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



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Wes

Wes's journey to the Tulsa SPCA began when he was found wandering as a stray. After two months of caring for him, his finders realized they couldn't provide the home he needed so they brought him to us.

Wes was shy at first but quickly warmed up to our staff, revealing his sweet and loving personality.

He eventually became quite the social pup, joining in on our regular pack walks, exploring his surroundings, making new friends, and learning to sit and lie down on command. Thankfully,

Wes recently found his forever home—a family with three children and two other dogs. His new family reports that Wes is the best dog they've ever had.



"His favorite thing is to cuddle in bed with us at night or lie on the couch," say his new owners. "Every night he has to make his rounds, checking on the kids in their room before he lies down in our room. He is such a good family dog. We are so glad to have adopted him."

Wes is one of many pups who found his forever home through the Tulsa SPCA. If you're looking for a loyal companion who will fill your days with love and laughter, we're *paws*-itive he or she is waiting for you right now at the Tulsa SPCA.





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

Our Faithful Friends program is an integral part of our organization. Through monthly donations, Faithful Friends provide Tulsa SPCA with a consistent and reliable source of funding. This allows us to provide vital resources to the animals in our care and plan intelligently to create more life-changing outcomes.

When you join Tulsa SPCA's Faithful Friends program, you'll be part of a special group of people committed to improving the lives of dogs and cats, and their human companions. It's a safe, simple, and effective way to support animals like Taffy (pictured above), who are still waiting for their forever home.



“Being a Tulsa SPCA Faithful Friend brings me peace of mind knowing that every month I am helping dogs and cats be healthy, safe and loved in new and existing homes. It's a great feeling to know in some small way I am making a difference in their lives and in their owners' lives.”
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Choose your level.

Becoming a Faithful Friend can accommodate any budget. Donations occur automatically each month and you can change the amount or cancel at any time. Faithful Friends at all levels will receive a welcome kit and frequent updates throughout the year about the impact they're making. Currently, we have 103 Faithful Friends.

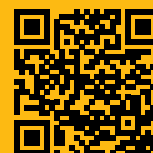


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Take Advantage Of Affordable Pet Care

Tulsa SPCA's mission includes providing affordable, high-quality pet services in our clinic and throughout the community. Our comprehensive clinic services include:

- **Preventive care**, including yearly vaccinations, heartworm testing and medication, feline leukemia testing, flea and tick medications, and wellness exams.
- **Spaying and neutering**.
- **Microchipping**.
- **Specialized services**, including dental care, acupuncture, cold laser therapy, chiropractic care, orthopedic surgery, mass removal, and bloodwork.



For hours of operation, appointment scheduling and more, visit tulsaspca.org/clinic-services or scan the QR code.

Then and Now

A Legacy of Compassion: Meet Jonathan Weber-Mendez, Our New Interim Executive Director

Tulsa SPCA believes that loving and caring for animals is a trait that runs deep and is often passed down from generation to generation. Our new executive director, Jonathan Weber-Mendez, exemplifies this beautifully with a touching story of family, service, and a shared love for dogs.

While serving in the United States Army in Baghdad as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Jonathan took in a stray puppy, offering it shelter, companionship, and care at his small guard shack outside of FOB Falcon. Little did he know that this act of kindness mirrored a moment from decades earlier—one that involved his grandfather, John Murphy, who served in the Navy during World War II. His grandfather, then stationed in Guam, also found solace and companionship by fostering a dog he had rescued while overseas.

The connection between these two moments—grandfather and grandson, separated by time but united in spirit—remained hidden until Jonathan sent a letter home with a photograph of him and his newfound furry friend. When Jonathan's mother saw the photo, she was struck by a memory and quickly retrieved an old photo album. There, tucked away, was a nearly identical image: a young John Murphy with his rescued dog in Guam.



The resemblance was uncanny—both men, in their military uniforms, holding a dog with unmistakable warmth and love in their eyes.

For Jonathan, this discovery was profound. "I had no idea that photo of my grandfather existed," he recalls. "Seeing it for the first time and realizing we both shared this same experience of rescuing a dog while serving in the military was like finding a piece of myself I didn't know existed."



This family legacy of compassion for animals now continues at the Tulsa SPCA, where Jonathan brings his leadership skills and a lifelong passion for animal rescue. "Animal companionship has been a constant thread throughout my life, even when I didn't realize it," he says. "It's incredible to be here at the Tulsa SPCA, knowing that I'm continuing a tradition of care that started with my grandfather and has led me here."



Under Jonathan's leadership, the Tulsa SPCA looks forward to continuing its mission to improve the lives of dogs, cats, and their human companions. Jonathan has experienced firsthand the bond between humans and animals—even in the most unexpected places—and is dedicated to fostering that connection and helping every pet find their forever family.

Help us welcome Jonathan Weber-Mendez as Tulsa SPCA's executive director. We are excited to see the incredible things we'll accomplish together, guided by a love for animals that runs generations deep.

Tulsa SPCA to the Rescue.

In mid-August, the Tulsa SPCA was contacted by a caseworker from Cameron, Okla., regarding a dire animal hoarding situation. The caseworker's client, now the sole caretaker of more than 30 dogs, had recently inherited the property and animals after her brother's passing earlier this year. Overwhelmed by her new responsibility and facing health challenges due to prolonged exposure to unsanitary conditions, the caretaker was struggling to care for the dogs.

Local organizations had been unable to assist with the case, leaving the caretaker in a worsening situation. Unable to feed the many dogs, she informed the Tulsa SPCA that the dogs hadn't been fed since Sunday. The caretaker revealed that there had once been more than 50 dogs, but due to limited resources and the property's proximity to a busy road, the number had decreased to around 40.



A rescue team was deployed to the property to retrieve the dogs and transport them back to the shelter, where they could receive the care and attention they needed. However, just an hour and a half into the trip back, the caretaker called again with urgent news: a litter of puppies, previously unnoticed, had been found under one of the trailers.

Thanks to the quick response of Tulsa SPCA's dedicated staff, the puppies were safely retrieved that same night and reunited with their mother, Killian. This dedication ensured the safety of all the dogs, from the youngest puppies to the adult dogs.



Upon intake, many of the dogs were in relatively good health, though some exhibited signs of matting, Demodex (face mites), and parasites. A few dogs also tested positive for heartworm. Despite these challenges, the majority of the dogs were resilient and most have already found loving homes.

This case serves as a reminder of the importance of early intervention and the critical role that organizations like the Tulsa SPCA play in rescuing animals from overwhelming situations. Special thanks go to the caseworker who advocated for help, the dedicated rescue team, and the community supporters who make these lifesaving efforts possible. Together, lives are being transformed—both for the animals and the people involved in their care.



Meet Your Future Pet: Sami!

Affectionately known as “Little Miss Independent,” Sami came to us from another rescue. While she has a mind of her own, she knows exactly when to join the crowd—especially at feeding time! Sami enjoys the occasional pet but mostly loves lounging in her hammock, watching the world go by, or snuggling with her fellow feline friends.

Sami is the perfect “cat-friendly” companion, thriving on the company of other cats. Unfortunately, she often forms close bonds only to see them get adopted, while she stays behind—almost like a matchmaker for her friends!

Though she initially favored male cats, Sami recently surprised us by choosing a female cat as her best buddy, showing her loving nature knows no bounds.

This sweet girl deserves a forever home where she can lounge and enjoy gentle pets. Could you be the one to give Sami or one of her friends the lasting companionship they long for? Come meet Sami and her pals at the Tulsa SPCA, and discover the joy they can bring to your home!



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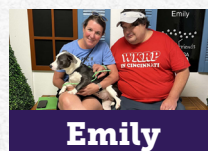
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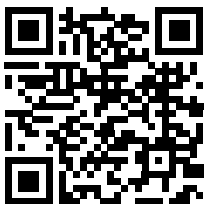


Donating supplies is a great way to support Tulsa SPCA operations. Some of the essential items on our wish list include:

- Purina One dog and cat food
- Large crates and doghouses
- Pet blankets
- Trash bags and storage bins
- Dawn dish soap

To see details and view our full wish list, please visit tulsasPCA.org/tulsa-sPCA-wish-list or scan the QR code. We've created a special page on Amazon.com that makes it easy to purchase and donate. All items can be dropped off at the Tulsa SPCA: 2910 Mohawk Boulevard.

We can't do what we do without you. Thank you!



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