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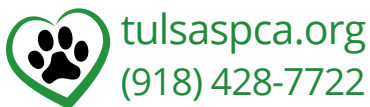


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The Tulsa Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

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## happy tails

### Forever Family, Forever Friends



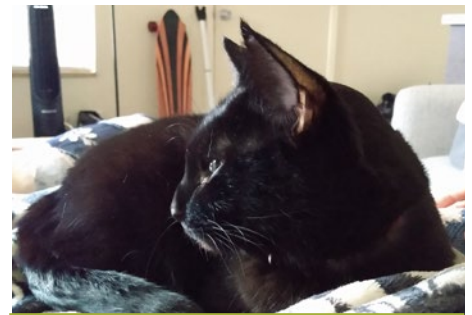
Elaine's story begins in the Tulsa SPCA parking lot where she was left all alone. Staff members knew nothing of her past, but after taking her in, quickly found out she was a victim of separation anxiety and would scream in her kennel when left alone. Elaine was adopted, but quickly returned due to this behavior. Enter Rebekah. Rebekah is one of the Tulsa SPCA's amazing foster parents and took Elaine into her home. Together, they slowly worked on Elaine overcoming her separation anxiety.

Enter Pam. Pam adopted Elaine, renamed her Sawyer, and they

became best friends, taking numerous walks in the woods located on Pam's property. Sawyer is Pam's "right hand buddy" and is allowed to roam freely in and out of the house. Sawyer met Pam's neighbor who also has a dog and the pair became fast friends. The two pals play together all day.

Not only has Sawyer gained a new forever family, but a new forever friend, as well!

### Giving Love a Second Chance



Chicken, unfortunately, has been a resident of the Tulsa SPCA several times. She had a hard time being in a shelter, and this changed her overall friendly attitude. She went from being an affectionate, brave kitty to being an extremely scared cat who hid and

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# Twiggy Finds Forever Happiness At Last

Some of you may remember Twiggy, a pit mix who nearly starved to death after being abandoned for 6 weeks back in 2019.

The Tulsa SPCA cruelty investigator Tim Geen received a cruelty complaint from a contractor who had been performing work and noticed an emaciated dog on the adjacent property. Once Geen arrived, he learned the contractor had been working at the location for six weeks and the house next door was vacant the entire time.

It was unclear why nobody had noticed Twiggy for such a long time, but by the time the Tulsa SPCA Cruelty Investigator brought him in, the situation was critical. Twiggy weighed only 29 lbs. and was both critically dehydrated and anemic due to a flea and worm infestation. The clinic at the Tulsa SPCA immediately began treatment and hoped for the best.

After several days under close supervision by clinic staff, Twiggy was able to go home with Jessica Padilla-Hernandez, the Tulsa SPCA Volunteer Coordinator, who agreed to foster Twiggy. At that time, Jessica had no idea how long Twiggy would remain with her as the Tulsa SPCA requested Tulsa Animal Welfare pursue charges against the people who abandoned him.

After his first 12 days in the care of the Tulsa SPCA, Twiggy had increased his weight to 42 lbs.

The team found out that Twiggy's case was officially opened by Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler. Because the case was open, Twiggy could not be put up for adoption.

At the time, Tulsa SPCA Executive Director Mindy Tiner said, "We are happy to say the DA has decided to take Twiggy's case. While it works its way through the justice system we will continue caring for him and hope the person or people who committed this crime will be brought to justice."

In February, seventeen months after Twiggy arrived at the Tulsa SPCA, Assistant District Attorney Shelby Limburg informed us that the statutory interpretation of 21-1686D says the animal was abandoned and no attempt had been made to redeem it. As a result, Twiggy was property of the Tulsa SPCA and could be put up for adoption so he could find his forever home.

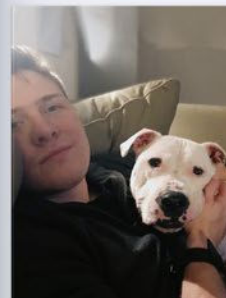
It didn't take long. After recuperating under Jessica's care and thriving with her by his side, there was little doubt he was already home. Jessica officially adopted Twiggy last month!



Photos: Twiggy upon arrival (left) and after 12 days (right)

"Bringing Twiggy into my life has truly been the best decision I have ever made. Seeing him grow and evolve into a confident, intelligent boy, with the biggest heart in the world fills me with love and happiness," Jessica said. "There is nothing I look forward to more than walking through my door after a long day and seeing him greet me with a huge meaty smile and lots of snorts and kisses. I feel truly lucky to be able to bring him into my life."

As of today, the case is still active. We hope the party or parties responsible for the cruelty and neglect Twiggy endured will be held accountable.



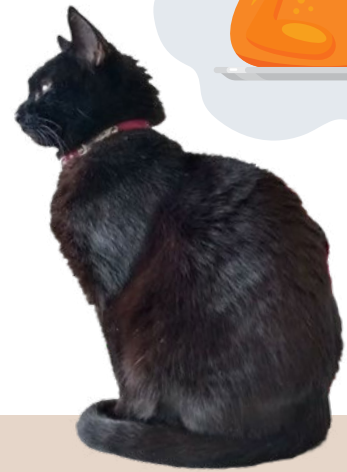
  
*Welcome  
Home,  
Twiggy*

Photos: Twiggy at home with Jessica



growled at us when approached. Thanks to our amazing staff, Chicken was able to open her heart once again. This time, it was to welcome Micah; her new forever friend. Once Micah found out that this beautiful kitty was named Chicken, she knew she was the one. "It was too funny to ignore," Micah said. As soon as Chicken arrived in her new home, she knew she was

safe. Her favorite things are looking out the windows in the morning to watch the birds, rolling around on Micah's bed in the afternoon to soak up the sun, and then curling up on Micah's lap in the evening. On top of that, Micah found out that her favorite protein is...can you guess? Chicken!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Becky Robbins

Becky Robbins has been a loyal volunteer for many, many years. We are grateful for her steadfast dedication even through the uncertainty of 2020 and the pandemic. Animals have always played a big part in Becky's life. Now that she is enjoying retirement after a career in the oil and gas industry, she continues to devote her time to animals. We are lucky to have such a committed and experienced volunteer!

**Q: Tell us a little about yourself and any pets you have at home.**

I grew up on a farm at Bushyhead with lots of dogs, cats, horses and cattle. Dogs especially have always been an important part of my life, and now, I share my home with my three adopted dogs, Milo (12), Ellie (12) and Dickens (5).

**Q: What experiences have you had volunteering for the Tulsa SPCA?**

I began volunteering with Tulsa SPCA in August 1999 when I was looking to adopt a new dog. The volunteer I talked to at an adoption event got me interested in joining the Auxiliary. We've built dog beds, had clean-up days at the shelter and once had an overnight laundry marathon. The Auxiliary raised some funds to build outdoor pens so that the dogs could spend a little time outside running and socializing with people and each other. Volunteers did whatever we could to help make the animals' lives a little more enjoyable.

**Q: Why would you encourage others to get involved/be a volunteer for the Tulsa SPCA?**

Volunteer roles have changed over the years but there is always something to do for anyone who wants to help out. There are still many opportunities for hands-on interaction



with the dogs and cats. New fundraisers have been established and have grown into wonderful events with the help of great volunteers, board members and staff. As I've gotten older I find I can't wrangle the dogs the way I used to, but I've found a new niche doing data entry in the clinic or helping around the office.

**Q: What is your favorite memory you've had volunteering at the shelter with the animals?**

One of my favorite volunteer memories is of a dog named Colonel, a big Dobie mix. We would take him to an outdoor run and try to get him to play with us, but he just never seemed interested. Then, one day he picked up a ball and brought it to us. The game was on after that. He just couldn't get enough of playing fetch. It wasn't much longer before Colonel was adopted by a family with two young boys. Seeing how love and patience can change the lives of these animals makes you believe in miracles again. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

# Tulsa SPCA Names Veterinary Clinic in Honor of John R. and Tricia Arend

The Tulsa SPCA named its low-cost veterinary clinic after a couple who donated one of the largest gifts in its history. Through an estate gift, John R. and Patricia Arend donated \$1 million to the Tulsa SPCA.

John R. Arend was the founder and former president of Inter-Chem, an international chemical trading company based in Tulsa. Prior to starting his own company, Arend spent 10 years on the West Coast with the FBI and five years working as a troubleshooter for Continental Oil Co. in Houston. He was notorious for projecting principles grounded in books such as "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill and "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale.

Patricia Arend, fondly known as Tricia, was actively involved in the Junior League of Tulsa and Asbury Methodist Church. She was also a long-time member of Southern Hills Country Club and a board member of Resonance, Hillcrest Hospital and 12&12. A strong advocate for the Child Abuse Network, Brush Creek Ranch, women's support groups, and so much more, Tricia leaves behind a legacy of philanthropy that will not be forgotten.

Tulsa SPCA Executive Director, Mindy Tiner, among other staff, are humbled to be a part of their legacy and honored the Tulsa SPCA was chosen to be a steward of John R. and Tricia's generosity.

"The stories of John R. and Tricia's life are incredible. By any measure they had many successes. Most telling to me is how generously and unhesitatingly they gave to others. The Arends had a soft spot for those in need, including animals like their dog Rags who was rescued from under a house after John R. realized he had been abandoned. While any generosity is admirable, Immanuel Kant said, "We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." Rags' rescue and subsequent life with the Arends was a shining example of their generous heart. John R. and Tricia's legacy of service and altruism will continue as their incredible gift will help save thousands of lives for years to come," said Tiner.

The John R. and Tricia Arend Clinic is a high-quality veterinary clinic providing low-cost services to the Tulsa community. Services include vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping and preventative care. It exists to not only serve the animals in the Tulsa SPCA's care, but those who need medical support for their pets at an affordable cost. It ensures financial obstacles are not a barrier and every animal has the opportunity to be treated.

The Tulsa SPCA is immensely grateful for the Arend's kindness and know it will make a meaningful difference for cats and dogs in the Tulsa community.

Photo: Rendering of the John R. & Tricia Arend Clinic signage







Photo: John R. and Tricia Arend



# Events



## Pranks & Paws Trivia Night

Virtual Pranks & Paws Trivia Night is back! Join us for an exciting night of friendly competition. Additionally, we'll have a silent auction, wine pull and restaurant gift card pull. Your participation helps the Tulsa SPCA provide low-cost services vital to our communities needs. Purchase your ticket using the link below.

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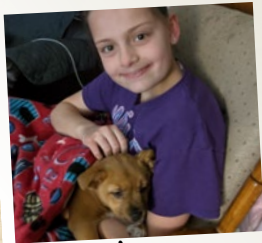
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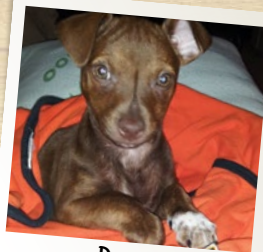


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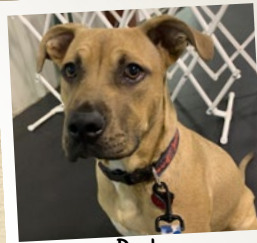
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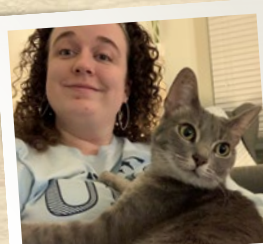
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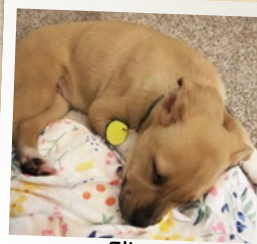
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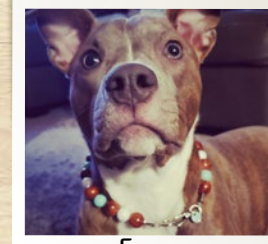
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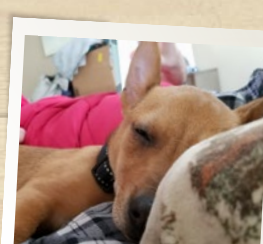
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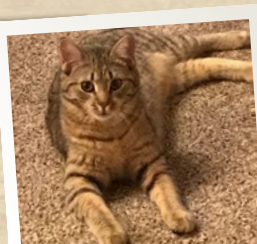
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Figaro



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Gracie



Henry



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Molly Weasley



Nancy



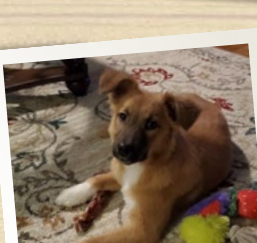
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