



# ARFhouse *Happenings*

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## **ADOPTIONS** *Hands down, the best part of our job.*

We cannot explain how much joy it brings to watch our dogs – some of whom have had a terrible past – walk away with their loving, forever families. We are asked constantly: “is this hard for you, to say goodbye?”, “do you miss them when they’re gone?”. Yes it is, and yes we do. Caring for these dogs is not what we do, it’s who we are, and yes, we get attached; but seeing where they came from, and watching them go off to live their best lives is what keeps us going, even on the hardest days.

We are having a great summer at Petsmart! We have placed at least one dog into an adoptive home at every event. We had to cancel two events during August due to the excessive heat index; it’s not safe to travel with the dogs in our cargo van when the index is 110, so we made the call to cancel. But we are back at it and excited about the upturn in numbers!

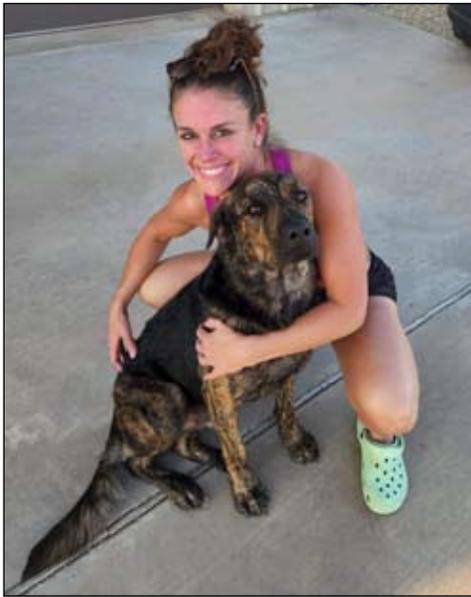


Our BIG boy Luigi needed a BIG family and he got exactly that with Bill and DeEtte Allen, their children Will and Ella, and his new four-legged siblings, Comet, Dutton, and Daisy.



Hawk waited a long time for his forever family to show up, so you can imagine how excited we were when they did! Hawk is now living the good life with the Wille's.

# ADOPTIONS



Jen Effler wanted a BIG boy as a companion and ARFHouse gave her just that with our Jake.



Sierra Johnson and Bae are made for each other and living their best lives together.



Blue found her perfect, forever family with the Harrell's. She now has another dog to play with, and a sweet girl to sleep in bed with every night.



Timmy found his perfect family with the Walters and now has two kiddos to play with.



Karie Miller and her granddaughter with Ruthie.



When Whiskey was adopted the first time, he was heartbroken when he was returned. You cannot imagine how happy this dog was when he got home with his FOREVER family! The Williamsons keep in touch often and we couldn't be happier to see our boy living his best life.

## Appeal

Dear friends & faithful supporters,

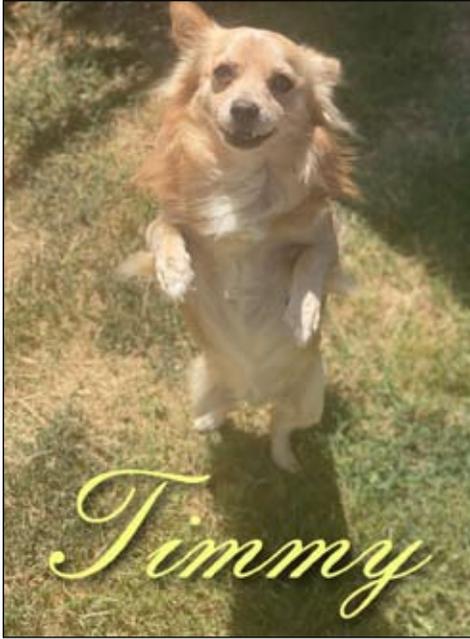
Though we are thrilled by the success of North Texas Giving Day, we appeal to you again. By now you have read that we raised over \$60,000 in funds during the month of September. It was a great month for us, but with rising costs to operate, employee salaries to care for our dogs, veterinary bills, and so on, that will cover just two months' expenses. This operation has grown substantially over the years, and with it, our needs. We understand you all have felt the burden of the rising cost to live; businesses and nonprofits are in the same boat; we are all in this together, and we need YOU!

We ask that if you have anything to spare, no matter the amount, you think of our dogs and how far your dollar goes towards the housing and care for the abused and abandoned dogs of North Texas.

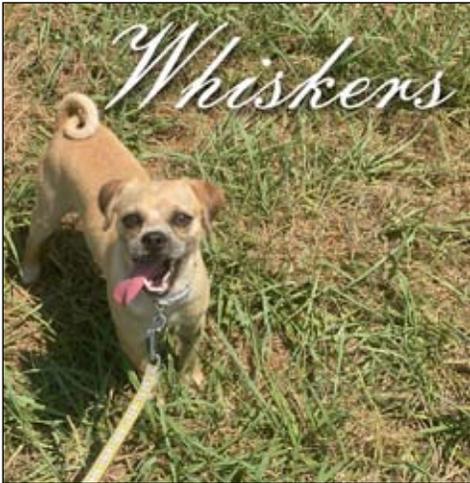
As always, we thank you for your continued support.

-Jenna Glover

# NEWCOMERS



Looks and personality. Timmy is the cutest dog we've ever laid eyes on and has personality to spare. Timmy was found roaming the streets in Sherman, picked up and brought to ARFhouse. We try to reunite strays with their family by posting online, but no one came forward. Timmy's silly nature brought so many laughs until the day he went to his forever home.



Talk about a goofball. Whiskers is one of those dogs that lights up a room when he enters. His silly nature and gentle snuggles are what we love most about him. Whiskers' family fell on hard times, and they hated to give him up, but knew it was best.

*Update: Whiskers landed himself a forever home! He wasn't with us long, but he sure made a lasting impression.*

There are just some dogs we simply cannot say "no" to. We are overwhelmed by the number of calls and emails asking us to take dogs. Sadly, we can't take them all; but sometimes, we just have to. When a nice young couple showed up at our door holding a puppy in a towel, we figured something was up. They were driving on a busy road in Sherman when they noticed a puppy that couldn't have been older than 10 weeks lying on the side of the road. These kind people stopped, picked up the puppy and headed to ARF. Tex had an infection so severe, we felt the fever as soon as they handed him over. It appeared he was hit by a car and his open wound is likely what caused the infection; he surely wouldn't have survived much longer on the side of that road.

Naturally, we could not say "no". We rushed Tex to the vet and told them to do whatever was needed; he was there for over two weeks on a roller coaster, but he fought with everything he had. You know



the saying: "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog". After his long stay at the clinic, Tex came home to fully heal before making the long trip to our partner rescue in Colorado, where he found his forever home. Sometimes we are a landing spot, for those that stay with us for life, but other times we are only a stepping stone.



Black dogs in rescues have the hardest time finding a home; we aren't sure why, but it's true. Hope is anything but "just another black dog". Hope came to us after being found underneath the front porch of a residence; she was nursing 8 puppies. Hope is the sweetest, most eager, loving dog in the world; we hope someone takes a chance on this precious black dog.



Our old man. Harley had a home once, a good one. Sadly, his person passed away and Harley had nowhere to go. Senior dogs have a hard time making it out of shelters, and with that sweet, grey mug, we didn't want to think about that fate, so we took in this old guy and are so glad we did. Harley is so sweet and loving, gentle, and affectionate, we know he will make a wonderful family member if someone takes a chance on this old timer.

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A kind person rescued 3 poodle mixed dogs. She said it took her 3 days to get them to trust her but she finally was successful in doing so. They're very sweet dogs and have collars and tags from 2020 from a vet in another town. The rescuer was unable to do much with them as she is getting over knee surgery. In spite of her own condition, she couldn't stand the thought of where they were -- in an extremely remote area where nobody would be likely to find them. It appeared obvious that they had been dumped off.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?  
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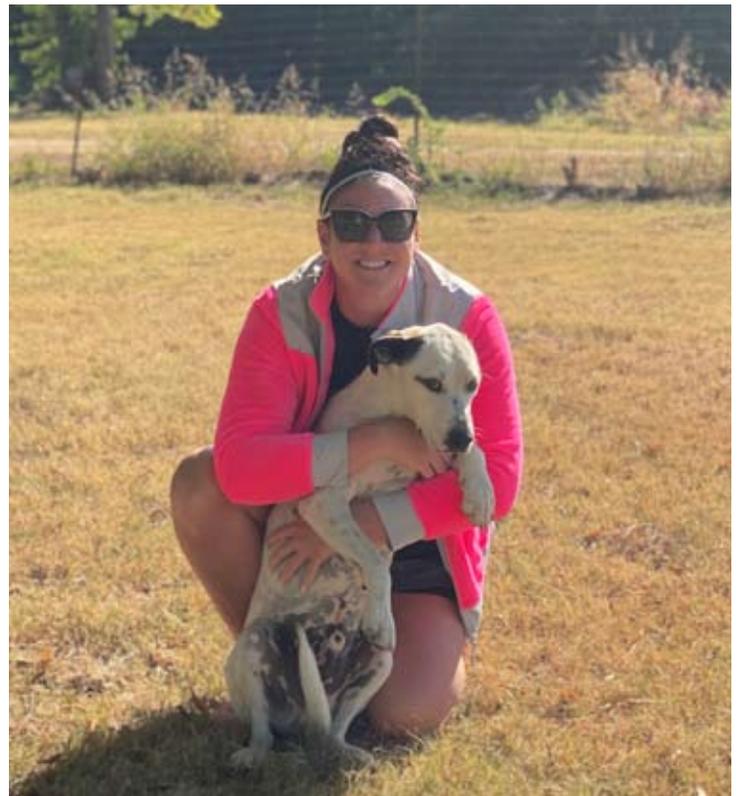
Fawn and Ferris showed up at a residence one day as strays; some nice people brought them to ARFhouse. Not quite sure how they made it to ARF safely with these two goofballs in the car; Fawn and Ferris are the most energetic, silliest, and ridiculous dogs we have. They are currently waiting on their forever homes.

## What I've Been Up To

By Jenna Glover

Two things: North Texas Giving Day, and this, the newsletter. The last three months, my time and sole focus has been on those two things; and they are important. As you've probably read by now, NTXGD is our largest fundraiser of the year, meaning I must put all my effort into that. You ought to see the stacks of paperwork on my desk that have been neglected for months; I'm dreading my return to work now that the fundraiser is over and I am forced to acknowledge them. My second focus is on the newsletter; we decided to do an extra one this year to keep ourselves engaged with you all. We like to keep you updated on the "happenings" out here, and those of you who don't have social media accounts rely on these newsletters to keep in touch.

Now, I focus on the other important things; adoptions, social media, putting our new and adoptable dogs on the website. And, my most favorite thing of all, spending time with the dogs.



"Always a good day when I get to spend it with this hunk."

# WE DID IT! Thanks To You!

In a year with so many unanswered questions, I will admit, we were worried. Worried we might not reach our goal, worried about a lot of things really. This year has been hard on so many, with no real end in sight. We too have felt the financial strain due to the current economic climate. That's all we could do, worry.

North Texas Giving Day has become our largest fundraiser of the year; what started out as a hopeful endeavor, that we could even just make a little bit, has turned into something that we count on each year. It is, by far, our BIGGEST day of the year! We call it a "day", but months of planning and creating go into our campaign for NTXGD.

This year, we secured \$32,500 in matching funds! We cannot tell you what a difference a match can make. Knowing that your donation, no matter the amount, is DOUBLED, encourages giving in ways we were just not privy to before. We noticed an immediate increase in donations once we announced our matching funds; this is part of the fun of NTXGD.

Early giving started on September 1, and the donations kept trickling in until the BIG day. We started the day at just over \$13,000. Our NTXGD campaign is all online, those of you that follow us on social media probably noticed the hourly posts where we gave fun facts, happy stories, and pictures. We believe if we SHOW you why you give, you will. And you sure did. We were glued to our computers from 5:00AM until midnight, watching, hoping, celebrating. It was a long day for our team, but well worth the time.

We could not be prouder to announce, that not only did we reach our goal of \$48,000, we SURPASSED it by over \$6,000 and ended the day with just over \$60,000!! This is the fourth year we have participated in NTXGD, and every year, we have surpassed our goal. This is thanks to YOU! We could not have raised these funds without your support, and we are eternally grateful for each one of you.

We would like to thank the following people for pledging such generous matching funds:

**Trey Spradlin**

**European Cycle Sports**

A pledge to honor the wishes of a great man, **John McCain**, to help ARF continue the fabulous work they do

We would also like to thank **The Clara Blackford Smith and W. Aubrey Smith Charitable Foundation** for the generous prize of \$1,000. All participating non-profits in Grayson County, TX were eligible for this prize, and we WON!

MY PASSION IS:



#NTXGivingDay

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

"Katie" Karen Lawson	"Princess" Tom & Carol Noltensmeyer	"Jackie" & "Cookie" Ann Coates	"Dixie" Sheryl Dagenais	"Mr. T" Haley Sharp
"Lacy" Mr. & Mrs. Tom Becker	"Cinnamon" Trena Wilkins	"Chloe" Danielle Green	"Otis" William May	"Toby" Griselda Valdez
"Bruno" David & Sandi Key	"Yellow Boy" Mr. & Mrs. Atchley	"T.J." Joe & Janice Harris	"Rallie" Theo & Kathy Brauch	"Gigi" Victoria Ellison
"Fred" Tracy Bell	"Patches" Bill & Jane Crockett	"Franklin" The Noltensmeyer family	"Brandi" Debra White	
"Annie" James & Karen Mutz	"Lily" Emrie Morris			
"Rita" The Wagemann family	"Sparky" Amy Michael	<i>In Memory of Animal Lovers</i>		
"Harley" Tony Ray	"Pebbles" The Brown family	Waymon McMackin by: Sharon McMackin Sharon's words: "My loving husband who passed away 7/19/2015"	Billie Bucher David Bucher's mother by: David & Susan Bucher	The following made a donation in memory of BECKY FOUNTAIN Jamie Morris Danny Brakebill Kimberly McDaniel Margie & Tim Morris Stacey & Clay Morris
"Jinx" Robert & Leandra Williams	"Angus" Jeri Lyons & Ronnie McQuiston	Charlie Ross by: Hal & Payge Kenyon	Lelanda McMahan by: Heather Berry	Dr. Wayne Delaney by: Katy Redwine
"Ella" Jamie & Cameron Stephens	"Chloe" David & Mignon Plyler	Judy Schuessel by: her husband Charles Schuessel	Art Payne by: Suzanne Morris	Lelanda McMahan's mother, Annette, who loved her pup-pup family." Heather & Rick Berry
"Maggie" Archie & Connie Sutton	"Kera" Gina Gunville	Kelly Mercy by: Janet Singletery	Bob Slagle by: Danny Brakebill	
"Malcolm" Keven & Jeanna Peters	"Belle" Teresa Fine		Becky Blackburn by: Danny Brakebill	
"Angus" The Branch family	"Maggie" The Brown family	<i>In Memory of Beloved Pets</i>		
"Honey" Martha Payne	"Muffy" Susan Maynard	"Amy" beloved poodle of Karen Hale & Lauren Smith by: Nancy Norwood	"Ava" Bushland by: Liz & Dan Lipperman their daughter's dog	"Scooter" Beverly Nelson's beloved dog by: Chantal Gage, Dale & Marva Phillips, & Phyllis Shaw
"Barbie" Mr. & Mrs. James Godso	"Gracie" The Okray family	"Lacy" by: Liz Birchall	"Scooter" by: Joanne & Tom Fowler	
"Blaze" Robert Kehrner	"Lila" Joann Vandagnff	"Millie" The Nelson's pet by: Wally Black		
"Fiona" Laura Czepiel	"Ash" Wayne Walker			



## *In Honor of Animal Lovers*

Robert & Cindy Lee  
by: Sherrana Sadler



## *In Honor of Beloved Pets*

“Lucy”  
Bruce & Michelle’s beloved pet  
by: Ashley & Steve



## **THANK YOU!**

We would like to say thank you to the following people, who give their time and energy to help our dogs. We couldn’t do this without our dedicated volunteers.

Deb Blakeney  
Dan & Rebecca Tatsch  
Trey Spradlin  
Sam Douglas  
Lynn McCoy  
George Hoppe



## **Ways YOU Can Help**

### **Donate.**

We have many ways you can donate, both in cash and in kind. Visit our website to make a credit card donation. Mail us a check to the physical address on the back of your newsletter. Have items to donate? Drop them off at the Adoption Center located at our facility in Sherman, TX.

### **Volunteer.**

We always need dog-lovers to help at our Petsmart adoption events. Visit our website to fill out our volunteer form.

### **Sponsor.**

Our Be a Pal Program allows you to virtually “adopt” one of our dogs with a monthly donation of \$20. You’ll receive quarterly pictures and letters from your Pal, sent straight to your mailbox.

### **Follow.**

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share us with your friends.



## **ARFhouse Wishlist**

Purina One Dry Dog Food  
Lamb or Chicken  
Pedigree Canned Dog Food - Chopped  
Heartgard  
Nexgard/Simparica

### **DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON?**

**If so, please go to:  
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**and choose ARFhouse as your charity so that the dogs of ARFhouse will receive a donation from your order!**

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**We appreciate your continued support of ARFhouse.**

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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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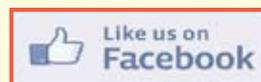
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**Mission Statement**

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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