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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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Balto

Balto came to the Tulsa SPCA in late 2021. After a few weeks, we noticed he was drinking a lot more water than normal. After running tests, including bloodwork and urinalysis, everything came back remarkably clean. Thus, we suspected a syndrome called psychogenetic polydipsia.

This is a psychiatric disorder that causes compulsive water drinking. There is no test for this syndrome, simply a trial of



medication called fluoxetine. After a few weeks of this, he improved greatly and was adopted shortly thereafter. He is loving life with his forever family! Such a swift diagnosis, treatment, and adoption would not have been possible without our incredible team.

Freddie Mercury

Freddie came to the Tulsa SPCA in early 2022 after neighbors witnessed a dog attacking him. He was reportedly just a neighborhood cat. The incident left him with a crushed pelvis and multiple fractures to his left hind leg. Due to the nature of the fractures, surgical repair or splinting were not options. Thus, the best course of action was amputation.

The road to Freddie's recovery after the amputation would be

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Faithful Friends



Opal

Become a monthly donor and invest in our mission to improve the lives of dogs and cats, and their human companions.

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 intelligently 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 Opal who are still waiting to be in their forever home.

Faithful Friends at all levels will receive a welcome kit and frequent updates throughout the year about the impact you're making! Currently, we have 120 Faithful Friends!



"We donate because pets bring joy, happiness, comfort, and love to people's lives and they deserve a chance to find a good home. All pets deserve love, care, and someone to stand up for the ones in need. Without the Tulsa SPCA team, facilities, and dedication, this opportunity for dogs and cats may not occur. We are grateful to everyone involved."

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



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New Clinic Services

Did you know the Tulsa SPCA Low-Cost Clinic has services that go beyond wellness checks, spay/neuter and vaccine clinics? These include dental care, laser therapy, orthopedic surgeries, chiropractic care, acupuncture, and more. Wellness for your pet is comprehensive, just like for humans.

Highway (pictured on the right) was found by a client who picked her up from the side of the road. After X-rays and a consultation, we found her humerus was fractured and would need a pin to repair it. Our clinic team was able to perform the surgery on the same day. After six weeks, the pin was removed and she was adopted!

To make an appointment, simply visit
<https://www.tulsaspc.org/preventative-care/>

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APPOINTMENT
TODAY!



Recognizing our Volunteers and Fosters

It is nearly impossible to overstate how vital volunteers are to the Tulsa SPCA. As one might expect, volunteers assist in almost all aspects of operations at the Tulsa SPCA. From working with clients during our low-cost vaccine clinics, to aiding our community engagement events, and much more, our incredible team of volunteers give generously of their time to ensure our programs succeed. In 2022, 334 volunteers worked a total of 3,080 hours, which equates to a value of \$92,246!

Another way people can give back to the dogs and cats in our community is by fostering. The Tulsa SPCA is fortunate to have 100 dog and cat fosters! When fostering, the Tulsa SPCA provides all necessary materials and support. Fostering is a great way to give a dog or cat a break from shelter life.

In late March, the Tulsa SPCA held a Volunteer Appreciation Event to express our sincere gratitude for our volunteers. Several of our volunteers go above and beyond our expectations, meriting special recognition. They were recently presented with an award from Mindy Tiner, our CEO, and Taylor Roepke, Director of Community Engagement.

These awards represent countless hours of dedication and service to the Tulsa SPCA and our mission. Tiner stated, "together, we have made a tremendous impact in our community."

Although they couldn't be with us, we also honored Jessica Good as Cat Foster Family of the Year and Martina Okalova as Outstanding Dog Foster Family of the Year.



Inner Circle Vodka Bar,
Director's Choice Award



Tim Geen,
Lifetime Achievement Award



Beth Joels,
Employee of the Year



Brooke Ellis, Outstanding Board
Member of the Year



Tina Carruthers,
Rescue Partner of the Year



Brit and Taylor Hensel (Brit pictured
above), Milly Finley Volunteer of the Year

Recognizing our Volunteers and Fosters

When Taylor Roepke, Director of Community Engagement stepped on stage, she made it clear how grateful she was personally about all of our stellar volunteers. She remarked, "as I began to understand what volunteering looked like at the Tulsa SPCA...all the input I received from volunteers and fosters was always appreciated and put to use." It became clear in that moment that volunteering is more than simply showing up; it is active participation and the exchange of ideas that make our programs so successful. "I am very excited to see how this program grows in the future and all the lives that can be impacted from it," said Roepke.

The Tulsa SPCA is always looking for new volunteers and fosters! If you are looking for a great, impactful way to give back to your community, while making a difference in the lives of dogs, cats, and their human companions, this opportunity is perfect for you!

For more information about volunteering, please contact at volunteers@tulsaspc.org.

For information about fostering, please contact foster@tulsaspc.org.



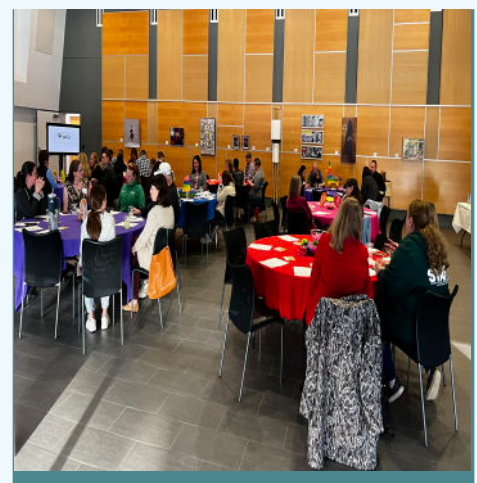
The Williams Company,
Director's Choice Award



Huong Luu,
Adult Volunteer of the Year



Tegan Lewis,
Youth Volunteer of the Year



Thomas K. McKeon
Center for Creativity

Community Engagement Spotlight

At the Tulsa SPCA, community engagement is vital to our mission. Every day, our aim is to look for ways to bring the joy of dogs and cats to our friends and neighbors. Our three main programs are: Mobile Adoption Events, PAL (Pets are Love) and No More Bullying.



The heart and soul of our Mobile Adoption program is our Mobile Adoption Center, (pictured above), commonly referred to as "the MAC." Taylor Roepke, Director of Community



Engagement, spoke positively about how much this program has grown. "Our MAC program is super active and busy! We have one event scheduled on almost every Saturday until June, and several on weekdays. On any of these days, you can find us at festivals, parades, shops, parks.. anywhere that will have us!"

The goal of our PAL Program (Pets are Love) is geared toward folks who simply need a mental break. Roepke noted, "it is great for places like nursing homes, hospices, schools, and

students who could use some love from dogs and cats."

Lastly, our No More Bullying Program is all about teaching empathy. Roepke remarked, "this program is designed to instill the core values of compassion, respect, responsibility, self-control, and integrity to students from grades 3-5." We are excited to see this program, as well as all our community engagement efforts, grow in the coming months!



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a long one due to his pelvis being broken and right hind leg fractured. Erin Johnson, our Clinic Manager, took Freddie home to monitor his progress for a few weeks after his surgery.

Unfortunately, while his pelvis and other leg were healing well, his muscle and skin began to get necrotic. This means that his skin and muscle began to

break down. Fortunately, we were able to treat with a combination of medicines, laser therapy, physical therapy, chiropractic care, and acupuncture. After weeks of successful treatment, he was strong enough to leave our care!

Once his wounds began to heal, he was placed with a foster family who, after significant time and patience, helped him walk again!

Shortly after fostering, they adopted him. It's safe to say Freddie is living his best life!



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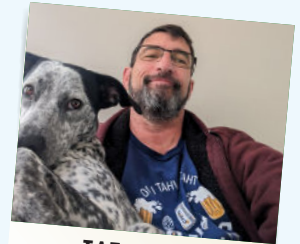
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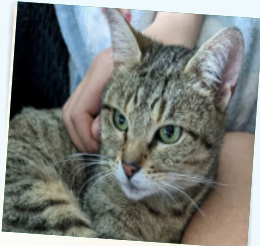
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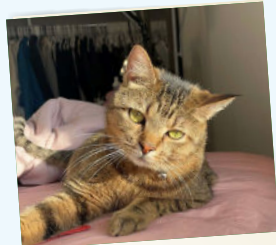
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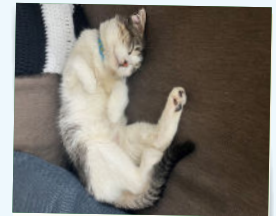
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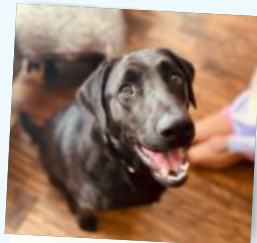
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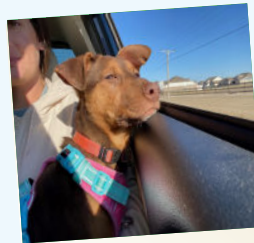
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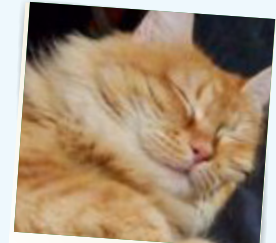
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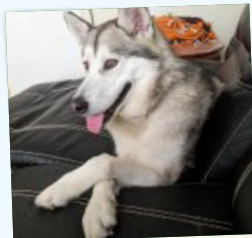
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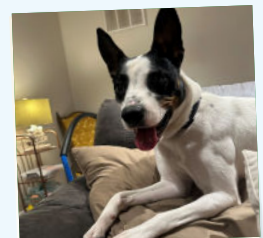
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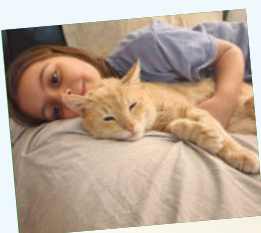
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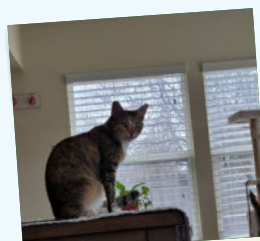
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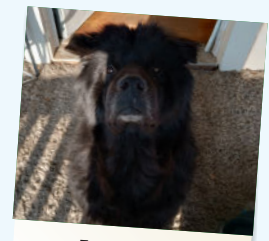
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Team Spirit Night
JULY 29



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