



ARFhouse *Happenings*

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Trees Become “Giant Umbrellas”

This summer has been a quiet time for ARFhouse. Dogs sleep and we try not to “break the rule.” You know, the one about “sleeping dogs.” They only want to play in the early mornings or late evenings this time of year in Texas.

In our last newsletter there was a small picture of some trees being trimmed by Mr. Arizpe and his family, who did a beautiful job.

If you’ve received our newsletter for an extended time, you probably know that our dogs are spread out over 12 acres of this 45 acre plot.

What we call the “driveway” is the entrance to ARFhouse that leads to large yards on either side of the drive, all the way up to our storage barn and other kennel areas, spread out on the land. The entrance has

trees on both sides and they had begun to sag and lose some limbs in inclement weather.

B e f o r e beginning the tree trimming, Mr. Arizpe told me that they would look a little like giant umbrellas when he finished. And they do. As you can see from this picture, they’re full enough to provide shade.

We are really proud of the results.

I don’t normally advertise for anyone, but if you need a tree

trimmed, I highly recommend Jose Arizpe and family. Their contact



information is on the Home Page of www.arfhouse.org.

Girl With a Big Heart!

Raeleigh Tanos is pictured here at a garage sale she and her mom held, with some of the proceeds going to ARFhouse. It’s great when young people are committed to service to their community.

Thank you, Raeleigh, for helping the animals!



Joyce Dennehy Never Says “No” To The Dogs....

Our first quarter was a very difficult time for us. Our expenses exceeded income for 3 months in a row. As soon as Joyce heard this, she promptly sent a check for \$10,000. Thank you, Joyce, for always helping us in our time of need.



NEWCOMERS



"Maddie" really wants her own family. She is the most loving and calm lab we've ever had at ARFhouse. She was found in the Hagerman Wildlife Refuge area (not far from ARFhouse). We tried to find her guardian, but no one responded to the ad.

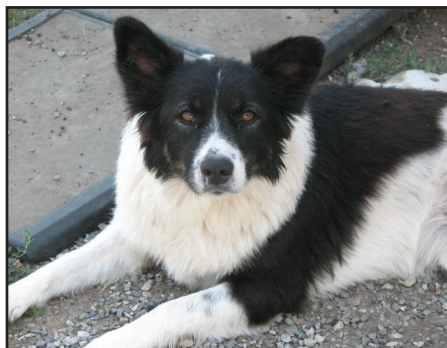


"C.J." (a.k.a. "Chuck") was abandoned on the road in front of ARFhouse. As you can see from the "before" picture, he was pitiful. He just needed some T.L.C. We think he's predominantly a type of deerhound. He's very gentle.



Hello, my guardian pushed me out of his car in front of this big dog farm. At first I wandered to the house next door, and the nice lady there called the ladies at ARFhouse to see if I was their dog. I wasn't, but I am now.

Yeah, I'm blind in one eye, and no one had cut my toenails for a really long time. They got cut short after this picture was taken. They named me "Big Al", and I like the name. It suits me. I also like the house and wanna be with these old gals who run the place all the time.



When we received a digital photo of "Sister" from the folks who found her, we thought she was ready to give birth to many puppies, she looked so fat. However, after she was delivered to our veterinarian, he told us that the "fat" was just matted fur and burrs. After shaving, she looks perfect; especially now that the hair has grown out some. As you can see, she's a beautiful Border Collie...and busy, busy, as typical of the breed.



"Freddie" is a pitiful looking chihuahua mix puppy. He was found near Collinsville (a rural small town southwest of ARFhouse). He had staph and mange, and is currently being treated for both. Hopefully his hair will be fully restored by the December newsletter!



"Minnie" came to ARFhouse with very little hair. Her mange was easy to cure, and as you can see, she's "fully coated" now. She's ready for a family.



ADOPTIONS



Many of you have inquired as to whether "Sage" found a home. I am happy to report that Trapper (nickname for the gentleman pictured), a Vietnam vet, saw "Sage's" picture and learned of his story and adopted him. Trapper owns the laundromat in the picture, as well as several businesses here in Sherman. He reports that "Sage" has the run of his place and even enjoys playing like a puppy with his other dog.

Occasionally someone will ask us to rescue a dog from a shelter. We received such a call about "Hope" and because the lady was so insistent that "Hope" was a wonderful dog who would make a perfect pet, we decided to save her from the fate that most dogs face who end up in a city shelter.

The lady was right. "Hope" was PERFECT. She would walk beside us, swim in the pond, play gently with other dogs, and was a perfect house guest.

Sherri had lost "Lily", adopted from ARFhouse a number of years ago. She had adopted "Bear", but had told us that if we ever came across a dog as sweet as "Lily", she wanted to know. When told about "Hope", she came the following weekend and picked her up.

She reports, "I love Hope and she is fitting in....gets a daily walk...likes stepping in the pool on the first step.... she and Mr Bear are very respectful of each other's food....all precious..."



"Hope" with her new best friend (a long-time friend and supporter of ARFhouse), Sherri Baer.



Hi Martha, I've attached a photo for your newsletter. We had a friend stop by after work and be our photographer.

Cesme (Ronnie) is doing fine. Today we discovered he likes to bury the soft dog toys outside. Our other Schnauzer would have had a heart attack if he'd seen that!

Yesterday, we discovered he is terrified by thunderstorms, just like our Keeper was. We put Keeper's Anxiety Wrap on him, but it is far too large!

Tomorrow he goes to our vet to get chipped.

DebF & TonyM



We responded to a mass e-mail about a dog named "Pickle" who was about to be euthanized in a municipal shelter. The couple who wanted her lived near Las Vegas and were determined to save her and get her transported to their Nevada home. They sounded so sincere, we thought it was worthwhile.

"Pickle" came to ARFhouse and was fully vetted by Dr. Morris. Bryce & Jen made all the arrangements, Dr. Morris signed the health certificate, and "Pickle" was picked up by the transport people who drove her to Henderson, Nevada.

Here's her picture after a day at the casinos. Looks like she won a pretty scarf. We're told she loves running on the treadmill at her new home.

ADOPTIONS



Our "Gidget" finally found a home with dear friends Cindy and Robert Lea.

Woofie

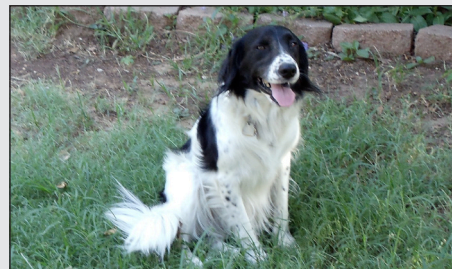
You may remember "Woofie" when she first arrived months ago. She was almost totally hairless. With a bit of T.L.C. and lots of good food, she's now beautiful. Apparently she was so starved, her hair had fallen out, and teeth are worn to nubs (probably from chewing rocks and wood). She gets a healthy portion of wet food daily since she really can't chew kibble.



WOOFIE BEFORE

REMEMBERING LILY

Mark and Cindy Boling lost their beautiful "Lily" on May 26. If you live in Ft. Worth, you'll definitely want to read this story.



<http://www.change.org/petitions/remembering-lily-a-reason-for-change-stop-the-killing>

APPEAL

from Martha Hovers

More of our dogs are going into forever homes than at any time in our 23 year history. Because of our rural location, we require only \$125 adoption fee. This is small compared with dogs for adoption in the metroplex. However, our local population is more amenable to a price that's not too much more than local shelters charge. We do have our dogs fully "vetted", which means all vaccines, spay/neuter, parasite

treatment, and heartworm treatment if dogs test positive. Our fee seldom covers the costs involved in readying them for their new homes.

Your gifts make it possible for more of our residents to find homes. Donations also pay for the lifetime care of dogs who will stay at ARFhouse. Please continue to give to the dogs. Any amount you send will help them.

FUNDRAISER IN THE WORKS! COME JOIN US!

FAT DADDY'S in Denison, and the HUMIDOR in Sherman are sponsoring the first annual ARFhouse benefit. It will be held at Fat Daddy's, 1721 W. Morton in Denison, on September 15th at 12:00 noon. Barbeque and trimmings will be served until the food is consumed, so you'll want to arrive early. The cost will be just \$6.00 for the lunch. Drinks for purchase. There will be a silent auction held from noon until 3:00 pm. Proceeds will go to ARFhouse.

If your business has an item that we could place for auction, you'll be helping the abandoned/abused animals of north Texas (and getting a tax deduction).

Should you wish to donate an item for this event, please contact Stacie or John at the Humidor at 903/893-3100. They're open 10-6 during the week and 10-4 on Saturday.

THANK YOU

from Martha Hovers

I want to extend my thanks to all of you who responded to our plea for donations in our last newsletter. The checks for \$10-\$20-\$50 are very important to us. They add up quickly when so many of you respond. Please know that your gift makes a difference. I wish I could write a note to all of you personally, telling you how much your gifts mean to us in this work.... but this will have to suffice. Our time is spent taking care of the dogs and their environment. I know you understand.

Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

“Buster”
 “Kitty child of Christine Harding;
 he went to heaven on Aug 17, 2012.
 Christine & Buster’s kitty brothers,
 ‘Lucky’ and ‘Sylvester’ miss him.”
 by: Betsy Grafflin

“Chocolate”
 Max Clark’s beloved chocolate lab
 by: Colby Harlow

“Smokey”
 Jack & Mary Jackson’s beloved pet
 by: David & Donna Bedgood

“Chester”
 beloved dog of Cathy Crouch
 by: Frieda Phillips

“Cinder”
 by: Elizabeth Phillips

“Sadie” & “Rocky”
 by: Kathy Brockman

“Hero” & “Sabrina”
 by: Ellen Quinn

“Patsy”
 beloved dog of Dale Lange
 by: Peg Bourke

“Rowdy”
 beloved pet dog of LaFaun Jones
 by: Clyde & Barbara Reynolds

“Rowdy”
 La Faun Jones’ beloved dog
 by: Drew Anderson

“Ramie”
 beloved pet dog of Jim & Rita Gay
 by: Clyde & Barbara Reynolds

“Jake”, “Sadie” & “Suzy”
 by: Byron & Linda Mitchell

“Wishbone”
 “wonderful little dog who shared
 the hearts & lives of David & Gail
 Darmstetter”
 by: Stephen & Rhonda Thornhill

“Liza”
 “my sweet Irish Setter”
 by: Don Neely

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Floyd Stinson
 by: Karen & Gary White

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*The following people have made  
 memorial donations in memory of:  
 Jimmy Mitchell, who was a long-  
 time supporter of ARFhouse*

William & Ann Mitchell  
 Deborah & Lester Mitchell  
 Jeff Bare

Danny & Mary Burkard  
 Pat Downing  
 Presby of Dallas Outpatient Rehab  
 Virginia VanSciver  
 Karen Burkard & Eric Mikulastik

In memory of her beloved husband,  
 Jimmy, and to honor his love of  
 animals, Mrs. Norma Sue Mitchell  
 made a donation to help the dogs of  
 ARFhouse.

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 “In memory of my daddy, Bobby
 Ray, who loved his little ‘Lucky’ and
 ‘Rocky’ so much. Daddy passed
 his love for animals on to his whole
 family.”

by: LaTressa & Steve Melton

Cheryl Reinli Myers
 “Melba’s daughter & Jackie’s sister -
 gone too fast and deeply missed”
 by: Marilyn Barren

Peggy Sterritt
 by: Leonard & Willene Sweeney

Peggy
 “Twin sister of Patsy Bayless”
 by: Doris Haynes

John Anderson
 by: Cheryl Grady

Yvonne Estelle Kirby
 “Sandy’s sweet momma”
 by: Margaret, Bryon & Gerald Clark

Bryan Mack Eldredge
 son of Jimmie & Pat Eldredge
 by: Brandon Morris & Debbie Hicks

To Honor Beloved Pets and Those Humans Who Love Them

Ann Muncy
 by: Nancy Lindberg

Mike & Cathy Nelson
 by: Gilda Spiller

Darlene Schweizer for her birthday
 by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

Nan Deering
 “my sister”
 by: Jean Eber

Martha & Wayne Chisum
 “on their 50th wedding anniversary”
 by: Roger Platizky

“Bandit”
 by: Jeanne Cummings

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Beau"
Floyd & Sue Bates

"Dixie"
April Tocci

"Kitty"
Brittany Shadden

"Charlie"
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Stout

"Shrek"
Caressa Brown

"Greta"
Marvin Bankston & family

"Bailey"
Carol & Gene Roelke

"Prissy"
Martha LaFoy & Sandy LaFoy

"Brita"
Mr. & Mrs. David Burrus & family

"Powdy"
Karen Bounds

"Tippi"
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth St. John

"King"
Dona Moore

"Hachiko"
Ashley Beck & family

"Harley"
W.T. Pine

"Sissy"
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hopper

"Chico"
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Basham

"Rocky"
Kris Grant

"Haze"
Traci Belden

"Sheba"
Susan Cassidy

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"GiGi"
Mr. & Mrs. Don Thompson

"Cinder"
Elizabeth Phillips

"Jenny"
Charlotte Patterson & Doug Smith

"Baby"
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Whaley

"Scrappy"
Reyna Garcia family

"Spanky"
Martha Martin

"Boom Boom"
Stan Odom

"Carlton"
Randy & Nancy Shirley

"Lucky"
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"Leah"
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"Maddie"
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"Buster"
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"Trouble"
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"Sally"
Katy Horton

"Sierra"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lubbers

"Charlie"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Noltensmeyer

"Twitch"
Dawn Hickey

"Henry"
Ben Whitley & Gail Anderson

"Chase"
Trent Bass & Lori Carlson & family

"Simone"
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"Barley"
Randy & Tori Decker

"Anna"
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"Lacy"
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"Sparky"
Amy Dunn

"Prince"
Flo Vance

"Gracie"
Mary Patton & family

"Foxy Lady"
Bobbie Johnson

"Simon"
Beverly Parish

"Scrappy"
Mary Bazan

Message To Our Readers

I'm sorry to report that we're reverting back to black and white for our newsletter. The cost is prohibitive. Hopefully, you'll still find the stories interesting and can see that the dogs are happy and well cared for. You can still see the newsletter in color on our website.

WISH LIST

- Canned dog food is in short supply and with our aging population, we feed a lot of it daily.
- Bulldozer work
- New or gently used golf cart batteries; both 6 and 8 volt



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

"Gus" The Shart's"	"Mon Ami" The Smith family
"Taz" The Davis family	"Harley" The Cambell's
"Honey" The Wellheuser's	"Bailey" The Shields'
"PePe" The Young's	"Sue Bee" The Bloomer family
"Abby" The Stafford's	"Sugar" The Caparoon family
"Gracie" The Wilson's	"Katie" The Hayes'
"Pia" The Sasser family	"Laila" The Smith's
"Odie" The Scott family	"Gizmo" The West family
"Lucky" The McKinney family	"Sam" The Tindell's
"Rusty" The Davis family	"Maggie" The Mercer's
"Gus" The Miller's	"Phoebe" The Davis family
"Lady" The Mayo family	"Jenny" The Womble's
"Abby" The Alexander's	"CeCe" The Caskey family
"Dixie" The Harlan family	"Ezra" The Allen's
"Shirley" The McCabe's	"Jake" The Garner's
"Lucky" The Bowerman family	"Lucky" The Ross family
"Sadie" The Grotheer's	

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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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