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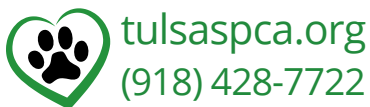


 Spring 2022

The Tulsa Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

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

The Tulsa SPCA's mission is to  
improve the lives of dogs and cats,  
and their human companions.



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## happy tails

### Mia the Road Warrior

Mia's road to finding her forever home  
was filled with twists and turns. She  
was surrendered by her owner to



the Broken Arrow Animal Shelter. A  
Tulsa SPCA staff member spotted her  
and knew we could find her a forever  
home. We had no idea it would take  
282 days at the shelter to find one.

Mia was adopted and returned  
twice to the Tulsa SPCA. After  
being surrendered a total of three  
times in her life, we were worried  
about her morale and knew we  
had to find her "person".

This past January, the Tulsa SPCA  
partnered with Melton Truck Lines  
and hosted an adoption event for

its drivers. Melton encourages their  
drivers to have a K-9 companion  
and we wanted to help our dogs find  
forever homes. Enter Nicholas McCabe.

Nicholas knew the type of dog he  
wanted to adopt, and Mia fit that  
description. He says she was the cutest  
of the bunch! She travels with him on  
his trips and according to Nicholas,  
"the best part about having Mia as a  
partner is the fact I have a companion  
on board the truck and a loyal friend  
and buddy to share memories with."

Mia is adapting to her life as a  
trucker. Her story is a happy  
tail with happy trails!

### Nacho Is Living the Dream

Every adoption story is a good one,  
but some of the best are those in  
which long-term shelter residents  
find homes or when an animal is  
with us only a short a time before  
finding a forever family. Nacho  
falls into the latter category.

Nacho was brought to the Tulsa SPCA  
on Feb. 15, 2022, from T-Town TNR.  
During his health exam, Nacho tested  
positive for FIV, a health issue that

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# Faithful Friends

**Jamison**



Become a monthly donor and help homeless, abused and abandoned animals in the Tulsa community.

Faithful Friends are an integral part of our organization. Through monthly donations, Faithful Friends provide the Tulsa SPCA with a consistent and reliable source of funding that allows us to provide vital resources to the animals in our care and efficiently plan ahead, creating more life-changing outcomes.

When you join Tulsa SPCA's Faithful Friends program, you will join a special group of people committed to improving the lives of dogs and cats, and their human companions. It's the safest, simplest and most effective way to support animals like Jamison who are still waiting to find their forever home.

All faithful friends at any level will receive a welcome kit and frequent updates throughout the year about the impact you're making! Currently, we have 70 Faithful Friends.

*"I have always been an animal lover. I feel it is our responsibility to help them as they cannot help or advocate for themselves. This is why I became a Tulsa SPCA Faithful Friend. I rest assured knowing homeless animals' needs are being met and sustained through donors like me."*

— BETSY GUYER

Becoming a Faithful Friend can fit any budget. Donations occur automatically each month and you can change or cancel the amount at any time.



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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### Kristin Thayer

According to Kristin Thayer, "It's safe to say that loving animals has always been 'my thing.'" Kristin grew up in Oklahoma and lived most of her life in the Tulsa metro area. After graduating from pharmacy school, she packed up her life (and her cat, Jeter) and moved to New York City. Jeter had been enjoying the city kitty life for close to 5 years when the floods hit the Tulsa area in May 2019. Kristin says she felt helpless being so far away from friends and family who were being directly impacted. She kept up with the news the best she could and when she heard about the displaced animals being sheltered at the Expo Center, her heart was broken and she knew she had to help. She reached out to as many animal rescue groups in the Tulsa area that she could and shipped cases of blankets and supplies to try and help the animals in need. Finding

a meaningful way to stay connected to Tulsa meant so much to her. And then, she says, she "was fortunate enough to keep in touch with staff members at the Tulsa SPCA afterwards."

Since then she has become heavily involved in the animal rescue community in New York City, but has never lost her connection with the Tulsa SPCA. She has made it a priority to bring donations on her trips back to Oklahoma. Last spring when Jeter had just turned 14, her world was upended when he lost a months-long battle with cancer and pancreatitis. She had an outpouring of love and comfort from groups she had met in New York, but nothing compared to the response she received from the Tulsa SPCA. Along with personal messages of condolences and support, she received a beautiful card that had been signed by the staff. A few weeks



later, the Tulsa SPCA shared with her that we were dedicating a Cat Colony Sponsorship for the kitten room in Jeter's memory for the next year. "Knowing that Jeter's memory would be able to shine bright in the city which was once his home meant the world to me, says Kristin. "I knew I had made true friends and vowed to never let my dedication to the Tulsa SPCA wane, no matter how far away I may be."

We are so thankful for Kristin and her dedication to our mission specifically, but also her love for animals in general. Shown here is Kristin and her beloved Jeter.

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requires specific care and medication. In many cases, finding families to adopt cats with FIV can be difficult, but not in Nacho's case.

Less than two weeks after arriving at the Tulsa SPCA, Nacho was spotted by Megan Stuart when she was viewing cats on our website. It was love at first sight. "We looked online and his face just stood out," said Megan. "When we came in to meet him it was like he picked us. He immediately came up to us and was talking to us and loving all over us, and that's not a common thing so we just knew the universe was telling us he was ours."

Megan says that Nacho has claimed a spot on the couch and enjoys being close to a family member at all times of the day. He loves going on walks in his new carrier and is a big fan of cuddles.

"We couldn't have picked a better kitty to complete our little family, and it's all thanks to the Tulsa SPCA that we found him!"



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Carly Bodley

We love when family members volunteer together! Carly and her niece, Addison, have been regular volunteers at the Tulsa SPCA. A huge thanks to them both for volunteering their time with our animals.

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

I'm a single mom to a 19-year-old daughter, and I have 10 nieces and nephews that I love spending time with. I have a silly dog named Monroe that is a lab, Rottweiler and husky mix and a little bobtail Manx cat named Kepalv. Monroe has a bobtail as well and I like to call them the "No Tail Gang." They are hilarious and wild, and I wouldn't want them any other way! I spend my free time trying to turn my home into an urban farm, spending time with family and friends, creating art, being in nature and being active in Native American and women's rights.

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

I started off volunteering with my daughter several years ago because she is an animal lover. I am now volunteering with my niece, Addison, who hopes to open her own animal rescue one day. We love being able to give back to our animal friends in our community.

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

I like feeling like I am giving back and helping animals in our community. Of course, I love being able to play with the kitties and doggies, as well!



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

The Tulsa SPCA is a wonderful organization to be involved with. You can tell the employees genuinely love animals and work to make a difference in these animals' lives.

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

Recently, my niece and I prepared a good girl for her new family. We bathed and brushed her. She was so sweet and we were so excited to be a part of her getting to her new home!



# Pawsitively Cost Effective

Any pet owner will tell you having a four-legged family member is a big responsibility. Not only do you need to provide them love, shelter, nourishment and a safe environment, but like humans, pets need basic healthcare to ensure they live long, happy lives.

The Tulsa SPCA believes all people who want to enjoy the companionship of a pet should have access to affordable healthcare for their dogs and cats. With an array of services offered to the public, the John and Tricia Arend Clinic is able to accommodate pet owners with quality, low-cost veterinarian services.

## Vaccinations

The Tulsa SPCA offers a low-cost vaccination clinic twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, as well as every second Saturday of the month, from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (closed 12:30–1:30 p.m.). Services are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Keeping your pet vaccinated is important as vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses that could become costly for pet owners to treat. Vaccinations also decrease the chances of diseases that can be passed between animals or between animals to people such as rabies.

The low-cost vaccination clinic also offers additional services including microchipping, heartworm testing, de-worming and feline leukemia and FIV testing.

## Spay/Neuter Procedures

Prohibiting your pet from producing offspring is just one reason why spaying and neutering is important for pet owners. There are many health benefits associated with having your dog or cat altered.

Spaying decreases the chances of mammary cancer and pyometra (uterine infection), while neutering decreases some prostate issues in males. The biggest benefit can be seen in a pet's behavior. Spaying or neutering decreases a pet's urge to wander or run away, aggression issues, urine marking, and excessive yowling in female cats when they are in heat.



But, back to producing offspring...did you know there are more kittens born daily than humans? Overpopulation in Oklahoma and around the globe is a big issue, and spaying or neutering your pet is an easy step that can help ease the problem. Spay and neuter surgeries are common and pets heal quickly from them. Plus, your bank account won't take a hit from the care and supplies you'll need if your female pet has babies.

## Preventative Parasite Medications

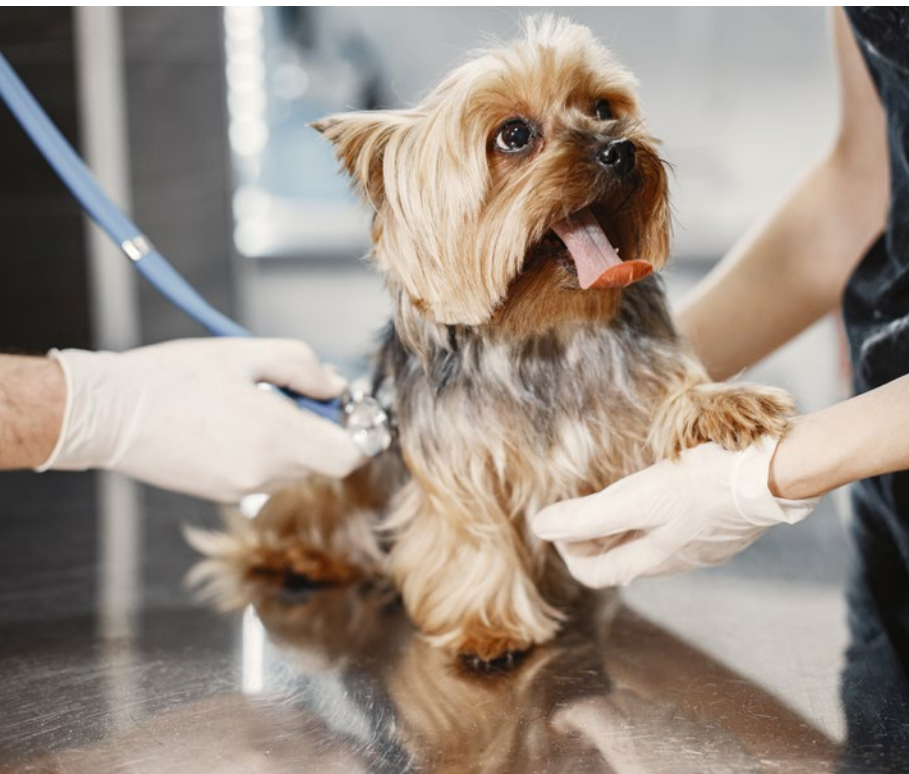
Here in Oklahoma, heartworm disease is common and occurs year-round. The best way to avoid your pet suffering from heartworms is to prevent infection in the first place through consistent use of preventatives. The benefits are numerous. For example, not only will heartworm medication prevent heartworm disease, but it is much cheaper to prevent your pet from getting heartworms than to treat them if they become infected. In fact, seven years of some types of prevention medication costs the same as treating one episode of the disease.

The John and Tricia Arend Clinic can prescribe preventatives for heartworms, fleas and ticks for a lower price than most other options. Staying on top of these types of medications will not only keep your pet feeling good, but also it will give you a peace of mind knowing your pet is protected.

## Preventative Care Clinic

In 2019, the Tulsa SPCA opened its Preventative Care Clinic, a low-cost option for pets' minor needs. Open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30pm), the Preventative Care Clinic will see pets who need minor care including ear cleaning, anal gland expression, heartworm testing, microchipping and a multitude of other services. Appointments are required and there is a \$25 exam fee per animal.

Our clinic is not a replacement for a relationship with a full-service veterinarian. A complete list of services can be found at [tulsaspca.org/preventative-care](https://tulsaspca.org/preventative-care). For the long-term health and happiness of your pet, please visit a full-service veterinarian regularly.



## Let Us Help You Keep Your Pets Healthy

The low-cost clinic was officially named the John and Tricia Arend Clinic in 2021 after a \$1 million estate gift from John R. and Patricia Arend was donated to the Tulsa SPCA. The clinic 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. Let us help you create a long and healthy life for your pets.

**For more information on all of the Tulsa SPCA clinic services, visit [tulsaspca.org/clinic-services/](https://tulsaspca.org/clinic-services/).**

## Dental Services

Within the next few months, the Tulsa SPCA plans to begin offering dental services to local rescues and then the public. We recognize the importance of dental care for your pets' health and know it is sometimes cost prohibitive. As with all our services, we want to make sure quality veterinary services are accessible to everyone in our community. Our prices will be designed to help make care accessible for those who otherwise might not be able to afford this service. Watch our website for announcements on this and other exciting additions to our clinic services.

## Meet the Tulsa SPCA Veterinarians



**Dr. Cristen Thomas, DVM, cAVCA**



**Dr. Megan Buford, DVM**



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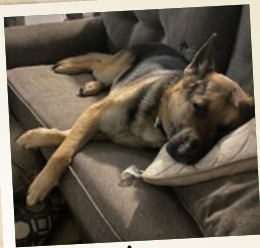
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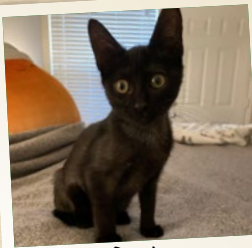
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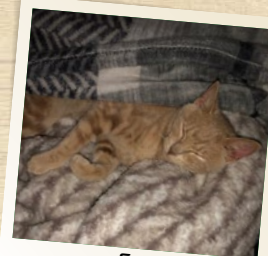
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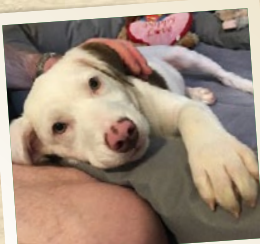
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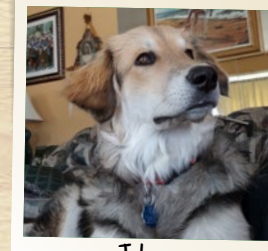
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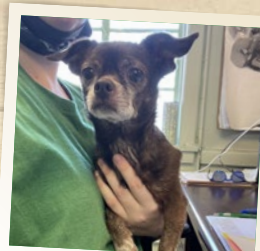
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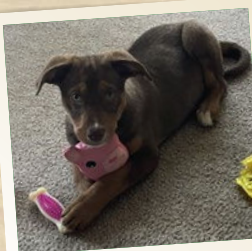
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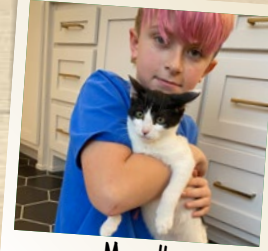
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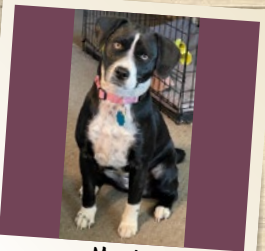
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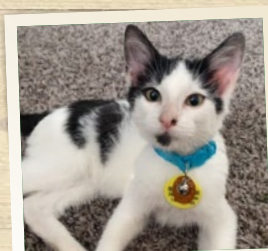
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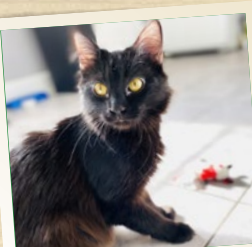
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## Veterinary Care

Did you know the Tulsa SPCA offers low-cost clinic services to the general public? Services include:

- yearly vaccinations
- microchipping
- spay/neuter surgery
- preventative care

And more! We're ready to serve you.



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