Once Again -- Joyce Dennehy Impacts So Many Lives With Her Generosity!!

Several months ago, Joyce wrote to me that she’d like to make a capital improvement this year at ARFhouse. After giving much thought to what would serve the most dogs, we settled on erecting 40 of the metal 9’ x 10’ shade canopies.

Our contractor, Curt Sauer, had already put up a number of them in areas where there was no natural shade. However, we discovered that these awnings served several purposes. The dogs love to lie under them when it’s raining, and they protect the food from rain. They seem to offer comfort to the dogs because those who have them lie under them most of the day.

Curt is busy getting the posts set in concrete and welding the frames up. Then he’ll come back and secure the metal on top. These are durable and have withstood a lot of wind at our place. We’re thrilled that almost every dog will have one by summer’s end.

Thank you, Joyce, for $20K which will serve so many dogs, making them more comfortable while they’re here on their way to forever homes, or here for life.

It’s 95 degrees. More fun at the swimming hole and then home for a nap in the shade.
We didn’t set out to provide a place for the handicapped, but inevitably it has happened. For whatever reason, it seems that the dogs with the most severe disabilities have the sweetest natures.

Most of you have read about our sweet “Jessie” whose leg had to be amputated after her owner left her chained for 3 days, unattended, and the chain wrapped around her leg.

Here’s “Bumpers,” who was born without eyes. He spends his days running in and out of our building, as does “Dixie,” whose eyes had to be removed because she had tumors on the eyelids and was in pain.

“Callie” came to us when the rescuer of Aussies passed away. “Callie” had been hit by a car before she went into their organization and they had nursed her back to health. She still has the leg that was broken, and it provides stability, but has no movement.

“Amp” had a front leg amputated before arriving at ARFhouse.

“Wink” arrived with one eye.

Then came “Winnie.” Some of you may have seen her story on facebook. She was born with the lower part of her body paralyzed. The back legs move, but wildly...like chopsticks in the hands of a fork user. (“Chopstix” was her name at the south Texas animal control facility before she came to ARFhouse.) “Winnie” is more high maintenance than the other “challenged” dogs because she must be cleaned off numerous times a day to keep from getting burned by her waste. She needed a cart so that she wasn’t scooting around, scraping her legs and bottom. Several people contributed toward this device. She also needed a large kennel when no one could watch her. Fred Champion offered a challenge grant and it was met by Nancy Carlson to purchase the kennel. “Winnie” stays in an over-sized cage on lots of pillows at night, but the rest of the day she’s in her cart. The evenings (from 7:00 until 10:00) she stays in Hovers’ house on a stack of pillows. She seems to revel in her new routine. Thank you, Fred and Nancy for purchasing the kennel she needed, and thanks to all the other folks who donated toward the purchase of her cart.

“Willa” was an old-timer at ARFhouse. When she developed glaucoma in her right eye, Dr. Morris recommended meds to reduce the pressure. After several weeks of medicating, it was his opinion that she still had pain, so the eye was removed. She also had to have some of her aged teeth extracted. She behaves as though she’s never felt better.

“Sandy” came to us from a man who had seen her being beaten on the street. He chased the offender and the guy dropped the lead and ran from him. The good samaritan couldn’t keep “Sandy,” so he brought her here. She has a brain injury and her back side shakes from side to side. She’s a very small shar pei, sweet natured with us, but doesn’t seem too fond of the other dogs. We think she believes they’re making fun of her.
“R.B.” (Regal Beagle) is a fairly large dog whom we had a week before sending him to be neutered. He arrived as a stray with several neck scars. However we weren’t aware of one of his injuries, which was a .38 slug imbedded in his chest. When the vet was performing his neuter, he saw the place where the bullet had entered. He removed it during this surgery. Poor “R.B.” had flinched when the lady who brought him to us picked him up. They don’t complain very much when they’re in pain. He’s good as new a day after the slug was removed.

Pictures above show Jake running with friends and then going for a swim.

“Jake” was abandoned and the person who found him loved him but traveled 5 days a week with his work. Because of this absence, he needed to find a home for him. We made a place for him here at ARFhouse. Unfortunately every area is taken, so we had to put him in a 10’ x 10’ temporary kennel. He’s a very popular boy here because he’s so friendly and happy. Every afternoon when the chores are done the staff members take him to the pond with at least 10 of the dogs who run free. He swims and plays for awhile and is then willing to go back to his kennel. We expect he can join the big gang within a couple of weeks and run free 24/7. We must make certain that everyone accepts him and then it’s a “done deal” -- he’s a member of the pack.

“Coco Chanel” was found wandering in a nearby village. No one claimed her even after signs were posted everywhere. It’s hard to tell in this picture, but she’s a very tiny min-pin.

“CeCe” came from an owner who moved and couldn’t take her to the new apartment. We hear this daily and the dog always suffers. She’s a nice young dog who’s confused that she’s been abandoned by the person she loved. We’ll make certain that she has a chance at a better life in the future.
Scott saw the picture of “Sherman” on one of our adoption partner’s site and decided he was the right dog for him. Scott’s “Swiss Miss” had passed away, and he was ready for another companion.

Pictured above are Ron (Scott’s dad) and Scott. His mom, Kathy, is behind the camera. Scott says “Sherman” has wonderful manners and is the right dog for him.

A bit of information about “Sherman”...he was taken to a local vet for some routine tests, and his owner never returned for him. Poor “Sherman” spent 2 months at the vet before one of the techs decided to call ARFhouse to see if we had a place for him. Happy ending for “Sherman”!

“Flash” is here with his new family, Cory & Linda Knowles of Dallas. He was one of “Nina’s” puppies. He’s their only “child,” and is getting lots of gifts, attention, and training.

Here’s “Liz” (our smallest little G.S. puppy) with her new best friend, Lesslie.

“Tanner” had been abandoned in a rural area, and a lady brought him to ARFhouse. He found a home with Mike and Toni and their big dogs. Here he is swingin’ with Mike. They both look content, don’t they?

“Macey,” as you can see, is a beautiful doberman. She was living in a small pen during the day and a crate in the back yard during the evening. She was turned over to animal control in a nearby city when neighbors complained about her treatment to local authorities. Those same neighbors rescued her from the shelter and brought her to ARFhouse. “Macey” was such a happy girl, we knew she could find her own person. And Susan was that person. Here they are, ready to go to Susan’s home in Dallas. Susan reports that “Macey” is a wonderful companion.

Gene and Vanessa with “Ozzy,” who Gene says is a fast learner (and is a “very happy little dog”). That makes us happy.

**Appeal from Martha Hovers**

ARFhouse doesn’t hold fundraisers. Occasionally a supporter will do this with no participation from us except recognition and gratitude. The newsletter is the sole source of fundraising we do. When the newsletter mails, we receive checks for the first 10-12 days and then nothing except a few regular monthly pledges arriving for the rest of the quarter.

The dogs survive and thrive only through your gifts. Of course, we rely heavily on the occasional gift of $1,000+. And most of you know that Ms. Dennehy donates funds annually to assist with the costs of operations. But we depend on those $10-$20 checks from so many of our supporters.

Every dollar counts. If our donations do not increase, we’ll be dipping into our “rainy day funds” again this year.

Please remember the dogs. They need your help 12 months a year.
Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following “In Memory” Donations

“Little Joe”
Mr. & Mrs. Max Shaw

“Ram”
Tommy Kitchens

“Duke”
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Settle

“Jumper”
Cathy McConnell

“Rascal”
Jerry & Joyce McGowan

“Millie”
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Morris

“Thomasina”
LuAnne Sbarbaro

“Bruno”
Dr. & Mrs. John Shoemaker & family

“Sandy”
Tammie Owens

“Lady”
Felicia & Paul Tucker-Root

“Sammy”
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Blair

“Mariah”
Judie Ridge

“Emmie”
Joangeli Kasper

“Cooper”
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jarvis

“Dozer”
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lanci

“Wesley”
Karen Bounds

“Ernest”
Mrs. Betty Cantrell

“Rita”
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Diehl

“Ziggy”
Frank McGraw

“BooBoo” & “Sandy”
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Williams

“Isabella”
Hyda Garrett

“Tilly”
Elizabeth Phillips

“Penny”
Ann Shirley

“Jacque”
Paulette Demosthenis

“Zelda”
Patti Reinhard

“Teddy”
Jill Wood & Family

“Colin”
Mary Alice Carrico

“Baxter”
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Richerson

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“Ruffy”
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**Thank You!**

Merrick Pet Care Products

Earlier in the year, dog food donations were not meeting our needs and we were forced to purchase. This adds up fast because in the colder months our dogs consume 300+ lbs of dry kibble per day. We called Merrick Pet Care Products in Hereford, Texas, and asked if they might assist us with some donated product. Mr. Garth Merrick approved a semi-trailer being delivered to us, loaded with 15 pallets of their canned dog food. With this gift we were able to supplement the dry food that’s donated and our dogs naturally loved it. (They’re still lovin’ it because that’s about 28,000 cans!) Of course, we used less dry food and didn’t have to buy as much. This is a high quality product and we’re very grateful for such a generous donation.

Denison Service League Gives Again....

Thanks go out to the Denison Service League for the $500 check awarded to help the dogs of ARFhouse this spring.
Canyon Creek Pet Hospital Made The Following “In Memory” Donations

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Thank You to ARFhouse Friends

ARFhouse Silent Auction

Earlier in the year, friends of ARFhouse conducted a silent auction in Dallas, raising funds for maintenance projects at ARFhouse. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to those who generously donated gifts to help us: please remember these donors when you shop: they are friends of the animals.

- Calloways Nurseries, DFW Area
- Dallas Zoo, Dallas
- Frisco Roughriders, Frisco, TX
- Mrs. Renfro’s Foods, Ft. Worth
- Dallas Symphony, Dallas
- Dunston’s Steak House, Dallas
- Miga’s Kahlua Cakes, Dallas
- Range Honey, Weston, TX
- Anonymous Donors

ARFhouse appreciates its unsung heroes who help us by doing “grass roots” fundraising programs. This is only one of many projects done throughout the course of the year. Our friends are the best!

Thanks go out to Barry McGivney for the work he’s done this past quarter, raising funds for ARFhouse. Also, coupled with his efforts, Sarafina Jewelers in Marlboro, New Jersey (which is where Barry lives) helped with this fundraising and put a donation jar at their place of business specifically for the dogs of ARFhouse. These are good friends to the animals, working to improve the lives of our dogs.

We long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults. Heaven has accorded this to us in the uncritical canine attachment.
~ George Eliot

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In Memory of Animal Lovers

Terry Ledbetter
by: Sherry Glover

Toni Cullen
by: Teresa Cullen

Uncle Jack Phillips
“who cared for so many cats & dogs & blue birds”
by: Emilie Collins & Troy Jaco

Girlie & Rex Uphouse
“my mom & dad”
by: Lynda Uphouse

Kim Davis
“In loving memory of my niece”
by: Drew Anderson

Bobby Gene Herriage
father of Randy Herriage
and for the love of his pals, “Frank”, “Spook” & “Hanna”
by: Debbie Hicks

Jody Chisum & his beloved dog, “Buddy”
by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum

Leslie Perry
“a true animal lover”
mother of Dana Hyatt & Shana Russell
by: Beth Bowling

Bill Moehl
father of Mark Moehl
by: Roxanne Smith

Arlene
Lorraine Martin’s sister
by: Kathy, Stacy & “Abby” Caudell

Baby Cantrell
by: Bele Fryhover

Christopher F. Ostner
“a dog lover”
by: Joan Potter

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Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

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

“Louie” Boodell
beloved dog of Barbara Boodell
by: Paula Fischer

“Dixie”
“beloved morkie”
by: Nancy Hampton

“Stormie”
“beloved friend & companion of Jack & Mary Carlson”
by: Peggy Redshaw & Jerry Lincecum

“Cassie”
by: ARFhouse’s dear friend, Ellie Molloy

“Slade”
by: Ellen Quinn

“Punkie”
beloved pug much loved by L.R. & Lieun Boyington
by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

“Guiness”
beloved pet dog of Will & Sharon Rogers
by: Nancy & Charles Goessling

“Peet”
long-time pal (Westy terrier) of Mary Hill & James Bryant
by: Scott Goddard

“Yanni”
beloved German Shepherd who passed away at 13+ yrs old on 10/26/10
by: Gilliam Salling

“Bandit”
by: Laurie Sweet

“Henrietta”
much loved & missed Siamese cat belonging to James & Donna Lee Pennell

“Molly”
“I buried her on April 1, 2007. I still miss her.”
by Tina Cambis

“Barney”
“in loving memory of my little rat terrier sidekick”
by: Gene Gaddis

“Sadie”
“best friend of Betty Ogle”
by: Doris Haynes

“Amy”
“beloved dog of Novella Steele”
by: Leonard & Willene Sweeney

“Spencer”
“my sister’s (Patricia Daely) golden retriever”
by: Carol Ann Daely

“Sadie”
“beloved pet of Betty Ogle”
by: Leonard & Willene Sweeney

“Hobby”
beloved dog of Jane Winters

“Xena”
by: Geraldine Thomen

“Xena”
in memory of our beloved granddog
by: Ms. Gerri Thomen

“Cowboy”
“our 3 yr old shih-tzu”
by: Lasandra, Bo & Merit Miller

“Stormie”
“beloved friend and companion of Jack & Mary Carlson”
by: Peggy Redshaw & Jerry Lincecum

To Honor Pets and People Who Love Them

Wayne Prokay
by: Kathy Surls

Andy Williams
for his birthday
by: Mom & Dad (Jerry & Gerda Huffman)

Gerda Huffman
for her birthday
by: Andy Williams & “Frankie”

“Achilles”
by: Nancy Dibrell

“Dee Dee”
by: James & Suzanne Aston

“Brady”
by: Nancye Jolly

Dr. Clay Morris
by: A couple who wishes to remain anonymous

Lynn Surls
for his birthday
by: Linda Rowden

Jan Chapman
for her birthday
by: Pat & Paul Judy

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We appreciate your continued support of ARFhouse.

Be an ARFhouse Supporter!

ARFhouse needs and welcomes your donation in any denomination. Every dollar counts and is used for day-to-day operations, care of our animals, and assistance to animals in the community. Your donation is tax deductible. Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope to ARFhouse, 3377 Spalding Rd., Sherman, TX 75092.

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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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