the word to your friends, family and coworkers who may also be interested in funding a runner.
- Cheer on the runners in November!

Join us as we set out to make the 2018 Williams Route 66 Marathon our best one yet. And remember ... you never know who may run or donate to save our animals unless you ask!



# A Letter From Mindy ...



## Dear Tulsa SPCA Patrons,

Many times in rescue, we talk about what is happening with the dogs we assist and about their needs and associated costs. Cats sort of get the short end of the stick. Maybe that's because they seem more self-sufficient than dogs, or maybe it's because they tend to decide when we're worthy of their attention. Let's face it, dogs are generally more "needy." We've spent time working on improvements for our dogs over the years (and have more planned), but earlier this year, we decided we really needed to address our cats and their home while they're with us.

In the last five years, the number of cats we placed went from 83 in 2013 to 385 in 2017. That is a 364 percent increase. During those years, we have made a few improvements in our cat colony room, such as re-painting and adding some vertical square footage, but we would like to give the room a more extensive makeover.

The decision to renovate involved looking at best practices and making decisions with our cats in mind. Selser Schaefer Architects did a great job working with us to make sure the design was what we wanted, and Builder's Unlimited has done a great job making those designs a reality. We were forced to halt cat intake during construction and appreciate that Builder's Unlimited kept the project moving and stayed on schedule so we could restart intakes as soon as possible.

The process certainly had a few bumps along the way. Our building is over 70 years old, so we knew we might face some challenges once the walls started coming down. We found some termite damage, but otherwise, the only big surprise was a time capsule, sealed into the wall at the dedication in 1948. The staff had a lot of fun looking

through the documents we found in the time capsule, such as articles from the Tulsa Daily World, a copy of our Articles of Incorporation, the 1905 animal cruelty law — which was current when the capsule was buried — and more.

Adult cats and kittens tend to stress each other out and stressed-out cats are not something anyone wants. In addition to the toll it takes on them emotionally, it can cause medical and behavioral issues as well. Our goal with the renovation was to find a way to separate adult cats and kittens, while still having a cage-free environment. In order to make that possible, Richard Barry, our Director of Operations, graciously gave up his office which is now our dedicated kitten room. In addition to rooms for adult cats and kittens, our new cat adoption area will have a separate room for potential adopters. We've incorporated more light, colors that are visible to cats, better HVAC for improved air quality and additional enrichment items in the room.

We are so excited about the improved quality of life these renovations will give our cats and are incredibly thankful for the generosity of supporters like you who made it possible. We will continue to add enrichment items in the room as funding comes in. Our grand "re-opening" of the cattery took place on May 24. We would be so grateful if you'd like to make a donation to support the work we're doing for our cats. Just include a note stating your gift is for the cattery renovations so we know where you want your generosity directed.

**Mindy Tiner**  
**Executive Director, Tulsa SPCA**





## Cattery Renovation

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Pre-Renovation



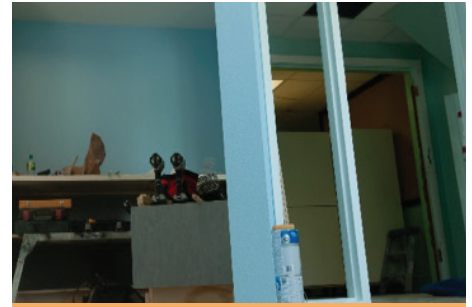
Termite Damage



Time Capsule



During Renovation



During Renovation



## Volunteer Spotlight Greg and Carla Sandy



Greg and Carla Sandy began volunteering at the Tulsa SPCA in the fall of 2016 after retiring and moving to Tulsa from Blackwell, OK. Self-proclaimed animal lovers who have had pets for most of their 46-year marriage, they set out to find an animal organization where they could volunteer their time. Looking to give back and get their “dog fix,” it’s been a perfect match.

### What do you like most about volunteering with the Tulsa SPCA?

**Greg:** Being around those wonderful animals and working with the great staff at the shelter.

**Carla:** Loving on and spending time with the dogs. It’s a happy feeling seeing the cats and dogs adopted. We’ve met so many nice people working and volunteering at the shelter that it makes it easy to volunteer. We want to spend time at the shelter, the Mobile Adoption Center events and other Tulsa SPCA functions because of the people.

### Any special memories or moments you’d like to share that you’ve had with any of our animals at the Tulsa SPCA?

**Greg:** Getting to know certain dogs like Gump and Arden and witnessing them find their homes.

**Carla:** Awhile back there was a beautiful, large black dog named Freesia who was so timid. I would go into her

pen and spend quite a while trying to get her to come over to me for a treat or even just a pet. She finally allowed me to touch her, take her for a walk and eventually hug on her. I was so excited when she was finally adopted, finding her forever home.

### Why would you encourage other people to get involved with or be a volunteer at Tulsa SPCA?

**Greg:** It’s so rewarding to see one precious creature go from scared to death to excited, happy and healthy when they find their people. It’s definitely worth your time.

**Carla:** It’s heartwarming to see the animals taken care of so well by the staff and then eventually watch them be adopted. There’s always something one can do to help at the shelter.

**Join us in congratulating Greg and Carla for their dedication to the Tulsa SPCA!**

# happy tails Fitz and Codi

Fitz's and Codi's Happy Tail began June 2017. After almost a year together, they have experienced all life has thrown at them and have made their bond into a happy forever family.

As Codi states, "Fitz is a strong, curious and intelligent Russian Blue; significantly different from the meek kitten I had adopted. I decided to keep his name after receiving the cutest letter from his foster family. I've kept that letter and have taken every single word to heart.

He is the patriarch of our animal collective, taking care of his adopted brother and sisters. Thank you for giving me my best buddy and partner in crime. Fitz is the best Russian spy a boy could ask for."

Fitz's story is a true statement that rescues know when they are 'home' and begin that new journey with growth and love... even if they started out a shy, little spy.



# happy tails Winston, Koopa and Eliza

Do you believe in love at first sight? Chewy (now Winston) and his forever family sure are believers! Winston's journey with his new family began with a picture on Tulsa SPCA's website. His new mom, Eliza, fell in love from only that picture and drove down from Kansas to meet him. Winston and his humans knew that this was where he belonged, his adoption was finalized and he loaded into the car for the road trip home.

Generally, this is where our story would end but not for Winston. It turns out, his fur-brother, Koopa, wasn't too thrilled with having to share his people with another dog.

Eliza was worried that Winston was just too much dog (he's a St. Bernard mix) for his much smaller fur-brother. Luckily, she reached out for help from the Tulsa SPCA staff and got some helpful tips on how to introduce them and keep the peace in the house.

As it turns out, it took a few weeks, but Winston and Koopa are now the best of friends and hate being separated from each other... where one goes, the other goes too.

Winston and his family are one of our many Happy Tails... could you be too?



Winston (right) with his best friend and fur-brother, Koopa (left)

**As a reminder, the Tulsa SPCA offers a low-cost vaccination clinic on Fridays from 10am-4pm and on every second Saturday of the month.**

For more information, call the Tulsa SPCA at **918-428-7722** or visit our website at <http://tulsaspc.org/low-cost-vaccine-clinic/>.



We'd like to thank the following  
sponsors for their support of the Tulsa SPCA Pranks & Paws Trivia Night.  
**Thank you for supporting the Tulsa SPCA!**

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# PAWS & PICTURES



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**BINGO BASH**

**2018**

**YEAR OF THE DOG**

**Save the Date | July 21, 2018**

For more information, visit [tulsaspcas.org/bingo-bash](http://tulsaspcas.org/bingo-bash)



# 7 Summer Cat and Dog Safety Tips

Published on Pet Health Network



## Keep your pets comfy, cool and safe when the weather gets warm!

Summer's here, and that means there are some important things to think about when it comes to your pets. Warm weather can be dangerous for our pets. It's hard for pets to keep cool when the sun is beating down, and that's because animals don't sweat like people do. You probably knew that dogs cool themselves through panting, but did you know that they sweat through their paws too?

When there is only hot air for a dog to breathe, it's a lot harder for that dog to keep cool.

While cats tend to tolerate the heat a little better than dogs, and even prefer it (we've all seen a cat stretched out on a sunny windowsill), that doesn't mean you should forget about your cat this summer! Read on to learn some important summer safety tips for dogs and cats.



### Never, ever, EVER leave your pet in a hot car.

It can take minutes — yes, MINUTES — for a pet to develop heat stroke and suffocate in a car. Most people don't realize how hot it gets in parked cars. On a 78 degree day, for instance, temperatures in a car can reach 90 degrees in the shade and top 160 degrees if parked directly in the sun! Your best bet is to leave your pet home on warm days. If you're driving around with your dog or cat in the car, bring water and a water dish and take your pet with you when you leave the car.



### Keep the paws in mind.

When the sun is cooking, surfaces like asphalt or metal can get really hot! Try to keep your pet off of hot asphalt; not only can it burn paws, but it can also increase body temperature and lead to overheating. Also, it's not a good idea to drive around with your dog in the bed of a truck — the hot metal can burn paws quickly (and they can fall out or be injured or killed in an accident).



### Provide water and shade.

Do your best to keep your furry friend cool and comfortable when you're out and about. If you and your pet are out in the sun for an extended period of time, make sure there's plenty of water available to avoid dehydration. Also, get your pet into the shade as much as possible.



### Consider a trim.

If you have a pet with a thick coat, consider a haircut! One inch is a good length to avoid sunburn (yes, pets can get sunburns too!) and also keep your pet cool.



### This one's for the cats: keep your windows screened!

We all know cats love windowsills. You may want your house to be ventilated, but you definitely do not want your kitty to fall out!



### Stay safe at barbecues.

Backyard barbecues are a lot of fun, but the food and drinks offered can be bad for pets. Keep your pets away from alcohol and foods like grapes, onions and chocolate.



### Keep your pets away from fireworks.

The dangers are obvious — pets are at risk for fatal injuries and painful burns if they are allowed to run around freely when fireworks are being used. Some fireworks also contain chemicals toxic to pets, like potassium nitrate and arsenic. Not to mention, the loud noises can be frightening and disturbing to pets (remember, their hearing is many times better than ours).

And perhaps most important, **pay attention to your dog and cat** — you'll know when they seem uncomfortable or like they might be in some trouble. Summer can be a great time to spend with your dog or cat, but it's important to keep these tips in mind as the days grow longer!







Layla



Eliza



Zeus



Mazie



Walker



Selena



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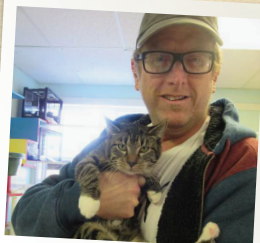
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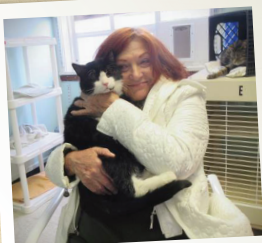
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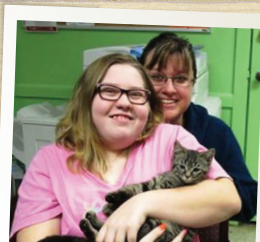
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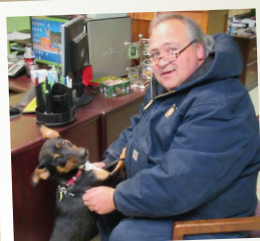
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