



ARFhouse Happenings

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We think adoptions are so important, and since many have found their forever homes, we want those pictures to be the first thing you see when you open this newsletter. But you'll want to look at the NEWCOMERS to emphasize why adoptions are necessary. For each one who finds a home; we can slide another into his/her spot here at ARFhouse, waiting for their forever place.



"Scruffy" is adopted by Lee Smith.



"Venus" found her home with the Dobrow family.



Karla Shelly adopted "Quinn".



Christian McCrossan and daughter adopting our "Josie".



"Chatty" was adopted by the Lamb family.



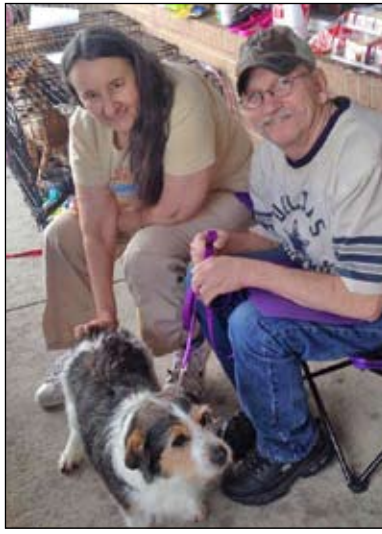
"Xena" found her place with the Warntjes family.



When "Selena" got out of her yard, the neighbor's dog attacked her and broke her leg. Her guardian couldn't afford to treat her, so ARFhouse accepted her. The leg was in very bad condition and the decision was made to amputate. She never missed a step. She has a funny personality and runs and plays constantly. Here she is with her new family, the Smiths.



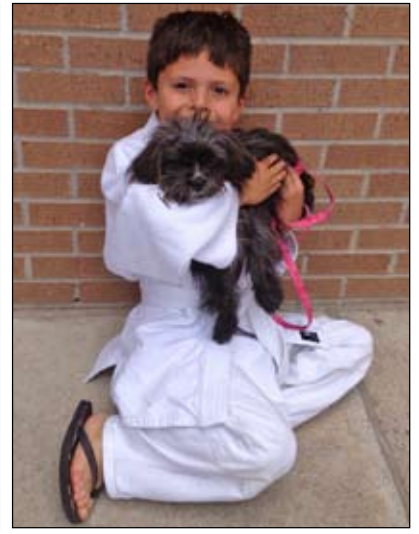
"Patty Cake" adopted by the Hutto family.



"Mr. Wiggles" finds his home with Elaine Litteral.



Hunter Nix adopted our "Leo."



"Ham" was adopted by the Peil family.



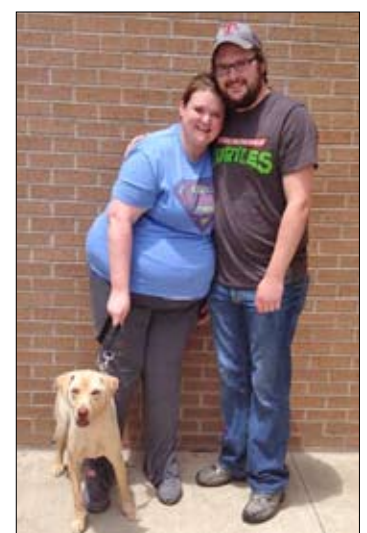
Kelly McMahon adopted our "Jerry".



"Skype" was adopted by Carol Welsh.



"Jeffrey" adopted by the Fargason family.



"Stanley" was adopted by the Ruff family.



"Jupiter" was adopted by the Bokmeyer family.

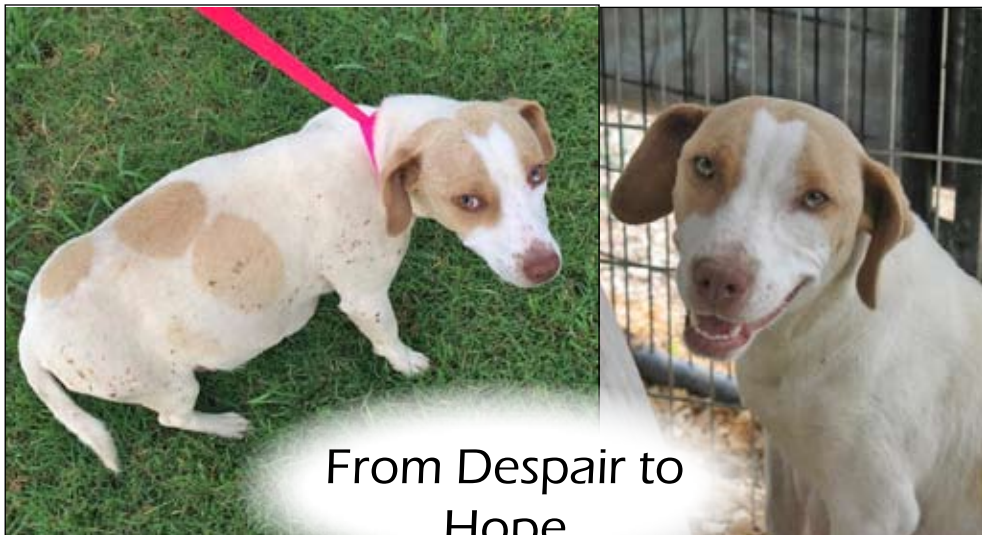
Appeal from Martha Hovers

We all hate to be asked for money. But what I hate even more is asking you for money. Donations in May fell off dramatically below our operational expenses for the month. In March we cashed in an investment to cover some unexpected costs. This is worrisome because without funds from you to pay our day-to-day expenses, we could be forced to lay off employees, and ultimately be unable to help all the strays who need medical care and a home. We know you care about the dogs and the work we do. Those of you who have visited our facility have expressed your approval of how our dogs live. We're finding homes for a significant number of animals monthly; more than ever in our history. Please keep us on your giving list. (And if you haven't given in a while, we hope you'll come back to the dogs. They need you.)

🐾 Newcomers 🐾

Occasionally we will accept a dog from a municipal shelter. These puppies were born at the Bonham shelter. Their mother (we named "Hazel") was pregnant when she was picked up by animal control. We committed to taking her when we saw her picture, and before she could be transported to us, she had given birth to NINE puppies. They're almost 3 weeks old in this photo.

"Hazel" is a great mother, keeping the puppies clean and feeding them frequently. She likes people, but likes her puppies and her dinner more. Whenever any of the dogs come close to her enclosure, she's snarling and warning them away.



From Despair to Hope



"Traveler" was found by a good Samaritan, wandering in south Dallas.

No one would claim him, so she took him to her home and began making calls. She found us and we agreed to accept him. He's a senior Golden Retriever with a most pleasing personality. He loves people, and is low key. He has heartworms and we'll be treating him soon.

We'd love to find a home for him, once he's heartworm negative.



"Randy" arrived as a stray with a mouthful of rotten teeth. He's feeling much better now that Dr. Brakebill pulled them. He's planning a trip to Chicago with our friend, Linda. She loves the wah wah's.



"Maggie Mae" was found as a stray in Sherman. There's been quite a bit of interest in her at adoption events, but she's not found the right home yet. We know she will.

Special Thanks!

MANY THANKS go out to STACY STUART who has allowed us to use one of her air conditioned storage units for a year.

We received a semi load of canned product from Merrick Dog Food last May, but we naturally couldn't keep that much at our location; and in the heat of summer, the cans could burst if kept in a hot building. This benefited the dogs and was a sacrifice for Stacy. She owns the Humidor and Fat Daddy's (where we've held two auctions).



NEBLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT -

They host an auction featuring students' art pieces annually and this event benefits the dogs.

Take a look at the dog house they've decorated for us!



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Denison, Texas. We're the recipients of donations from various events they hold throughout the year.



LURUTH TAYLOR for donating the proceeds (\$15,000!) from sale of her beautiful 2008 Nissan 350Z car. It was in perfect condition, but needed a "detailing", which our friend, Gary White, did. He also found a buyer on the day he finished detailing it. When he was through it looked as though it should be sitting on a dealer's showroom floor. The donation LuRuth made is being put toward finish-out in our Adoption Center.



In the spring newsletter we promised a picture of "Fiona's" offspring, and here she is on March 26. She was born during the night. When Sammie stepped out on her porch that morning, she thought a long legged brown dog had gotten into the pasture with "Fiona". On closer look she realized the event we'd been waiting for had happened while we were sleeping. We named her "Pippa".



Dallas resident RICARDO CERVANTES has a soft spot for ARFhouse. And, he decided to help in a concrete way. He likes to eat out, and has a favorite coupon book he likes to use. The idea struck him that the coupon book would surely be liked by others as well. And, he was right. He used his own funds to purchase a good supply of the books, and after covering the funds he spent, offered the books for sale with all proceeds going to ARFhouse. He just passed the mark where all proceeds will go to the dogs. The initial reports look good. We wish him well and thank him for going the extra mile for the animals. He is one generous and shining example of our many friends, who, all working together, help ARFhouse continue its work of helping homeless dogs. Thank You Ricardo..... from our residents.

I must apologize to our many friends and to their loved ones. In my haste to get our Spring Newsletter text sent to the printer in March, I failed to include most of the memorials and in honor acknowledgements. Please forgive this oversight on my part. I believe they are all listed in this newsletter. If any were overlooked, contact me at Martha@arfhhouse.org and I'll make certain they will appear in the fall issue. Martha Hovers
(The real truth is that the person who puts the newsletter together accidentally deleted the memorials. But Martha insists on taking the blame.)

In Memory of Beloved Pets

<p>"Emma" Beloved Brittany Spaniel of John & Danny Brakebill by: Wally & Ann Black</p> <p>"Emma" John Brakebill's beloved Brittany Spaniel by: Danny Brakebill Danny said, "She was John's fishing, hunting, truck riding and golfing partner. She was his best friend and will be greatly missed."</p> <p>"Paco" & "Lupe" Wayne & Maxine Delaney</p> <p>"Dani" Ellen & Ed Solymosy</p> <p>"Bunny" Carol Daeley's beloved dog by: Roger Platizky</p> <p>"Bunny" "May you have covers to snuggle under, toes to lick, and food you don't have to sniff first" Carol Daeley's beloved dog by: Patricia Daeley</p> <p>"The Punkin" Edward Beheler's beloved dog by: Linda Beheler</p> <p>"Gus" Christopher beloved Jack Russell Terrier of Judy Christopher by: Lasandra Miller</p> <p>"Jade" Carol Fitzsimmons</p> <p>"Binky" John, Mary & Laura Van Zant</p>	<p>"Jake", "Sadie", "Suzy Q", "Buster" Byron & Linda Mitchell</p> <p>"Holley" Beloved dog of Patty & David Kreider by: Frieda Phillips</p> <p>"Chip" Jennifer Hillary's beloved dog (She adopted from ARFhouse) by: Katie Nord</p> <p>"Chip" by: Jennifer Hillary</p> <p>"Muffin" Diane Martin Palya's beloved dog by: Nancy Shirley</p> <p>"Savannah" the Weimaraner; my grand dog, who went to join Scott Buckanan Dec 2 after a 14 yr gallop with our son and his family. by: Suzanne Buchanan</p> <p>"Mitzi" "Our beloved miniature dachshund" Larry & Patsy Martin</p> <p>"Miss Kitty", "Banshee", Muffyn", "Pixie", "Puffyn", "Scarlett" by: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Simmons</p> <p>"Ray Ray" "Wonderful little dog who shared the heart & life of James & Janet Fry" by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer</p>	<p>"Scooter" "my precious angel of 14 yrs" Fred Champion</p> <p>"Rascal" Roxanne Bartelmey</p> <p>"Punkie" "wonderful little dog who shared the heart and life of Bob & Carolyn Montgomery" by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer</p> <p>"Bailey Ramos" Rodney & Vickie Ramos' beloved pet by: Shelley & Rhett Nicholson</p> <p>"Mr. Brown" "Who's winking at us from Heaven" Mimi & Pop Pop (Thomen)</p> <p>"Digger" 11/97 - 10/13 by: Greg Fralin</p> <p>"Snickers" "faithful companion of Stephen Bateman" by: Karin Pearson</p> <p>"Diablo" ("who did not live up to his name") companion of Ava & David Hansford by: Karin Pearson</p> <p>"Radar" beloved pet of Buddy & Jo Gray by: Holly & Lonnie Hardwick</p>	<p>"Kenai" (lost to cancer 2/12) "Carmen" (lost to stroke 11/12) "J.R." (age related death 2/14) American Eskimos of: Steven & Julie Hunnicutt</p> <p>"Jessie" "wonderful Jack Russell Terrier who shared the hearts and lives of Wally & Ann Black" by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer</p> <p>"Jessie" Ann & Wally Black's J.R. Terrier by: Sarah Stevens</p> <p>"Jessie" Ann & Wally Black's J.R. Terrier "She was a good citizen!" by: John & Danny Brakebill</p> <p>"Belle" Beloved friend of Oscar & Anna Laura Page by: Ruthie Summers</p> <p>"Sam" by: Robert & Cindy Lea</p> <p>"Emma" John & Danny Brakebill's beloved Brittany Spaniel by: Sarah Stevens</p> <p>"Mombee" The Eden family's beloved dog by: Joan and Thomas Robson</p> <p>"Frosty" Beloved pet of Tom & Jolene Clark by: Debbie Patterson</p>
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Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Lizzie"
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnson

"Oscar"
The Dollar Family

"Whisker"
Helen & Butch Todd

"Pugsley"
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Turner

"Buddy"
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Blair

"Santara"
Pam Landers

"Belle"
Dr. & Mrs. Oscar Page

"Jasmine"
Margaret Lesperance

"Audie Murphy"
LuRuth Taylor

"Frankie"
Jane Cervený

"Harley"
Michelle Langley

"Molly"
Margie Anderson

"China"
Carolyn Becker

"Cleo"
Kim & Ken Williams

"Buddy"
Carrie Posey & Barry Barnard

"Tucco"
Ignacio Diaz

"Beauregard"
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Richardson

"Rocky"
Debbie Hood

"Boo"
Karen Hall & Mike
Collinsworth

"Okie"
Brenda Patterson

"Reilly"
Donna Francis

"Molly" & "Paisley"
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Wynn

"Gus"
Tony & Norma Giarraputo

"Furby"
The Reeves Family"

"Annie"
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Powell

"Ringo"
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cole

"Bishop"
Lyle & Debbie Murphy

"Jessie"
Wally & Ann Black

In Honor of Animal Lovers and Beloved Pets

In honor of "Thor"
by: Joan & Thomas Robson

To honor Richard Beheler
("my brother") for his
Birthday
by: Linda Beheler

Ronda Turner
by: Janice Nightingale

Darlene Schweizer (for her
birthday)
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Jordan Duty
Son of Kathy Stevens
"My dear friend's son"
by: Frances Ott

Mr. L.T. White
Father of Gary White
by: Dorcas Allen

Billie Bucher
by: David Bucher & Daughter
Katy Bucher
David's Mother & Katy's
Grandmother

Julia Furr
by: L. L. Allen

David Sprowl
by: Jerry & Sharon Floyd

Henry Slagle
by: Dave & Mary Sue Jones

George Meade
by: Frances Otto

Thank You . . .

THANKS go out to Dr. Ralf Poineal and Dr. Kim McNeal for this terrific Kubota tractor, pictured here with our Jenna Lyle trying her hand at operating it. In addition to this tractor, they donated a 52" zero turn John Deere lawn rider (along with matching trailer), a 100 gal diesel tank on trailer and a Stihl weed eater (which is put to use almost every day). All this equipment has made our lives easier with spring here and acres to maintain. We're grateful to these friends for helping us to make ARFhouse a pleasant environment for the dogs.



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

"Hanna" The Rider's	"Mae" The Lawrence family	"Sammy" The Corry family
"John Lee Porter" The Linden's	"Rosie" The McWater's	"Mr. Kitty" The Mullens family
"Naomi Job" The Allen's	"Kylie" The Parker's	"Roxy" The Maire family
"Pretty Kitty" The Spence family	"Bently" The Lowder's	"Saloman" The Birchfield family
"Suzy" The Vrla family	"Scooter" The Hawkins family	"KitKat" The Woolverton family
"Max" The Love's	"Raymond" The Hughes family	"Daisy" The Kimbrel family
"Abby" The Mayo family	"Charlotte" The Little family	
"Casper" The Thomas family	"Kyle" The Morriss family	

Thanks

To the people who help our dogs

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 Danny & Dr. John Brakebill
 Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris
 Dr. Jennifer Schwind
 Brakebill Veterinary Clinic Staff
 Canyon Creek Pet Hospital
 Niemann Publications
 Moka's Dog rescue
 Walmart
 Deb Blakeney
 Dr. Allen Cloutier

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Large black plastic trash bags * Canned Dog Food (any brand-much needed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Purina Dog Chow * Purina ONE * Purina Puppy Chow |
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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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