



ARFhouse Happenings

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Thank You Dr. Shults!

As you know, our Chicago friends have been the primary adoption program for ARFhouse. We're thrilled to report that a veterinarian, Dr. Erin Shults, is holding adoption events for us on weekends at the PetSmart in Frisco. Over the course of two weekends, Dr. Shults has found homes for six of our dogs. She tells me that she could place more of the dogs if she had a few more volunteers. (So if any of our

metroplex friends are interested in fostering or manning a table at the pet stores, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with Dr. Shults.) We're excited and encouraged at the prospect of placing many of our residents...some who have been here for several years. The more who find homes, the more we can rescue.

JOYCE TO THE RESCUE AGAIN!

As soon as I told **Joyce** that as of mid May our total donations were 1/5 of what we'll need for the year, she promptly sent a check for \$10,000. Thank you, Joyce, for never letting our animals down.



Jared Chavez is our Maintenance Manager. He is definitely a "jack of all trades." He repairs mowers, installs and repairs water lines, builds gates, mows, trims trees, spreads gravel, wrangles our ponies, and leaps tall buildings in a single bound. Oh, strike that last one. However, he's a capable young man who's been taking care of grounds maintenance for several months, and we feel very fortunate to have his help.



Here's our sweet "Jessie" taking a stroll in the yard, using her wheelchair. We plan to have a special prosthetic extension made especially for her existing partial back leg. She is so agreeable and grateful for anything we do for her. We love her so much!



"Spoozie" doesn't like for "Abby" to laugh at her when she's going for her dip in the horse trough.



NEWCOMERS



BEN



JERRY

“Ben” & “Jerry” were abandoned where many of our residents end up – at Lake Texoma. Some folks saw them scrounging for food and picked them up. We were contacted and the dogs came to us the following day. They were starving and covered in cuckleburr (maybe that’s a Texas word?). They’re still more interested in food than in people, but that should change when they feel safe and secure.

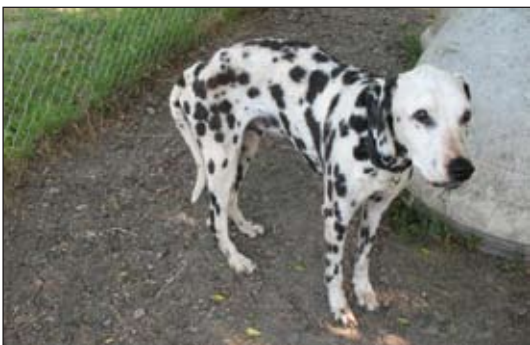


“Jan” was found near ARFhouse. She’s kind of sad looking in this picture, only because she’s under nourished and confused about her surroundings. She’ll perk up when her health improves and she has a friend to keep her company.

“Shadow” (a.k.a. “Sergeant” here at ARFhouse) was abandoned in a neighborhood north of Pottsboro. He is a feral dog who ran free for more than a month. The neighbors all pitched in and saw that he had plenty of food. However, someone called animal control to pick him up, and a couple who were particularly fond of him took it upon themselves to save him. He couldn’t be handled, but they were able to get him into their yard. They called their vet and he came and sedated “Shadow.” They had already contacted us and we told them to take him to Dr. Brakebill.



“Shadow” was immediately neutered and fully vaccinated. We picked him up the following day and had a grassy, shaded area ready for him. He was growling at us the first day, but didn’t seem afraid after that. We hope that he will warm up to humans eventually. Thanks to **Gaye & Dick Cunningham** for caring about “Shadow” and putting forth so much effort to save him. Also, we’re grateful to them for the new igloo they purchased and delivered for “Shadow.”



“Hello, I just arrived at ARFhouse a few days ago. My guardian didn’t take care of me and a kind-hearted judge decided I deserved better. I’m kind of thin, but I think I’ll be putting on weight soon since I’m getting several meals a day here at the ARFhouse. Someone in Tampa, Florida wants me cause I’m a ‘senior.’ Anyone going to Florida on vacation? Maybe I could hitch a ride.”



We named this guy “Little Prince.” He was tied up at an apartment complex near Austin College. A couple of students brought him to us. His coat was in terrible condition; patches missing all over from flea infestation and he had heartworms. The hair is coming back and he’ll get his 2nd heartworm treatment in a couple of weeks. He loves people and will be a great lap dog.

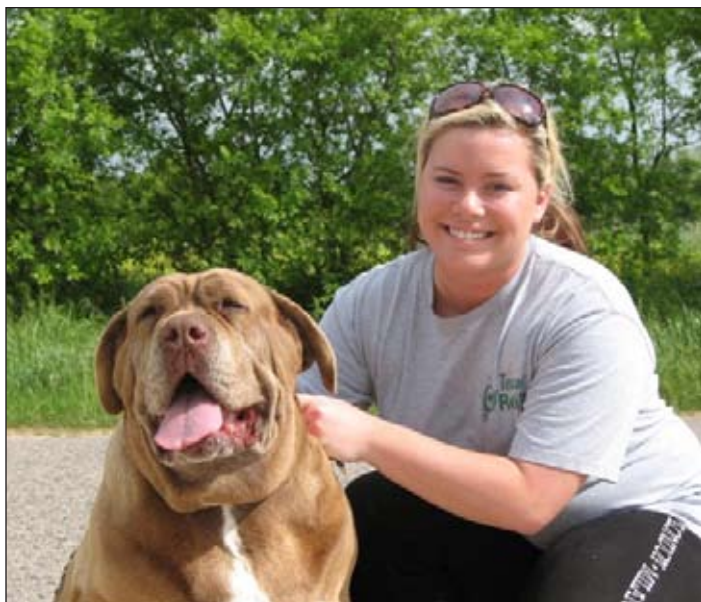


ADOPTIONS



“PJ” and “Kylie” found a home with Clark and Diana. When I asked them a week later where the dogs slept at night, Diana said PJ slept all over the house, but Kylie chooses to sleep on their bed.

One of our long-time residents, “Della” was adopted in May. She was a dog no one ever seemed to notice, but Erica found her on Petfinder and knew she was the dog for her and Andrew. Here’s what she wrote after “Della” had been with her for a few days: “Thank you so much for matching Della with us. She has been a wonderful blessing in our life and is starting to settle in at home.” Needless to say, we are thrilled!



“Lollie” traveled to Chicago with our friends, and here’s what her new Daddy had to say about her:

“My partner and I went to Market Days. We were walking through the various booths and saw the cutest dog wearing a shirt that said ‘adopt me.’ We stopped by the booth again on our way out and held her and knew that she had to be ours. Knowing that she would be gone soon because she was so cute, we filled out the application the next day. A week later she was on her way to her new home.

Lollie is one of the sweetest and most loving dogs anyone would dream of having. We already had two other dogs also from rescues, and everyone in the house is glad that she is now a par of our family. We can’t figure out why anyone would have ever given her up but we are thankful that they did or else we would not have the joy she brings to our lives.”

“Sheba” is a 4+ year old mastiff who had to come to ARFhouse when her guardian’s home was foreclosed on. Sheba loves everyone, but we thought she might be here for life because of her age. Shelby saw her on our PetFinder site and was immediately drawn to her. Another happy ending.



ADOPTIONS



“Nocoda” (a.k.a. “Nocona”) had been with us only a couple of months. She came because her guardian passed away, and no relative had a yard for her. She’s a gentle soul, but at 10 years old we didn’t believe anyone would adopt her. Then we got a call from Connie and Russ and they had viewed her on

our site, and said her image leaped out at them and grabbed their hearts. They were particularly interested in a senior dog to be their pet, as well as a companion to their older lab, “Buddy.” They drove from southwest Ft. Worth to meet “Nocoda.” They brought the food that would be her new diet, Buddy’s bed (so that she

could become accustomed to his scent), and they visited with her for at least 1/2 hour. They sat on the ground and held her during most of that time. They couldn’t take her home until after Memorial Day since they had planned a trip and didn’t want to leave her with a pet sitter her first week. They called while on the trip to check on her and said they were excited to get back to pick her up. She was excited to see them when they returned. Another happy ending!



APPEAL FROM MARTHA HOVERS

In our last newsletter I opted not to ask for donations. In this newsletter I must ask. In 2009 our donations were adequate to pay the bills, but unfortunately 2010 is shaping up to be the worst year ever. We believe it’s due to the fledgling economy. We are asked to take multiple animals every day. Many we accept, for one reason or another, and with adoption numbers rising, we believe we can successfully place the dogs we’re taking in. However, they must be readied for adoption, and people must be paid to care for them as well as for the forever residents. We depend on your generosity to keep our program alive. Please continue to help us help them.



JODY’S CHALLENGE HAS BEEN MET!

Jody O’Donnell offered a challenge grant of \$10,000 at the first of the year, and it was met by a \$5,000 donation from our President, **LuRuth Taylor**, and the remainder came from various contributors who specified their gifts to go toward that fund. Thanks to all who gave.

ARFhouse Has A New Director

Sally O’Brien, an attorney who works for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, has agreed to serve on our Board.

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Sam"
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Diehl

"AK"
Mr. & Mrs. Don Davis

"Austin"
Michelle Brooks

"Miss Linda"
Charlotte Patterson

"Molly"
Steve & Karen Murphy

"Casie"
Jodi White & Mr. & Mrs. Richard White

"Lexie"
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thompson

"Rambo"
Tommy & Dee Reynolds

"Cowboy"
Sylvia Luymes

"Tom" & "Shorty"
Martha & Sandy LaFoy

"Ursula" & "Seamus"
Thomas Bragg

"Husker"
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Cole

"Annie"
Avard Family

"Junior"
Beverly & Jimmy Crosby

"Corky"
Rudolf Williams &
Gerda & Jerry Huffman

"Casabel"
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Phillips

"Pepper"
Greta Gardner

"Duke"
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bateman

"Kitty"
Tom & LeAnna Bullins

"Socks"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Watt

"Baby"
Patricia Vail

"Buster"
Novelene Shelley

"Meg"
John Ramsey

"Medford"
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Miller

"Teto"
Debbie Edwards

"Vincent"
Ken Brooks

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"Baby"
Johnny Palya

"Fluffy"
Robert Wester

"Puffer"
Bobbie Johnson

"Booty"
Therese Trujillo

"Teddy"
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"Penelope"
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"Belle"
Jay Cornelison

"Fritz"
Marvin Bankston

"Daisy"
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn LeBlanc

"Socks"
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Shirley

"Phoebe"
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Askew

"Blazer"
Marion Morgan

"Butch"
Mr. & Mrs. John Shepherd

"Hailey"
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bradley

"Oreo"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Douglas

"ToJo"
Tom Donoho

"Snickers"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Magers

"Stinkers"
Bridget Sparks

"Lady Dog"
Gloria Dannenberg

"Spike"
Mrs. Hopi Joiner

"Bandit"
Tammy Mueller & Cindy Thompson

"Hoss"
Russell Dillon

"Miss Molly"
Alma Thomas

"Hooch"
Ron Reynolds

"Jack"
Sandra Bullard

"Buddy"
Marion Morgan



Canyon Creek Pet Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Sherman"
Frank & Katherine Moore

"Wyatt"
Pam Kimbell

"Boots"
Vi McWater

"Sunny"
James & Karen Bryant

"Shasta"
Curtis & Cherri Jones

"Cuervo"
Angela Hicks

"Maci"
Robin Robinson & Kori Pulaski

"Daisy"
Gene & Kat Johnson

"Brooklyn"
James & Laura Parker

"Buddy"
Charles & Lisa Cox

"Rudy"
Barbara Williams

"Muffin"
Alvin & Beverly Tupper

"Black Bear"
Dorothy Fowler

"Peyton"
Baylee Locker & Joshua Kowert

"Bear"
Ronnie & Susan Jay

"Angel"
Derek Sanso

"Samson"
L.R. & Lieuen Boyington

"Tippi"
Dr. Charles & Melanie Price

"Blue"
Ronnie & Kathryn Mullens

"Rambo"
Steve Southerland

"Buddy"
Jean Fetterolf

"Spencer"
Juanita Johnson

"Scooter"
Sammy & Jennifer Tomlinson

"Jodi"
Barbara Williams

"Lucky"
Mary George

THANK YOU

THANKS to **Tom Heeney** and **Brookshire Foods**. Tom picks up barrels of dry dog food for us in East Texas at least once a month. Brookshire's supplies the food. Our need is HUGE for dry kibble, and these donations help to fill the gap between the donated product we receive from IAM's (distributor: Southland Corporation), Tom Thumb, and Sherman Walmart, and Albertson's.

A SPECIAL THANKS to the **Denison Service League** for a disbursement gift this spring in the amount of \$300.

Thanks

TO THE PEOPLE WHO HELP OUR DOGS

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Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

Thank you to those of you who thought of ARFhouse and our animals in your time of sorrow.

“Fae” & “Allie”
by: Jane Crout

“Toni”
Ron & Terry Cullen

“Jimbo Godwin”
Jim & Suzy Godwin

“Buck”
“our black chow mix”
Albert & Gilda Spiller

“Mishka” 1988-1999
“Bandit” 1988-2000
“It has been an empty house
without them...”
Gloria & Bob Mayer

“Gus”
Julia McCullough

“Chloe”
“our granddog; shy & sweet...she left
us much too soon.”
Gerri Thomen

“Buddy”
lab of Kathy Aaron
by: Patsy Stanley

“Roxy” 1984-2010
Sonia Vernon

“Sadie”
Diana & Larry Pryor

“Chief”
Elizabeth Schrupp wrote: “I would like
you to take this donation in his name so
that you can continue to save other
“Chief’s”. Perhaps these other “Chief’s”
can bring such joy to another family as
my wonderful German Shepherd, “Chief,”
brought to me.

“Simba”
beloved cat of Kathy Weinhold
by: Jack & Frieda Phillips

“Belle”
Sandy & Andy Kirven’s beloved pet
by: Margaret, Bryon & Gerald Clark

“Annabelle”
“In loving memory of our precious
“Annabelle”; we still miss you very much!”
Margaret, Bryon & Gerald Clark

“Brittany”
Beloved Beagle belonging to
Dr. & Mrs. Clay Morris
by: Tim & Margie Morris

Marilynn Barren made a donation and
wrote this about her daughter
Alicia, and their dog, “Baby”:
“For ‘Baby’, who fought the brain
lesion as long as she could to stay
with Alicia.
For Alicia who
fought to keep ‘Baby’ comfortable and
completely surrounded with love.”

“In memory of our loves”:
“Loki”, “Norse”, “Nugget” & “Butterscotch”
by: Ed & Dee Oden

“Terminator”
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Syler

“Wolfie Jack”
Beloved dog of Kim & Jason Jones
by: Chris & Stella Carsten

To Honor Pets and Humans Who Love The Animals

Nikki Stephens
By: Cathy Nelson

“Soldier”
Nancy Sanford

Nan Deering
“In honor of my loving generous sister,
Nancy”
by: Jean Eber

“Achilles”
by: Nancy Dibrell

HELP FOR THE KITTIES

We want to remind you that even
though we rescue the dogs and bring
them to our facility, we never forget
the kitties. “**Kitty House**,” operated
by our friends, **Lynette & Roger
George**, is one of our “cat partners.”
We give a portion of the donated cat
food and litter to their operation.

ARFhouse also gives cat food
to “**Animals Deserve a Chance**” to
help our friend **Cathi Wood** feed the
strays of south Dallas nightly. These
three individuals make great sacrific-
es to see that the felines are spayed/
neutered and fed daily. ARFhouse is
proud to be able to share and to be
a part of the cat world in this small
way.

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Gene Bowling
and his beloved “Samson”
(who was adopted from ARFhouse many
years ago)
by: Beth Bowling

Arthur G. Lee
by: John & Danny Brakebill

Arthur G. Lee
by: Merel & Jerry Jones

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Mission Statement

Animal Refuge Foundation (ARFhouse) is a care-for-life, no-kill sanctuary in a rural setting and is home to 276 dogs. Dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing animals into homes with loving guardians, ARFhouse also assists animals whose owners are unable to pay for the sterilization of their animals, particularly elderly people who are on fixed incomes. The Foundation will also provide financial assistance for any stray animal found who requires emergency medical attention. The major goal is to relieve suffering and to provide contentment and happiness to any dog who crosses our threshold.

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