



ARFhouse Happenings

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ARFhouse is fortunate enough to have some great friends/supporters who work for Southwest Airlines in Dallas.



On September 8, 2011, the Customer Service group at Southwest Airlines Dallas Station organized a fundraiser for us, which they called "Bite a Dog for ARF."



In all, with wide participation, almost 800 cookies and cupcakes were baked, 750 hot dogs, 25 pounds of chili, and 800 drinks and chips were served over an 8 hour period to hungry Southwest Airlines ground crews.

Volunteers spent over 125 hours, both with food preparations, and event functions. A volunteer noted "Not only was this event fun, but we can't wait to do it again. We had broad participation; we all helped to make this a success for ARF. It's for the dogs."



When all was said and done, over \$2000 was raised for ARFhouse. This was followed by a towel drive which provided over 50 terry bath towels for the dogs' winter needs. SW Customer Service group said: "To the residents' of ARFhouse, our LUV to you!"



"Winnie" is growing fast and traveling faster than ever ... doing wheelies in her new cart.

Our new Nissan NV 2500 van. We are grateful to the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation for a \$20,000 grant used toward the purchase of this wonderful vehicle. ARFhouse added the remaining funds needed for this acquisition from stock Mr. Ed Browne left for the dogs when he passed away in October last year.

This van will replace our 2001 Chevrolet pickup which served us well, but we've outgrown.



B. McDaniel Middle School students raised money to help the ARFhouse during their Howl-O-Ween Fundraiser. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students collected change in their science classes throughout the month of October.



Pictured here is seventh grade science teacher Hallie Muncy with some of the students who helped with the fundraiser.



NEWCOMERS



“B.C.” was waiting to be euthanized at a kill shelter and a border collie rescue group asked ARFhouse to pull her out and house her until transport could be arranged to Florida. However, “B.C.” has won everyone’s hearts here at ARFhouse, including “Buddy”....see picture.



“Buddy” came as a stray shortly after “B.C.” arrived. They are inseparable. They run the property, sleep together, eat together, and ride on the same golfcart together with an ARFhouse employee, Dawn. We’ve never seen two dogs who loved one another more than these two do. We told the border collie people we’d keep “B.C.” if that was okay with them. It was. “B.C.” couldn’t be happier.



“I’m Penny (note my beautiful copper colored coat). Really original name, huh? But I can’t complain since these people gave me a home in spite of the fact that I can jump a 6’ fence. I’m no spring chicken, but I have a lot of life left in me. When I was abandoned in a field in Oklahoma, some guy said he would shoot me, but a nice lady stopped him and brought me here. It’s okay, but I’d really like my own human just for myself.”



“I’m CiCi. Remember me? Maybe not, because I have lots more hair now than I did in the fall. I’m still waiting for my forever home, but there’s some interest now that I look so much better. I love to talk to people, and sometimes I argue.”



“Dovie” was found near Lake Texoma. She was so thin, the lady who found her didn’t realize she was ready to give birth that night!



She was brought to ARFhouse a couple of days later, along with her 6 babies. We named her “Dovie” because she’s so gentle, and we named one of the puppies “Moo”. Can you guess which one?



“Boudreaux” was found as a stray by some ARFhouse supporters. He is a really sweet natured senior dachshund. He would make a wonderful pet for someone who just wants a lap dog.

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“Woofie” was brought to us by an ARFhouse volunteer. She had been abandoned when her guardian was evicted from his rent house. As you can see, she’s never had proper care. Dr. Brakebill tells us she has flea allergies, a yeast infection, and bacterial infection. We’ve put her in a kennel at the building where she can stay warm this winter. She’s on antibiotics and a nutritious diet. She’s very gentle and low key, and responds well to attention.



“I’m Cora. I was left a mile from ARFhouse and Mary, a lady who works at this dog farm, brought me here. I have a fun playmate named Carl.”



“Shadow” has a new, loving home far away from the landfill!

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“Brandi” finally found her forever home with Jamie Braziel. She’s a little nervous in this picture, but we know she settled in with Jamie quickly.



A number of years ago, we told you a story about 10 dogs we rescued from a large slab of concrete, which was surrounded by a fence. There was no water, shelter nor food. In tears, the owner surrendered the dogs to us. “Maria” was one of those dogs, and she found her forever home in Chicago. Here she is at an event in that city, where our friend, Linda Cairo shot this picture. She wanted us to see how “Maria’s” life turned out. She’s 11 yrs. old now. Happy ending!



Our precious “Little Bobby” finds a wonderful home with ARFhouse friends, Steve & Karen Murphy.



This wonderful dog was adopted by a terrific guy, Mark Bruce, who lives in Sherman. “Austin” was our “Carter” who had a terrible injury (testicles coming out of his scrotum) when he arrived. Mark and his 88 yr old mother are in love with this dog. Happy endings are nice.



“Felix” and his new guardian.



“Petey”, the cow dog is adopted!



Another “landfill puppy” found his forever home.

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In past newsletters, you may have seen a few of these dogs. We have many more who have made us their permanent home; so this is just a fraction of that number. We thought you might enjoy reading their stories and looking at their images in 2011 - Martha Hovers



“Champ” was one of the 15 dogs we accepted from the Katrina disaster in New Orleans. We estimate him to be at least 12 years old. He has a comfortable life, relaxing with 8-10 dogs on the mattresses in our building most of the day/night.



“Charlie” was abandoned by his guardian when the man divorced the wife and moved away. She stopped taking care of him and feeding him, and a neighbor who lived near “Charlie” asked us to rescue him. Sammie & Bo Kershaw were relentless in their efforts to catch him (he’s not too keen on being in an enclosed space... even a van), and brought him to ARFhouse. He lives outdoors and has a “harem” of 3 dogs (females) who are his constant companions.



“Mr. Happy” doesn’t look very happy in this photo because he hates to have his picture taken. Normally he’s barking and running up to whoever is in his yard, wanting to be fed or petted. His owner passed away and “Mr. Happy” arrived at ARFhouse 5 yrs ago. He’s 10 yrs old now, and is usually a very happy old man (except when we bring out the camera).



“Red Duke” is another dog who came from Katrina. He’s quite content, alone in his own yard.



“Pancho” came to ARFhouse as a stray last year. He’s at least 10 yrs. old. For the first 8 months he wouldn’t have anything to do with us, but now he wants to climb into anyone’s lap who enters his little yard.



“Queenie” was at a kill shelter, in the holding area to be euthanized. That was 10 yrs ago when I saw her and couldn’t resist bringing her home. She lives in our senior bldg and enjoys a comfortable lifestyle.



“Red” came to ARFhouse when his guardian’s house burned and she had nowhere to take her dogs since she was homeless. He’s been with us 8 yrs; and we estimate him to be as old as “Charlie”.



Another “Charlie”, who’s the oldest living canine resident of ARFhouse. Mary Lindamood (who’s been here longer than any other employee) brought him here 14 yrs. ago after finding him as a stray in Sadler (near ARFhouse).



“Dudley” has been at ARFhouse for 8 yrs, with the exception of 1 yr he spent with an adoptive family. He was very happy with them and their other dog, but when his buddy died and the couple had a baby, they decided to return “Dudley”. This is just one example of an unfortunate event that can happen in a dog’s life. At approximately 12 yrs of age, “Dudley” is content with his home here.



“Bear” came to ARFhouse when his guardian entered a nursing facility. He’s in a large yard with another male dog, “Grayson”. “Bear” is about 12 years old. He and “Grayson” remind me of two old bachelors who still have a lot of laughs together. When they’re feeling frisky, they love to play with one another.

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Sugar"
Pam & Gene Landers

"Flower"
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bayless & family

"Darby"
Mr. & Mrs. Kahl

"Goldie"
Ronnie & Judy Whiteley

"Duke"
Mr. & Mrs. Tollefson

"Murray"
Karla McCain

"Sara"
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haas

"Dynamite"
Carol Ann Sewell

"Happy Jack"
LuRuth Taylor

"Skipper"
Mark Bruce

"Laika"
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sharp

"Tug"
Mr. & Mrs. John Elmore

"Winnie"
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Lewis

"Romeo"
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Keister

"Lulu"
Mr. & Mrs. William Oelfke

"Lucky"
Virginia Herald

"Mickey"
Susan Worthington

"Teddy Bear"
Melissa Grisolia

"Scout"
Josh Martin

"Hobo"
Charles & Anne Hunt

"Kandi"
Belinda Taylor

"Samson"
Joe & Jill Roberts

"Jingles"
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bayless & family

"Cheyenne"
Rick Padilla & Allen Smith

"Lucky"
Leonard Tyler

"Gracie"
Leanne Meppen

"Goliath"
Margaret Dell & Family

"Missy"
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bradley

"Miranda"
Mr. & Mrs. Payne

"Olive"
Randy & Nancy Shirley

"Chloe"
Craig Rosenwinkle

"Allie"
Jeanine Smith

"Angel"
Judy Kirby

"Moesha"
Joyce Hames

"Roxie"
Barbara & Eugene Bailey

"Miss Emily"
Mrs. Wilmer Kinsey

Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

"Lulu" & "Buddy"
Jane Gowans

"Angel" & "Jesse" Surls
Beloved pets of Lynn & Kathy Surls
by: Jo Nichols

"Bubba"
Billy & Cherry Jones

"Binky"
by: John & Mary Van Zant

"Skipper"
beloved dog of Mark Bruce
by: Janet Butler

"Her Majesty"
"a cat loved by Emily, crystal, and
Grandma Nancy Elkins"

"Belle"
"beloved 16 yr old dog of Nikki, Tony,
Sidney & Ben Stephens"
by: Gilda Spiller

"Cocoa"

Beloved chocolate lab of Dana, Rob &
Sandy Ramsey
by: Nancy & Randy Shirley

"Tigger" Barren
"Beloved family member to Richard
& Marilyn, a protector, confidant &
sister to Alicia. She loved Alicia so very
much."
by: Marilyn & Richard Barren

"Buffy" my friend's poodle
Nancy & Randy Shirley

"Her Majesty"
beloved cat of Nancy Elkins
by: her daughter, Ann Boaz



In Memory of Animal Lovers

Mr. & Mrs. S. R. Uphouse
"my parents"
by: Lynda Uphouse

Allen Vermillion
who passed on Sept. 26
by: Jimmy Mitchell

Jack W. Phillips
who loved all God's 'critters'
by: Frieda Phillips

The following people made donations in
memory of Mark Renfro,
who passed away Oct 6:
Hubert Stephenson
Margaret Bourke
Patsy & Ed Albright
The 2011 YMCA Longhorns
Dr. & Mrs. R.J. Toler
Anna Marsh

Jim Buhrkuhl
by: W.D. & Sue Welch
LaNita Newsome
Bob & Penny Welch

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

"Stormie"
The Hammet's

"Ming Toe"
The Moore's

"Midget"
The Simis'

"Dog"
The Rhoton's

"Honey"
The Rowe's

"Twinkie"
The Brewster's

"Coco"
The Pappas Family

"Nusence"
The McWater's

"Zoie"
The Boswell Family

"Casey"
The Cotton Family

"B.D."
The Ellis Family

"Alex"
The Zoglio Family

"Rip"
The Odom Family

"Robbie" & "Beau"
The Maire Family

"Belle"
The Stephens Family

"Sadie"
The Brewer Family

"Meesta"
The Braden Family

SPECIAL THANKS!

Thanks go out to Trinity United Methodist Church. They've supported us for several years with monetary donations as well as dog food.



Here "Brandi" is being blessed at the "Blessing of the Animals". It must have worked. See "Brandi" on the Adoptions page!!

** THANK YOU **

The employees of THINK FINANCE in Ft. Worth, Texas, made a Christmas donation in honor of their Board of Directors.

To Honor Pets and People Who Love Them

Coach Mitch Renfro
by: The 2011 YMCA Longhorns

To honor Betty Mueller on her birthday
by: her dachshund family

To honor Dr. Larry Edwards
Canyon Creek Pet Hospital, Sherman
on his birthday by his office staff:
Susan, Erica, Gary, Kathy, Jennifer &
Barbara

Mark Bruce
by: Janet Butler

"Bandit"
Jeanne & Robert Cummings

"Ricky Ricardo"
A sweet little pom adopted from
ARFhouse in 2008 by Susan Kellogg
Susan states that they love him more than
ever

Mike Rotell
"working like a dog to get Austin's car
back on the road"
by: Canyon Creek Pet Hospital

Dr. Doug McConkey
"for his 39th birthday"
by: The staff at Canyon Creek Pet
Hospital

Roger Platizky
for his birthday on 11/12
by Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum &
Katherine Samples

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*To the people who help our
dogs*

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IAM's
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Green Market, Sherman, TX
Dr. Erin Shults



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APPEAL FROM MARTHA & ARFHOUSE RESIDENTS

We are very fortunate and deeply appreciative of all who have shared with the animals throughout the year. Your generosity allows us to give them their chance at life here at ARFhouse or with a family, if adopted. We are genuinely grateful to you, our friends, for the sacrifices you make to ensure the dogs will have a future. Only through your giving can we continue to rescue them from the streets and pay for their medical needs prior to adoption. Please remember that you have made all of the stories in our past newsletter issues possible and you bring the hope for future happy endings that we may share.

Please send a special gift today to show all of the animals at ARFhouse how many people are out there caring for them, regardless of what paths their lives take. Thank you for being there for the abandoned and abused dogs. Together we can bring about a time when there are no more homeless dogs and there is a sanctuary available for those that choose to make their home with us.



Christmas is just around the corner, and what better way to show your pet-loving friends and family you love them, but to make a donation in their honor? We'll send them a card, acknowledging your gift and it will be listed in our Spring newsletter. And the dogs will benefit!

WISH LIST

- Canned Pedigree or Alpo dog food
- Paint Supplies
- Water Hoses
- 2 gal plastic water buckets

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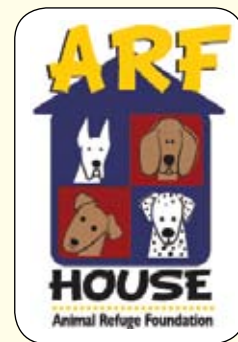
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Mission Statement

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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