



ARFhouse *Happenings*

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"Mango" with Rachel and Paul Gallagher. She is already happy to be in a home watching football with her family.



"Cash" found the perfect home with Steven Markel.



"Ginger" with Chicken, Lorraine Vaughn and JD Pruitt.



David & Davina Ransom with our little **"Chrissy"**



"Miss Jenny" with Stewart Williamson.



Natalie Koenig, with our **"Chip"**



"Belle" with the Crawford family pictured here with mom, Melissa and children: Kason, Easton, Jace, Caila and Taylen.



"Holly" was adopted by the Constantino's, Mike & Bri with their two precious daughters.



The Munoz Family adopted **Babe AND Ruth**.



"Sadie" adopted by Stephanie Deininger & Kay Dillard.



Our beautiful 3-legged **"Grace"** adopted by Buu and Chris Nguyen.



We Knocked It out of the Park!

North Texas Giving Day 2020 Is in The Books!



Friends and supporters of ARFhouse, you'll have to excuse our exuberance. This was our second year to participate in North Texas Giving Day and we not only exceeded our goal, we raised enough to cover a month's worth of expenses for the sanctuary. It was our biggest fund-raising success to date, and it is all thanks to YOU!

Jenna and Deb will tell you it is the most fun they have ever had sitting at their desks for 18 hours posting updates and encouraging donations.

The work and time that went into the planning was worth it. We had a lot of early donations this year, too, along with a very generous matching fund that helped us reach and exceed our goal.

Our total amount raised was \$35,455.69. That includes our \$7500 in matching funds, \$750 in off-line donations that we were able to add officially for the first time this year, and \$100 directly from Communities Foundation of North Texas. The rest of the big total came in by online donations starting with early giv-

"Kate" with Wycoff Family; Kathleen with her children, Emily & Zach.

ing and ending at midnight on September 17, 2020.

So many people contributed this year not only with the monetary gifts to ARFhouse, but by working hard to encourage friends and acquaintances to donate. Thanks to every one of you. We could not have done it without your hard work and generosity. We are humbled and grateful for your support in our efforts on behalf of the dogs, donkeys, and ponies in our care.



NEWCOMERS



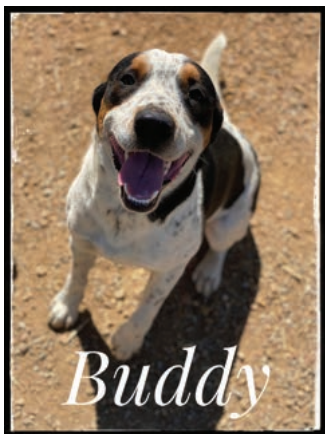
Venus

Like so many before her, Venus arrived at ARF heartworm positive. Treatment for heartworms is a long, painful process but Venus has finished up and is now healthy enough for a home of her own!



Watson

This handsome guy was brought to ARF as a stray; Watson is great with all dogs, cats and kids! It won't take long for this sweet boy to find his forever home.



Buddy

This goofy boy was found on a country road not too far from ARF; after unsuccessfully trying to locate his family, we had Buddy vetted and he is currently available for adoption.



Chica

We rescued Chica from life on a chain; she now lives in one of our climate controlled buildings and is as happy as she can be! We are looking for a special home for Chica, one that has experience with Bull Terriers and understands their "quirks" and general health.

This gentle giant was thrown from a moving vehicle on a busy highway. A kind stranger saw this, picked him up and headed straight to ARF. As you can see in the before picture, Conan came to us in terrible shape.



Before



After two short months of treatment and a little bit of TLC, Conan is a different dog!



After



This sweet girl was found as a stray in Lubbock; the man who found her looked for her family but was unable to locate them, so he called ARF! Sadie gets along with all dogs, humans and will make a wonderful companion.



Sadie



This handsome fella was dumped on a country road one day; this happens all too often. Jagger is a big boy, with a big personality and even bigger heart! He is currently available for adoption.



JAGGER



CONSEQUENCES OF THE PANDEMIC

by: Martha Hovers

As I've reported in past newsletters, we are fortunate our employees can perform their tasks distanced from other staff members. But the dire consequences of this terrible virus for us is that so many dogs and puppies are arriving because people can no longer care for their pets. That means they either abandon them, or they allow them to have puppies. When we accept puppies from an owner we insist they allow us to have their dogs spayed and neutered. Very few of these people can afford to do so. That means ARFhouse must bear the burden of TAKING the animals to the spay/neuter clinic in Oklahoma, paying for the procedures, and returning to the owner(s) once the surgery is completed.

The puppies are another expensive and labor-intensive "project". Because of COVID, we're seeing more puppies born than ever before, and owners who want us to take them. We've told you we collaborate with LifeLine in Brighton, Colorado. We typically keep them here for at least 2 weeks to confirm good health. This means vaccinated, wormed, and finally travel documents for all. It's an expensive endeavor, and labor-intensive. (Puppies are messy.) A staff member, Roxanne South, travels to meet a LifeLine volunteer once a month in Raton, NM. Roxanne is also the person who keeps the puppy records and makes certain all are healthy and ready for this transition.

The puppies are an important side to our rescue efforts, and more expensive than in the past, due to the numbers. We know you, our friends are suffering too through these difficult times, but we ask that you help us if you can. Every dollar is important.

THANKS TO RETAILERS IN SHERMAN

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Purina ONE lamb or chicken dry dog food
Sheets

What I've Been Up To"

by: Jenna Glover

Same stuff, different dogs. Is that how the saying goes? Well, that's how it goes at ARFHOUSE anyway! The adoptions haven't slowed down, which is a good problem to have! We had a huge month in October with TWELVE dogs finding their forever homes. But, as you know, on this merry-go-round, we adopt one and take in five. Some call it job security; truth is, we hope to someday be unemployed. For now, the records, pictures, treatment schedules, etc. continue to pile up on my desk.

On a different subject, I always like to mention our Be-a-Pal program as we get closer to the holidays. It's a great gift for the animal-lover who "has it all" or for kids who would like to see a puppy beneath the tree but it's just not possible this year. I will be sending out personalized Christmas cards from your furry friends to hopefully spread some holiday cheer, in addition to the quarterly "pupdates". Check out the Be-a-Pal page on our website!

Thanks To the people who help our dogs

Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris
Dr. Jennifer Schwind
Danny Brakebill
Brakebill Vet Clinic Staff
Canyon Creek Vet Hospital
Niemann Publications
Deb Blakeney
Shedera & Clarence Farmer



DONATION JARS

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

Bill Smith's Cafe, McKinney, TX
Home Consignment,
McKinney, TX



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





At the beginning of the COVID outbreak, **Dolores Veninga** wanted to do something for our staff. She made a donation that would give each of them a bonus of \$500. Several of our employees cried when they got this great surprise! They work hard to care for the animals, and this was a wonderful gift from a supporter who wanted them recognized and rewarded.

Deb Blakeney works tirelessly as our Adoption Coordinator; reviewing applications, interviewing prospective adopters, doing home visits, and holding the events at the PetSmart Stores in Prosper and McKinney. Her support doesn't end with adoptions. We rely on her for a variety of transport needs and making calls to ask for product/food donations. Through her phone contacts we've secured donated food and product, and continue to do so. She is an unpaid, full-time staff member, and is irreplaceable.

Wren Chiropractic

These friends gather gifts, organize, and conduct a silent auction annually. They raised over \$300 for the dogs this year.

Bo Kershaw is married to Sammie, who's been with ARFhouse since 1999. They live on the property. Sammie is a staff member (and my traveling companion when we can get away). Bo tends to our cemetery; mowing, making crosses for each grave, and having bricks engraved and placed with the names of our beloved dogs. This is a labor of love on his part, and we greatly appreciate his work to keep the area maintained and our dogs remembered.

Thanks go out to **Jimmy Griffin** and **Clarence & Shedera Farmer** for the great bales of hay they delivered (and donated) for our ungulates. They love the new-mown grass!

**ARFHOUSE dogs love
Merrick Dog Food!!**



Mary Johnson, Sylvia Hix, and Shedera Farmer

Those of you who have hosted a sale know that it's extremely labor-intensive, regardless of the size of the facility and the number of items to sell. We are fortunate so many of you donated beautiful things to put in our sale. And evidently, Shedera Farmer has a multitude of friends who contributed items as well. Once again, this year, Shedera held the sale in her beautiful "barn". Her husband, Clarence, and friend, Jimmy Griffin set up all the tables and got the barn ready for the onslaught of lookers and buyers. Mary Johnson helped set up and worked on the sale days. Bonnie Griffin and Sylvia Hix helped on the sale days. And, of course, Shedera was there throughout the preparation and the event. Items that were remaining after the sale went to an auction house. When all was "said and done", almost \$7,000 was raised for the benefit of the animals. We wish to recognize these great friends and thank them for their time and labor which made this fundraiser a success.

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**and choose ARFhouse as your charity
so that the dogs of ARFhouse will
receive a donation from your order!**



Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following “In Memory” Donations

“Scout”
Brandon & Jennifer Shelby

“Tuppy”
Beverly Garcia

“James”
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Almond

“Eddie”
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Diehl

“Texas”
The Landis family

“Bella”
Jerry Mangrum

“Dutchess”
The Baker family

“BOA”
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith

“Pippy”
Renee Bryant

“Zoe”
Aileen Durrett

“Charlie”
Zach Jacobs

“Mickey”
Beverly Brock & family

“Buddy”
Leta Koch

“Josie”
Erin Ingram

“Lobo”
Adela Reyna

“Ruby”
Patty Dodson

“Jingles”
Barbie Wright

“Phoebe”
Kyle & Nicole Murphy

“Lola”
Alysha Anderson

“Gidget”
The Brooks’

“Chip”
Catherine Gauthier

“Prince”
Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Yowell

“Kitty”
Mikell Morrow

“Colt”
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Phillips

“Sunny”
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Devoll

“Rosie”
Mr. & Mrs. John Nix

“Sadie”
Landi Valentine

“Ritzey”
The Gunnels’

“Liza”
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Flood

“Dozer”
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stacey

“Ray Ray”
Rachel & Nickolas Payne

“Blue Blue”
Bob & Susan Slagle

“Cobi”
The Winters family

“Da Hei Guo”
Joy Cole

“Shiner”
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Pine

“Lacy”
Jill Remshardt

“Sophie”
Cathy Black & Rick Dean

“Grady”
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Jones

“Emily”
Dixie Randall

“Shooter”
Paula Bell

“Binky”
Lamar Graham

“Speedo”
Jo Gray

“Gordon”
Kelly Cassell

“Callie”
The White family

“Shadow”
Yvonne Smelser

“Boo Boo”
The Connot family

“Mauser”
Kelly Drake

“Callie”
The Stewart family

“Switches”
The White family

“Suzi Q”
The Mutz family

“Mollie”
The White family

“Bella”
Sharlyn Van Winkle

“Samson”
Mary Nix

“Kinsey”
Frank Brown & family

“Bobby”
Karen Tierney

“Sam”
Julie Corbett

“Ed”
Janis Thompson

“Abby”
Tim & Lori Ballard

“Cooper”
Jamie Parsons

“Lucky”
Charles Schriewer

“Buddy”
The Shepherd family

In Memory of Animal Lovers

John McCain
“John was my nephew”
by: Mary Heckel

John McCain
by: Linda Sanders

Nancy Sneathern
“my beautiful sister”
by: Sharon McMackin

Waymon McMackin
beloved husband of:
Sharon McMackin

Barbara Darling
“In loving memory of my
friend”
by: Paula Yager

Ann Black
by: her husband, Wally Black

John P.
by: Wally Black

Dan & Lena Witt, & to honor
their dog “Jenny”, adopted
from ARF, and now lives w/
Sally
by: Sally Shelton

Jack Pierce
by: Nancy Cook

Jack Pierce
by: Dr. Roxanne Donaghey
Smith
“In honor of a great & good
man”

James Vaughn
“Rest peacefully, James.
You’ll be missed by so many.”
by: Liz Birchall

James Vaughn
by: Sherrie Chaffin & Pam
Dedmon

James Vaughn
by: Shelley Baker
The following made donations
in memory of Phil Pacheco
Carlo & Sarah Andreani
Scott & Kay Wiese
Tracy & Misti McWhorter
Robert & Kathy Schneeberg
Barbara & Ed Fisher
Erin Horwood
Clayton Strolle
Tom & Julie Dolezal
Craig & Keri LeJeune
AND

Kenneth Pacheco wrote the
following: “One of my fondest
memories was sharing an ice
cream cone with Grandpa Phil
and the dogs while watching
the game. Grandpa Phil was a
very kind and smart man who
lived and loved passionately.
I’m proud to call him Grand-
father.”



IN MEMORY OF:
Memphis Midgette
Sadie Holt & Jonathan
Midgette’s baby boy
by: Karen Bounds

*Volunteers make
Adoption Day
possible....*

*We want to thank them
and recognize them here:*

Deb Blakeney

Rebecca Tatsch

Angela Ray

Trey Spradlin

Sam Douglas

Tom Waneseck

Ruth Waneseck

Tara Watkins

Laurel Haider

Last, but not least....

Roxanne South &

Jenna Glover - both
employees of ARFhouse

In Memory of Beloved Pets

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

"Sassy"
Sweet 14 yr old Bichon
by: Kat & Gene Johnson

"Lucky Sue"
Cody & Erin Allen's pet
by: Uncle Marlin & Aunt
Charlotte Cobb

"Murphy"
"In loving memory..."
by: Paula Fischer

"Rocky" Ray Melton
"You came into our lives when
we needed you most.
We love you, our sweet boy.
You brought us so much joy."
by: LaTressa & Steve Melton

"Zoe"
"In loving memory of my
boxer"
by: Aileen Durrett

"Poppy"
Guinea pig of Joseph & Lauren
Copenhaver
by: Nana & Pa Massey

"Abbie"
Betty Barrington's beloved
chihuahua
by: Roger Platizky

"Mona"
"beloved kitty of Terri Stumpp
by: Vickie Pearson

The following people made do-
nations in "MILO's" memory:
Trey Spradlin
Debbie & Robert Douglas
Kathi & Jamie Kauffman
Eric & Dawn Batchelder

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

"Zoey"
beloved dog of
Kirsten Garrison
by: Mike & Linda Tarzis

"Sopha"
"a cattle dog I got from ARF
17 yrs. ago. She was the best
dog ever & I still miss her."
by: Jane Ellis-Campbell

"Buddy"
"our dear sweet Buddy we
rescued from this amazing
organization over 14 yrs ago"
by: Valerie Studer

"Abe"
Martha's favorite dog
by: Deb Blakeney

"Bella"
"Sweet Bella was my main
source of love for many years
that I lived alone. She will
always be a part of me."
by: Annie Henderson

"Titus"
Meredith & Roman Ross

"Lexi"
Beloved pet of Pat & Gary
Busch
by: the Graff, Kissinger &
Sutton families

"Sophia"
"She came into my life as a
gift...this sweet girl blended
her heart with mine. She
will always be a part of me
throughout all of my lifetimes.
We are one."
by: Annie Henderson

"Titus Rose"
by: Meredith Coffman
"for "Titus" who brought love
& joy into our lives every day.
And for all the pets who have
parted too soon."

"Pebbles"
Paula Gray's beloved pet
by: Renee Bryant

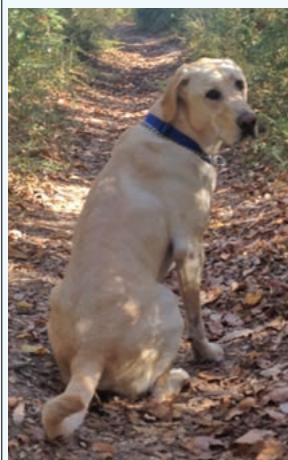
"Boo"
Beloved pet of Cynthia
Mazzant & Jim Colbert
by: Aileen Durrett

"Pebbles"
Paula Gray's beloved dog
by: Renee Bryant

"Tabitha"
Roger Platizky's beloved pet
by: Fred Deneke



To Honor Animal Lovers & Beloved Pets



"MILO", Sam Douglas' beau-
tiful lab and wonderful friend,
who passed away on Jun 7,
2020. He was 10 years old.

In Memory of Milo...

-- Jenna Glover

We all know (too well)
the pain of losing a beloved
pet. To call them "pets"
truly doesn't do them jus-
tice. When our dear friend
and faithful volunteer, Sam
Douglas, lost his best friend
of over 10 years, we all
grieved with him. Milo was
the sweetest, gentlest, BIG-
GEST Lab you'd ever met!
The loss was devastating.

To honor his best friend
in a way that would help so
many others, Sam and an-
other dear friend and volun-
teer, Trey Spradlin, started a
fundraiser in Milo's memory.
HATS! Sam and Trey had
hats made with Milo's name
on the front to honor Sam's
best friend but also to raise
money for ARFhouse. Sam
and Trey raised over \$500 for
ARFhouse selling hats as a
"FUNraiser" for North Texas
Giving Day! Nothing will ever
take away the pain of losing
Milo, but turning grief into a
good cause should help.

Thank you Sam Douglas
and Trey Spradlin!

Canyon Creek Animal Hospital "In Memory" Donations

"Pete"
Kelly Grubbs
"Zeva"
Brenda Hooley
"Sassy"
Gene & Kat Johnson

"Murphy"
Ron Swenson
"Tanker"
Deborah Stewart

"Batman"
The Patterson's
"PJ"
The Williams family
"Sasha"
The Reid's

"Fang"
The Miles family

"Lexus"
The Morrow's

"Luckie"
The Hill family

"Bella"
The Dobbs family

"Brandie"
The Ford family

"Offie"
The Harris family

In Honor of Animal Lovers

Roger Platizky
for Christmas and his birthday
by: Martha & Cindy Chisum

Garrick Linn & Carrie Beach
Linn
"Merry Christmas from:
Debbie & Richard Worsham"

Kathy Kennedy
for her birthday
by: John Kennedy

Kathy Kennedy
by: Gregory Strehl

Martha Chisum
for her birthday & to wish the
Chisum family Merry Christ-
mas
by: Roger Platizky

Holly @ HLJ JEWELRY
"She went out of her way
providing excellent service."
by: Georganna Chatfield



If any "In Memory or In Honor" gift failed to be includ-
ed in this newsletter, I apologize for the oversight. I
would ask that you notify me by e-mail, and it will be
in our next newsletter. martha@arhouse.org

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