

TULSA SPCA IMPACT REPORT 2022

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

When I first came to the Tulsa SPCA nine years ago, our agency was working hard to serve the community. We were placing approximately 150 dogs and cats each year, providing a low-cost vaccine clinic for the public once per week and providing jobs for about 14 people. In 2022 we placed over 1,500 dogs and cats and assisted over 12,000 publicly owned animals through our low-cost clinic services including twice weekly vaccine clinics, twice weekly preventative care clinics, four times weekly spay/neuter clinics, as well as dental and surgical services, mobile medical outreach, and more. We also addressed over 1,600 reports of cruelty, provided almost 25,000 pounds of dog/cat food to community members in need and provided jobs for 30 people. It still amazes me how far we've come in nine short years.

We recognize the importance of working together and believe our impact is greater when we do so. Because of this belief we worked hard to collaborate with other animal agencies as well as human-focused social service agencies to assist when animals are involved. There is definitely more work to do, but I am proud of the progress we've made.

None of our work would be possible without the dedication of our staff who come in every day and do incredibly hard work, our amazing volunteers who give countless hours to our mission, and donors who provide the funding to make our work possible. People often believe we are part of the ASPCA and receive funding from them which is not true. Although our names are similar we are completely separate organizations and appreciate when donors choose to keep their support local, whether it is a \$5 monthly gift through our Faithful Friends program, legacy gift upon their death, or anything in between.

In addition to making it possible for us to help thousands of area dogs, cats and their humans, your generosity allowed us to purchase adjacent land in 2022 increasing our property from about seven acres to over 30! We have big plans for the future and hope you will continue to be a part of our work. Thank you so much for believing in and choosing to support our mission to improve the lives of dogs and cats, and their human companions.

Mindy Tiner CEO, Tulsa SPCA

2022 STATISTICS



dogs and cats placed



2021

2022

31

22

Average length of stay*

*length of stay refers to the number of days an animal is with a shelter from intake to adoption



2021

2022

40

24

24,985

pounds of pet food distributed

1,656

cruelty cases resolved



Spay/Neuter

Surgeries Performed

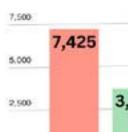


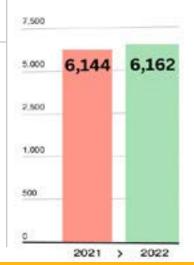
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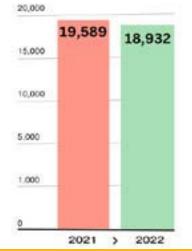
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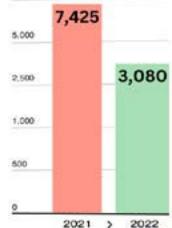


Volunteer **Hours Given**









TULSA SPCA CLINIC GETS NEW SERVICES

When one seeks veterinary services, routine checkups, spay/neuter, and vaccines are commonly top of mind. Acupuncture and chiropractic care? Not so much.

This is precisely what the Tulsa SPCA aims to change with its addition of new clinic services in 2022. A quick glance at our website will present you with the plethora of new services offered, including: dental care, dental X-rays, acupuncture, cold laser therapy, chiropractic care, orthopedic surgeries, and mass removals.

Dr. Thomas, one of the veterinarians on staff at the Tulsa SPCA, said, "We are trying to offer more diverse forms of care here at our clinic in order to offer these often pricier services at a more affortable cost." This ethos of low-cost, high quality services defines much of what the Tulsa SPCA clinic does and why we do it. "Dental care, for both dogs and cats, is super important and often overlooked due to various factors like cost and unawareness of the need," said Dr. Thomas. "Dental disease can cause a lot of problems, such as heart and liver Buford commented, "When receiving disease, so if we can provide people with these services, we are going to do that at as low of a cost as possible." Dr. Thomas recommends a yearly dental cleaning for both dogs and cats, especially smaller ones.

With chiropractic care, as is the case with humans, many people wonder why it is necessary. Our website states, "Chiropractic care removes nerve interference through a specific adjustment to the spine which restores nerve function."

In other words, if there is a spinal misalignment, your dog's or cat's body cannot function properly. "One adjustment can make older dogs especially spry, but it takes multiple adjustments to see the full effect," commented Dr. Thomas. "When muscles have been misaligned for a long time, it can be painful to adjust, but relief is very immediate afterwards."

Acupuncture works in a similar way to chiropractic care. Dr. Buford (seen below), another veterinarian on our team, specializes in administering acupuncture, as well as minor needs and vaccines in the clinic. Dr. Buford stated, "Acupuncture can be used to treat a lot of disorders, such as arthritis pain management, wounds, allergies and more. The list is quite extensive." When asked about the sensation acupuncture brings, Dr. treatment, many dogs and cats become immediately relaxed, almost in a zen state. It can really improve an animal's quality of life."

We think it's safe to say that 2022 was a year of increased impact, which shines through when highlighting these services. If you are interested in learning more or to make an appointment, please visit tulsaspca.org/new-services/.

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A RESCUE FOR THE AGES

On July 2, no one at the Tulsa SPCA could imagine the horror of what was about to be placed before them.

Earlier that day, Oklahoma Alliance for Animals (OAA) was contacted by the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office about a possible cruelty and neglect case involving what was thought to be 15 dogs from a breeder. OAA immediately offered any assistance needed in order to move forward. Upon arrival, it was discovered that approximately 75 large living dogs were on the property, along with countless deceased dogs scattered about. The conditions of the dogs were horrific. They were extremely matted, caked in feces and urine, and nearly every dog was suffering from anemia related to infestations of fleas, ticks, maggots, and severe blood loss. 64 of these dogs were transported to the Tulsa SPCA, and a group of 13 dogs were taken to OAA's veterinary partner.

After the arrival of these sweet angels, the Tulsa SPCA knew it could not take on this enormous task alone. Thus, a call to action was immediately posted on social media, with pictures of the bleak reality to accompany the harrowing truth these dogs experienced. As is the case on social media, word traveled fast. Sylvie Embry, one of many volunteers and adopters who answered the call, was drawn to action due to the raw emotion emitting from the photos. "I was scrolling through Facebook one afternoon, and saw the desperate call for volunteers for the poodle and doodle case. Instantly, I felt called to help." She went on to remark that the pictures in the Facebook post broke her heart, and she knew that she needed to do whatever she could. Fortunately, hundreds of people felt the same way. The original Facebook post raised over \$30,000 in one day to assist in the initial rescue and care provided in the Tulsa SPCA clinic. While that may seem like a large amount of money, the overall cost of care for the 64 dogs represents a significant expense.

Shortly after the rescue, the Tulsa SPCA campus was inundated with volunteers and adopters ready to assist in our efforts. When asked about her experience on-site, Sylvie became emotional as she recounted her experience. "The magnitude of this case was different—seeing so many dogs who went through physical and emotional stress their entire lives broke my heart." She was quick to add that, while the negative emotion was strong, there was also a positive realization hidden beneath the surface. "At the same time, knowing their lives were about to change and witnessing so many people come together was incredible."

Like Sylvie, Nicole Nedom was moved and answered the call. "I came several times and helped in any way I could. It was impossible not to fall in love with each and every poodle and doodle I saw", said Nicole. Chelsea Barth, a regular donor to the Tulsa SPCA, described an immediate, visceral response to the images she saw on social media. "My initial response was disgust and sadness that these babies were in such horrific conditions—my heart broke." While Chelsea was unable to volunteer on-site, she made a generous financial contribution and encouraged many of her friends to do the same. "Lots of our friends donated—even folks from out of town. It just goes to show how people can come together during a time of intense passion and need," Chelsea commented. At the Tulsa SPCA, these types of needs are ongoing year-round, not only in extreme cases like in this story.



Sylvie and Phoenix



Nicole and Ruby



Chelsea and Otis

In addition to volunteering their time and contributing financially, many of the volunteers chose to adopt one of the sweet dogs they bonded with during their time at the Tulsa SPCA. When speaking with Sylvie, Nicole, and Chelsea, all of whom adopted from the rescue, the love for their canine companions was palpable. "I am a huge poodle lover already, so I knew going in that I was going to bring someone home with me. When I saw Phoenix, my heart melted instantly," said Sylvie. When asked to explain that connection, Sylvie recalled, "a lot of the dogs were so scared, but Phoenix chose me and buried her head into my stomach." When asked about the significance of the name Phoenix, Sylvie gave a fascinating explanation: "Her name comes from the mythological bird who died, rose from the ashes, and was born again. I felt this was appropriate for her."

Chelsea mentioned a similar connection, saying, "Otis was timid, scared, and sick. He had some sort of bacterial infection and was lethargic. I could just feel that I needed him and he needed me." Once Otis reached 12 weeks in age, he was adopted and went home with Chelsea to begin his new life. "After socialization training, Otis has changed completely! He is great with other dogs and has not met a stranger." After an emotional pause, Chelsea proudly stated, "He is like no other dog we have ever adopted."

Nicole chose her beloved Ruby in a similar way as Sylvie and Chelsea, but with one caveat: she was concerned about her ability to properly care for a severely traumatized dog. "I went in a little naïve. I never had experience with traumatized animals, and I didn't realize the extent that some animals would just shut down and be completely despondent and afraid of human interaction," Nicole lamented. She recounted how she sat with several other dogs who barely looked at her and had clearly suffered greatly. When she found Ruby, the interaction was rather different. "Ruby and I clicked instantly. Several other dogs were so traumatized, they wouldn't look at me. Ruby, however, was drawn to me and always came towards me when I was socializing with her. So, despite Ruby's trauma, I knew we would be ok because she trusted me to take care of her," said Nicole.

As is the case with trauma, it is often coupled with health issues. Sylvie mentioned, "Phoenix came in with a serious cough, which was not diminished after several antibiotics." It was later discovered this cough was a symptom of chronically inflamed lungs, which called for steroids. "She will be on an inhaler twice a day for the rest of her life—she even wags her tail when she sees it, like she knows it will help her."



Rescue Poodle Playdate Group

Ruby, like Otis and Phoenix, suffers with various health issues, such as an ovarian cyst, intestinal parasites, and an ear infection. She also has hip dysplasia, meaning she has pain in the hind legs and wobbles when walking. Initially, Ruby was held back because our Clinic Staff suspected cancer, but fortunately this was not the case. "Looking back at how well she is doing nearly a year later makes me realize how traumatized she actually was," said Nicole.

In the aftermath of this event, many adopters had a strong desire to stay in touch, not only to maintain growing human friendships, but also to keep the poodles and doodles close to their siblings. Thus, Rescue Poodle Playdate was born! It is a group of 85 members, comprised of adopters and folks who want to stay in the loop. "The group started with a Happy Tail post with a dog named Jerome. Kristina Gabriel started the playdate group to embark on tracing the DNA of each of the poodles and doodles to find out how they are related," clarified Nedom. From there, it has become a beacon for fellow adopters to ask for advice, share experiences, and allow the pups to play together in a healthy environment. "I love being part of the group," said Barth. "People can share stories, advice, and it is cathartic to see milestones and progress between all of us in the group. We also wanted to see Otis's siblings to see how they compared and if he remembered them; we wanted him to feel connected."

Finally, when asked about advice for potential adopters or volunteers, many things came to mind. Chelsea encourages people to, "think about what type of dog or cat would best fit in your family, temperament being top of mind. If you do this, your pet's needs and your needs will be in harmony." Regarding volunteering, Sylvie believes that, "Everybody should take an opportunity to volunteer at least once in their life. It is life changing. There is a level of gratefulness that is unique to anything I have experienced--these dogs become soulmates." Nicole expressed a similar sentiment, stating, "volunteering is a great way to get yourself off the fence in one way or another when it comes to adopting. Let the team at the Tulsa SPCA guide you in the process; you'll be glad you did!"

THEY'RE GOING HOME!

ZOEY

When Alex Chaney came to the Tulsa SPCA this year, she couldn't have envisioned the new best friend she was about to meet. "Zoey caught my eye immediately," remarked Alex. "My mom emailed me a picture of her and told me to get down there and adopt her, so I went down the very next day." As is the case with many adopters, the connection they make with their furry family members is palpable and immediate. "I just fell in love! Zoey was overweight-about 91 pounds-- and was 7 years old. To top it all off, Zoey was diagnosed with Addison's Disease, meaning her body does not produce enough hormones in her adrenal gland. She looked exhausted, and I just knew she was the one," said Alex. Zoey's diagnosis was made possible thanks to our medical team who got the answers they needed after her bloodwork results came in. For many, adopting a senior dog with a medical condition would be a non-starter, but not for Alex. She took it all on with stride and a confidence that reassured both the Tulsa SPCA Staff and Zoey that she was in it for the long haul. When asked about care, Alex told us, "Zoey takes prednisone steroids every day and receives monthly Zycortal shots from our local vet. She is also now down to 67 pounds." Alex and Zoey are the perfect match.



MELVIN

Melvin was brought to the Tulsa SPCA in June 2022 after he was found wandering nearby. He had some older scarring all over his body, and was FIV positive, thus he could not be around any uninfected cats and was brought to our Administration building. Sabrina Darby, the Human Resources Manager at the Tulsa SPCA, noted, "He was originally brought to us by the production team from Reservation Dogs. He loved wet food and would scarf it up as soon as we put it down." Rare was the day when one would walk through those doors and not be greeted by this friendly, loveable boy. "His favorite place was in the way--whether that was on your keyboard, lap, or wherever he could cause the most chaos," remarked Sabrina with a smile. "There were many times that Admin Staff could be heard exclaiming 'MELVIN!' throughout the day," Sabrina added. Melvin was in our care until November 2022, when he was adopted and united with his forever family. The staff at the Tulsa SPCA were thrilled Melvin was adopted, yet not entirely so. "Like all the cats that come and go, we loved him and it was bittersweet when he was adopted," said Sabrina. Three cheers for Melvin!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

After most programs were on hold in 2021, new life and vigor were brought back in 2022.

This revitalization has been the theme for 2022 all across the board, and our Community Engagement efforts were no different. Taylor Roepke, Director of Community Engagement for the Tulsa SPCA, remarked, "It was so nice to be able to go out in the community again and interact with people in the Tulsa area." One of the main ways this occurs is when our Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) is in action. The MAC is the Tulsa SPCA's flagship mobile adoption vehicle that brings dogs and cats to various community events throughout the year. Events included Rooster Days, the Pride Parade and Festival, and on-site at the Tulsa Botanic Garden to name a few. "It is always amazing to see the joy they bring to folks in our community, and of course when on-site adoptions occur." In 2022, 11 adoptions took place at 23 MAC events.

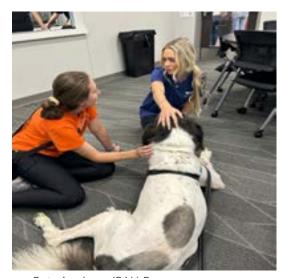
Another vital community engagement resource is our PAL (Pets Are Love) program. The Tulsa SPCA has been offering this program since the early 1990s. Our volunteers take pre-screened and pre-trained dogs (and, ocassionally, cats) for scheduled visits to facilities in the Tulsa area on an ongoing basis. While this program is geared towards nursing homes, many new venues are possible. Taylor mentioned, "Our Pets Are Love program is geared towards anyone in need of hands-on love from our dogs, whether that be nursing homes, schools, universities, workplaces, etc., even for just a mental break." In 2022, we were pleased to witness this program take flight once again. "We see the value of our PAL program reflected on the faces of the residents and patients we serve every time we arrive. During our stay, our calm and quiet dogs are held, cuddled, and talked to. The groundwork is being laid for even more success in 2023 and beyond," said Taylor.

1,576 Volunteers148 Fosters23 MAC Events11 MAC Adoptions

Lastly, 2022 was an incredible year for volunteers and fosters! The Tulsa SPCA was thrilled to welcome 148 fosters to our campus, equipping them with the resources and knowledge to provide loving homes to the dogs and cats in our care as they wait for their forever homes. Inevitably, many of these fosters became those forever families! In addition, 1,576 volunteers graciously volunteered their time in 2022. Presley Autry, who worked as a Pet Care Specialist in 2022, commented gratefully, "The increased presence of volunteers helped everything. Things began to get done on time, stress was lessened, and everything became more streamlined."

If you would like more information on how to get involved, please email volunteers@tulsaspca.org for volunteer opportunities or foster@tulsaspca.org to learn more about fostering. You can also visit tulsaspca.org and click on *Get Involved*.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to improve the lives of dogs and cats, and their human companions.



Pets Are Love (PAL) Program Tulsa Health Department Employee Day



Mobile Adoption Center (MAC)

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Huong Luu

2022 Adult Volunteer of the Year

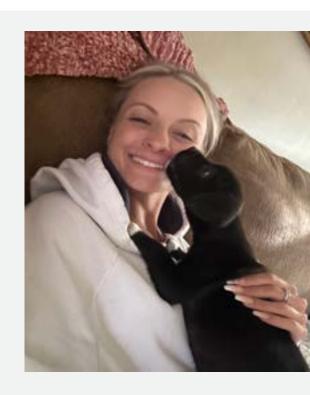
The Adult Volunteer of the Year is a volunteer Pet Care Staff hold near and dear to their hearts! Huong comes out every Saturday and spends her time walking and enriching almost every dog available. Not only does she spend several hours walking dogs and playing with them, she also joins in on play groups to help our Pet Care Staff. "The pandemic made me realize that while we all had to stay home to protect ourselves and others, the shelter animals had nowhere to turn. That's why I decided to dedicate my time volunteering with the Tulsa SPCA." Huong said. Our Pet Care Staff trust her to work with and improve any shelter animal's life. She completed roughly 130 hours with us and every hour was greatly appreciated! Houng remarked, "It's been such a rewarding experience." We can see how the shelter animals' lives are improved through her dedication.



Martina Okalova

2022 Dog Foster of the Year

The Dog Foster of the Year is a foster who has always been very helpful and reliable. Out of 365 days this year, Martina fostered 148 days, totaling 296 hours. She started fostering in May 2022, and in total fostered six shelter animals. She spent a lot of time with dogs and puppies that needed some love and attention. Every time she was home, she would have a different dog or puppy. Anytime we asked her for help, she would be all in and give all she has to care for these babies. Martina's love for shelter animals is evident through the dedication she displays when she opens her home to them.





SOME PEOPLE REFER TO THE TULSA SPCA AS A "NO-KILL" SHELTER BECAUSE ALMOST ALL THE ANIMALS WE SERVE WALK OUT OF OUR DOORS.

We discourage that terminology because no shelter or rescue ever wants to "kill" the animals it is their mission to save. Unfortunately, some open admission shelters are forced to make the difficult decision to euthanize for space. The Tulsa SPCA, as a managed intake shelter, is able to pull animals from open intake shelters as one source of our intakes instead of being in their position. However, the truth is, although never for space, we do sometimes make the decision to euthanize. If an animal is suffering and the cause cannot be treated, we will euthanize. We will also euthanize if an animal is deemed dangerously aggressive. Luckily, we are not forced to make that difficult decision often. The Tulsa SPCA uses the Asilomar Live Release Rate to highlight the number of animals who left our care with a live outcome (adoption, return to owner, etc.) We are pleased to report our live release rate for 2022 was 98%!

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Offer Your Expertise

The Board of Directors and various committees within the Tulsa SPCA organization are in need of volunteers with these skills:

- Human Resources
- Legal
- Facility Management
- Construction
- Project Management
- Fundraising
- Financial Planning and Investments

The Board invites you to apply to join a committee. Please email board@tulsaspca.org to offer the Tulsa SPCA your expertise on a volunteer basis.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

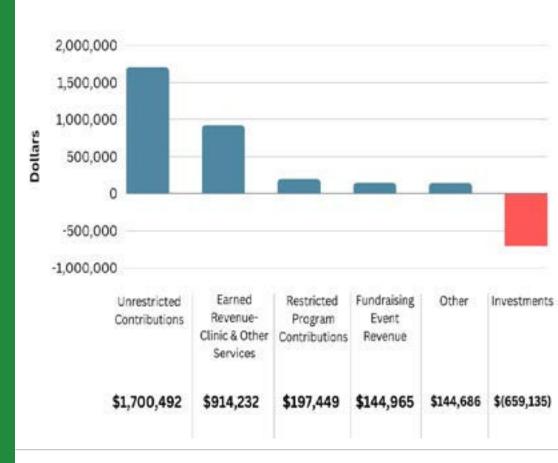
are key to a thriving nonprofit. The Tulsa SPCA is pleased to share our financial outcomes from 2022. We take great pride in maintaining a diverse portfolio of revenue streams and keeping a low ratio of administrative and fundraising expenses. We are dedicated to being an exceptional steward of your kindness and proud to maintain an Encompass Rating of 100 from Charity Navigator. If you are interested in a more detailed view of our financials, we encourage you to contact our VP of Philanthropy and Communications at giving@tulsaspca.org.

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

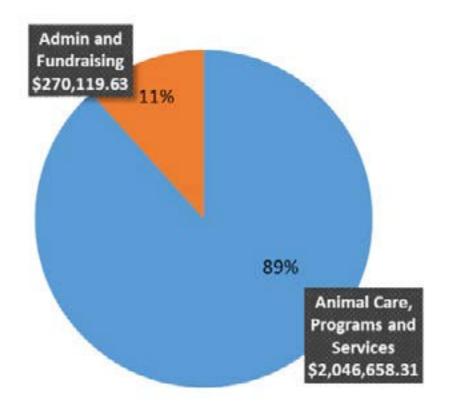
Your gift to the Tulsa SPCA is an investment in the animals and their human companions we serve. Eighty-nine percent of every dollar donated to us is spent directly on animal care and related programs. All funds are spent serving Tulsa animals within our local communities.



2022 Revenue = \$2,442,688.62



2022 Expenses = \$2,316,777.94



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Sisters Lead the Way with Rez Dogs Resources

While working as crew members for FX's hit show, Reservation Dogs, sisters Brit and Taylor Hensel, Milly Finley Volunteers of the Year, noticed the numerous stray dogs wandering where the show is filmed. The sisters are citizens of the Cherokee Nation and wanted to give back to the tight-knit local community that supports their work. It all started with those pups they saw on set.

Brit says, "You drive 20 minutes in any directon, and you're in a new tribal territory--different languages, different customs, different foods. But there's this shared communal understanding between people here, which really rocks. And traditionally, animals have a very special place in our culture. Most of the stories and the lessons we were taught come in the form of animal stories, akin to parables. So the animals are great teachers."

Embracing that ethos, the sisters joined forces with series co-creator Sterlin Harjo, his company Crazy Eagle Media, and Reservation Dogs crew members to help save the animals they came into contact with, dubbed Rez Dog Resources, which serves as a fund connecting tribal communities to animal welfare resources. Their goal is to work alongside and help bolster the frontline recues and groups already doing that good work. Ultimately, they decided to partner with us here at the Tulsa SPCA.

When they realized the need, Brit and Taylor engaged the entire crew, people from every department, to pitch in anytime they found an animal in need. "It was a team effort. The whole crew, people from every department, were pitching in anytime we found an animal in need," said Taylor. The crew supported the efforts financially, as well as by providing supplies, transportation, and more. To date, they have saved 27 animals. All of this is led by Brit and Taylor's passion and dedication. Brit and Taylor personally sponsored the care for many of these animals received at our clinic, and have since engaged the support of the Reservation Dogs crew, as well as Crazy Eagle Media.

These two ladies not only talk the talk, they walk the walk. Brit, Taylor, and Sterling were some of the first volunteers onsite when the Tulsa SPCA took in over 60 standard size poodles from a hoarding case in July 2022. They worked alongside our staff as we performed intake exams, assessed their medical and behavioral





conditions and more. In addition, in mid-September, they organized a daylong effort in Okmulgee, one of their filming locations, where Brit, Taylor, Sterlin, and other members of the crew assisted Tulsa SPCA Staff. Their efforts, which equated to 211 hours of animal care service, providing 116 animals a variety of care, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, heartworm testing, flea/tick/heartworm prevention medications and grooming services. Guests also received pet food and cat litter, and a variety of other supplies were made available. It was important for Brit, Taylor, and Sterlin to give back to the community they had been working in and saw so much need.

It is because of this, the Tulsa SPCA named Brit and Taylor Hensel as our **2022 Milly Finley Volunteers of the Year**, which recognizes an outstanding volunteer for their valuable and selfless commitment to the Tulsa SPCA, our mission, and the animals in our care. We are so thankful for this dynamic duo, as well as Sterlin Harjo, Crazy Eagle Media and the entire crew from Reservation Dogs! We look forward to our continued work together, improving the lives of dogs, cats, and their human companions.

HAPPY TAILS

1,554 ANIMALS WERE PLACED IN 2022. These are just a few of the many photos we received from happy Tulsa SPCA adopters.



































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