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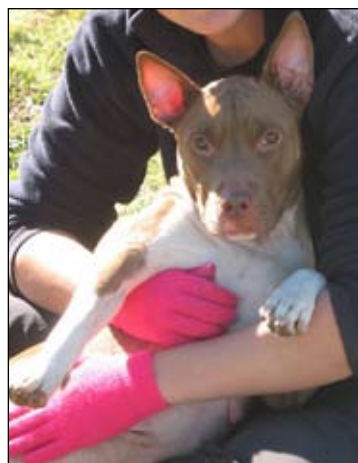


On November 9, one of our volunteers found these 3 puppies in a cardboard box on the side of the road. As you can see, they've not eaten in quite some time.

These animals didn't ask to be born, but someone allowed their dog to give birth to them. We preach spay/neuter, but that lecture doesn't always reach the right ears. 🍀

We like to give you good news, but naturally animal rescue always has a sad story at the beginning. How else would dogs arrive at ARF-house?

"Mika" was shot by a land-owner in north Texas when she walked NEAR his property. A neighbor took her inside her home and called us for help. We had her rushed to Dr. Morris and he determined the leg needed to be amputated. (Her foot had been shot off, and the leg was infected. She's an energetic German Shepherd who just wants her own family. We had to put her in a kennel with a top because she can jump a 4' fence....Believe it or not! 🍀



This sweet natured girl (so eager to have human contact) was found as a stray in Whitesboro, Texas (5 miles from ARFhouse).

She's obviously been bred every time she's come into heat. No more puppies for her! We hope to find a home for her now that she's spayed. We've named her "Brigitte Bardot". 🍀



APPEAL

My friends,

I cannot express how grateful I am for the wonderful relationships between our staff, our board and myself with YOU - who give of their time and money to extend the mission of Animal Refuge Foundation. You are from all over the country, and it seems that the distances are not a difference to any of you. From Washington State, to Illinois, to Oklahoma, to New York, to Florida, to TEXAS, to Colorado, and to California.

ARF is here today because of the gift of giving.

The Season of Christmas is fast approaching, and I once again must ask you to send whatever you can to support our cause. Please do this for those reasons that you know. We need funds more than ever because of the rising costs of doing business. We are a great charity doing great work to help the "helpless" live a good life free of suffering and with as much freedom as we can provide.

Any gift will be appreciated.

With love,
Martha Hovers




MORE NEWCOMERS




Margaret



Dorothy

“Margaret” is a senior Border Collie. She and her elderly companion, “Dorothy”, were in a kill shelter near Houston and had used up their time. We received a plea to take them. They were such sweet, calm dogs and we had a large yard available; so we agreed to accept them. They seem very happy in their new digs. 

“TJ” was a stray, found by an ARFhouse friend. He’s small and lively. He’ll be adopted quickly. 



“Bubba” had been a stray in a Duncanville neighborhood (south of Dallas) for more than a year. An ARFhouse friend had been trying to catch him for months. On Sunday, October 26, she put down a live trap and captured him. We had been communicating with her about “Bubba” and agreed to make a place for him when this happened. He is shy, but seems to want human attention. It will take some time to gain his confidence, but we’re optimistic that we’ll be able to pet him in no time.




“Max” was living with a young lady who was unable to afford to care for him. He was an intact male with severe demodectic and sarcoptic mange. As you can see from this photo, most of the hair is gone from his legs and face. She asked if we would take him and get treatment for him. He’s being treated for the mange and will be neutered as soon as he’s in better health. We’ll show an “after” picture in our spring newsletter when his condition is improved.



“Johnny”



“Gerald”

“Johnny” & “Gerald” were brought to our front gate by a woman who no longer wanted them. We had no space at the time for these two boys and told her to call back in a couple of weeks and we’d try to find a spot for them. She promptly drove 1/2 mile up Spalding and abandoned them there. We made a place. “Gerald” is timid, but will come around eventually. “Johnny” wants to sit in anyone’s lap. 



Hawk



Hilda

“Hawk” was abandoned on Spalding in front of ARFhouse with his companion, “Hilda”. They seem happy to have a safe haven.



ADOPTIONS



Wesson was adopted by the Bond family.



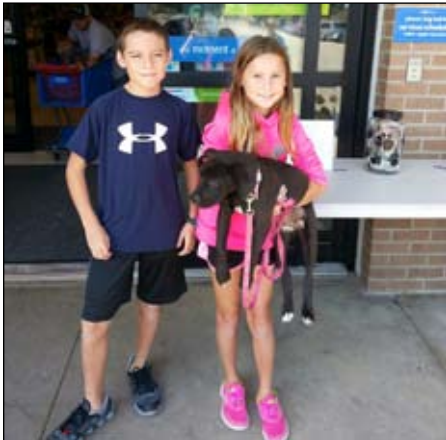
"Hutch" found love with the Wingo family.



Skeeter was adopted by the Petillo family.



"Peaches" found her forever place with Marcy Auchter.



Candy Corn was adopted by the Crader family.



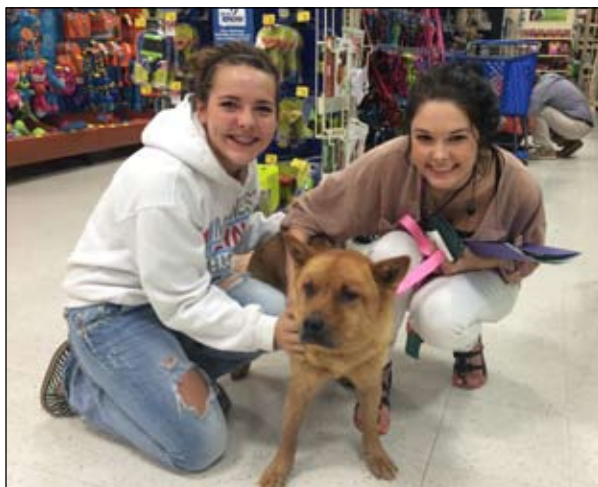
Our wonderful "Jack" found his place with Curtis (we miss him so much!).



Igor was adopted by the Dubey family.



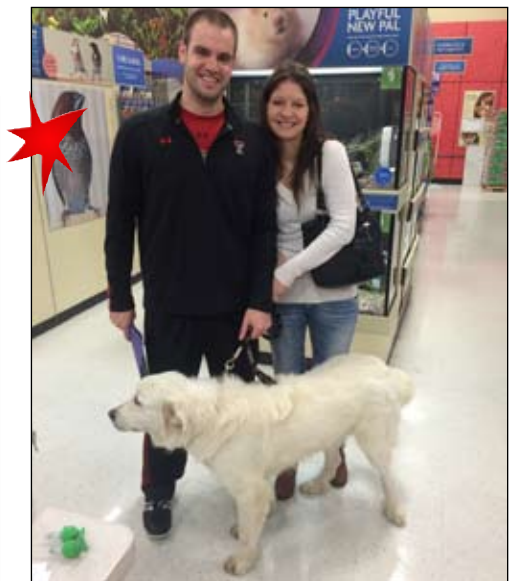
Poof was adopted by the Dorir family.



The Baker girls fell for our "Ruby" and took her home.



Cecil was adopted by Lori



Jake was adopted by the Weiss'



ARFhouse took in "Molly" when a client of Dr. McConkey (Canyon Creek Animal Hospital) became ill and could no longer care for her. She's 11 years old, but active and in perfect health. When Linda (pictured with Molly) arrived at our gate in early November, they said they had dog bed/food/toys for us because their yorkie, "Tabby", had become terminally ill and had to be put to sleep. I told them about "Molly" and explained that we weren't able to take her to an adoption event that weekend because she was so fearful. Linda said she wanted to see her, and Paul reluctantly agreed. When he put his hand up to the fence, Molly enthusiastically

started licking his fingers. Linda said, "I want her." and we were thrilled. She allowed Paul to pick her up and carry her to the car. They report that she's doing well and has settled into her new home with them.



Often mature people aren't interested in adopting another dog when their long-time pet has passed away. This wonderful couple opened their hearts and home to Molly to give her a place for the rest of her years. It was a good day!



If you're stumped this holiday season about what to give a friend who loves animals, search no further. We have the perfect solution! Send a check to ARFhouse, (\$25 minimum) along with name and address of the intended recipient of this gift. We'll promptly send one of our specially designed holiday cards, telling them a donation has been made to ARFhouse in their honor, as their Christmas gift. We'll also include a photo of a dog recently rescued; as an example of a dog your gift helped.



For her 9th birthday, Makena collected food instead of gifts.



LeAnn Parker is pictured here at the Big Dog Car Show, hosted by Grayson Bible Baptist Church on October 25th to benefit ARFhouse. There were 76 cars entered in the show. Car lovers are dog lovers. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Karen and Gary White who planned and promoted the event. \$4,300 was raised for the animals.

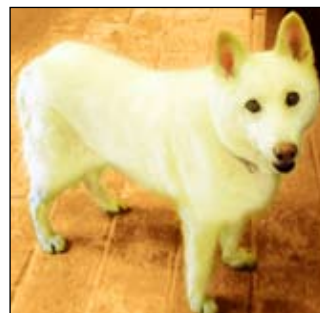


Raiden Windlow just turned 8, and had the help of his classmates and soccer team to collect 100+ cans of food for the dogs here at ARFhouse. Raiden came in the gate to have his picture taken with all the dogs surrounding him. He was quite fearless. We're grateful to Raiden and his friends for helping the dogs.



Thanks go out to **Jenna Regan** for the beautiful photos she's taken of our animals to be used for various publication submissions. If you want a great pet photo, she's the lady to call. www.jennaregan.com

This is "Sasha", a dog that we had adopted to a young man 10 years ago. Chris lived in New Orleans, and



was visiting friends in San Francisco when Katrina destroyed so much of New Orleans. I met a friend of his 1/2 way to the city and picked up Sasha. The following day I put her on a plane for San Francisco to meet Chris. He and Daniel are getting married in San Diego on November 1st, and have asked their wedding guests to make donations to ARFhouse in appreciation for the love we showed toward Sasha.



Special Thanks!



Special Thanks to TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Denison, Texas. Every year they include us in their "Blessing of the Animals" service and make a donation at that time. Also, they share with us throughout the year whenever they hold events; i.e., their yard sale, or any other fundraisers at the church.

The BIG DOG CAR SHOW brought classic car owners from north Texas (and beyond) to Grayson Bible Baptist Church on October 25, raising more than \$3,000 for the dogs. The show was sponsored by Hemphins Insurance and Melton Financial. Our friends, Karen & Gary White did the promotion, handing out several thousand flyers at various car shows around the state. We're grateful to all of these friends, as well as Grayson Bible Baptist Church for once again hosting this event.

We want to thank DANNY KOKER of Counts Kustoms in Las Vegas for supporting the dogs.

MERRICK PET CARE donated another 4 pallets of their canned product for our senior dogs. Their food is the highest quality and the dogs love it. This is a wonderful Christmas present for the animals.

LYNN SURLS, for sending the lumber for the huge deck to be built on the west side of the Liz O'Brien Adoption Center.

As her memorial donation for "Achilles" and "Tikki Bell", NANCY NORWOOD made the donation to purchase the range for the Adoption Center.

Thank you, LURUTH TAYLOR for donating \$1,000 for a new refrigerator for the Adoption Center.

AUTO MEET/T-SHIRT SALE

ARF held its first and great t-shirt sale in conjunction with an auto meet at Grayson Bible Baptist Church in Sherman, TX on October 25th! Yes it was hot out there, but so were the 75 or so classic and customized cars that owners brought to display. ARF set up with donated t-shirts from some of America's largest corporations, all with a "big heart" to help our rescued dogs. Our gracious hosts gave us space and help.

We sported t-shirts from Counts Kustoms, CSX Railroad, PEEPS/Just Born Candy Co., Mt. Olive Pickles, Ft. Myers Miracle Baseball Team, Charleston Riverdogs Baseball Team, Frisco Roughriders Baseball Team, and Norfolk Southern Railroad. A big THANK YOU to our corporate sponsors! We raised \$1300 in donations!

So if you see our t-shirts around town donated by our corporate sponsors, you will know who to thank.



There are lots of ways to help the dogs of ARFhouse.

BILL WAGGENER spearheaded at his workplace a barbeque sandwich sale. RUTH WANASEK cooked 50 lbs of brisket. Our new friends at FLOWERS BAKING COMPANY in Denton provided the buns for this event which raised \$950 for the animals. Thanks go out to these friends for their contribution.



As in the past 2 years, the ladies who organize the Blacklands Prairie Faire shared some proceeds with the dogs of ARFhouse. Pat Mahon is presenting Hovers with a check for \$350 in this picture. In the background are Leef, Linda and Brenda.



WISH LIST

Now that the interior of the Adoption Center is near completion, we need to furnish it. Here are a few items needed to get us started:

- ❁ 1 Desk - \$400
- ❁ 2 Secretarial chairs - \$500
- ❁ 2 Computers - \$1,500
- ❁ Sofa - \$800
- ❁ 6 folding chairs - \$90
- ❁ 1 Fireproof 3 drawer lateral file cabinet (used) - \$950



Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Bronco"
Mr. & Mrs. John Hunter Smith

"Missy"
Mr. & Mrs. Homer McQueen

"Bevo"
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Sutton

"Dink"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Vandergiesen

"Maxine"
Dick & Sue Malnory

"Cosmo"
Mr. & Mrs. Egres

"Patrick"
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Richards

"Bella"
Jennifer Lowder

"Buddy"
Mr. & Mrs. Wood

"Hank"
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Reynolds

"Dan"
Ann Lucke

"Crickett"
Jennifer Schwind

"Shotcie"
Wanda Hale

"Gus"
Mr. & Mrs. John Word

"Brittany"
Mr. & Mrs. John Russell

"Molly"
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Mahana

"Rosie"
Elizabeth Phillips

"Papa Cat"
Mary Murphy

"Abby"
Michael & Robin Speed

"Bucky"
Joe & Christy Fudge

"Baby Boo"
Karen Bounds

"Tiger"
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Butler

"Miss Tori"
Ann Shirley

"Willie"
Brenda Patterson

"Sam"
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Bush

"Jack"
Diane Curran

"Izzy"
Jonathan & Ginger
Johnson

"Jethro"
Mr. & Mrs. Derek
Johnson

"Gretchen"
Terry & Teresa Conner

"Abbie"
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brewer

"Rusty"
Randy & Patricia Moore

"Teddy"
Mary Sample & family

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Lena Witt
by: Trey & Susannah Crosthwaite

Clyde Lee Denham
by: Danny Luedecke & Taylor
Walcik

David Sprowl
(& his buddy - "Crackers")
by: Glenda & Howard Brandon

Gerald Alverson
by: Martha Townes

Ida Fay Elrod
Martha Hovers' Mother
by: Dorothy & Tommy Plummer
Susan & Bob Slagle
Danny & John Brakebill
Marie Ramey
Tom & Ruth Wanasek
The staff at Brakebill Veterinary
Clinic
James & Donna-Lee Pennell
Chuck & Sandy Niemann

Buddy Kyle
"So missed by Tami Booth"

Dennis Matthew Thomas
"He made the world a
better place"
by: Deborah Lyon Patterson

To Honor Animal Lovers

Daniel Larkin & Chris Allen,
on their wedding by:
Adrienne Bertles
Terry & Cathy Sonnonstine
Doug Jutte & David Erickson
Ben Johnson & Mark Espinoza
Benedict Johnson

Jessica Brown (for her birthday)
by: Sandra Brown

ARFhouse staff and dogs
by: Frieda Phillips

Martha Chisum (for her birthday)
by: Roger Platizky

The Chisum Family (for Christmas)
by: Roger Platizky

"Lacey" & "Buddy"
by: Pamela Huffman

Roger Platizky
for his Birthday & Christmas
by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum

Martha Chisum for her Birthday &
the Chisum family for Christmas
by: Roger Platizky

Dr. Eve Jerome
Town & Country Animal Hospital
by: Frieda Phillips

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

"Lulu"
The Seastruck family

"Lexie"
The Tatchio's

"Ginger"
The McNabb's

"Faith"
The Rider family

"Brutus"
The Jarvis family

"Kaci"
The Manes family

"Lady Bug"
The Sullivan's

"Koga"
The Shaffer's

"Summer"
The Brown's

"Abby"
The Mason's

"Rose"
The Folger's

"Maggie"
The Bennett's
"Heidi"
The Butterfield family

"Rocky"
The Davis family

"Lucy"
The Johnson's

"Lucky"
The Eichler's

"Po"
The Morgan's

"Jazz"
The Simpson's

"Missy"
The Long's

"Tabby"
Paul & Linda Bowers

"Cimmy"
The Lewis family

"Confetti"
The Branch family

"Scout"
The Burton's

"Abby"
The Creswell's

"Cricket"
The Otero's

"Toby"
The Bateman's

"Hercules"
The Palomares family

"Sugar"
The Myers family

"Rocky"
The Jorns family

"Tripod"
The Horn family

"Nehemiah"
The Allen's

In Memory of Beloved Pets

"Fredrika"
beloved dachshund of John Ferguson &
Tom Grant
by: Kathy & Lynn Surls

"Mr. Gray" Kinsey
"a loving cat"
by: Geraldine Kinsey

"Sadie", "Buster", "Jake", & "Suzy Q"
by: B.A. (Bart) & Linda Mitchell

"Teddy"
beloved pet of Amy, Bill, Amanda & Billy
Gowans
by: Jane Gowans

"Sugar"
"I will miss her forever!"
by: Nancy Elkins

"Achilles"
by: Nancy Norwood

"Maggie"
"A great dog who was with us for 15
years! We loved her!"
by: Larry & Diana Pryor

"Clyde"
"You were such a blessing. We miss
you deeply."
by: Jana Garner & Rick Mask

"Lexee-Rae"
"Our little ray of sunshine"
10/27/02-10/29-14
by: James & Donna-Lee Pennell

"Max"
Beloved pet of Ronnie & Marilyn Hart
by: Frieda Phillips

"Tikki Bell" (a.k.a. "Little Her")
by: Nancy Norwood

Thanks

To the people who help our dogs

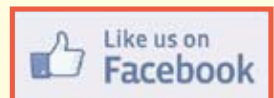
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Mission Statement

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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