



Amarillo SPCA

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Saturday 1 - 5 p.m.

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Santa Claws Photos

It's that time again! Each year PetSmart sponsors Santa Claws during December. The Amarillo SPCA will again be their adoption partner for this event.

Photos with Santa will be taken of pets, children, families, whatever combination you would like. Dates are December 10 & 11 and December 17 & 18. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Cost is \$9.95 with your Pet Perks card, and the SPCA receives \$5.00 from every package sold. Participants receive a 4x6 digital photo and a Christmas frame.

Holly, Jolly and Oh-So-Safe!

Of course you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. And be sure to steer them clear of unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

O Christmas Tree - Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water - which may contain fertilizers and bacteria that can cause stomach upset - from spilling.

Tinsel-less Town - Kitties love sparkly, light-catching tinsel that's easy to bat around and nibble. But swallowing tinsel can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery.

Toy Joy - Choose gifts that are safe. Dogs have been known to tear their toys apart and swallow the pieces, which can then become lodged in the esophagus,

stomach or intestines. Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible.

Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow or a stuffed catnip toy.

Forget the Mistletoe & Holly - Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies, can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Wired Up - Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured

battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.

Careful with Cocktails - If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday!



Muttfest Winner!

"I was requested to send a picture to the ASPCA of myself with the TV. I have included Tex whom I adopted from the ASPCA in February. We enjoyed the event which supports a great cause in caring for animals. Thanks for all that you do."

Charles Steward and Tex



Charles and Tex were very happy with their new TV which was raffled at Muttfest, 2011.

Bengari

Bengari is a big, regal 2-year-old black cat. He was given to us by his owner who was moving into a "no pet" apartment. Bengari is a big lover, an affectionate sweetheart of a cat looking for a permanent home. He will make someone an excellent companion!



Adoption Success Stories

Roscoe

Roscoe, a blue heeler mix, had been at the shelter since he was a youngster. Visitors never gave him a second look, because he looked mean. One day a lady came in to see if she could mend her heart; her blue heeler had died, but Roscoe looked scary, as he was jumping wildly in his pen. Still, she asked a volunteer if it was safe to take him from his pen. The



volunteer told her that they would meet outside. Roscoe walked outside and up to the lady. He promptly sat and offered his paw in a handshake. Roscoe found his forever home.

Shugg, the Boxer

John and Pam Somerville sent this picture and note earlier this year: "We adopted Shugg in October, 2010. She looks great now. Was not eating at the shelter but that's no longer an issue! She and Sammie, our Golden Retriever are good friends and play all the time. Thank you for all you do for the animals. She has brought us so much joy. We love her and she sleeps with us



in our king sized bed. We just wanted you to know how one of 'your' dogs is doing."

Pets and Winter Weather

The weather will soon be cold and wet with snow, sleet, ice, etc. Please remember to bring your dog or cat inside when the weather is bad. Even the big dogs need help staying warm. It goes without saying that the little, short haired dogs, such as Chihuahuas cannot take the cold.

If your pets are going to be outside during the day, please make sure they have a dog house to go into where they can be sheltered from the elements.



You can even put some hay or straw in their houses to help keep them warm.

The SPCA recommends that all animals be inside at night and as much as possible during the day.

North Shore Animal League

The North Shore Animal League and the Amarillo SPCA teamed up for an adoptathon on September 14, on the PetSmart parking lot. They brought their mobile kennel and we loaded it up with dogs. Eight dogs found their forever home that day!



People Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pets

If you suspect your pet has eaten any of the following foods, please note the amount ingested and contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine - These products all contain substances called methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee and in the nuts of an extract used in some sodas. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death. Note that darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate and baking chocolate contains the highest.

Alcohol - Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death.

Avocado - The leaves, fruit, seeds and bark of avocados contain Persin, which can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs.

Macadamia Nuts - Macadamia nuts are commonly used in many cookies and candies. However, they can cause problems

for your canine companion. These nuts have caused weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors and hyperthermia in dogs. Signs usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion and last approximately 12 to 48 hours.

Grapes & Raisins - Although the toxic substance within grapes and raisins is unknown, these fruits can cause kidney failure. In pets who already have certain health problems, signs may be more dramatic.

Yeast Dough - Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's digestive system. This can be painful and can cause the stomach or intestines to rupture. Because the risk diminishes after the dough is cooked and the yeast has fully risen, pets can have small bits of bread as treats.

Raw Bones - Feeding your pet raw bones may seem like a natural and healthy option that might occur if your pet lived in the wild. However, this can be very dangerous for a domestic pet, who might choke on bones, or sustain a grave injury should the bone splinter and become lodged in or puncture your pet's digestive tract.

Xylitol - Xylitol is used as a sweetener in many products, including gum, candy,

baked goods and toothpaste. It can cause insulin release in most species, which can lead to liver failure. The increase in insulin leads to hypoglycemia (lowered sugar levels). Initial signs of toxicosis include vomiting, lethargy and loss of coordination. Signs can progress to recumbancy and seizures. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.

Onions, Garlic, Chives - These vegetables and herbs can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage. Although cats are more susceptible, dogs are also at risk if a large enough amount is consumed.

Milk - Because pets do not possess significant amounts of lactase (the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk), milk and other milk-based products cause them diarrhea or other digestive upset.

Salt - Large amounts of salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, or even sodium ion poisoning in pets. Signs that your pet may have eaten too many salty foods include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death. In other words, keep those salty chips to yourself!

Memorials & Honorariums

- In memory of Willis Brown, cat of Jim and Sharon Brown**
Janelle Dillehay
- In memory of Mary Ellen Richardson**
Joan Hartenstein
Dawn K. Boyer
Peggy Tredway
Kathy Haynes
Norman and Susan Steen
Liz Mason
- In memory of Audrey Key**
Peggy Tredway
Kathy Haynes
- In memory of Brandi Swanson**
Craig and April Babiash and Family
John B. Dudley Corporation
Jan and Lynn Rollins
Happy State Bank
- In memory of Tim Timmons**
Jack and Sandra Waller
- In memory of Martha Parr**
Melvin and Janiece Bloch
Bob and Fay Moore
Kay F. Davis
- In memory of Bruno and Spencer, dogs of Ben & Karen Richardson**
Liz Mason
- In honor of Linda Bagwell's Birthday**
Anne Stibbe
Terri Jolly
Shirley Whitecotton
- In honor of our 17th Wedding Anniversary**
Bob and Betty Young
- In memory of Vivian Ernestine Bates**
Geneva Fry
- In memory of Debby Townsend**
Tony and Jo Jean Huckabay
- In memory of Louise Hicks**
Frances Goodin
Mary Swindell
Peggy Tredway
Iris Houghton
Drs. Kemp, Longanecker, Padilla & Woodruff, and Staff
Hallie Throckmorton and Mark Miller
Karen Richardson
The Tuesday Night Bunko Club,
c/o Francie Melear
- In memory of Edris Jeane Wesel**
Melissa Dennis
- In memory of Willis and Winnie (cats of Jim and Sharon Brown)**
Stephen and Kathy Cornett
- In memory of Patricia McManus**
Panhandle Eye Group L.L.P.
- In memory of Honey, the best dog I ever had!**
Bob and Andrew Altman
- In memory of John Chandler**
Gene Carver
Bob and Jo Lynn Wilkinson
Margaret "Meg" Morey
- In honor of all the hard work and dedication of the ASPCA volunteers!**
Joe and Jayme Kitchens
- In lieu of 46th Anniversary Gifts**
Dr. and Mrs. William S. Wallace
- To the Hayward Feline Lodge**
Kimberly Seward
- In honor of Jolie Blonde**
Sloan Kritser
- In memory of Pepper**
Casey Griffin
- In honor of Elizabeth and Bryan Henderson**
Max Sherman
- In honor of Dr. Solomon and his Caring Staff**
Mary Elliott Allen
- In honor of our dog, Wrangler**
Tony and Kim Link
- In honor of Rudi, Maggie and Sophie**
Tim and Tish Holloway
- In honor of Buddy the cat, adopted from the SPCA**
Robert and Teresa Bowling
- In honor of Peggy Tredway**
Robert and Patricia Jones
- In memory of Gay Frost**
The Nunn Company, Ltd.
Joan Davis
- In memory of Phillip Pratt, my childhood friend**
Debra Dunn
- In honor of the Doctors and Staff at Animal Medical Center**
Linda Cole
- In memory of Michael J. Kreger**
Envision Telepharmacy (Alpine, TX)
- In memory of Apples, a faithful friend and loyal champion, and in honor of Angelika Stockwell.**
Robert Stockwell
- In honor of Father's Day for Larry James**
Robin and Deborah James
- In memory of Katy Coffee**
J. T. and Mary Slavin
Kirk and Dana Flowers
- In memory of Marley, pet dog of Brenda Graham**
Paula Bliss
- In memory of Fred Walker**
Nancy Hunter
George and Betty Carroll
Bill and Georgann Hinson
- In honor of parents', Larry and Aidita James, birthdays**
Robin and Deborah James

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Ken Langston

Rae Gonzalez
Elaine Eubank and Neighbors

In memory of Jerry McKinney

Lo Bowl League
Mrs. Lawrence Cook
John R. Wellborn

In memory of Lottie Snell Cochran

Kay E. Cochran

In memory of Cindy Cotton

Lonnie and Terry Boulware

In memory of Buddy Dowell

Bill and Janet Henry

In honor of Kirk Davis

Anonymous

In memory of Clint White

Anne Moore

In honor of Joann Cotter's Birthday

Employees of Willis of Texas

In memory of Pernecia May McKay

Al and Cindy Cunningham

In memory of Mary Ware

Dr. and Mrs. William S. Wallace
Oscar Fields
Jim and Eydie Knutson

In memory of Pablo, a good dog

Liz Mason

In memory of Pablo, a Canine Gentleman

Karen Richardson

In honor of Pago and Little Bit and in memory of Tigger

Linda and Jerry Parker

In honor of Borger High School

Caprock High School Student Council

In memory of C. W. Tomlinson, Jr.

Mart Tomlinson
Mary Pope, Margaret Godwin &
Virginia Leech
Don Gamblin

In memory of G.B. Therwhanger

Glynda Sell & Cindy Borland

In memory of Estella Morris

Allegra Bush

In memory of Harley and Pearl

Clarence and Althea Tignor

In memory of Shatze and Artie

Merlene Fritts

In memory of Kate and Maggie

H. W. and Gayle Lichte

In memory of Ebony

Rosa Martha Sinclair

In memory of Dave

Boyce and Mud Cairns

In memory of Bojangles

Annette Brooks

In memory of Doyle Ray Burns

Dan and Tammy Guthrie

In memory of G. B. Therwhanger

Mr. and Mrs. Pullen

In memory of DJ

Tumbleweeds Mobile Veterinary
Services

In memory of Pat Hamilton

Kelly and Sue Eslinger

Sponsorship of Dog Run

Mark and Ann Hassinger
Mary Jeffus

Sponsorship of a Tree

Mary Jeffus



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

— Anatole France

"A pet is never truly forgotten until it is no longer remembered."

— Lacie Petitto

"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, filling an emptiness we don't even know we have."

— Thom Jones

Monthly Membership Meetings

Our monthly membership meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at the Amarillo SPCA shelter. We will not meet in December, but if you are a member of the Amarillo SPCA, we would love to have you attend our monthly meetings and get involved!

Westminster Doggie Show

Four of our dogs accompanied Susan Larsen and her volunteers to the annual Westminster Doggie Show, sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Everyone had a great time and the dogs were well behaved. Our thanks to the church for putting this together every year. It's a lot of fun.

Bye-Bye Van!

Our 1999 Ford Windstar has been scrapped! It died a couple of months ago and was going to cost more than it was worth to get it repaired – with no guarantee that it would last. So, the SPCA board made the decision to sell it for scrap. We are now looking for a good used van to transport dogs to PetSmart and other adoption sites for a chance to find a new home. We would welcome any ideas or donations toward a "new" van.

Garage Sale

Once again, you all came through for our annual garage sale. We sold almost \$3,000 worth of "treasures" donated by you! Please continue to save anything you feel might sell because we will do it again next year! It's a lot of work but this year we had more volunteer help than we have EVER had. Everyone went the extra mile and a lot of people shopped in spite of the heat. Thanks to all who brought donations and to all who shopped. Also, thanks to all who volunteered to help with the set up and the sales.

Estate Planning

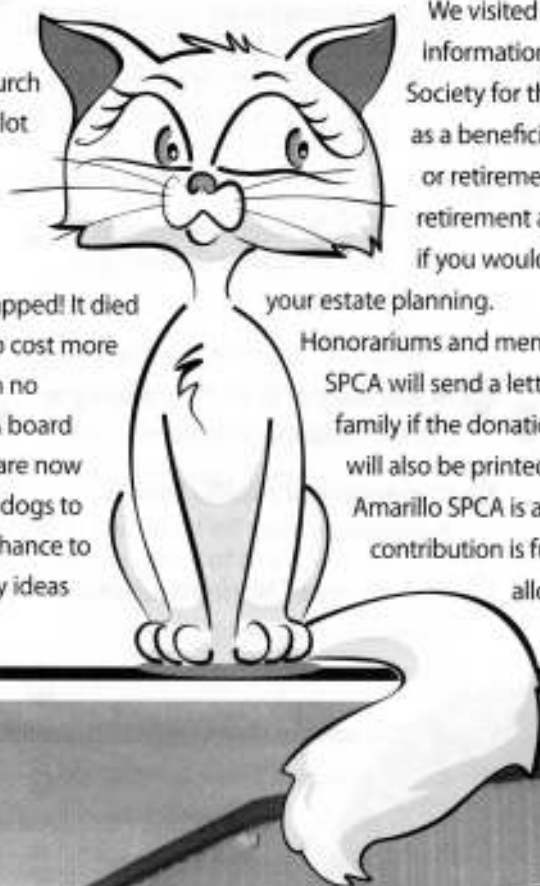
We have had several people inquire about estate planning.

We visited with an attorney and this is the information we received: You can name Amarillo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or retirement plans, such as an individual retirement account. Please consult your attorney if you would like to name the Amarillo SPCA in

your estate planning.

Honorariums and memorial gifts are also welcome. The SPCA will send a letter to the person honored – or to their family if the donation is a memorial. The gift information will also be printed in the next newsletter.

Amarillo SPCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Hayward Feline Lodge

We are so grateful to Jack and Helene Hayward for their generous donation of a new metal building to house all of our cats and kittens. It has been a long process, but the new building is now complete and we have a lot of happy cats. The Haywards were involved in the entire building process and were always there to see that everything was done right!



We're Looking for Our Forever Home...

PEANUT



Peanut is a big, beautiful, Yellow Lab mix. He is about 1 1/2 years old. He was abandoned in Lowe's parking lot, rescued by employees and brought to the shelter. Peanut looks almost totally Yellow Lab, except for white stripe down his nose. He is loving with people and playful with other dogs. Peanut is really ready for a loving, secure home!

MIMI



MiMi is a 1-1/2-year-old purebred Black Lab. MiMi was brought to the shelter by her owner but we were full. The owner turned her loose in the PetsMart parking lot. She was rescued by a passerby and SPCA volunteers. MiMi is a pretty dog, a female "Marley." She is very active and needs lots of attention and exercise. She would love to be in a home with people who have experience with Labs.

LUCY



Lucy is a 2-year-old Doberman mix; she looks 90% Doberman. Lucy came to us because her owners' home burned down. They hoped to be able to take her back but it was not possible. Lucy has been in obedience training and is an awesome student. She gets attached to one or two people and is very loving and loyal but is not really a family dog. Lucy would love to be in a home with adult owners.

ROCCO



Rocco is a 5-8-year-old Heeler/Terrier mix. He is petite-boned and barely as tall as your knee. Rocco belonged to an elderly woman who moved into an assisted living facility and he misses his constant owner companionship. He is incredibly sweet, mature and well-behaved. Although he has a gray face, he has a lot of love and play left to give. Please come see him.

NOAH



We believe Noah is a 2-year-old Lab/Husky mix. He was abandoned at the shelter, tied to a pole. Noah is built a lot like a Husky but has a peach-colored coat. A pretty and loving dog, Noah is strong and active, but obedient and very playful with female dogs. He desperately wants a secure, loving home!

BUSTA



Busta is a 2-year-old Pit mix. He was given to us by his owner who was moving and couldn't keep him. She brought Busta up brilliantly. He is intelligent, loving, extremely tuned into his owner/handler's desires and emotions and is well-behaved. There is no way to describe how good this dog is! Busta regularly exercises with female dogs and would make a great pet.



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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: _____

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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.