



ARFhouse *Happenings*

A non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization

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ADOPTION CENTER HOUSING SMALL DOGS

The Liz O'Brien Adoption Center is housing some small adoptable dogs now. We're waiting for weather to cooperate so that landscaping and decking can be completed. The interior is beautiful. Ronny Blount and "Limey" (he prefers his nickname) have done a great job. Limey's very artistically inclined and this talent is evident throughout the building. When the grounds are "dressed up" with plants and flower boxes (which Limey's building), and deck is finished, we're looking forward to having you, our friends, attend the grand opening. We are grateful to the people who have made this dream possible: Mike O'Brien, Lynn & Kathy Surls, a host of their friends, and LuRuth Taylor. Others who have contributed toward furnishing the building: The Tecumseh Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Cambis, Ralf Poineal, Kim McNeal, Fred & Kathleen Hoster and Nancy Norwood.

The picture at right is of Robin Newton and "Gidget" (a.k.a. "Birdie"). "Gidget" is our first adoption from the Liz O'Brien Adoption Center. Robin and her sister, Regina Pruitt, say they are the perfect twosome.



ARFHOUSE SHARES

Our local friends have probably heard or read of "Share - Taking It To The Streets", a non-denominational non-profit program, under the 501(c)3 of Grace United Methodist Church. This ministry was founded by Camille Snider a few years ago and its purpose is to provide food to people in homeless situations. Ms. Snider networks with 8 similarly focused organizations to pick up food these groups can spare, and to give them food that this non-profit cannot use.

Sherman/Denison reportedly has more than 1,000 homeless, and many do not meet the criteria for staying in a shelter. We were recently contacted by one of the volunteers who asked if we could help with spay/neuter of 3 pets belonging to one of these people. We gladly funded this worthy cause, and are now donating pet food to be given to those who keep pets with them.

We're honored to be a part of the charities that "share".



APPEAL

The first quarter is the one we dread most here at ARFhouse. Donations are reduced at least two-thirds (tax time maybe?), the weather is depressing with ice, snow, and rain, and there are more abandoned dogs during this period than any other time during the year. We receive about 10 calls per day to take either found dogs, or pets that people no longer want, or cannot keep for various reasons. Generally speaking, most dogs adapt to a new environment; and we make every effort to find a yard and pal for a newcomer that will suit him or her. Young dogs usually find homes through adoption, but the older ones may take more time and may never leave ARFhouse.

Please give whatever you can to give these dogs a life. As I always stress to you: YOU make this work possible. But it takes money to rescue and re-home animals.

ANNA MIDDLE SCHOOL HELPS ARF

Sheryl Harlow has been a supporter for almost 10 years. She is the librarian at Anna Middle School. Sheryl has shared our newsletter with students, and in this way has advocated service to the community.

This quarter the Beta Club, Book Club and Student Council of Anna Middle School decided to ask their members to donate large cans of food for the dogs of ARFhouse. That "project" completed recently and Sheryl delivered 185 cans of Alpo and Pedigree for our "senior citizens", and some special needs dogs.

We're grateful to Sheryl and to these students who set out to help the animals, and did so in a meaningful way. Canned dog food is always at the top of our wish list.



"Zephyr", the tree climbing dog (after a squirrel). The squirrel decided to hit the ground running, and was able to evade capture by our tree climber!

MORE PLANS

Now that the Adoption Center is almost complete, we're setting our sights on another senior building. We recognize that dogs live a long time; even the big dogs! We have at least 6 dogs, who weigh more than 80 lbs, who are at least 14 years old. As the dogs age, they're much like humans: they need more comfortable surroundings to live out their final years. They need warmth in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. The Senior Building we're planning is larger than our current one and would house 22 elderly dogs. We've asked for a grant for \$40K from a local foundation, and we've promised to provide (from savings) or raise the additional \$30K to complete. This facility would mean that, in addition to our current senior house, 38 of our oldest dogs, who have resided here for most of their lives, would be comfortable in the final stage.

Our Spring newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Brakebill, who was our friend and veterinarian for 22 years. Our hearts were broken to learn the news of his passing on February 18th. Dr. Brakebill was a man with many hobbies, talents, skills, great kindness and patience. Patience was required to manage ARFhouse animals' needs because we are at the clinic almost daily with new animals in need, sick animals, questions, problems, etc. He always had a smile and gentleness in the way he handled our dogs as well as our staff. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

In Memory of Dr. Brakebill

Nelda Campbell
Barbara Smith
Beth Bowling
Tom & Carolyn Becker
Brent & Cindy Mahana
Dana & Ken LeGere
Susannah & Kevin Barton
Christy (Gregg) Fudge
Richard & Annette White
Joanie Hoffner
Jeffrey Anderson
Charlotte Gravley & Virginia Herold
Tim & Margie Morris
Bennie & Becky Hall
Jean Adamson

Ron & Jane Schulz
Todd & Theresa Schulz
Greg & Anita Thomas
Lincoln & Frances Owens
Glyna & Charles Crowder
Ann & Wally Black
Anne & Hal Clark
Dan Stout & family
Gloria & Dale Huhtala
Marvin & Debbie Odom
Karen Bounds
Sam & Gwen Zieske
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mitchell
Breana Sylvester
Ron & Kathy Roberts

Karen Bounds
Betty Roberts
Cherry & Billy Jones
Karen, Kelly & Carole Tierney
American Bank of Texas
Sherman
Linda Robertson
Cherry & Billy Jones
Karen, Kelly & Carole Tierney
Joan Potter of Valley Stream N.Y. (one of ARFhouse's major supporters)
Martha & Arthur Payne
Gerald & Beth Fogarty
Trey & Susannah Crosthwaite
Dr. John Shoemaker

NEWCOMERS

“Marty” was a stray who found his way to ARFhouse. He has mange, but with daily treatment is recovering.

“Smitty” belonged to a lady who passed away suddenly. Her CNA is our neighbor and she accepted this lady’s 2 dogs, Smitty and a puppy, from relatives. The puppy found a home, but Smitty was left with no takers. He’s happy as can be in the Adoption Center, and already knew how to go in and out the doggie door.

“Clutch” was in a multiple pet home and when his owner moved into an apartment, she had to find a place for him. He’s ready for adoption, and will be traveling to an event at PetSmart in McKinney at the end of March.

“Izzy” was another stray who found her way to us.

“Lana” & “Stu” are probably brother and sister and were abandoned on the road in front of ARFhouse.

“DeDe” was another abandoned pet. She’s very active, and smart.



ADOPTIONS

Spring is a great time for adoptions, and we're finding homes for many of the strays that have come to us!



Abby, Elizabeth, and "Bella"

Abby & Elizabeth Chupp with "Bella", the pug, a dog surrendered to ARFhouse in February.

These precious girls are Sammie & Bo Kershaw's granddaughters.

The girls' dad, John Chupp, surprised them and their Mother, Ramey, by adopting "Bella" from us. "Bella" is a lucky dog!



a true blessing!

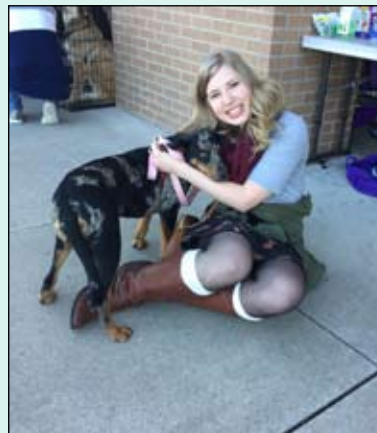
This is "Trooper", with his new family, Paul Richards & Barbara Faris. Seems Trooper and cat, Maggie Mae are "getting along", no accidents in house last night. Trooper is an extremely tolerant and loving dog. We have not even heard him bark yet. Paul has walked him numerous times, this is



Henrietta was adopted by David and Bonnie.



Lea with her new girl "Marie" on the right. Her dog "Zeus" is on the left.



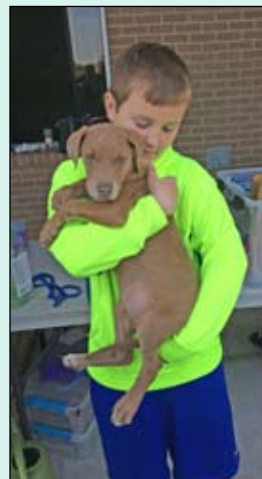
Miss Harding is Sheila's new best friend.



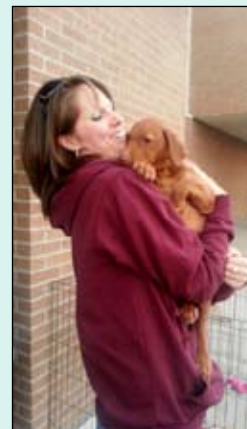
Reagan was adopted by the Josey family.



Plankton was adopted by the Watson family.



Juliette was adopted by Karson.



Tango was adopted by Christy.



Astros was adopted by the Carter family.

ADOPTIONS



Fia was adopted by the Nix Family.



Hermione was adopted by the Baker family.



Our little Brownie (on the right) was adopted by Magyar family.

THANK YOU!

Canned dog food is very important here at ARFhouse since many of our seniors require soft food. Also, we need it when we give out routine medications to dogs. Once again MERRICK PET CARE in Hereford, Texas, has donated 6 pallets of their great canned dog food. We're grateful to Mr. Merrick for his generosity.

Special Thanks!

Norma Carney for her generous gift
 Robin Sears for her generous gifts
 Progressive Waste Management for their service
 Gail Utter - Utter Wealth Management Group for donations to honor clients
 Choctaw Nation Oklahoma for \$1800 grant
 IT Department at FEMA in Denton
 The handsome guys in Irving who donate SO MUCH
 The Tecumseh Foundation for \$4000 grant to help furnish Adoption Center

WISH LIST



Feeding canned food to 120 of our senior dogs daily is expensive. Although dry food is routinely donated, very little canned food arrives from local companies that give. Canned dog food is the one item we need the most, so this is all we ask for on the Wish List for Spring.

ARFhouse Non-Profit Organization on Facebook

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Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Rusty"
Betty & Bobby Rice

"Wiley"
Cindy & James Kent

"Darla"
Martha Martin

"Little Brownie"
David McBurnett

"Smokey"
Carol Butler & family

"Pepper"
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"Barker"
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"Butter"
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Ellison family

"Cody"
Miranda Juneau & family

"BG"
Greg Belew

"Dot"
Ricky & Cathy Holt

"Morris"
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Donna Morgan & family

"Buzz"
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"Tammy" & "Fluffy"
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"Ebony"
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Joy Owen

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Tommy Thurmond

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"Polly Pup"
Rob & Julie Hively

"Sasha"
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"Flo"
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Ferguson

"Shu Shu"
Susan Cassidy

"Raven"
James Helms & Family

"Missy"
The Hale Family

"Carlos"
Stan Odam

"Katie"
William Fesperman

"Bonzi"
Connie & Jerry Camacho

"Pete"
David Dobbs

"Vinnie"
Rebecca Wagemann

"Henry"
Karann Dorland & Max Gibber

"Annie"
Nikki Mize

"Andy"
Charlotte & Gerald Ball

"Ashlyn"
Mr. & Mrs. Don Davis

"Zoe"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Noltensmeyer

"Muffin"
Dawn & James Hix

"Lili Marlene"
Mr. & Mrs. Griffith

"Cookie"
Linda Alewine

"Canoodle"
LuRuth Taylor

"Rudy"
Mr. & Mrs. Wood

"Phoebe"
Bill Stringer

To Honor Pets & Animal Lovers

James & Carolyn Beach
by: Carrie Beach & Garrick Linn

Employees of "The Center for Breast
Care" Longview, TX
by: Debbie Kirkpatrick

LuRuth Taylor
by: The Stromnes family

Lee & Terry Vogel
by: daughter, Andrea Kozel

Barbara Floyd
by: Pat Williams

Andy Williams & "Frankie"
by: Gerda & Jerry Huffman (Mom &
Dad) & "Maddie"

Sue Collins & family
by: Frieda Phillips

Betty Ann Sullivan
by: Ally & Burt Martin

Bridgette Barnhill
"to honor her for retirement from
Dallas County"
by: Peri Wood

Nancy Pease
by: Richard & Paula Pease

Warren & Pat Benton
by: Harold R. Terrell

Barbara Floyd
by: Judy Reed

"Friday"
"my Mother's dog"
by: Sherrie Miga

"Buddy"
beloved pet of Richard Beheler
by: Linda Beheler

Kimberly Christy
by: Roxanne Bartelmey

Cindy Boling
by: June Cook

Peggy Guest
by: Jody Guest

"Annie", "Buster", "Scruffy",
"Britches", "Callie", "Ellie", &
"Smokey"
beloved pets of Charles & Darlene
Schweizer
by: Mike & Linda Tarzis

Jerry & Gerda Huffman, their dog
"Maddie"

Thomas Huffman, Andy Williams &
Andy's dog "Frankie"
by: Rudolf Williams

Phil Boling
by: Cindy & Mark
Boling/"Remembering Lily -
A reason for change"

Cindy & Mark Boling made a
donation in December to honor
these friends:

June & Marten Davies
Susan Tallas
Carolyn Erfurth
Phil Boling

Andy Williams
for his birthday
by: Mom, Dad (Gerda & Jerry
Huffman), & "Maddie"

"Lexi"
by: Amy Milner

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

"Liberty"
The Wilson's

"Cooper"
The Griffin's

"Shadow"
The Graves/Moore family

"Maggie"
The Cross family

"Monty"
The McLaughlin's

"Nellie"
The Fowler's

"Chocolate"
The Ciani family

"Tonya"
The Neal's

"Darby"
The Martin's

"Cooper"
The White family

"Elliot"
The Graves'

"Alley"
The Baird's

"Socksie"
The Wilder family

"Xerox"
The Hundley family

"Bruce"
The Mitchell family

"Runt"
The Stark family

"Stormy"
The Peters family

"Zeus"
The Damon's

"Romeo"
The Mozley's

"Baby"
The Neathery family

"Caliph"
The Crouse family

"Stubby"
The McWater's

"Peanut"
The Tarzis family

"Deman"
The Rhoton's

"Coco Bell"
The Morrison's

"Katy"
The Rough family

"Suede"
The Buchanan's

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



In Memory of Animal Lovers

The following people or groups made gifts in memory of Uldine Hynds:

Lorna Miller
Lonnie Hinzmann & Holly Hardwick
Heavensent Caregivers
Kathryn Carter & family
Hurricane Creek Rotary Club
Trey & Susannah Crosthwaite
Carolyn & Tom Becker

Henry Slagle
by: David & Donna Bedgood

Henry Slagle
by: Bob & Susan Slagle
Jane Crout (long-time ARF supporter)
by: her sister, Ranelle Davidson

Mary Ann (Bennett) Smith
by: Larry & Diana Pryor

Jack Phillips
by: Mrs. James (Sue) Collins

Jack Phillips
by: Frieda Phillips

Kenneth H. Benson
by: Sherri Baer

Jimmie Collins
by: Frieda Phillips

*In Memory of Billie Bucher and her
dog, "Smokey Bear"
by: Susan & David Bucher
(Mrs. Bucher was David's Mother.)*

In Memory of Beloved Pets

"Susie Q"
Beloved dog of Judy & Homer Kissel
by: Larry & Diana Pryor

"Maxine"
Beloved cat of Sue & Dick Malnory
by: Roger Platizky

"Cooper"
"Much loved chocolate lab of Jerry & Vickie White"
by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

"Lexee-Rae"
James & Donna Lee Pennel's beloved pet
by: Patti Jean & Andra

"Suzy"
by: Sharon Vrla

"Fredrika"
by: John Ferguson

"Mr. Gray" Kinsey
by: Tim Cutler

"Danny" & "Bear"
Pets of Eddie & Glenda Carpenter
by: Marsha Mullins

"Zoe"
by: Karin Pearson

"Susie"
by: Judy Kissel

"PNB", "Jelli", & "Alia"
by: Clay Higbee

"Duke"
"loved pet of Janice Bryant"
by: Donna Bedgood

Cassie "Baby"
"Her grieving family: Ron & JoAnn Patton"
by: Jim & Mary Anne Strunc

"Sadie"
"She had a rough life until she met Lynn & Kathy Surls"
by: Todd Tuggle

"Harley"
beloved pet of the Skiles family
by: Ginny O'Hanlon

"Lula"
loved by Garrett, Sandy, Dean & Fiona Vilven

"We loved Lulu and love you too."
by: Richard & Susan Vilven

"Miss Nellie"
Guardians: Joanne & Tom Fowler
by: Jean Chambers

"Smokey Bear" & "Billie Bucher"
by: Susan & David Bucher

"Smokey"
"much loved Jack Russell neighbor"
by: Joan Bigley

"Chloe"
Sue Swartzlander & Fran Kelleher's beloved dog
by: Roger Platizky

"Brutus"
Ken & Nancy Bielman's beloved pet
by: Tom & Diane Heeney

"Gus" Word & "Cody" Juneau
by: Sherry Word & Miranda Juneau

"Honey"
by: Hal & Anne Clark

"Peanut"
Mike & Linda Tarzis' beloved pet
by: Adrian & Ginny O'Hanlon

"Oscar"
"my 16 year old yorkie"
by: Ardith May

"Joker"
"my friend & companion"
April '99-Feb 2015
by: Pam Grider

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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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