



ARFhouse Happenings



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Adoptions! Adoptions! Adoptions!

Happy people, Happy dogs, Happy endings!!



"CRICKETT" was picked by Wayne, the minute he saw her. Lucky dog!



"CLOVER" goes home with Thomas & LaDesnee.



"PETER", adopted by ARFhouse friends, Susan & Richard Demko. They volunteer at our adoption events at the McKinney PetSmart, and "Peter" had been mostly ignored by prospective adopters. Richard became very fond of him, carrying him around to show him off. He and Susan made the decision to adopt him in late September, and now he has the best home a dog could dream about! (And they do dream, you know.)



"CHLOE" going home with the Sharma family. Their 8 yr old son fell in love with her.



"JOURNEY" finds the perfect pit bull lovers when the Taylor's found her. Another lucky dog!



"BOONE" was being fostered by Stacy and her husband, and they loved him so much, they adopted him!



"TUCKER" finally finds his forever home.

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"ELLIE" was waiting for us INSIDE our front gate one afternoon. She is smart, animated, and comical. The Beazley's fell in love with her and made a place for her in their home.



"POET" goes home with Laura & Fred.



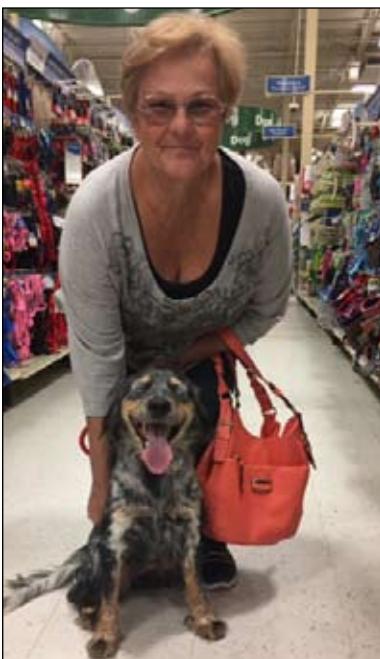
Our "JOEY" finds his place with Elizabeth Wilson and her family.



"COBB" found lots and lots of love with the Hollin family.



The Carlisle's love hounds, and have had beagles in the past. They wanted to adopt mature dogs and chose our "JESSY" & "JACK" who have been with us for several years. It's wonderful when older dogs have a chance to live their remaining time in a home setting.



"TWINKLES" (new name is "PRESLEY") with Karen Adams. It was love at first sight for both of them...



"BAYLOR" goes home with the Wilson's.



Our little "LEAH" adopted by the Solomon's. She's one of the little dogs, found in a box at the local Chipotle Restaurant.



INGRIDsays: "Halloween Treats? Count me in!"



"THE HAMMER" found lots of love with the Bourassa family.



"ZOEY", with her new mom (and constant companion) Sue Haberer.



Our "POSEY" found the perfect match for her personality with Kimberly.





NEWCOMERS



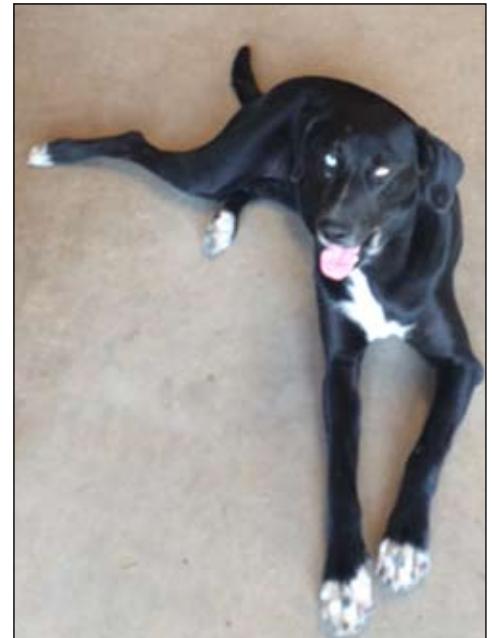
“CANYON” was completely hairless when found as a stray. As you can see, his hair has almost filled in. He’s just a playful, funny yellow lab puppy. Loves people and needs to find his forever home.



“CHIP” was found in a box with his sister next to the dumpster at the local Chipotle cafe. (See picture of “Leah”). A young employee found them when he took out the trash, and his mother called to ask if we’d accept them. Of course we did!



“CLARK” was found on the Texas side of Carpenter’s Bluff. Those of you who are local know this is at the Red River between Oklahoma and Texas.



“HONEY BEE” was found in Denison near an insurance office. The young lady who worked there brought her to our Adoption Center, hoping we’d be willing to take her into our facility. On that day, two of our new board members were having lunch with us here at the Center. We welcomed “Honey Bee” in, but told her she’d have to stay in the greeting room until we finished lunch. We shut the door to the kitchen and when we opened it, we found her sprawled on the king size bed in the living quarters. She looked at us as if to say: “WHASSUP GIRLS?” It was hilarious. We feel sure she’ll be adopted soon.

MORE ANIMALS TO PROTECT THAN DOGS....

Sammie called me and said: “You need to come to the barn and see the bullfrog LeAnn found in a kennel!!” I guess I had never seen a bullfrog. This guy was a MONSTER! He must weigh at least 5 lbs. And he seemed to like all the attention everyone was giving him. LeAnn took him down to our pond and set him free on the bank. We think we’ve heard him all summer long, singing his deep throated songs (to the ladies?), but we had never seen him. Now we have. It was a treat! We don’t just save dogs.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In September our board voted in three new members. They are: Stacie Stuart, Angela Ray and Margie McCain. We are so happy they’ve agreed to join us. We’ve known Stacie for several years; and she’s sponsored many fundraisers for ARFhouse over the years. Angela and Margie signed on as volunteers several months ago. They regularly come to the Adoption Center to keep it in tip-top shape, and bathe the dogs before adoption day. They also volunteer at adoption events to present our dogs, and to screen applicants.

APPEAL

Your response to my heart-felt letter of appeal was nothing short of amazing. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

For our long-term survival we have to keep our cause front and center. Please help us spread the word to your family and friends. I need your help to educate people that ARFhouse is different. It is not like normal rescue operations that only take in the dogs they can place easily and quickly. Some of our dogs are permanent residents and that means the costs are long-term. If you have been here, you already know that. If you have not, we invite you to come. If you cannot come, let me suggest you go to our website and view our newly released video to get a clearer picture of our operation. See for yourself and share with your friends the caring environment we provide for our residents. Watch them play and thrive. Follow our successes as we place our dogs into loving homes through our adoption program.

We ask you to please keep in mind that our needs here at ARFhouse are significant and never-ending. Please help us continue to make a difference in the lives of these deserving dogs. Starting this Christmas and on an on-going basis, if you can find it in your heart and within your budget, please do what you can to assist ARFhouse. The staff and especially our animals will continue to be in your debt.

Here, Roxanne is being presented with a check, the proceeds from a fundraiser held by 903 Brewers and The Iron Post for ARFhouse during the summer. We are grateful for these efforts on behalf of the dogs!



Jeremy & Natalie Roberts of 903 Brewers, ARFhouse's Roxanne South, and Seth Hearn of Iron Post.

THANKS GO TO OUR ADOPTION DAY VOLUNTEERS

So many dogs have found homes due to their hard work!



Deb Blakeney & George Hoppe
Margie & John McCain
Angela & Greg Ray
Rebecca & Dan Tatsch
Toddy & Larry Frazier
Susan & Richard Demko



NEW VIDEO

In September I called Louis Pollaro of Film in Texas Productions, to ask if he'd be willing to make a new video for ARFhouse. He agreed to do this, and worked two days with the dogs and the humans (which was the hardest part). If you go on our site: www.arfhouse.org, you'll be able to see some of our animals and employees in an updated version. We are grateful to Louis for donating his time and labor to help our dogs, and we're thrilled to be able to show you the "lay of the land", our staff members, and how the dogs live at ARFhouse.



BIG DOG CAR SHOW

The car show was a big success this year (with sunny weather). Gary & Karen White worked very hard for months in advance, handing out flyers for the event at all the car shows they attend and organizing the event. There were almost 80 cars entered in this year's show, and more than \$3,000 was raised for the dogs. The parking area was packed with attendees. Bruce Melton of Melton Financial Group, Benjamin F. Edwards & Co., Inc., was recognized for his sponsorship of the event this year and in years past. Thanks go out to these great people who love the dogs and sacrifice their time and \$\$ to help them!

ARFhouse DIRECTORS

Danny Brakebill
Sally O'Brien
Martha Hovers
Stacie Stuart
Angela Ray
Margie McCain

Secretary
Roxanne South



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DONATION JARS

These places display our jars, and if you patronize them, we hope you'll leave us a tip:

SHERMAN
Mr. Jim's Pizza
MG's
Mom's Bakery
The Boiler Room
Izzy's Pet Emporium

DENISON
Huck's
Pop's Place
Nick's Café

If you know of a business that may be interested in hosting a donation box, please let us know.

Special Thanks!

to the following for their generous contributions

MERRICK PET CARE has once again filled our larders! We receive dog food donations locally and from some pet stores in the metroplex, but our food consumption is greater than any one store can supply in damaged goods. Our dogs eat 12,000 lbs of dry kibble and at least 3,000 cans of wet food monthly. We couldn't survive if we had to purchase all our food. A week ago our supply had dwindled to only 1,000 lbs of dry kibble, which is cause for sleepless nights. I sent an e-mail off to Mr. Merrick's assistant, asking for 20 pallets of food; 10 of dry, and 10 of wet. She wrote back immediately, saying our request was approved, and asking when

we'd like to pick it up. Three days later, the semi was here and our friend, David Prough, unloaded it from the road with his forklift, putting it in our barn, and two containers. The food is a variety of the highest quality Merrick dry food (grain free). The canned is all organic. They even threw in about 1/2 pallet of canned cat food for our friends who feed the feral cats. Everyone is happy here; dogs and people alike! We are so grateful to Mr. Merrick and the wonderful employees at his company who are always helpful and friendly when we're making our pickup arrangements. This isn't just free food. It's the BEST food too!



This is a fraction of the product Merrick donated to us!



THANKS go out to the Denison FFA Chapter at Denison High School. These young people held a food drive for us, and as you can see, it was a huge success!



MANY THANKS

In August, the folks at Wren Chiropractic (on Texoma Parkway) decided to hold a month long silent auction for ARFhouse. They gathered and provided most of the items, and presented us with a check for \$365 at month's end.

THANK YOU!

In October ARFhouse held the annual auction at the Lighthouse Marina on Lake Texoma. Once again, our friend Stacie Stuart sponsored the event, provided food and gifts for auction. There were a number of events taking place on the same day, and as a result, attendance wasn't what we had hoped it would be. Still, money was raised for the dogs, and the food was delicious. Thank you, Stacie, for always being there for the animals.

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

Walmart

Deb Blakeney

Merrick Pet Care

Dewey, the Sock Bandit

Mary & Harry Johnson

Shedera & Clarence Farmer

DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON?

If so, please go to: smile.amazon.com so that the dogs of ARFhouse will receive a donation from your order!

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Sydney" Shauna Wentworth	"Ferris" Jacob Adams	"Sadie" Shannon Hauber
"Yoyo" Mr. & Mrs. Ken Williams	"Ezra" Bill & Vickie Horne	"Tater" Mike Ramsey
"Fluffy" Yvonne White	"Echo" Emmanuel Garcia	"Jessie" Mr. & Mrs. Carl Diehl & Joey
"Mary" Becker Family	"Speedy" Mr. & Mrs. Ray Blair	"Dodger" Mr. & Mrs. Greg Kirkpatrick
"Merlin" Tobias Family	"Bleu" The Kehrer	"Rocky" Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Ramirez
"Chip" Rodriquez Family	"Votcie" Wanda Hale	"Diego" McDaniel Family
"Sammy" Gary Wilson & Audrey Ellsworth	"Paco" Kim Bristow	"Sarah" Niehus Family
"Edna" Mary Nix	"Harley" Mr. & Mrs. Tom Becker	"Eddie" Schrank Family
"Tabs" Moore Family	"Nikki" Paul & Marie Nixon	"Nicholas" Charles Schriewer
"Murphy" LaRue Family	"Rebel" The Hawkins'	"Blackie" Van Zant family
"Pumpkin" Lewis Family	"Chloe" Mr. & Mrs. Ron Brown	"Cali" McClaine family
"Hannibal" Mike & Adell Wiggins	"Aubie" Mr. & Mrs. Greg Kirkpatrick	"Heidi" Company family
"Midnight" Mr. & Mrs. Benny Myers	"Missy" Mona Hook	"Elwood" Sandor family
"Print" Mr. & Mrs. James Godso	"Roxanne" The Spencers'	"Cherokee" Barton family

WISH LIST

- Cleaning Supplies (bleach, mops, buckets, all purpose cleaner)
- Office Supplies (copy paper, forever stamps, tape, binders, two pocket folders)
- Commercial water hoses (any length)
- Canned dog food (Pedigree or other high quality food; no Alpo or Ol' Roy)
- Hand tools (any)
- Postage stamps

We have additional needed items on our Amazon wish list at (www.amazon.com). You can have items on this list shipped directly to us.

In Memory of Beloved Pets

"Nikita" faithful companion of Jennifer Comer"	"Remington" by: Ted & Carry Beth Baca
By: Karin Pearson	"Buddy" "our dog" by: Tom & Linda Scott
"Gabe" By: Deb Blakeney & George Hoppe	"Daisy Mae" Guardians: Tom Heeney & Diane Bielman by: Nancy Bielman
"Spotty" beloved pet of Tom Heeney & Diane Bielman by: Ken & Nancy Bielman	"Della" "beloved pet hen of Marilyn & Ronny Hart" by: Frieda Phillips
"Lulu" Beloved Bichon of Patsy & Terry DeCroes by: Wally & Ann Black	"Franklin" beloved cat of Andry & Patti & Ronnie Felmet by: Frieda Phillips
"Roscoe" Beloved Golden Retriever of Linda & Bill Skeen by: Wally & Ann Black	"Britches" Darlene & Charlie Schweizer's cat, over 20 yrs old by: Linda & Mike Tarzis
"Gurl", "Sassy", & "Buffy" much loved companions of Betty O'Hanlon	"Della" "in Memory of my hen" by: Marilyn Hart
"Tweeb" Dexheimer beloved pet of Carolyn & Don Dexheimer by: Betty O'Hanlon	"Dutch" & "Tisha" beloved dogs of Todd & Theresa Schulz by: Nancy Shirley
"Merlin" special beloved cat of Kim Williams for 18 years by: James & Donna-Lee Pennell	"Conrad" beloved pet of Norman Harper by: Bruce Melton
"Ricky Ricardo" "Little Ricky Ricardo, saved by ARFhouse" (and adopted by Susan Kellogg) by: Susan	

Honoring Animal Lovers

Beverly Nelson for her birthday The Fowler's	Beverly Nelson by: Denise Clearman
"Golda" Karen Tierney	Roger Platizky for his birthday & holiday gift by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum
"Merle" The Williams family	
"Freckles" Kelly Drake & family	

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

"Lilo" The Brown's	"Susie Q" The Commons Family	"Pita" The Ezell's
"Junior" The Buys Family	"Peanut" The Reynolds	"Zoey" The Veeck's
"Tonka" & "Tosha" The Goforth's	"Pugs" The Christopher Family	"Hope" The Mercer's
"Paco" The McWater's	"Kitten 1" The Linden's	"Buddy" The Scott Family
"Zeke" The McAtee Family	"Scooter" The Romm's	"Molly" The Curry's
"Bear" The Cassidy's	"Happy" The Reynolds Family	"Lady" The Fuller's
"Ginger" The Seale's	"Macy" The McNabb's	"Honey" The Price Family
"Pocahontas" The Millmann's	"Angel" The Anderson's	"Taurie" & "Kali" The Wren Family
"Shadow" The Walke Family	"Hunter" The Hammett's	"Wizzer" The Wilkerson's
"Lulu" The Goode's	"Max" The McAtee's	"Baby" The Shields'
"Ellie Mae" The Miles Family	"Cosmo" The Corry Family	"Chanel" The Neff Family
"Chewy" The Ellis Family	"Merlin" The Sams Family	"Rex" The Rand's
"Zeppelin" The Wacker Family	"Lady Bug" The Brasher's	"Forte" The Branch Family
"Sophie" The George Family	"Delila" The Boyington's	"Spanky" The Buckingham's
"Maggie Mae" The Moore's	"Coal Younger" The Huntsman's	
"Sherk" The Harmon Family	"Gus" The Dollins'	



In Memory of Animal Lovers

Waymon McMackin "In loving memory of my husband" by: Sharon McMackin	Rusty Omohundro by: Johnny & Sheila Aldridge
Julie Scibek by: Dr. & Mrs. Terry Beals	Amy Pickens by: Charles Hernandez
Julie Thompson by: Her Aunt, Jane Wilson	George O'Hanlon "My dear loving husband" by: Betty O'Hanlon
Ronda Riley "To Honor the life of Ronda Riley, a lovely woman who greatly loved caring for animals" by: Hanger Clinic	Retta Fain Holland by: Kathy & Stacy Caudell & Abby
Stephen Garrison By: Many neighbors in the Shields Street Neighborhood	Dan Witt by: Mark Bruce
Steve Garrison by: Muriel & Janet Krebbs	Judy Molder by: Mollie (Ci Ci) & Randy Shulz
Stephen (Big Daddy) Garrison by: Linda & Mike Tarzis	~~~~~ The following people made memorial gifts for DEBORAH A. CALHOUN
James Thompson "Beloved father, grandfather, brother & cousin - Rancher, & WWII vet" by: Marilynn, Alicia, & Richard Barren	R. L. Calhoun, Jr. Randy Calhoun Crystal White Sherry Smith Jim Salling Karen & Richard Dunigan Todd Young Michael Ryner Linda Overal
Greg Ashby by: Trey & Susannah Crosthwaite	~~~~~ Mary Lou Smith by: Sarah Campbell Stevens
Bill Seals "he left us much too soon." by: Richard, Marilynn & Alicia Barren	Dr. Larry Edwards Canyon Creek Pet Hospital Carolyn Lucas Bass by: Nancy Norwood



Honoring Pets and The Humans Who Love Them

"Bear" "who brings us joy & laughter!" by: Donna Bedgood	The Chisum Family for Christmas by: Roger Platizky	"Miss Hope" by: Sherri Baer Wilson
Martha Chisum for her birthday by: Roger Platizky	Dr. Larry Edwards "beloved vet of my gal & guys since 1982" by: Beverly Nelson	"Jake" "In honor of my son, Jake's, 23rd birthday" by: Janelle & Thomas Johnston

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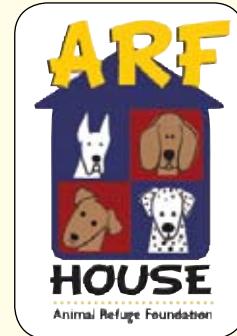
ARFhouse needs and welcomes your donation in any denomination. Every dollar counts and is used for day-to-day operations, care of our animals, and assistance to animals in the community. Your donation is tax deductible. Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope to ARFhouse, 3377 Spalding Rd., Sherman, TX 75092.

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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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