



# ARFhouse *Happenings*

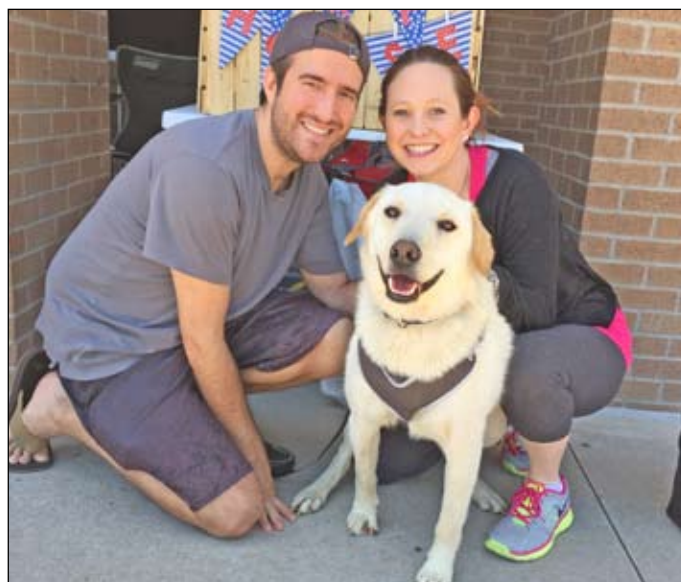
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## *“The Great Rescue Caper”*

And what a GREAT day it was, with 15 of our dogs adopted into loving homes. The event was presented once again by Mazie’s Mission, and held at Simpson Plaza in Frisco, on April 14. It was an all day affair from 10 til 6, so we needed a lot of volunteer help, and fortunately, our friends were there for the dogs! As always, they make these events possible for us, and we want to recognize and thank them:

Margie & John McCain	George Hoppe
Angela Ray	Jeffrey Wilson
Susan Demko	Paul Bigandt
Rebecca & Dan Tasch	Steve Jacobson
Jenny Blodgett	Toddy Frazier
Deb Blakeney	Danny Wilson (who came to
Roxanne South	“socialize”, but ended up helping
Ruth Wanasek	erect tents)
Laurel Haider	



Our “Oliver” (now “Baker”), with Michelle Pullins and Stephen Sandlin



Daron White arrived early to adopt “PITCH” after seeing his picture on our site.



Our “Betsy” finds her forever home with the Dewald’s.



# ADOPTIONS



"Tom" will have a great (pampered) life with Jerry and Diane Bray. Jerry has been mourning the loss of his beloved Lab so they will be best friends.



The Cashman's fell in love with our "Sassy".



"Maggie" with her new family...Hitesh & Simran Bhindi and son, Krish



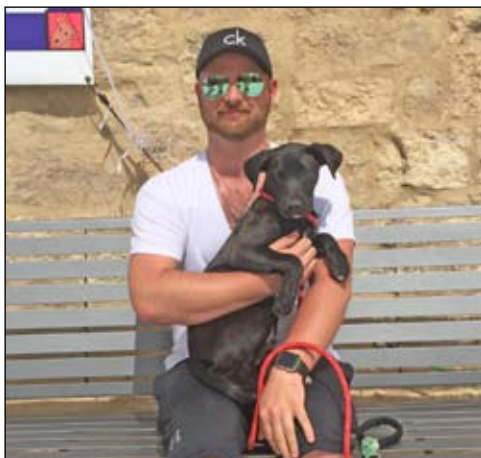
"Little Man" found love with Elizabeth Brown



"Denise" with Brittany & Mitch DeLong



"Bella" with Cindy Smith



Chris Brockett adopted our "Daffy".



"Andy" finds his home with Becky & Frank Mendez.



# “Golf for the Dogs”

## *First Annual Golf Tournament*

The past quarter has been busy and very successful. In addition to the adoptathon and our big estate sale, our First Annual Golf Tournament was held at Tanglewood Golf Club on June 25, 2018, to raise funds for the dogs of ARFhouse. Danny Wilson, of The Danny Wilson Allstate Agency had the idea. It was our biggest fundraiser ever. We hope it will be the first of many to come and that it will grow every year. We thank you, Danny, not only for this great idea and for securing Tanglewood Golf Club and head Golf Pro, Mike Fish, to work so generously with us, but for promoting us enthusiastically in so many ways to help make the tournament such a success.

We had fantastic sponsor support: 1 Platinum, 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze, an amazing 23 individual hole sponsors as well as beverage and breakfast sponsors. Eighty-three golfers participated. That is a fantastic turnout for our first tournament. A big “Thank You” to every one of those sponsors and golfers!



We could not have done it without you!

It was a FUN day with lots of laughter, some margaritas, friendly competition and a lot of money spent by generous people to help the dogs of ARFhouse. The silent auction and raffle following the tournament with gifts donated by local businesses and individuals topped off the day. We are so grateful to everyone who participated, and we hope you will join us again next year.

I want to thank our volunteers for their efforts to make the day a success: Deb Blakeney, organizer-in-chief, and Rebecca Tatsch, second in command; Kristin Draxler for planning and admin assistance; Roxanne South of ARFhouse; and volunteers: Cassie Allen, Karen Allen, Jenny Blodgett, Will Gardner, Stephanie Gilmore, Laurel Haider, Evonne Keene, Jan Richards and Danny Wilson.



## SPECIAL THANKS

to Garth Merrick of MERRICK PET CARE, for always being willing to provide Merrick food to our dogs as a donation. This week we received 17 pallets of canned product and 5 pallets of their grain free dry kibble. Our dogs are very happy! And so are we!

## EXCITING NEWS FLASH!

ARFhouse will be featured in the September TEXAS CO-OP MAGAZINE. It will be the issue that goes to 150,000 households predominantly in Collin and Denton County, with some in Grayson, Cooke and Wise Counties.

# NEWCOMERS



“Ranger Bob” was found in a rural area west of Gunter. He’s very underweight, but won’t be for long, considering the meals he’s devouring at ARFhouse!



“Tricia” was found on Texoma Parkway, in an area with no homes. She’s underweight and heartworm positive. We will have her treated and fatten her up. She’s a very sweet dog and will make a wonderful pet for some family.

## ANNUAL ESTATE SALE

When we were planning our annual spring sale to have in front of the Adoption Center, our friend, Shedera, asked if we would want to have it in her big “barn” (which is a really huge nice metal building) at her home in Denison. We didn’t hesitate to say “YES!!”

Sylvia and Shedera worked tirelessly to arrange all the donated product so that it would be attractive to prospective buyers and organized in such a way that like items were displayed in their designated categories. They raised more money for the dogs than we have in past years. Susan Demko, one of our regular adoption volunteers, helped on the first day (but we failed to get her picture).

We’re grateful to these ladies for all their hard work on behalf of the dogs.

Margie & Angela typically volunteer at our adoption events, and came to help at the estate sale on the second day. (We have GREAT volunteers!)



Sylvia Hix and Shedera Farmer



Margie McCain & Angela Ray

Thanks To the  
people who help  
our dogs

Chewy

WalMart

Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris

Dr. Jennifer Schwind

Danny Brakebill

Brakebill Veterinary Clinic  
Staff

Canyon Creek Pet Hospital

Niemann Publications

Deb Blakeney

Merrick Pet Care

Shedera & Clarence Farmer

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If so, please go to:

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so that the dogs of ARFhouse  
will receive a donation from  
your order!



**Thank You**

Nelda Johnson makes the greatest little dog beds and donates them to ARFhouse. As you can see from our Tory in the picture, our dogs love them. Check her website:

Create-awayCottage.com



# “What I’ve Been Up To”

by: Jenna Glover

On a personal note: one significant thing I did this quarter was give birth to my first child, a beautiful baby boy. Motherhood is a rewarding, albeit never-ending job, as is our work herewith the dogs!



I have spent the majority of my time this quarter - also known as my maternity leave - in the office. This is the “boring” part of this job, but it must be done! In addition to keeping up with our social media, I have implemented a number of new filing systems, so that we may keep up with our intakes, adoptions, vet records (which are never-ending!), etc. We don’t post about this side of the job on Facebook because it isn’t “fun”; however, it is probably one of the most important parts of what we do. As I continue to get back into the “groove” of being back at work, I will spend more time with the dogs, getting them ready for adoption and hope to continue this stellar year by getting more dogs into their forever homes.

We have also had a number of new “Pals” sign up for our monthly sponsorship program, which continues to keep me busy. This program is huge for our organization and we hope to have at least 20 new “Pals” by the end of the year.



## Elizabeth's Birthday Party

Elizabeth Chupp (our Sammie Kershaw's granddaughter) asked her friends to bring product or money for the ARFhouse dogs in lieu of gifts for herself. This is her soccer team (“Arsenal”) plus a couple of girls from her class. They raised \$180 plus 6 bags of Purina ONE for the animals! Elizabeth is pictured on front row, second from right. She may be 11 years old, but already interested in sharing with others.

# Appeal from Martha

It is once again time for me to appeal to you, our valued supporters and friends, for your continuing financial support. We cannot do the work we do for the dogs of ARFhouse without it. They depend on you, as do those of us who care for these sweet animals in need. I understand that the requests seem endless because they are. There is so much work to do and the need is great.

So many of you have given so much. That makes it harder to ask for your help again. We must if we are to survive. Our big estate sale and the golf tournament were extremely successful. We raised more than we projected, especially in the golf tournament since it was our first effort. Both events were a huge amount of work. Would it surprise you to know that even though those two big events happened in the same month, we did not cover a month's worth of expenses. That's right. Our budget has increased rather substantially.

Even with most of our food expense covered by donations from Chewy, Merrick, and Walmart, our other expenses are around \$30,000 per month. Unfortunately our donations are not keeping pace with the need. You might wonder what those expenses are. I can tell you that our largest outlay is for veterinary services and salaries for the workers we must have to keep ARFhouse running. In addition, there is constant maintenance on property (fences, water supply, buildings), and equipment - lots of equipment including golf carts, tractors, mowing equipment and more. We also have transportation costs including fuel, insurance, and repairs to our main vehicles. I know that you know an operation like ours is a costly endeavor. It is necessary if we are to continue to save the lives in our care. We take our mission very seriously and we want desperately to continue to do what we do.

By continuing this work, we are not only saving the lives of the animals in our care, but we also - and this is very important - prevent the births of thousands of puppies that would otherwise turn into needy, often neglected, and sometimes abused dogs of the future. We take care that every dog here is altered so that he or she will not produce more puppies. We further help those in our community that have not altered their companion animals to do the same. We provide dog and cat food to the less fortunate members of our community so they can keep their dogs and cats with them. Our adoption program is thriving, and we have great success placing our dogs into loving homes. I say these last things to remind you that we are doing more than caring for our residents. We are actively seeking homes for these good dogs and we are reaching out to our community to help those who need it.

I humbly ask you to remember us and the work we do by supporting us with your gifts. You are our means of survival. You allow us to serve, and that is what we want to continue to do. I remain in your debt as do the dogs, donkeys, ponies and 2 cats of ARFhouse.

# Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following “In Memory” Donations

“Daisy May” Denise Larkins	“Chase” Mr. & Mrs. David Tarvin	“Clark” Mr. & Mrs. Tom Noltensmeyer	“Rusty” Mrs. Sample	“Sierra” The Strauch family
“Pepe” Gertrude Sandor	“Percy” Regan White	“Luke” Mr. & Mrs. Michael Riley	“Vader” Nancy Sloan	“Chloe” Connie Wilson
“Georgio” Dr. Kent Schrank	“Sami” Joyce Hames	“Sabre” Mr. & Mrs. Erick Hill	“Tiger” Kelly Tierney	“Kitten” Hailey Defrange
“Kosmo” Hazel Cork	“Annabel”, “Malley” & “Nylah” Tami Sarrett	“Rip” Mr. & Mrs. Barry Boothe	“Autumn” Kathy & Anthony Vila	“Sabrina” Mr. & Mrs. John Polonchak
“Riley” Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Peters	“Bob” Kellie Williams	“Angel” David McBurnett	“Cain” Danielle Williams	“Scottie” Joshua Manners
“Hunter” Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Goins	“Max” Deborah Cole	“Gia” Mr. & Mrs. Clay Quassa	“Roxy” Steve Campbell	“George” Andrea Migura & Jason Webb
“Whisper” Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richardson	“Sadie Pearl” Drew & David Fults	“Gigi” Carl & Patty Smith	“Toby” Margaret Avard	“Abbey” Missy Sofey
“Sadie” Ellen Hesse	“Skittles” Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Doster	“Pumpkin” Cindy Bankston	“Kitty Boo” Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holland	“Harley” The Hill family
“Daisy Mae” Randy Davis	“Penny” Mr. & Mrs. Brent Mahana	“Frankie” The Avard family	“Rudy” Mr. & Mrs. Karl Cole	“Alfie” Carol Cloud
“Black Kitty” Charlotte Patterson	“Little Bit” Jacob Adams & Shanda Palmer	“Miles” The Upchurch family	“Molly” Deborah Cole	“Kitty” Nancy Brooks
“Mattie” Stephanie Richardson & family	“Tootsie” Lori Eckles	“Harley” Gabriella Breihan	“Calico” Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gunnels	“Scrappy” Ellen Wilkerson
“Sadie” Jeff & LeAnn Whitmire	“Rissa” Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Bailey	“Sammy” Trace Rossi	“Abigail” Eric & Stephanie Bankston	“Slim” Von Sutton
“Missy” Father Jeremy Myers	“Cocoa” The Bartletts	“Sophie” Mr. & Mrs. Sam Zieske	“Chloe Elizabeth” Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clement	“Shiloh” Mr. & Mrs. Jim Allen
“Belle” Mr. & Mrs. Tom Becker	“Sandor” & “Reagan” Dawn Goshorn	“Dum Dum” The Layne family	“Pearl” Leila Scantlin	“Olivia” Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reinert
“Aaliyah” McCoy family	“Raspuss” Sylvia Garcia-Martin	“GiGi” Sandra Aslanian	“Oliver” Thomas Hanley	“Katie” Nancy Hebert
“Mowgli” Devon & Nikki Mize	“Gypsy” Lindy James & Rob Lamar	“Penny” The Green family	“Stormy” Mr. & Mrs. Acoba	“Tiger” Mr. & Mrs. Steve Ramsey
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“Buso” Corinna Miles	“Stella” The Smith family	“Bernice” Matthew Muniz	“Wilya” Peggy Moore	
“Roxy” Angelia Hurst	“Sweetie Pie” David Pye	“Shiloh” Diane Runnels	“Ellie” James Witherspoon	
“Boheme” Bob Haning	“Victor Diablo” Mr. & Mrs. Eric Fanning	“Sampson” Mr. & Mrs. Wes Shelton	“Ruby” Mr. & Mrs. Chester Robinson	
“Paige” Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Phillips		“Charlie” Mr. & Mrs. Don Williams		



## *In Memory of Beloved Pets*

"Macie"  
beloved companion & friend of  
Chase & Cassandra Larson  
by: Lonnie & Holly Hinzmann

"Millie" Blankenship  
"our sweet yellow lab"  
by: Mark & Joan Blankenship

"Gruntie"  
by: Shederia Farmer

"Biscuit"  
by: Elna Terry

"Meko"  
beloved cat of Fred Deneke & Jim  
Eastman  
by: Roger Platizky

"Sheila"  
by: Jeanetta & Les Heppel

"Ranger"  
beloved dog of Drs. Allen Cloutier  
& Jennifer Schwind  
by: Aileen Durrett

"Precious"  
"loved cat of 15 years, belonging  
to Ken & Kelly Hurley"  
by: Rosa & David Massey

"Murphy Brown"  
Elizabeth Elkins' & Clay Sechrest's  
beloved dog  
by: Lynn & Kathy Surls

"Belle"  
beloved pet of Tom & Carolyn  
Becker  
by: Liz Birchall

"Coconut"  
Ann Coulter's beloved pet  
by: Marlin & Charlotte Cobb

"Bella" Sampson  
beloved dog of Bill & Laura  
Sampson  
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

"Luke" Waldrip  
beloved dog of Karen Waldrip  
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

"Maxx" & "Molly"  
beloved pets of Debbie Cole  
by: Paula Gray

"Sadie Pearl"  
beloved pet of Drew Fultz  
by: Lefaun Brock

"Wongchoi"  
beloved pet of Simon Tse family  
by: Liz Birchall

"Sydney"  
beloved cat of Larry Pettit & Tim  
Kincaid  
by: Lowery Whisenant

## *To Honor Animal Lovers . . .*

JEAN EBER  
"My dear sister, lover of all  
animals; especially dogs"  
by: Nancy Deering

JUDY OWENS  
by: Frances & Lincoln Owens

MARGIE ROEHM MCCAIN  
"In honor of your NCAA  
Tournament"  
by: Jennifer Myers

LYNN SURLS  
"Happy birthday!"  
by: Ashley Duncan & Todd  
Tuggle

THE SUNDAY ADOPTION CREW  
(& MY 60TH BIRTHDAY)!!  
by: Susan Demko

BUBBA, JEROLYN, TREY &  
CADEN FINNELL  
by: Kathy & Lynn Surls

## *In Memory of Animal Lovers*

WAYMON MCMACKIN  
by: Sharon McMackin

JUDY SCHUESSEL  
beloved wife  
by: Charles Schuessel

DENNIS LANTRIP  
by: Nancy Norwood

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wife of Don Manual  
by: Jim Salling

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by: Danny Luedecke & Taylor  
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RANDY FRANK SORRELL  
by: Danny Luedecke & Taylor  
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Ronnie & Sara Appelbee  
John Logan Hall  
Ricky & Cathy Holt  
Trey & Susannah Crosthwaite  
Jonathan Hitchcock  
Bob Utter Ford

BILL DECKER  
by: the Vignery family & John  
Lawyer

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- Postage stamps
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**Mission  
Statement**

ARFhouse is dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing into homes with loving guardians.

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