



# ARFhouse Happenings

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## summer

**is in full swing here  
at the sanctuary!**

Summertime brings a lot of joy to most; summer BBQs, swimming, vacations, sleeping in! At ARFhouse, summertime comes with a lot of grueling work; hauling water buckets to shady areas twice a day, mowing and weed eating, checking on the dogs in the evening to make sure they still have water, all the while trying to stay hydrated when it's 100 degrees. For the humans of ARFhouse, winter presents more of a struggle; having to work in freez-

ing rain, snow, and let's not forget about the Snowpocalypse of 2021. But for the dogs, the summers are the hardest. We work tirelessly to make sure the dogs always have plenty of shade and a cool drink of water.

Adoptions have slowed down during the summer months; we believe this is due to people traveling while the kids are out of school (we hope, at least). We are holding adoption events twice a month at Petsmart in McKinney and Prosper and while the traffic at these stores has been steady, we haven't seen a lot of serious adopters. We always say quality over quantity, so we are proud that what few adoptions we have had, have been excellent homes.

Our annual estate sale will be at the end of September/beginning of October. We are excited to have the event at our adoption center this year! If you have items you'd like to donate for the sale; furniture, home décor, appliances (no clothing please), please e-mail [martha@arfhouse.org](mailto:martha@arfhouse.org). We will announce on Facebook, Instagram and our website the dates as it gets closer.



# ADOPTIONS



Longtime resident, Bob, finally found his forever with the Ray family.



Tiffany & Israhias Esparza with their daughter Sophia and newest family member Ranger.



Gaylon Seay with his new little man, Marty.



Dave Murray with Nova who didn't want to give up belly rubs to take a picture.



Chrystina Wilcox found her perfect companion in our Ginger.



Jacob Bills & Laura McCann were looking for a big, sweet boy and we just so happened to have Briggs, the biggest, sweetest boy of all.



Linda & Maurice Fitzgerald adopted our sweet Bella.



Pita landed herself some human siblings with the Barron crew.

# ADOPTIONS

Our gentle giant, Conan, was thrown out of a moving vehicle on a busy highway, like trash. When he arrived at ARFhouse, he had the worst case of mange I think we'd ever seen. After 4 months of treatment and a little TLC, he was a different dog. We are proud to say after Conan's terrible past, he is now living the life he always deserved, with a family that loves him.



## Get Ready to Give!

North Texas Giving Day – September 23, 2021



North Texas Giving Day (NTXGD) is a big day and a particularly important one for us. With the need for social distancing still in effect, we have had to – again – cancel our golf tournament, meaning we must come up with new ways of raising funds. Social media is our biggest platform to do this, but we need your help.

Last year was our second year to participate in NTXGD and we were able to surpass our goal of \$30,000, even during a global pandemic! We hoped that 2021 would bring opportunity and security to those that suffered during that time; however, many are still struggling. We ask that if you can give, please consider donating to ARFhouse on September 23, 2021. You can donate directly on North Texas Giving Day, or you can schedule your gift beginning September 1. That is the first day of early giving.

Consider setting up your own “FUNraiser” on your personal Facebook page that will direct your social media crowd to the NTXGD site to donate to ARF. We will send you graphics and links that you can add to your personal Facebook or Instagram account. All you must do is send a message to [jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com) and we will send you everything you need. Each individual effort expands our reach and increases our possibilities for awards or prizes from Communities Foundation.

We need matching funds – funds from individuals, groups of people or businesses. These funds are sent by direct donation to ARFhouse when the match is met. We must know the amount you are pledging so we can note it in our profile. We love to recognize our matching fund donors, but you can make it publicly anonymous if you wish.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with our progress and to help spread the word.

Help us meet our goal of \$35,000 this year. We need to raise major funds to keep ARFhouse doing what it has always done: saving lives. We need you now more than ever. The dogs of ARFhouse depend on you, our loyal supporters, for their health and well-being. Be as generous as you can be. They are depending on YOU!

Donate at: [www.northtexasgivingday.org/arfhouse](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org/arfhouse)  
To inquire about matching funds or setting up a “FUNraiser,” message: [jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com)  
Early giving begins on Sept. 1, 2021. Giving Day is Sept. 23, 2021, closing at 11:59 PM

# NEWCOMERS



Everything you need to know about Stevie can be summed up in this picture, it's the eyes. Stevie is sweet, gentle and affectionate. She was rescued from a place where her humans weren't very nice to her. She still longs for human interaction. Stevie is the closest thing to perfect and she is currently available for adoption.



Looks, brains and personality. These boys have it all. Briggs and Gideon were found out in the country one day, wandering around like goofballs. They hopped right into the car of a stranger that pulled up and made the journey to ARF! After trying to locate their family without success, we had them fully-vetted and placed up for adoption. To know these dogs is to love them; they are the gentlest giants that ever lived.



Our sweetest little Pit Bull showed up at a residence one evening looking for some food and a place to stay. After an unsuccessful attempt to find her family, they brought her to ARF. Darby is as sweet as she is beautiful and needs a fun-loving family to call her own.



This devilishly handsome guy was dumped at ARFhouse. We often find personality "quirks", if you will, that tell us why someone might dump a dog on us, be it something small like chewing, to downright aggressive behavior, but this boy is all love and laughs! Drake is a special boy looking for a special, FOREVER home, someone that will cherish him for the rest of his days.



Tiny but mighty, that's our little man. Mickey landed himself at ARFhouse when his momma passed away. Mickey had an altercation with a motor vehicle when he was younger that left him with only three legs. You would never know this sweet boy is operating with one less limb, he's as playful and spunky as anyone we've ever seen!



If you're thinking "did a professional take this picture?", the answer is no. Some dogs just shine. Bojangles has the same story as many of our dogs; found as a stray and brought to us, but he is truly one in a million and has been such a joy to have around. He loves long walks to the pond, golf cart rides and sharing my lunch (60/40 but who's keeping track?).



Have you ever seen a face so cute? When some nice folks showed up with this sweetheart, we couldn't say no. Annie was running along a busy highway one day when she was picked up and brought to us. We hoped someone was looking for her but her family never showed up. Annie is a very gentle puppy, loving and affectionate.



He could be a Husky, could be a Shepherd. All we know is that he is 100% AWESOME! Biscuit is one of those dogs that lights up every room when he enters. He is silly, playful and keeps us laughing. His larger than life personality will make some lucky family very, very happy.



Some call her Milly, others call her Lilly; all we know is that she is an angel in a dog costume. Milly Lilly was dumped near ARFhouse. This toy-loving girl is sweet, sassy and playful; she will make an excellent addition to any family.

## Appeal

You've seen our success stories; the dogs that come to us in need of medical attention or refuge, who are taken in, cared for, and placed into loving, forever homes. These stories are why we do what we do; but, to do what we do, we need your help.

In the South, we face a huge problem with the number of unwanted births, which directly affects the number of strays, abandoned, or abused dogs; that's where we come in. Until every pet is spayed or neutered, there will always be a need for ARFhouse, but the calls to take dogs are overwhelming and our costs to run the operation continue to rise.

This is where YOU come in. In order to save these dogs, to put it simply, we need money. We need your help so that we don't have to turn away those in need of our help.

When we take in a dog, to have the dog altered, vaccinated and tested for heartworms is over \$120. That's just to start! Approximately 40% of the dogs that come into our care have heartworms. Treatment for heartworms is a long and expensive process, but it is necessary. Before we place a dog into a home, the dog is fully-vetted and any medical condition, be it a simple ear infection or major surgery, is done prior to adoption. Most of the time, we are not breaking even by charging a \$200 adoption fee.

To take care of these dogs in the best way possible, we need the financial support of our faithful donors. Without your help, we would not be able to continue our mission to rescue.



## Thank You!

A special thanks goes out to Trent South, who has volunteered his time to help on a very important project. We are in the process of expanding several yards to give our dogs more space, many of them our senior residents; this task is not only time-consuming, it is an exhausting one and the Texas heat makes it all the more taxing. When he's not taking down panels or helping to fix gates, Trent is loving on the dogs and making their day that much more special. As hard as he tried not to play favorites, our girl Libby stole his heart and he's trying his hardest to find her forever home by helping at our Petsmart adoption events. We are so thankful for his kindness and willingness to help our dogs live their best lives.

## What I've Been Up To

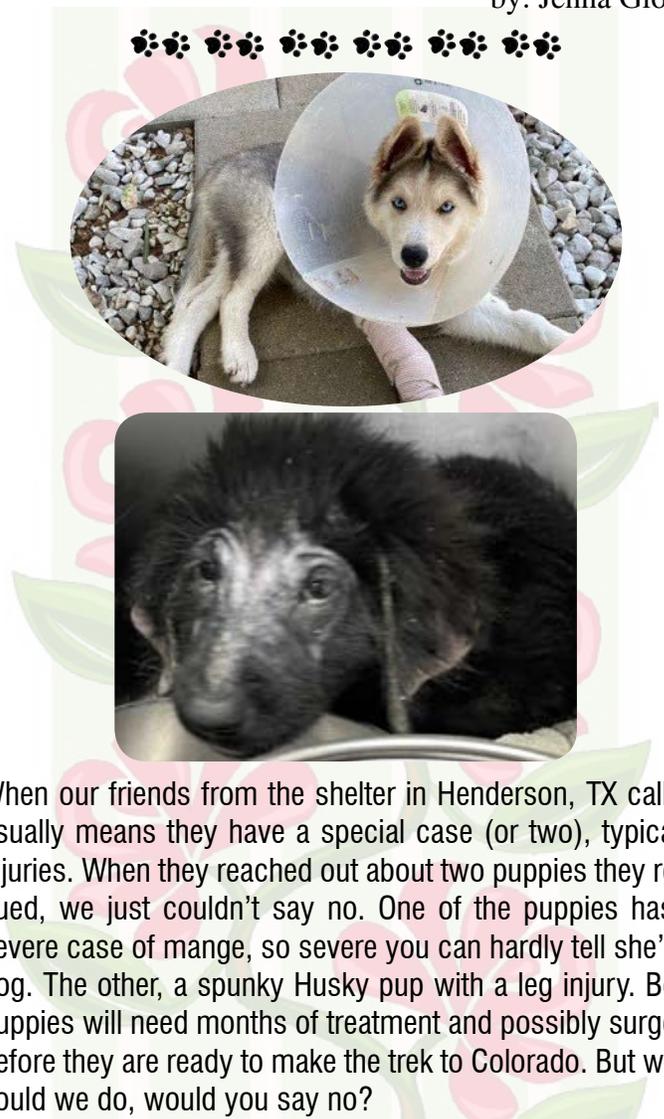
What haven't I been up to? Here at ARF, we all wear many hats. There is no such thing as a "typical day," set hours or job description. We do it all.

On Monday, I could be writing grant proposals; Tuesday, handling meet-and-greets with potential adopters; Wednesday, picking up poop and – truth be told – those are my favorite days. The days when I am with the dogs are my favorite.

Part of my job is finding out what makes these dogs tick; that's what makes me good at it, knowing the dogs and not only finding their perfect home, but finding the home they are perfect for. We are complimented on how well we know our dogs and being able to find the perfect fit for most families; this is the fun part of my job.

During the summer, I can break away from my desk and be where my passion lies, with them. We take walks, meet new people and dogs, go swimming in the pond – if I can convince them to get in. Not only does this help in getting to know the dogs, it makes their day a little bit brighter; but, if we're being honest, I think I get more out of it than they do.

by: Jenna Glover



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

"Riley"  
Brad Stuart

"Kalief"  
The Terracina family

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our jars, and if you  
patronize them, we  
hope you'll leave us  
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McKinney, TX**

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interested  
in hosting a  
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please let us  
know.



*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 Wanesek  
Ruth Wanesek  
Tara Watkins  
Laurel Haider  
Last, but not least....  
Roxanne South &  
Jenna Glover - both  
employees of ARFhouse

## *In Memory of Animal Lovers*

Waymon McMackin  
by his widow: Sharon  
McMackin

Judy Schuessel  
by: her husband, Charles  
Schuessel

Dr. Ron Cunningham  
& his precious dogs, "Luke"  
(golden retriever)  
and "Foxye" (pomeranian)  
by: Dr. Cherry Cunningham

Wayne Chisum  
by: his widow, Martha Chisum

Jerry Huffman  
by: his widow, Gerda Huffman

Angela Uptmore  
by: Celeste Malicoate

The following made donations  
in memory  
of Peggy Fields:

Sandy Hurlbut  
Philip & Brenda Robertson  
Tammy Kidd  
the Baloga family  
Steven & Emily McDonald  
Lisa Gossard

Jean Chambers  
by: Tom & Joanne Fowler

Dianna Oppermann  
by: Aleta Oppermann

John Barber worked for us last  
year; he was a rockstar on  
the lawnmower, push-mowing  
our large yards in 100 degree  
weather, weed eating, trimming  
and hauling tree limbs. John  
was a real joy to be around and  
he loved our dogs. When he  
wasn't hard at work, he was  
sitting on the ground with a  
dog, or two, in his lap, scratch-  
ing their heads, giving belly  
rubs or throwing a ball. the  
dogs loved him back.

We were grieved to hear of  
John's recent passing. The  
dogs and humans of ARF-  
house will miss him dearly and  
remember him fondly. The fol-  
lowing people made a donation  
in John's memory:

Dwayne Barber  
Linda Sanders  
Josh & Nicole Krauss  
Steve Cherry

## *To Honor Animal Lovers*

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

Margaret "Peg" Bourke  
by: Kelley & Robbie Renfro



## *Need a Pal?*

Be a Pal is one of the most  
important programs for  
ARFhouse. It allows you  
to virtually "adopt" an  
ARFhouse dog through a  
monthly donation of \$20,  
deducted automatically  
through PayPal. We  
mail quarterly pictures  
and a letter from your  
sponsored dog letting  
you know what your Pal  
has been up to. Do you  
need a Pal?



Thank you to Dewey the Sock Bandit! We  
wish you many more years of running,  
playing and stealing socks!

## **Thanks To those 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**

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**Petsmart at Cameron Crossing**

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ARFhouse will receive a donation from your order!**

## *In Memory of Beloved Pets*

"Margee Rita"  
greatly loved dog of Rebecca  
& Jim Belew  
by: Kathy & Lynn Surls

"Dani" & "Attila"  
by: Brig. General Ed Solymosy  
&  
Mary Ellen Solymosy

"Riley"  
"my cat"  
by: Nancy Cook

"Katie-Scarlett" Simmons  
"Summer's toy poodle"  
by: Stan, Sherry & Piper  
Simmons

"Rocky"  
by: Charles Schuessel

"Mr. Clooney"  
dog adopted from ARFhouse  
by Gregory Strehl  
by: Kathy Kennedy

"Ming"  
"devoted shih tzu with us 16  
yrs, loved forever"  
by: Deirdre Davis & Comfort  
Keller

"Rex"  
by: Kathy, Stacy & Abby  
Caudell

"Cody"  
Donna Wests beloved dog  
by: Karen McCoul

"Mystic"  
our feral cat  
by: James & Donna Pennell

"Zen"  
beloved dog of Jerolyn Finnell  
& family  
by: Kathy & Lynn Surls

"All my grand dogs that were  
rehomed to my daughter Cindy,  
& husband Bob Lea"  
by: Cherrana Sadler

*If any "In Memory or In Honor" gift failed to be included 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@arfhouse.org](mailto:martha@arfhouse.org)*

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