

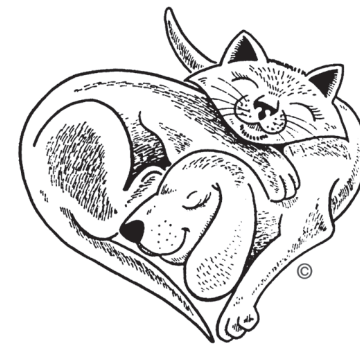


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Amarillo SPCA

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MAY 2011

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Surf's Up for Hawaii Fid-O

Get out your favorite Hawaiian shirt, shine up your woodie, gather up the dogs to make tracks to Muttfest 2011, Hawaii Fid-O!

The annual fundraiser for Amarillo SPCA, Muttfest will be held from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22 at Memorial Park.

The event will include booths, low cost vaccinations by Lone Star Veterinary Services, wonderful barbeque provided by Rudy's Country Store and BBQ, tasty drinks donated by Party Stop, Pepsi and Coke.

KAMR/KCIT will again be hosting the "Top Dog" contest which will include a website where the public can send in their pooch's pic along with a short description. Top Dog winners will be honored at Muttfest.

Our own homegrown talent, Susan Gibson, will again provide the music for the fun gathering. Gibson is best known for her song, "Wide Open Spaces," a number one hit in the nation for the Dixie Chicks.

Skyhoundz Disc Competition will also be part of the festivities, along with one of the best silent auctions around.

Plans are underway to include a "Fashion Show" for doggies. Some new dog contests will be Best Hawaiian outfit, and King and Queen Mutt will again be part of the contests.

We also have a 42" HD TV to be raffled. Tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 each at the Shelter, 11901 S. Coulter, or at PetSmart during adoption time on Saturdays (1-5 p.m.). Tickets will also be available at Muttfest and the winner will be able to take the TV home at the close of the event.

Our old crew, including Peggy Tredway, Kathy Haynes, Mary Ramirez and Nell Williams will be back to make sure this year's event will be the "Big Kahuna."

Anyone wishing to have a booth or donate auction items is invited to call Mary @ 290-2883.

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

I want to join the Amarillo SPCA in promoting responsible pet ownership and compassionate care of animals.

Supporting Member \$100 Family Member \$50 Individual Member \$25

Sponsor a Tree \$150 Sponsor a Dog Run \$150 Other: _____

My tax deductible check, made payable to Amarillo SPCA, is enclosed.

Please charge my contribution to my credit card: Visa MC Discover

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include me on email updates. My email address: _____

Memorial or Honorarium: \$ _____

In memory/honor of: _____

Please notify: Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Given by: _____

Mail to: ASPCA
P.O. Box 1014
Amarillo, Texas 79105

Thank You!

Memorials and Honorariums will be published in the next newsletter.

PetSmart:

Cats are available during normal business hours

Dogs are available on Saturdays from 1 - 5 p.m. Except holiday weekends

Microchipping:

At the shelter, Tues - Friday 12 - 5 p.m. - \$30.00

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Vouchers:

Purchase a voucher for \$50.00 during business hours. Make an appointment with Katie Dickinson at Lone Star Veterinary Clinic.



Adoption Success Story



I first spotted Petunia at three days old. She was the cute little white puppy with a brown spot on one eye, snuggled up next to her ten brothers and sisters Asia, Leila, Snort, Fairbanks, Rowdy, Oreo, Jersey, Elektra, Orion, and Jasmine.

In that small room at the SPCA, I hoped and prayed that this was the dog I had been waiting for. It was 3 months before I could even try to take her home with me, but once the

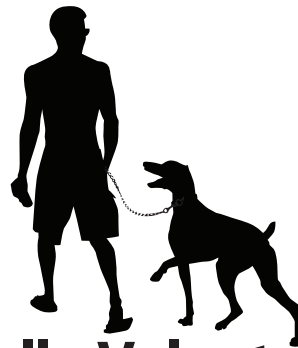
months were up, I was positive that I had to have this perfect puppy. I filled out the paperwork and she joined my life!

Petunia is now close to two years old. She enjoys riding with me in the car, going on our everyday jogs, and barking at strangers she is unsure of.

Everyone in her life loves her nonstop kisses and the way you just feel better with her curled up next to you. My fiancée and I love to take her camping with us, she is in her element out in nature, and tears up and down rough terrain as though she's been doing it all her life.

Thank you to the Amarillo SPCA for adding the missing link in my life, my loving dog Petunia!

– Rachel Larsen



Hello Volunteers,

If you don't know me, my name is Karen Mills and I am one of the people who works with the SPCA. For Muttfest this year, we would like to take 5 to 10 dogs for the day, and at some point in the festivities, take them up on stage and introduce them ... just to give them some exposure to help find them homes.

We want to assign one handler for each dog. The handler will be responsible for the dog the whole day. He/she will need to come to the shelter in the a.m. and wash the dog, transport the dog to the park, and then walk with the dog the whole afternoon. If you have a friend or family member who would be willing to come with you to take the dog and give you a break for a few minutes here and there, that would be great. You may not be able to find SPCA workers who are free enough to help you in that way that day. There will be water at the SPCA main booth for the dogs. We will give each dog a bandana that says Adopt Me. And, we will make sure you know their bios so that you can answer questions if people ask.

Please let me know if you are interested in doing this sort of thing. And, if so, what kind of dog you are comfortable with. Most will be larger dogs. I guess just let me know if you are young and strong and can handle a "puller." If the SPCA becomes short-handed in the administrative part of Muttfest (selling t shirts, helping with the silent auction, etc.) then we may ask you to help there instead of taking a dog. Just write me if you would be interested so I know how many dogs we can take.

Thanks! Karen

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of our "Little Bear Cub," Bruno
– Grandma and Grandpa Ramirez

Merry Christmas to my dear friend, Susan Burke
– Mary Ramirez

In honor of my dear, smart, brave, funny, loyal, fun, friend and Companion. I miss you, Cheerio
– Diane Honea

In memory of our deceased family members
– Joyce Gerber and Family

In honor of Jo Ann Cotter and John Cash
– Gerry Ault

In memory of Sharon McWhorter
– Toni Tanner

In honor of David, Nancy and Rose Waitt
– Terrance L. Holmes

In honor of Gary and Georgianne Duback
– John and Kathy Kanelis

In lieu of presents
– Kyle and Lisa Kelley

In lieu of a birthday present
– Brinkley Shinall (10 years old)

In memory of my loving mother, Norma Gibbs
– Terry Gibbs

In memory of Kelly Kaye Saunders
– Terry and Cheryl Hollan
– Benny Lawrence
– Robyn Burchfiel
– Nicholas and Claire Zengou
– Joe Scott

In memory of Spunky, pet of Homer Brantley
– John and Mary Jennings

In memory of Viola Louise Robins
– Nell Findley
– Iva Hill Cryer

In memory of Timothy Mark Timmons
– Curtis and Elizabeth Timmons
– Evelyn H. Baker
– Dani Hermesmeier

In memory of Marland "Dude" Upton
– Lucille Tupin
– Stockmans Bank, Altus, OK
– Maurice Hibbard

In memory of Edna Goff
– Weldon Hill Family
– The Chappell Family
– The Farra Family
– Leo and Louise Houlihan
– Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gassaway
– Wanda Sue Bridges

– Wolflin Square Merchant Association
– Deutsch Tane Waterman & Wurtzel, P.C.
– Malcolm and Christian Frazer

In memory of Anita Mokes
– Nancy Holt

In memory of Grace Meyer
– Barbara Olson
– Wendy Marsh
– Trudi and Jon Googins
– Ken and Elly Rapp
– Frederick Rapp
– Allan Ramsay
– Gwendolyn Thompson

In memory of Mildred Brown
– Nell Green Findley

In memory of Clint White
– Renee Wilson
– Denise Litherland

In memory of Ginger, pet dog of Dr. Robert Ballenger
– Sharon Brown
– Janelle Dillehay

In memory of Foxy, pet of Mary Aigaki
– Lacy, Jimmy, Katherine and Chloe Kessler

In Memory of Martha Parr
– Mike and Mitzi Green

In memory of B. J. Fitzwater
– Max Ray and Kenda Faulkner

In memory of my granddog, Dunder
– Mary Ann Allen

In memory of Dunder, pet dog of the Wes Brown Family
– Gib and Jeannette Brown

In memory of Heidi and Cash
– Elaine Hazlewood

In lieu of Christmas gifts
– Haley Jones
– Kayla Coutts
– Lani Pletcher

A tree planted in memory of our beloved Genghis
– Mary and Jerry Clark

A tree planted in memory of Susan Elaine Arthur
– The Amarillo SPCA

A tree planted in memory of Robert Parks
– Brenda Parks

A tree planted in memory of Winnie (April, 2010)
– Sharon Brown

Sponsorship of Dog Runs (2)
– Cory and Nicole Patterson

Sponsorship of Dog Run in memory of Dorothy, Dan and Liz Bills
– Brenda Parks

Foster Homes Needed

Occasionally, we need a foster home for a dog, a litter of puppies, a cat, a litter of kittens, etc.

If you have any interest in volunteering for this most important job, please contact Sheryn at drs76@clearwire.net, or Billie at amarillospca@amaonline.com. Or, you can call Sheryn at 806-433-6417 or Billie at 806-679-4122.

We have a form that you would need to complete and here are some guidelines you would need to follow:

1. No animal will be allowed to leave the shelter without being sterilized, with the exception of tiny puppies or kittens under 6 weeks of age.
2. SPCA volunteers and employees will be given the opportunity to foster first, but if no-one is available to do

so, we will call on others who would like to take an animal into their home to socialize it, nurse it back to health, or just give it a chance to grow for a few weeks – until it is old enough to be spayed or neutered.

3. Except for baby animals, the majority of animals being fostered would be with a family that intends to adopt it when it reaches 3 or 4 months of age.
4. Another exception would be weekend fostering. If you are interested in just giving the animal an outing, a chance to get away from the shelter for a couple of days we would love to talk to you about that, too.
5. It would be necessary to maintain close contact with the foster family.
6. We cannot allow fostering outside of Amarillo and Canyon.

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Rex, beloved pet of Kenda and Max Ray Faulkner

– B. J. and Marshall Fitzwater

In memory of Sam Peebles

– Jim and Sharon Brown

In loving memory of Bill Young

– Reece Norwood

In honor of Jack and Chic Steed

– Elaine Hazlewood

In memory of our little dog "Butch" who died 9/10/10 at the age of 20

– Carol and Juaneta Coulter

In memory of Peggy Stewart

– Alice Balch

In memory of Wayne Sooter

– William "Bill" Henry
– Winnie and Cathy Davis

In memory of Susan Elaine Arthur

– Peggy Tredway
– Mike and Kathy Haynes
– Bill and Susan Larsen
– Ben and Karen Richardson
– Paula Adams

In memory of our dear dog of 15 years, Flora – Still a puppy at heart. We miss her

– Don and Liz Cantrell

For Buddy Boy

– Robert Bowling

In memory of Brat Cat (Pet of Nancy Boyce)

– Dettie Byrd

In honor of two special pets, Darby and Lillie

– Lillie Shipman

In memory of Kirk Davis

– Jim Schooler
– Aleta Coatney

In loving memory of our niece, Kay Eldridge

– Gene and Jayne Gidel

Thanks to all who help the animals.

– Laura Jean Kreissl

In honor of the Doctors and Staff of Animal Medical Center

Linda Cole

In memory of Romer Boy, my 16 pound, 4 year old cat who passed over the rainbow bridge on September 17, 2010

– Nancy Hunter

In memory of Otter, my sweet baby cat. We miss you

– Debra Dunne

In honor of JoAnn Cotter

– LaVonda Mosley
– Steve Lapp

In memory of Buddy, pet of Mr. & Mrs. Vern Wilbanks

– Evelyn Hibbs

In memory of Michael Bolk

– Lillie Shipman
– Stanley and Janet Doak

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts for Ellie and Glenn Williams

– Betty and Bob Young

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts for Melinda and Keith West

– Betty and Bob Young

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts for Linda Bagwell

– Betty and Bob Young

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts for Jay and Dinah Reid

– Donald Lee and Dorothy Wilson

In memory of Ardyth Bagwell, beloved aunt

– Betty and Bob Young

In memory of Sahib, Little Bit and Missy

– Betty and Bob Young

In honor of my sweet daughter, Amanda Hedtke

– Roe Acker

In memory of Rooster and Jess

– Shelly McCune

In memory of D. T. King

– Windjammers Bowling League

In memory of Vivienne Helyer

– Judy and Cissy Fugate

In honor of Sandy and Buffy

– Betty Gonzales

In memory of Teresa Faris

– Doyle and Beth Buchanan

In honor of Fellow SPCA Board Members and Volunteers

– Karen Richardson
– Peggy Tredway

In memory of Stella Clark

– Joe and Sue Bartolino

In memory of Bill Barnett

– Danny and Karla Musgraves
– Wilbur and Coralie Boydston
– Helen K. Veal
– Jerry and Tricia Rose
– Geraldine Elliston
– Sidney and Linda Walton
– Karl and Karen Fogg

In honor of Annette Brooks

– Nancy Wilcox

In honor of Tracy Dougherty

– Karen Craghead

In honor of our friend Karen Richardson for such hard work and dedication to the ASPCA!

– Joe and Jayme Kitchens

In memory of Wuss, pet of Larry and Carol Burtz

– Audrey Massingill

We're Looking for Our Forever Home...

LUCY



Lucy is 1 year old and is a very pretty Doberman mix. She was given to us because her home burned down and her owners were no longer able to keep her. Lucy is strong and playful but intelligent and personable.

OLLIE



Ollie is a very sweet and happy, 1 year old Australian Shepherd mix. Ollie lost his home when his mom had to move into a battered woman's shelter. He misses her greatly and would love a new home very soon.

DIP



Dip is 1 year old and is a very cute and sweet Border Collie, Husky mix. She was given to us by her owners who could not afford to feed her. She was quite thin and shy when she first came but is much better and ready to go into a new home.

MUZZLE



Muzzle is one year old and is a German Shepherd mix, we believe. We found Muzzle loose in our parking lot one morning. His owner had dumped him there during the night with a muzzle on his head. We have no idea why he came with the muzzle. He is a sweetheart and has absolutely no need for it.

BETTY



Betty is a 2 year old, friendly, pretty, big Black Lab. She was found running loose near Timbercreek the week of the fires. We have not been able to find her owner so she now needs a new family.

WILMA



Wilma is a very pretty and sweet, 9 month old, Chesapeake, Lab mix we believe. Wilma was found near Timbercreek running loose the week of the fires. We have not been able to find her owner so she needs a new family.

Annual Garage Sale

Start collecting those items now! We will have our garage sale July 8 & 9, at my house, 7105 Elmhurst. Please save your treasures for us. If you can hang on to them until the first of June it will be greatly appreciated – that way we can get Muttfest behind us. But if you absolutely can't store your items, please call me at 806-355-5260 and we will work out a solution. And don't forget to come by and shop!

We are looking forward to another great sale and hope you will be a part of it. Thanks in advance for supporting us.

– Peggy Tredway

Santa Claws was a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who brought their pets to PetSmart during the first three weekends of December. We stayed very busy and photographed a lot of pets and people. We sold 214 packages – ran out of frames and had to ask for more. Ran out again and had to buy some! We had almost every breed of dog, a few cats and one bunny! Plan to have your pet's photo made next year during December.

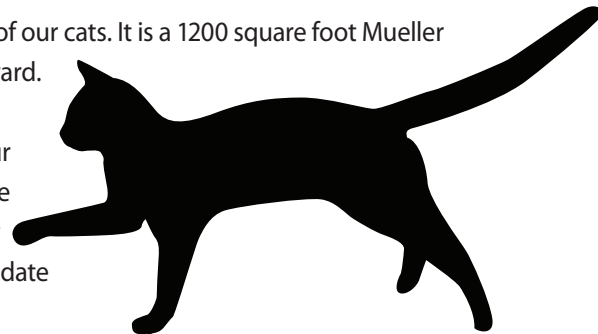
A special thanks to James Chance and Mike Rutstein for filling some pretty big shoes (Santa's). They did an excellent job and were totally into their Ho Ho Ho role. They even promised to bring what a couple of kids asked for, making sure the parents were within hearing range!

And let's not forget Santa's helpers. Kathy Haynes, Mary Ramirez, Taryn Sloan, Nancy Simpson and Peggy Tredway. Thanks everyone!

Hayward Feline Lodge

The Amarillo SPCA is so fortunate to have such wonderful support from its volunteers, staff, board of directors and the community. We could not survive without hours and hours of volunteer efforts, but even that would not keep our doors open without the financial support from all of you.

Speaking of financial support, we have a brand new building for all of our cats. It is a 1200 square foot Mueller building, made possible by a generous gift from Jack and Helene Hayward. They have cats of their own, including a couple of cats who, I believe, actually manage their office, but they wanted to make it possible for our cats to have a better home before they find their forever homes. We are truly grateful, and the cats seem more relaxed and happier in their new surroundings. We will have pictures for our next newsletter, with an update on the building.



We Have Lost a True Animal Lover

On January 29, Edna Goff was called home, leaving a vacant spot in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. She was a true animal lover and was very instrumental in the organization of the Amarillo SPCA, serving on the board of directors for many years. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Jerry and to her daughter, Parie Villyard. She will be missed.

Go Bulls!

Recently the Amarillo Bulls worked as servers for one evening at LaFrontera Restaurant. We were the recipients of their tips. Not only did they give great service to those of us who were dining, but they were also a very nice group of young men. If you get a chance, go out to see them play when they are in town!

McAllisters

On March 29, McAllisters hosted an event with a percentage of their sales going to the SPCA. If you haven't tried this new deli restaurant, located at 8605 SW 34th, you really are missing some great food.

Quote

*Until one has loved an animal,
a part of one's soul remains unawakened...*

Many Thanks

Thanks to Western Equipment and Supply for their help during the cold weather when our water was frozen and our pipes froze. They also removed some large fence posts as we began our moving of storage buildings and trailer to make room for our new building.

Thanks to everyone who donated and brought blankets and towels to the shelter during the 'big freeze'. The water was frozen most of the time during the snow storms. We ran out of blankets for the dogs and could not wash. Thanks to the friends and supporters who came through once again and brought enough blankets and towels to make sure our dogs had a warm cuddly place to curl up.

Thanks to two very special young men who have made donations from their hearts. Adrian Gonzales brought a \$10.00 donation because he loves helping the dogs and cats. He wanted us to make sure we tell all the dogs and cats to be ready to be adopted because they will. Jackson Ohare saved his money in a Mason jar and brought \$35.73 to help the animals at the shelter.

And let's not forget Brinkley Shinall who is 10 years old and instead of birthday presents for herself, she asked her friends to give to the animals at SPCA. With young people like these, we know our animals will be well cared for in the future

Thanks to the new volunteers who have been helping at the shelter and at PetSmart. You guys are the greatest. Any time we have needed something you have been there. Special thanks to Amanda Hedtke and Valerie Lowery who both work at Pantex. They organized special donations of treats, toys, and other items for the animals from the good people at Pantex.

Special Thanks

At a luncheon recently, a grant from Amarillo Advertising Foundation, in the amount of \$500.00 was presented to our President, Karen Richardson and 1st Vice President, Billie Hicks by Stephanie Sullivan and Cathy Pruiett of McCormick Advertising. We are honored to have been chosen to receive the award. Thank you!



Special Bequests

We have recently received donations from the Shirley Kocher estate and the Anita Mokes estate. We are so grateful that these ladies chose to give to the animals in our care.

We have also received a donation from the Pauline Nichols Revocable Living Trust and from the Laura Scott Estate.

We appreciate so much that all of these ladies and the administrators of their estates made special bequests to the Amarillo SPCA.



Did You Know?

The SPCA takes in pets that need a second chance at finding the perfect home. We also ensure these pets do not reproduce, are healthy and well cared for while they wait for the right family. To adopt a pet we have a \$85 adoption fee which covers:

- Pet sterilization (Spay/neuter)
- Microchipping
- Immunizations
- Food
- Medicine
- Litter
- Care
- And more!

Some people assume these pets should be free, or that \$85 is too high. However, a trip to a local veterinarian for a spay/neuter and microchip may cost \$220! We seek volunteers to assist with pet care and sponsors to support some of our expenditures to keep the adoption price affordable and still be able to provide quality care for our animals. This support allows us to keep food and care costs to a little over \$5 a day per animal! Looking at the numbers, you can see how \$85 is a great bargain for your newest addition to your family.