



# ARFhouse Happenings

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## PLANS FOR FUTURE

Now that the Liz O'Brien Adoption Center is completed, plans are in the works to erect another "senior citizen" facility. We had hoped to have the grand opening of the Adoption Center in May, but weather put the brakes on those plans. We want the landscaping to be completed and the deck built before we invite you, our friends, to

come and see this beautiful facility. We anticipated with the dry weather, during the first part of June, to have the dirt work completed. But, of course, all of the gravel & dirt contractors are a month behind schedule, like everyone else who relies on weather cooperation to do business. And so, we wait.

As to Senior housing, as you know,

we have a building that shelters 17 of the oldsters. We have many dogs who are aging and would greatly benefit from indoor/outdoor digs. We've applied for grants to erect this facility and are awaiting word on funding. The new space will house 22-25 dogs, providing them with comfort and security.

### Safe & Comfortable



This very old German Shepherd is a perfect example of a dog in need of a comfortable space.

At 9:15 pm on June 9th, I received a phone call from a distraught young lady, telling me a German Shepherd

had been injured and was limping and staggering across the parking lot at Midway Mall, north of Sherman. Since this mall has only a few stores remaining operational, there were almost no cars in the lot.

A text to Roxanne South sent her on a mission to retrieve this poor old girl. She had no trouble getting her into the truck and immediately brought her to ARFhouse at 10:15. She weighs only 50 lbs, and with her bone structure, should be at 70 lbs. She was naturally very hungry and thirsty and, once sated, she relaxed and slept. After a trip to the vet the following day to have vaccines and a checkup, it was back to our senior building. We were able to move another small dog to the Adoption Center for the time being.

We've named this shepherd "Hannah". She is an example of a dog in dire need of a cool space in summer and warm bed in winter.

### WEATHERING THE STORMS

Many of you have inquired about the flooding in the North Texas area this spring.

The rains and storms were terrible, and frightening for the dogs, but fortunately the facility is on high ground, so we had no flooding.

We received 19" of rain in May. Of course, many of the animals endured mud and we were moving dogs to different areas on some days. At times it was overwhelming for the staff, but they persevered and once the rains stopped, the ground was dry in four days. Now we're mowing daily.



## THANK YOU STUDENTS!!

Neblett Elementary School Art Classes support the dogs of ARFhouse annually. This year their art auction raised \$500 for the animals. That's a record! And they always donate some pieces to be hung in The Liz O'Brien Adoption Center. Thanks go out to these students and to Beth Hubbert, the art teacher.

Our friend, and part time staff person, Jenna Glover is pictured on the left with her bulldog, "Wally". Mrs. Hubbert is on the right at the assembly, presenting the check, proceeds from the art sale.



## FUNDRAISER AT 903 BREWERS

On May 2nd a dog walk was held to benefit ARFhouse. Natalie Roberts, owner of 903 Brewers, hosted the event and Eric Rhoads, Realtor with Ebby Halliday, helped to organize. Registration was held the night before at Ebby Halliday offices, with some entertainment by "Boots & Bands". The dog walk began at 11:45 in downtown Sherman and ended at the brewery. Approximately 150 walkers came with their pets, and everyone enjoyed one of the brewery's fine beers at the end. The event raised over \$1,000, and we think that's a fine beginning for an annual dog walk. Thanks to all the people who participated, and to Natalie (903 Brewers), and Eric (Ebby Halliday) for making this a successful and fun fundraiser.

## APPEAL

### The Dog Days of Summer, 2015

Rain seems to be the only thing that we hear about these days in North Texas. Rain is a Blessing, and it is great to have our ponds full and our heat abated for a bit.

But something that is never new is that our "residents" at Animal Refuge Foundation are happy and enjoying life in the country.

As we enter a more normal heat cycle at ARFhouse, we need your support more than ever. For 23 years as a formal 501c3 Corporation, ARFhouse has enjoyed the blessings of a large family of animal lovers, who for many reasons contribute their money to the cause of caring for our animals. Without this help, these animals would suffer and have a tentative short life, no doubt.

ARFhouse is the success it is today because of a loving staff and our faithful contributors across the US; some who have been with us for 15 or even 20 years. We thank you! For those of you who are new to our "family", we hope you will continue to assist us as well. We now have our new facility, which will enable more adoptions and better care for some of our population.

We want you ALL to know that we remain committed to our Mission Statement. Our phones ring all day with reports of strays or puppies which have been abused and "lost" needing our help.

The stories are reminders to us, and hopefully to you, of the need for what ARFhouse is all about.

Rest assured, ARFhouse is doing ALL that we can to care for stray animals in North Texas.

Please send us what you can, so that we can continue to do what we love.

*I looked at the abused, the starving, the helpless, the hopeless animals and I cried, "God! Why don't you do something to help them?" And God answered, "I did do something. I created you."*

--Anon

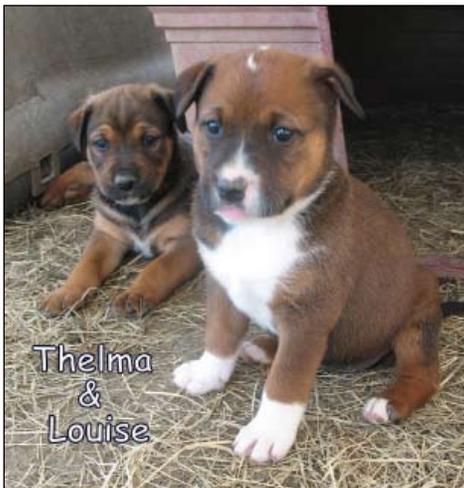
## SPECIAL THANKS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BONHAM

We were thrilled to receive 535 cans of dog food this week. It was the result of a one-month donation drive by the "Helping Hands Sunday School Class", chaired by Mindell Ayer & Louise Gandert. All of the Sunday School classes at First Baptist Church in Bonham generously contributed to this effort. What a great gift for the dogs!

# NEWCOMERS



“Thunder” was THROWN out of a truck in front of ARFhouse during one of the worst storms we had during May. (A staffer witnessed this.) The truck promptly sped off and this little terrified guy ran after it as fast as he could. Fortunately an employee, Vanessa Turner, was driving up the road and stopped and opened her door. “Thunder” jumped inside. This picture was taken a few minutes after he arrived. He was shaking and cowering inside the cage. He has since “come out of his shell”. He’s not the friendliest dog at ARFhouse, but he’s warming up to the care Sammie Kershaw is giving him. (She loves the little ones.)



“Thelma” & “Louise” arrived with their hound mix mother 6 weeks ago. “Thelma” found a home, and “Louise” is still looking. Of course, she’s bigger now, but just as pretty.



“Blondie” is the dog many of you have read about on facebook. She had severe mange when rescued by an ARFhouse friend who fostered her and treated her mange for many weeks, turning her into the beautiful dog she was meant to be. She came to ARFhouse the first part of June to join “Tag”, another young dog about her age. They run and play all day on 1/3 acre. They both should find homes once they’re altered.



“Bonnie” was left with her sister, “Ronnie” (see “Adoptions” page), in a pasture with a crate. When the owner of the property arrived for some maintenance he found both puppies wandering around near the crate, hungry and wet. He called ARFhouse and we made a place for them. “Ronnie” found a home on June 7th, and “Bonnie” is being adopted by an ARFhouse volunteer this week.



“Tag” is “Blondie’s” best friend. A volunteer at the Mt. Pleasant shelter has become a friend to ARFhouse. We routinely will accept a “special needs” dog from there when asked. Blind, deaf, 3-legged, and goofy (our “Eddie”). We strive to help them when we have the space. “Tag” was very shy and we didn’t think we’d ever be able to handle him. We did finally get him to Dr. Morris, and he had his vaccines and neuter. Now that “Blondie” has arrived, his personality has emerged and he’s fun loving and chasing people as well as the dogs. Sometimes it takes a friend (and some patience) for a dog to fit in.



## WISH LIST

- Postage Stamps
- Canned dog food
- 2 gal water buckets
- Metal buckets

# ADOPTIONS



Ronnie “on the left” was adopted by Reggie & Mekare.



“Katana” with her new family



“Bella” was adopted by the Lane family.



“Kuzco” was adopted by the Hanspal family.



“Rex” Manning found just what he wanted in a family.



“Theta” was adopted by the Farquharson family.



“Jesse” (on the left) was adopted by the Adams family.

## ARFhouse Non-Profit Organization on Facebook

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# ADOPTIONS

*WHAT WE ALL WANT FOR OUR DOGS: This is the wonderful e-mail I received from Jennifer Windlow about “Ziggy”, a dog that was at ARFhouse for several years.*

Hi Martha!

I have been meaning to send you an update on Ziggy. We love her to pieces! She is just wonderful, and even thinks she is my lap dog! (even though she is my son’s dog!) She did amazing on the ride home and now loves to go on car rides. She loves to go on walks everyday, usually ranging from a half mile to a mile. She is getting along fine with the cats; however, she does not like her reflection of the

back glass door at night, so we have to close the blinds. She enjoys stealing the children’s stuffed animals, and even has a few of her own of which she is very protective. She also does very well with baths, but definitely does not like thunderstorms and prefers to stay inside on warmer days.

Here are a few pictures we have taken for you to enjoy or use in your newsletter. The family photo was taken at Pecan Grove Park after an afternoon walking and making new dog friends. The names left to right: Jennifer, Kaitlyn, William and Raiden. The second one is the day we brought her home on the couch with Raiden. Thank you so much for letting her join our family!

-- Jennifer



## Special Thanks!

### MECHANICAL REPAIRS

We have 11 golf carts and 5 automobiles/trucks/vans; all or some are used daily by employees, delivering animals to the vet, picking up dog food, delivering product to needy individuals, feeding animals, traveling over the property to care for animals or perform maintenance on different parts of our facility. This equipment must be in good working order at all times. We rely heavily on an exceptionally great mechanic named PAUL LILLIBRIDGE, whose shop is only 5 minutes from us. We’re grateful to Paul for giving our equipment priority when we have an emergency. When Paul makes the repairs, we know the vehicles are in good running order.

### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

We want to thank a part-time employee, GREG AGLE, who’s worked at ARFhouse for 2 years. He’s also a volunteer firefighter for the town of Gordonville, Texas. He arrives (when it’s not raining) and mows every single dog yard with a push mower. The John Deere lawn rider is busy mowing all of the common areas and part of the pastures.

## Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Kobi" Dawn & Carol Goshorn	"Lucky" Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Duke	"Austin" Karen & Kelly Tierney	"Dallas" Mr. & Mrs. Dale Huhtala
"Grayson" Mr. & Mrs. Lee Logston	"Felix" Mr. & Mrs. Moore	"Coconut" Karen Tierney	"Baby Girl" Janey Hickey & Family
"Sammy" Patricia Carlin	"T.K." Mr. & Mrs. Don Williams	"Isaac" Tim Beck	"Priscilla" Nelda Sprenger
"Dixie" The Lewis family	"Dillon" Mr. & Mrs. Neal Click	"Max" Pamela Perkins	"Sweet Pea" Doneda Britt
"Tinker" Mr. & Mrs. Ron Mitchell	"Fancy" LuRuth Taylor	"Lilly" Marion Cipher	"Bentley" Donna Morgan
"Zowie" Mr. & Mrs. Sheppard	"Ebony" Jeff Anderson	"Sock" Gretta Gardner	"Sarge" Mr. & Mrs. Greg Kirkpatrick
"Buck" Dan & Leslie Landis	"Louisa" Karann Durland & Max Grober	"Missy" Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Melching	"Buster" Kathy Williamson

### *In Memory of Animal Lovers*

The following people made donations in memory of Mr. Leonard Sweeney, who passed away on May 13, 2015:

Novella Steele  
Stanley Rose & Carolyn Shaw  
Joyce Nash  
Charlene Pulley, Gary Montgomery & the girls  
Stanley & Sherry Simmons  
Patsy Bayless  
David & Roxie Godfrey  
Diane Geer  
Jan Pierpont  
W. H. & Anita Frietsch family  
David & Rosa Massey  
Janet Barksdale  
Paul & Beverly Kates  
Cheryl Richardson  
by: Linda Allen  
Uldine Hynds  
by: Shirley Triplett  
Iris Stafford  
by: Elna Terry

"My Mom, Katherine Samples"  
by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum

T.E. Marshall, Jr.  
by: Judith Taft

Roz Campisi Beadle  
by: Larry & Diana Pryor

Tabby Moore,  
wife of Buddy Moore, passed  
3/27/15  
by: Johnny & Sheila Aldridge

Julie Skotnik  
by: Sharon Johnson

Carolyn Parker  
by: Tom & Carolyn Becker

In Memory of Homer Kissel:  
Reagan (Doc) Greenhaw -  
"He was a good man & will  
be missed."

Melodie & Lawrence Pryor  
Larry & Diana Pryor

Beverly Joan Schulz  
by: Marlin & Charlotte Cobb

Cheryl Richardson  
by Danny Brakebill

Robert Lawson  
by Danny Brakebill

In Memory of Dr. John Brakebill, the following people made gifts to ARFhouse:

Charles & Darlene Schweizer  
Betty Roberts  
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Ron & Kathy Roberts  
Mitzi Martin  
Gail Ringness & "Merry Noel"  
The Mooney family - Charles, Sara, Brandon, Andrew, Meredith & Brigid  
Shawna & Glenn Gallemore  
Harriet Joiner  
Sarah Campbell Stevens  
Emilie Collins & Troy Jaco  
Greg & Carol Butler  
LaTressa & Steve Melton  
LuRuth Taylor  
Katherine & Jim Harvey  
Marilyn Pickens  
Barrett Keith Brown  
Butch & Helen Todd  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hynds

"Tallulah"  
Bill Stringer  
"Nala"  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Delaney  
"Misty"  
Carolyn Sutton  
"Pete"  
Ben & Linda McCaleb  
"Cody"  
Pam Cloer  
"Tommy"  
Carol Daeley  
"Maggie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Goldsmith  
"Valentino"  
Julie Corbett  
"Ebony"  
Baxley family  
"Sandy"  
Shelling family  
"Brenna"  
Katie Semple  
"Miss Kitty"  
James & Myrna Kelly

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

"Faith" The Williams's	"Deman" The Rhoton's	"Brady" The Mabary's
"Yink Sway" The Schroeder's	"Coco Bell" The Morrison's	"Pixie" The McDaniel's
"Avery" The Davis family	"Katy" The Rough's	"Dusty" The Sample family
"Wild Rabbit" The Inhouse family	"Suede" The Buchanan's	"Cally" The Estes family
"Denie" The Clay's	"Bonnie" The Crouse family	"Gracie" The Inhouse family
"Abby" The Snyder's	"Peaches" The Hutchinson's	"Little Man" The Price's
"Tummy" The Shilling's	"Smokey" The Miller's	"NuNu" The Gillespie's
"Max" The Tomlinson's	"Delbert" The Bayer's	"Kookie" The Bodge family
"Samson" The Gillispie's	"Casey" The Brockman's	"Bently" The Mehaffey's
"Shy" The Linden's	"Jessie" The Kimbrel family	"Bear" The Butscher family
"Strech" The Swenson's	"Gracie" The Sorrell's	"Jax" The Creek family
"Stubby" The McWater's	"Buttermilk" The Rhoton's	"Buddy" & "J.J." The Silva's
"Peanut" The Tartzis family	"Delagado" The Nichols'	

## Thanks

*To the people who help our dogs*

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 Beloved Pets

"Daisy"  
by: W.D. Welch & Susan Gallinger  
Welch

"Katie Eber"  
"Our beloved Border Collie"  
by: Nancy Deering

"Timber"  
by: Marilyn Garrett

"Louisa" & "Henri"  
"beloved cats of Karann Durland &  
Max Grober"  
by: Roger Platizky

"Sebastian"  
"beloved Newfoundland of Kim &  
Gary Wortham"  
by: Sherry & Roger Harvey

"Chicky"  
by: Danny Luedecke & Taylor Walcik

"Mr. Gray Kinsey"  
by: Mrs. Wilmer Kinsey

## *To Honor Animal Lovers*

Lynn Surls  
for his birthday  
by: Ashley Duncan & Todd  
Tuggle

Jerry Huffman  
for his birthday  
by: Andy Williams

Fran Watkins  
by: Helen Todd

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

Gerda Huffman  
for her birthday  
by: Andy Williams

Darlene Schweizer  
by: Marilyn Pickens

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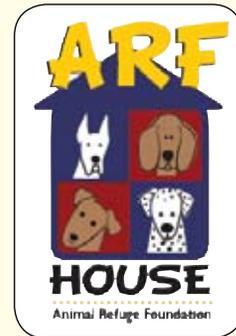
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## Mission Statement

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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