



ARFhouse Happenings

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Newcomers Waiting for Forever Homes



“Graham” was found in the middle of a rural road. No one claimed him. He’s a little noisy, but just wants his own person.



“Boots” arrived with two puppies. They found homes with help from Mokas Dog Rescue in McKinney, but “Boots” is still with us. She’s a typical blue heeler; lots of energy and wants a person as a companion 24/7.



“Marty” is a shy little girl that was abandoned here at ARFhouse.



In mid-October we received a call about a mother chihuahua at a municipal shelter with 4 tiny babies. The mother dog had given birth to these puppies shortly after arriving there. They will be presented for adoption after the first of the year. We’ve named the mother “Mena”, and hope to find her a home once she’s spayed. She’s sweet and small, and has perfect house manners.



“Leo” is a sweet, curious little guy who wants his own family.



“Happy” is a 7 year old yorkie who arrived after his guardian passed away. He likes people, but prefers to chase and dig for mice all day.





Adoptions



“Ronnie” is adopted.

On October 5th our friend, Deb Blakeney welcomed us as participants in an adoption event held at Bass Pro near DFW. Our staff members, LeAnn Parker and Roxanne South, arrived early that day and loaded up 8 of our dogs to transport them to the site. They greeted people all day and found homes for 4 of our sweet dogs. Here are a few pictures of the lucky ones:



“Spike” finds his forever home.



Blanche Carpenter with “Tanya”, adopted at the Bass Pro event. “Tanya” was one of five puppies that came to us from a bad situation. She’s 12 weeks old in the photo, but only 4 lbs. Daddy was a mini-schnauzer and mother was a Chihuahua.



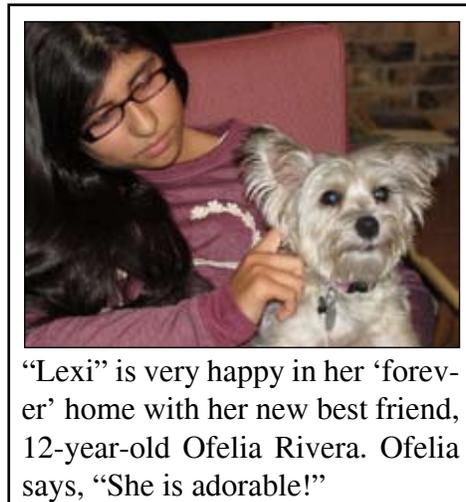
Our “Woody”, at Bass Pro adoption, going home with his forever family.



We were afraid that “Coda” wouldn’t find a forever home, but the Turner family fell in love with her.



“Sadie” with her new guardian, Sabine Cantrell. “Sadie” is “Tanya’s” sister.



“Lexi” is very happy in her ‘forever’ home with her new best friend, 12-year-old Ofelia Rivera. Ofelia says, “She is adorable!”



“Dale” & “Lana” with their new family.

Brandon Wells was a life-long animal lover and Dallas Mavericks fan. After he passed away earlier this year, his mother, Joanne, knew Brandon would want to give to the dogs, so she donated his collection of Mavericks memorabilia for the ARFhouse auction. We're grateful to Joanne for honoring Brandon in this way and trust that he would be proud.

"Brandon had a deep love and compassion for animals, especially pit bulls. He helped me rescue as often as he could. The world has lost a loving and compassionate human being. I have lost a friend, son and my heart."

--Joanne Wells



Brandon with his dog, "Gibson"

"Abby" Parker by: Her Guardian, Clifton Parker

*We lost another dog today,
Beautiful Abby could not stay.
She's gone beyond my mortal reach,
Leaving the love she tried to teach.*

*Her sight was gone, she couldn't hear,
And my heart knew that death was near.
How much it hurts my words can't say,
I wish she'd stayed another day.*

*But she had gotten very old,
The youthful fire was growing cold.
She was so frail, her walk so slow,
I think she knew it was time to go.*

*For years we nursed her through all harms,
Until she died within my arms.
She went quietly, made no sounds,
Now she's free of her earthly bounds.*

*She's walked over that last long ridge,
She's waiting at the Rainbow Bridge.
She'll chase some squirrels, catch a few,
Rabbits, robins, and "Mandy", too.*

*I know that we'll meet there some day,
And we'll both be fit to run and play.
We'll be there with the Maker's Son,
In that sweet place where parting's done.*

Thank You . . .



SPECIAL THANKS go out to our long-time friend, Joyce Dennehy, for another grant of \$5,000 to help with rising operational costs.

THANKS to Progressive Waste Management for providing dumpster pick up, twice a week. With our huge amount of waste, this is an important service. These folks never let us down.



Planning for the Future



We are working on a venue for regular adoptions in the northern area of the DFW metroplex, and will update our progress in the near future.



Not Just Dogs....

It's true that we house only dogs (and 4 Shetland ponies); but we never forget the kitties. We travel weekly to pick up donated pet products. We donate the cat food to a group that feeds a cat colony in South Dallas. We also give to several local groups that rescue felines. We're always willing to share with individuals who need assistance feeding and spaying/neutering their kitties. We like cats too, but our dogs don't, so we must help those who care for them with our donations.

Bite a Dog for ARF



The second annual "Bite a Dog for ARF" event is planned for December 10, sponsored by the Dallas Southwest Airlines Customer Service Agents. They serve lunch to all the ramp and operations personnel, ticket agents, customer service agents, flight attendants and pilots who show up and want a great lunch for a small price (\$5) and to help dogs. We'll be there, helping to serve, and taking pictures for our spring newsletter. These folks have been friends to the dogs for many years, and we're grateful for all the planning and effort that goes into this event.

Auction At Fat Daddy's

Our second live and silent auction was held on September 28th at Fat Daddy's in Denison. We want to thank everyone who participated; those who donated auction items and the friends who bid on them. They are too numerous to list here. But we want to acknowledge Stacie Stuart who allowed us to hold the auction at her business. We also want to thank her staff, but especially Sheri Campbell and John Naylor. Sheri worked long hours to collect items for auction, as well as assist with all aspects of the event that day. John manages The Humidor and he was at the event, selling raffle tickets and ARFhouse t-shirts and promoting the dogs. Ron and Glynda



Sheri Campbell

Crockett and their daughter, Michelle Crockett (who is a staff person here at ARFhouse) own La Colina, a local catering business. They donated the catering of Mexican food, as well as their services. The food received rave reviews from everyone. Thanks also go out to Karen Salyer of Salyer Auctions for donating her time to help the dogs. We are very grateful to all who worked tirelessly to make this event a success, raising over \$6,000 for the dogs.

Big Dog Car & Truck Show

On October 26th the first annual car & truck show event was held at Grayson Bible Baptist Church in Sherman. In spite of the threat of rain (and occasional thunderstorm), 52 vehicles entered competition and \$3,000 was raised to benefit the dogs. Those car people don't let a little bad weather keep them inside. The following people helped with funds and/or hard work to make this a success for our animals:

Karen & Gary White planned and organized the event.

Rev. Roy Webster & Associate Pastor Charles Hamilton with the church provided the space and facilities for use by participants.

Robert & Kita Hempkins of Hempkins Insurance in Denison were sponsors.

Bruce Melton & Katiebeth Worrell of Melton Financial Group (Wells Fargo Advisors) were sponsors.

Randy & Kathy White and son, **Ryan** manned the raffle table and wrapped the vehicles in tickets, selling more than \$500 in tickets for the 50" HDTV.

Ray & Dharla Wall of Auto Restorations & Customs in Gainesville brought several of their cars and made a generous donation to ARFhouse.



Randy & Kathy White, manning the raffle sales. Julie Smith and "Thor" seated.

Tammy Gumaer provided the food trailer (and everything they prepared was delicious).

Julie Smith and her therapy dog ("Thor") attended to give obedience training and show "Thor's" excellent manners and training.



We're in need of a gasoline powered cart to add to our small fleet of battery golf carts. Batteries are pricey, and we're replacing them regularly. Additionally, the gas engine would give us more towing capacity.

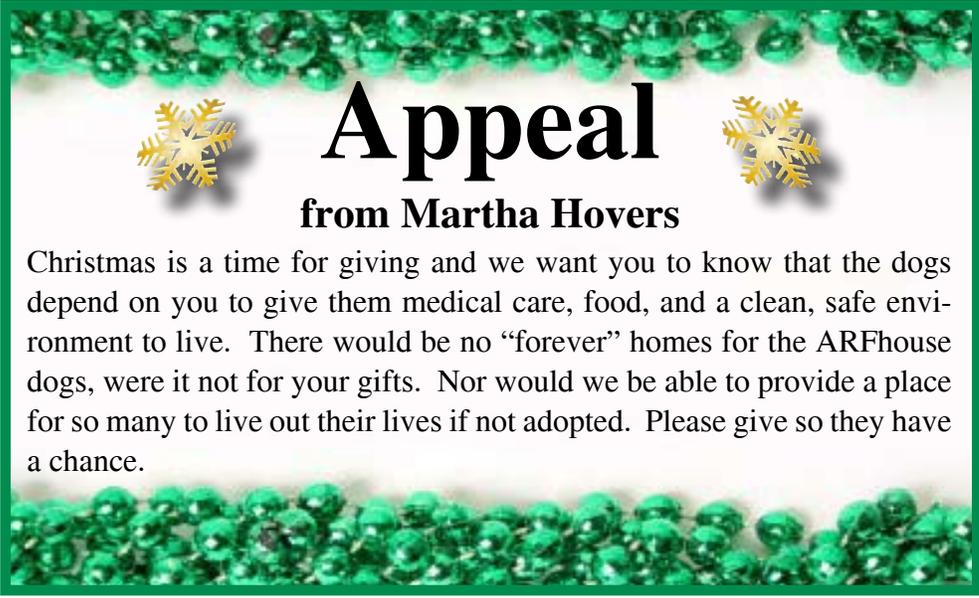


We

give dogs time
we can spare, space we
can spare and love we can
spare. And in return, dogs
give us their all. It's the best
deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam





Appeal

from Martha Hovers

Christmas is a time for giving and we want you to know that the dogs depend on you to give them medical care, food, and a clean, safe environment to live. There would be no “forever” homes for the ARFhouse dogs, were it not for your gifts. Nor would we be able to provide a place for so many to live out their lives if not adopted. Please give so they have a chance.

“Saving one dog may not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”

Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets



“Lulu” was Joyce Dennehy’s constant companion for many years.

“Sweet Pea”

Beloved horse of Debbie Patterson for many years.

“We don’t know how old she was, but we know she was at least 40 years old!”

by: Patti & Jerry Garrett

“Spice” (Spicy) Gallemore
“who was with us for 15+ years.”
by: Shawna & Glenn Gallemore

“Casper”

“beloved cat of Mickey Melton”
by: James & Donna-Lee Pennell

“Marigold” Harvey

“She made our lives better for 19 yrs.”
by: Katherine, Jim & Chase Harvey

“Sadie”

“my beloved border collie/lab mix; Jan 1997 - Sept 2013”
by: Pam Huffman

“Beau”

beloved dog of Lonnie Hinemann & Holly Hardwick
by: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hynds

“Liza”

“whose Irish eyes were always smiling!”
by: Don Neely

“Winston”

“loved pet of Dr. Mike & Marsha Benson
by: David & Donna Bedgood

“Mollie”

loved pet of Anna & Steve Keller
by: David & Donna Bedgood

“Harley”

by: Barbara Wesson

“Stacie”

by: Roxanne Bartelme

“Dani”

by: Ellen & Ed Solymosy

“Nicholas”

“He was a stray who stole our hearts, and we miss him very much.”
by: Billy & Sarah Dusenberry

“Sadie”, “Jake”, “Suzie” & “Buster”
by: Byron & Linda Mitchell

“Coco”

beloved dog of JoAnn & Gene Donner
by: Frieda Phillips



In Honor of Animal Lovers

John Lamb

dba Big Dog Little Dog Grooming
by: Marlin & Charlotte Cobb

Thomas E. Marshall

to honor his birthday, Sept. 27
by: Judith A. Taft

Beverly Nelson

by: Chantal Gage

Pace Creek Pet Retreat

by: Thomas & Janelle Johnston

Sue Miklos

by: Fred Champion

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Monique Lacorbriere

by: Nancy Keating

Melton Ray

“We still miss you.”
by: Joy & Bootsie Owens

Pat Farrar

beloved wife of Don Farrar
by: Beth Bowling



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Yes, more than anything, we need the dry dog food listed above.

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Pearl"
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nye

"Bull"
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Baze

"Marigold"
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Harvey

"Sadie"
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson

"Lily"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Becker

"Priscilla"
Kim Ring

"Jack"
Cheryl Cooper

"Carmel"
Stacie Stuart



"Cloudy"
William Morrison

"Princess"
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Barnes

"Katie"
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hill

"Nina"
Judi Blair

"Hannah"
Dr. & Mrs. George Crosthwaite

"Nugget"
David Osbourne

"Buddy the Cat"
Kathy Whaley & Marion Morgan

"Shadow"
Monique Sims

"Madja"
Jana Henderson & son, Clint Henderson

"Bailey"
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sandlin

"Meika"
Gail Ringness

"Claudia"
Michael Reeves & Patrick Mathias

"Bandit"
Michelle Langley

"Demon"
Daniella Nicholson & family

"Jack"
Vic Foster

"Digger"
Greg Fralin



"Billy Jack" is a character who arrived as a stray. He has lots of energy and personality, and a great life here, running with his buddies.



"Landon" is always chasing something and flying through the air. Here he's chasing a butterfly.



"PIB", an ARFhouse dog found as a stray on a rural road.

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As you can see, Jenna Regan has great patience when taking shots of the animals. The dogs love her and are willing to "pose" for her camera.



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



"Bizzy"
The Barker's

"Leah"
The Goode family

"Puffy"
The Douglass family

"Jasper"
The Montgomery's

"Pumpkin"
The Kimball's

"Willie"
The Wilson's

"Pudge"
The Kirby's

"Abby"
The Hanna family

"Sam"
The Anderson's

"Stacie"
The Lowder's

"Buster"
The Reynolds'

"Sugarae"
The Martin's

"Mr. Kitten"
The Dillman's

"Paco"
The Ezell family

"Lilly"
The Golden family

"Cassidy"
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"Ginger"
The Lynn's

"Deacon"
The Molsbee's

"Rosco"
The Geist's

"Bullet"
The Manual Family

"JD"
The Mercer's

"Malachi"
The Rider Family

"Leo"
The Lux Family

"Lu Lu"
The Anderson's



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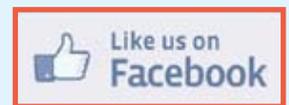
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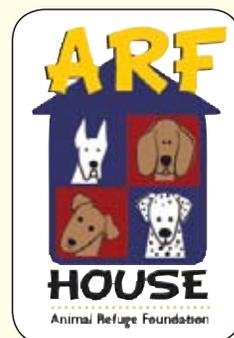
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Mission Statement

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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