

# Tracks




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The Tulsa Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

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The Tulsa SPCA's mission is to  
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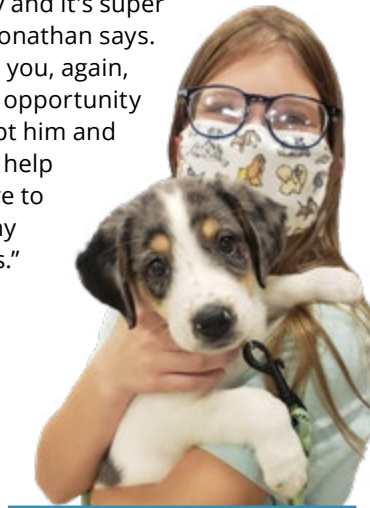
## happy tails

### Baby Blue

Bean was surrendered to the Tulsa SPCA in August 2021. He arrived as a hyper, playful puppy who put a smile on the faces of staff members and volunteers. Bean had been at the shelter for about a month before he found his forever home with the Baker family.

"Bean is doing great," says Jonathan Baker. "We changed his name to Blue! He is adjusting very well."

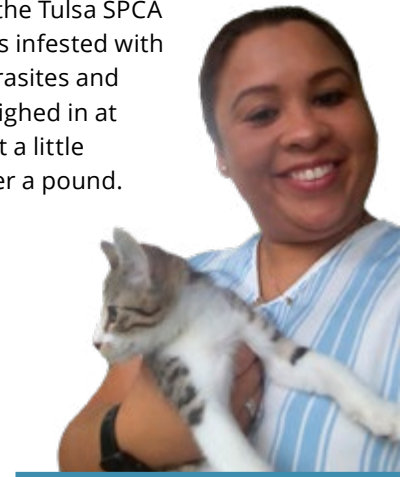
Blue's best new buddy is the Baker's 10-year-old daughter. She sleeps next to him every night and calls him her child. "They take naps together during the day and it's super cute," Jonathan says. "Thank you, again, for the opportunity to adopt him and for the help you give to so many animals."



Looks like Blue is set for life with the Bakers. We look forward to seeing him grow up healthy, happy and loved!

### Purr-fect Balance

Donna was abandoned as a small kitten and when brought to the Tulsa SPCA was infested with parasites and weighed in at just a little over a pound.



She was quickly cared for by the Tulsa SPCA clinic staff and put on medications to help her heal. After being left to fend for herself on the streets, one might think Donna would be shy and hesitant to trust people. Nothing was further from the truth!

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Donna's new owner, Rosi Sanchez says she is loving and very happy in her new home. "She has adapted very well to her new space," Rosi said. "Donna is very affectionate, curious, purrs a lot and

loves to play with everything. She wants to accompany me to everything, even brushing my teeth." Rosi also notes that Donna enjoys her independence and entertains herself with her toys.

We are so happy Donna has found her forever home with a forever family that appreciates her loving ways and alone time. It is truly a perfect balance!

# Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a memory maker for kids and adults. Dressing up, trick-or-treating, haunted houses and scary stories are all traditions we have come to love. As pets are part of our families and traditions, it is important we keep them safe on Halloween. Here are four tips to keep your pet safe this Halloween:

**1 The first thing we think of when we hear Halloween is candy!** Chocolate and many ingredients in candy can be harmful for your pet. Even when your pet is giving you sad, begging eyes, don't give in! If you have guests over, make sure they understand your pets should not be treated like a trick or treater, and be sure to feed your pets before the festivities start so they aren't hungry and looking for food throughout the evening.

**2 Costumes can make or break a Halloween night but for pets, costumes can be uncomfortable and dangerous.** If you do decide to dress up your pet, make



sure they can move around easily and avoid tying anything around their neck to avoid strangulation. It is best to not dress up your pet in costumes that hang to the ground as they may trip and break or sprain a leg. If you dress your pet up and they just don't seem to be enjoying it, it is best to pass on trying to win Best Pet Costume. Trust us, your pet will thank you!

**3 With all the hustle and bustle of trick or treaters knocking on your door and ringing your doorbell, pets can sometimes escape the confines of your home.** If your dog is not microchipped, get that done. The Tulsa SPCA offers microchipping services for \$10 a pet. Also, it is important to make sure the information on your pet's ID tag

is up to date. In case your pet gets lost, take every precaution ahead of time to make sure they get back home safely!

**4 Create a room or safe space in your house where your pet can retreat if things get to be hectic during the evening.** Animals can often get stressed and anxious when their environment is disrupted so having a place for them to go and relax is helpful. Provide water and familiar toys or blankets so they can get comfortable, take a nap and relax.





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# Diego Camacho

Animal lover Diego and his daughter, Nevaeh, form an amazing volunteer duo. Aside from spending volunteer hours at the shelter, they have fostered some of the Tulsa SPCA cats and participated in events that bring animals out into the community. We asked Diego what inspires him to go above and beyond for the Tulsa SPCA. The answer? A true connection and affection for his furry friends.

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

I work remotely from home as a software engineer, and because of that, there are many times when I feel alone. I became a volunteer and foster for two reasons: 1) volunteering gives me the social interaction I lack from my remote job while doing my part for the community, and 2) fostering not only helps the animal but also gives me a daily purpose. I love animals and making sure they are healthy and loved fills my heart with joy.

So far, I have fostered four cats. I gave each cat some type of nickname that describes their personality: Lucky (The Diva), Whiskey (Crazy Tail), Maddie (Piglet), and Jeremiah (Timmy, short for timid). Each of them is unique in their own way, but one thing they have in common is that they all want love. They are truly amazing animals, and they really do make a difference in my life. I am currently in the process of moving into a new apartment and unfortunately not fostering for now, but I will definitely bring another home in a few weeks.



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### **Q: What made you want to become a volunteer at the Tulsa SPCA?**

When I first moved to Tulsa, I became a member of the Next Door app, and through it I realized how many people either lost pets or looked for shelters to help lost animals find their owners. It sparked my interest in wanting to get involved with an organization that helped animals. Someone mentioned the Tulsa SPCA and how helpful they have been. When I went to visit, I met Jessica Padilla, the volunteer manager, and her positive and welcoming attitude made me feel at ease to start volunteering.

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

Showing the animals that humans can and will be friendly, that we will protect them, feed them, care for them, and that this world is also theirs. The best way to do this, from my experience so far, has been through the different events. Going out on the MAC (Mobile Adoption Center), meeting people and introducing them to the animals and to the Tulsa SPCA, is not only about getting the community involved face to face, but also showing them the wonderful animals we have that may not have a chance to be seen otherwise.

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

It is very rewarding in many ways. Not only are you helping the animals understand humans, but you come to understand what they may go through in order to be adopted. You also get a good sense of who the people are behind the scenes that make the wheels turn. Everyone I've met there is always positive and loves doing what they do. It's always about the purpose, and I feel fortunate to be surrounded by these positive individuals.

### **Q: Is there any special memory you've had volunteering at the shelter with any of the animals?**

My daughter and I volunteered for dog socialization time and came across a very big dog that almost looked like a small bear. I thought he would be very feisty, but to my surprise, he was the most calm and loving dog they had. We took him out for a walk and he calmly walked next to us with his tail lightly wagging, just enjoying the time. He was so happy. I wish I would have had the space to bring him home with us.

# Rescued, Healed and Hopeful



When searching for a new four-legged friend, many potential adopters visit animal shelter websites looking for their perfect match. Often times, animals are described as good. Good natured. Good with children. Good with other pets. Good on a leash. But despite all the good attributes a dog or cat may have, they still remain at the shelter for months on end without an adopter to take them home.

Scott is one such example. Scott arrived at the Tulsa SPCA in November 2020. He was surrendered by his owner who could no longer care for him. Scott's smile and happy demeanor gave the Tulsa SPCA staff hope he would find his forever home quickly. Sadly, that was not the case. In fact, Scott was adopted twice and returned through no fault of his own before finding his forever family in late August 2021, 10 months after first arriving at the shelter.

People are astonished when educated about the cost incurred by the Tulsa SPCA to keep these pets healthy and happy while they wait for their "person" to meet them.

Vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, medications, microchips, food, staff care and training (if needed) all come with a price tag. In fact, it costs the Tulsa

SPCA an estimated \$600 per dog and \$525 per cat the first month and \$550 per dog and \$450 per cat every 30 days they remain at the Tulsa SPCA. These costs are due in part to the time and attention staff give each animal every day to maintain their physical and mental health as well as the extra medical and sanitation needs for animals in group housing. And the cost rises if an animal has special needs.

Lily had special needs.

Lily was found on the streets in June 2020 with very little fur covering her emaciated body. She was covered in scabs, had infections in several wounds and possessed little energy when she was brought to the Tulsa SPCA by our cruelty investigator. The pain she must have endured is unimaginable.

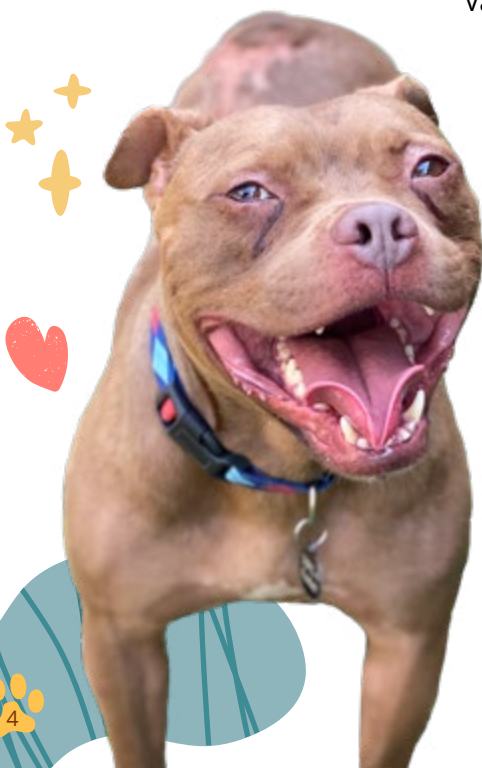
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It took Lily seven months before she was healthy enough to be placed on the website as adoptable. She remains there today. Lily's foster family reports she is potty trained, crate trained, loves long walks and chew toys and would be a great fit for many families. Unfortunately, her perfect family hasn't yet surfaced, so the Tulsa SPCA will continue to care for her by providing supplies to her foster family until she meets the lucky person who will take her home.

In March 2020, the Tulsa SPCA closed its doors for eight weeks while awaiting information on how to safely operate in the COVID-19 world.



★ Scott ★  
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★ ★



Lily

In-person events were cancelled, adoptions were made on a virtual-only basis, and the new clinic was forced to limit the number of animals it could see per hour. Thanks to generous donors, what we thought would be a bleak year financially turned out not to be. This year however has been a different story. So far this year, in key categories such as individual, corporate and foundation donations our revenue is down over \$60,000. If this trend continues, we may have to limit the life-saving services we provide. The Tulsa SPCA is still trying to recover these funds through creative online events, fundraising drives and adoption specials. But there is still so much work to do.

In the past 18 months, the Tulsa SPCA has assisted in over 10 hoarding cases in Oklahoma resulting in the intake of more than 300 dogs and cats. Staff and volunteers were there to welcome 34 animals from Louisiana before Hurricane Ida caused significant damage across the state. Despite the decrease in fundraising efforts, the Tulsa SPCA has so far found ways to continue helping dogs and cats in need.

Finding the good in a dog or cat is easy. Usually, all they are looking for is love, affection and a safe place to call home. Help us provide these basic needs for animals in Northeastern Oklahoma by donating today at [tulaspca.org/donate](https://tulaspca.org/donate) or by using the enclosed envelope. Your generosity means the world to Scott, Lily and the numerous staff members and volunteers who work tirelessly to support shelter pets until they go home.

# HOW TO HELP



Donate to help offset the decrease in revenue this past year.



Apply to be a foster family



Adopt from the Tulsa SPCA



Volunteer to help the Tulsa SPCA staff care for animals

Visit [tulaspca.org](https://tulaspca.org) to learn more.





# COME JOIN THE FIESTA!

## NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

7PM - 9PM | VIRTUAL EVENT



## Bingo Bash

If Bingo is your game then you are in luck!

Join us for our annual Bingo Bash event. Gather your friends and enjoy several rounds of bingo, a silent auction, raffles, restaurant gift card pull and dessert auction! Funds raised during our events are crucial to helping us fulfill our mission of saving the lives of dogs and cats in Oklahoma.

**Get your tickets:**

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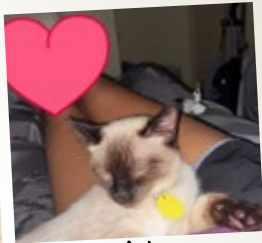
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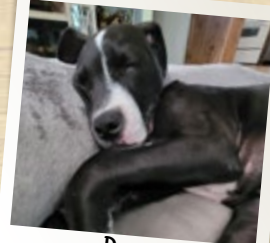
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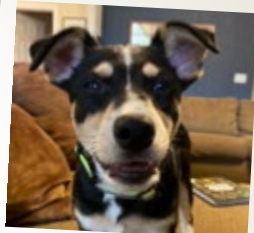
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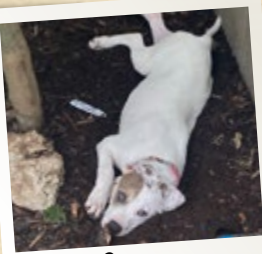
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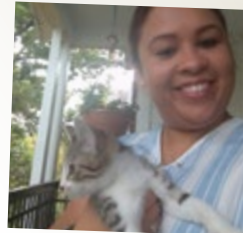
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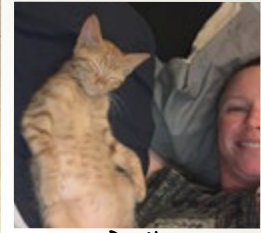
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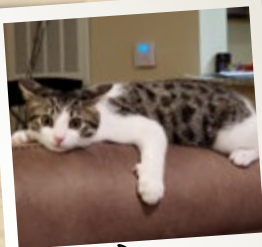
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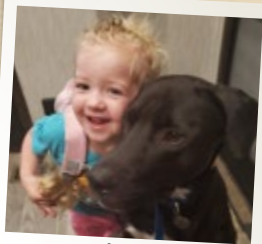
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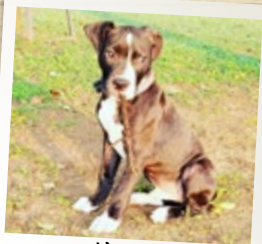
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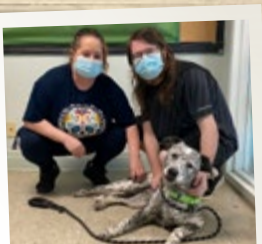
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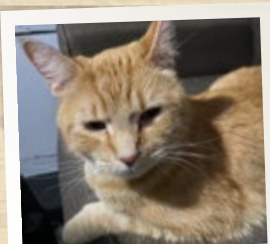
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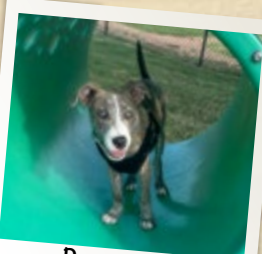
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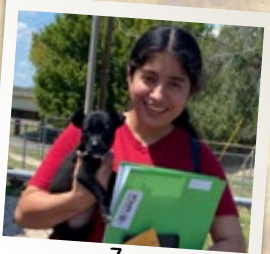
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