



ARFhouse Happenings

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Those of you who have received our newsletter for several years know that Lynn and Kathy Surls hold an annual party in their home, and, like Brando in *The Godfather*, ask their friends to bring a sealed envelope with a check inside for ARFhouse. The dinner is a delicious affair w/ open bar - first class from start to finish. The checks are totaled near the end of the evening, and Lynn and Kathy match that total. That has been their commitment, year after year. It's been Lynn's dream that ARFhouse should have an adoption center on-site, but apart from the actual grounds where the dogs live. In 2011, the event raised \$10,000, designated for this facility.

One of the Surls' friends, Mike O'Brien, wanted to participate in this project to honor his wife, Liz, who passed away in 2010. Mike purchased the materials for the building for \$32,000. He and Lynn are actively raising the funds to complete this wonderful new addition to ARFhouse. There's much to be done; foundation, erection of the building, 8 indoor/



outdoor kennels, finish out for a bathing/grooming room, an office, a greeting room, and more.

The "Liz O'Brien Dog Adoption Center" will be a place where potential adopters may visit - perhaps bring their pet to meet one of our dogs. Liz was a lifelong animal lover and we know she would be pleased that this facility will bear her name because she completely embraced the concept of ARFhouse.

Families will enjoy interacting with the dogs at this Center because there will be a play area and a meeting room. We want adopters and

visitors to consider ARFhouse a "Destination" when this building is completed. This Adoption



Materials for building being offloaded to adoption center site.

Center will make the final leap toward successful animal rescue and adoption for ARFhouse.

Target completion is Summer 2012.

JOYCE DENNEHY HAS DONE IT AGAIN! ANOTHER MUCH NEEDED PROJECT TO MAKE SOME ARFHOUSE DOGS MORE COMFORTABLE. YOU'LL READ ABOUT IT IN THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER "HAPPENINGS" SECTION...FRONT PAGE.

"THE TAIL OF TEN PUPPIES - A RESCUE STORY"

On January 3rd we received a call from a school teacher who lived south of Bonham (about 40 miles from ARFhouse). For a couple of months she had been feeding a yellow lab who was living under an abandoned house near her home in this rural area.



She had seen a Great Pyrenees "visiting" this dog, but was unable to handle the lab. When she called she reported that the lab had given birth to 10 puppies under this house. She had continued to feed them, but was at a loss as to where she could take them since Fannin County has no shelter for animals.

We knew these puppies would be left to start having more puppies eventually if we didn't help them.



Two of us set out one evening to find this house and capture the

puppies. This was accomplished and everyone settled into a routine at ARFhouse. It was several weeks of playing, going to the vet for spay/neuter and vaccines and attending adoption events.



We want to thank Dr. Erin Shults of Mazie's Mission and her volunteers for placing 5 of the puppies, and Dog and Kitty City of Dallas for finding homes for 3 of them.

We were able to place the other one through our PetFinder site.

It was a labor of love for everyone involved...and in the end, there were people almost fighting over these great little puppies. (The school teacher who found them kept one of them.)



Everyone found their forever homes.

The lab is at ARFhouse still, and is a sweet, tame dog now who looks as though she's given birth to 100



puppies, but that kind of life is over for her... we're happy to report. The white Pyrenees puppies were identical looking, which

is the reason there aren't 10 photos displayed on this page. Additionally, the story of these puppies is an example of



how success is achieved when several groups work together to help one another help the animals. Win-Win!

We love happy endings!

Appeal From Martha Hovers

I know you are probably weary from being asked for money. But I also know that you want us to continue saving dogs from the streets who are abandoned by uncaring guardians. December is always a month when you, our friends, are most generous, and we are very grateful to you for remembering us during the holiday season. The first quarter of the year is the most difficult time of the year for us. Donations are at the lowest. We're mowing daily; treating the ground for parasites; bathing and/or dipping dogs; shearing dogs or taking to the vet's office for this procedure; and there are more dogs who need our help than at any other time during the year. ARFhouse placed 109 dogs into

forever homes last year and we expect to double that number in the first 6 months after the adoption center opens.

We want you to consider that there is another component to rescuing these animals and that is: they will never give birth to puppies, so the cycle is broken. The numbers are astounding when you realize that one unspayed female can result in 67,000 puppies being born in 6 years! Ninety percent of the dogs who arrive at ARFhouse are not altered, and this is our highest priority with a new dog. Your gifts make certain this is done.

Remember we help the kitties by picking up donated feline products and distributing to groups that rescue the homeless cats. We must drive to the DFW area to pick up most of these

products, including our donated dog food. With gas prices rising, this is a great expense too, but not as much as if we had to purchase 350 lbs of kibble and 150 cans of dog food per day. We're fortunate to have our good friends at Tom Thumb, Albertson's, Brookshires, IAM's, and Wal Mart who share product with us on a regular basis. We seldom run short, but when we do, we ask for help from you...and you always respond to our needs.

We want you to know that your donations go to help the animals. None of our staff receives much more than minimum wage; in order to work here a person must want it, need it, and love it. Our employees do.





NEWCOMERS



“Dora” was found near Lake Texoma, starving. This picture was taken shortly after she arrived. She’s looking much better now. Those ribs have disappeared. She’s very old, but still has a lot of life left in her; especially when the fool bowl is presented.



I’m “Patches”. A nice lady at a shelter east of Dallas (a long way from ARFhouse) sent an e-mail to ARFhouse asking if they’d be willing to accept me. You see, I’m blind, but I’m a nice dog and the ladies at that place had fallen in love with me. But I was about to be “put to sleep”. I don’t really think I was going to be sleeping ‘cause they were crying a lot about me. Anyway, ARFhouse gals took mercy on me since I’m so beautiful and said I could come here. I live in a big building (w/room to poop outside... which I do) with an old Aussie girl who’s so senile she doesn’t even know I exist, but I follow her around everywhere. It’s nice here since I get some attention and LOTS of canned food with my kibble. They feel sorry for me since I’m blind. It pays off for me. Heh Heh!



“I’m “Brenda”. I don’t know what I did...but I only remember being pushed out of a car. Some nice people picked me up on a country road and called ARFhouse to see if they would take me. Fortunately they did. I’m waiting for my forever home, but I heard someone say I really need human companionship...and I guess I do. I don’t want to be alone.



“Rio”, the black dog, and “Zena” were abandoned here just days apart. “Zena” was tossed over inside our fence and we found her cowering under an employee’s porch. She was almost hairless from a skin condition. “Rio” was one of three dogs abandoned on Spalding Rd. one evening. He was wearing a collar that had broken and the owner had put a nail through it to hold it together. No tag, of course. They are fond of one another and play all day. When they’re tired, they each lie on their Kuranda beds for a few winks.



Rescue * Recovery * Hope



“Woofie” is what they named me here at ARFhouse. I was on the newcomer page in the last newsletter. I look different now because I was hairless in that picture (see inset). Not any more! Don’t I look beautiful? Surely someone will want to adopt me! But I’m a very typical Siberian husky (except small). I talk a LOT. I don’t mean I bark!

WISH LIST

- Packing Tape
- Canned dog food
- Dogloos (any size)
- Huggies Overnight Diapers (27+lbs) for Winnie”. These protect her groin area from friction when she’s in her cart.



ADOPTIONS



Arfhouse friends...I just wanted to send you this photo of Kip, formerly known as Hip, who is an alumni of the Arfhouse in Chicago. Kip is the Doxie shown on the far right. Since Kip moved in with us, about nine months ago, he has been a perfect addition to our family. He is greatly loved and brings such happiness to our lives. Thank you for saving him and getting him to us.

Marjorie Fox



Our "Jenny" was adopted by Noah and Jacklyn. Her new name is "Carmelita" ("Lita" for short). "Lita" was one of the Great Pyrenees puppies, and as you can see, she was the "black sheep" in the group. She was also the puppy everyone seemed to want. (Check out Jacklyn's "Canine Cowboy Collars" on facebook. They're beautiful! If you're a true Texan, you'll want one for your dog.)



Karen & Billy Fite gave our "Bomber" a home ... whom they named "Boomer". They say he's a good fit for their household.



This beautiful young girl is Aidan Dornfeld, and she and her family adopted "Wren", whom they've re-named "Mazy". (This was one of the puppies born under the abandoned house.) Aidan's dad, Tim, writes that "Mazy" is fitting in well with their other dog and receiving lots of love.



Andrew Havens and "Ducky", our last Great Pyrenees puppy. Her new name is "Kona". Andrew tells us that "Kona" is a great dog. He takes her running with him twice a day and she's enrolled in doggie day care. We know she'll be the perfect student because she loves to play with other dogs.



The Thamsiriboon family adopted "Peppy" (tan puppy) whom they renamed "Mickey", and our black & white "Moo", two of our cocker spaniel puppies. From left to right: Nakamon, Ford & Siri Thamsiriboon.



Remember the picture of the tiny cocker spaniel puppies and their mother, "Dovie" in the winter newsletter? Here are some of the families who adopted them: Sharon & Mike Polito adopted "Vader" and they tell us he's fit in well with their older dog "Pepper".



"This is Bharath Vijaysarathi and Shilpa Ramachandra and our "Buddha", who was one of "Dovie's" puppies. Shilpa reports: "Buddha is doing great, we kept the name :) He has grown a lot and is about 23 lbs now. He just graduated from Puppy obedience training, got his first rabies shot and loves posing for pics. He is healthy, happy and a bit naughty."



Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

“Trooper”
“Fred Champion’s best friend”
by: Sue Miklos

“Our Little Lucy”
beloved pet of Charlarles & Maxine Carey
by: Marlin & Charlotte Cobb

“Rufus”
“My 18 yr old companion”
by: R.K. Patton

“Jerry”
The Galazyuk family pet
by: Francesca Aiello

“Browning”
beloved German shorthair pointer of Tod
& Tracie Ramirez

“Sammie”
beloved dachshund of Tod & Tracie
Ramirez

“Jake” & “Sadie”
by: Byron & Linda Mitchell

“Bocelli”
beloved cat of Troy Jaco & Emilie
Collins Jaco
by: Frieda Phillips

“Liza”
“gone too soon”
by: Don Neely

“Sweetie”
8+ yr old Akita/Shepherd
“a gentle, sweet soul. I will miss her
terribly”
by: Valerie Flocco

“Danny Boy”, beloved dog &
“Mr. Bocelli”, beloved cat
of Troy Jaco & Emilie Collins Jaco
by: Ann & Wally Black

“Dori” Westlake
by: Ellen Quinn

“Otis”
beloved pet of Jeff Whitley
by: Kathy & Stacy Caudell & “Abby”

“Little Sweet Head”
“a much loved 4-legged person”
by: Nancy Norwood Lindberg

“Sadie” & “Rocky”
by: Kathy Brockman

“Danny Boy”
beloved dog of Troy & Emilie Jaco
by: Aunt Calley Able

“Daisy Mae”
“in memory of our sweet yorkie”
by: Jerry & Gerda Huffman

“Trixie Girl” & “Courtney”
by: Joe Bontempo

“Danny Boy”
beloved dog of Troy & Emilie Jaco
by: Emily Momary

“Sadie”
Diana & Larry Pryor’s beloved dog
by: Judy & Homer Kissel

“Buffy”, “Jetters” & “Mandy”
“in loving memory of the 3 cocker spaniels
I’ve loved & lost over the past 20 yrs.”
by: Betty Knight

“Ratzi”
“My beloved cat”
by: Esther Goodson

“Fae” & “Allie”
by: Jane Crout

“Bella”
beloved pet of Mike & Wanda Kauffman
by: CASA of Grayson County

“Bear”
“in memory of my loving dog”
by: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. MCloud

“Nellie”
beloved pet of Keith & Marjie
Baehmann
by: Laura Cochran

“Tilly” & “Angus”
by: Elizabeth Phillips

“Trooper”
“Fred Champion’s best friend”
by: Sue Miklos

“Jake” & “Sadie”
by: Linda & Byron Mitchell

“Ladybug”
beloved pet of Janice Ouhrabka
by: Dr. & Mrs. James Berry

“Chubby”
Suzy Morgan’s beloved dog
by: Margaret Bourke



In Memory of Animal Lovers

Donna Wallace
by: Canyon Creek Animal Hospital

Ruby R. Davis
by: Sherry & Stan Simmons

Mark Renfro
by: Robbie Ratliff & family

Nancy Williamson
by: her daughter, Helen Kelley

Billie Bucher
by: David & Susan

Toivo Kyrola
“my father”
by: Kathy Caudell

Ruth Wilson
“in memory of my aunt”
by: Gary & Karen White

Dixie Grigg
The Hope family
Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Lee, Luke & Andrew

Anastacio Benavente
by: Danny Luedecke

Donna Wallace
“our daughter-in-law”
by: LaRue and Audrey Wallace

Chester Jacoby
by: Brenda Brandt

Dianna Oppermann Hegeduis
by: Aleta Oppermann

Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Uphouse
“and in memory of their dogs who have
joined them.”
by: Lynda Uphouse

Monique Lacorbriere
by: Nancy Keating

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Winston"
Bryan & Stephanie Daniel

"Niki"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lubbers

"Boomer"
Mrs. Jeanne Cummings

"Gordy"
Donald Caraway

"Gus"
Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Glenn

"Lilly"
Lloyd Lowe

"Andre"
Quintana Family

"Ozstriker"
Ed & Amanda Richardson

"Pheobe"
Karen Lawson

"Aladin"
Robert Brownlee

"Bingo"
Vickey Haney

"Boris"
Charlotte Graveley

"Lady"
Teena Black

"Sunshine"
Lester Vance

"Muffin"
Olivia Goldsmith

"Lucky"
Jason Cole & family

"Beauregard"
Lillie White

"Possum"
Mrs. Sue Kelly

"Bomber"
Joe & Lora Merworth

"Sampson"
Michelle Langley

"Katie Lou"
Nelda Smith

"Cody"
Mike & Amy Krueger

"Brindle"
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Crow

"Bit"
Sue Burns

To Honor Pets and People Who Love Them

Nikki Stephens
by: Cathaleen & Michael Nelson

Gilda Spiller
by: Cathaleen & Michael Nelson

"Allie" & "Roxie"
"our 2 rescued dogs, we adopted from the pound at 5 wks of age. They were 2 yrs old on Dec 1st."
by: Frank & Kathi Moore

Mike Rotell
by: Tommy & Barbara Cassidy

Tracy Allard
for her birthday and to honor "Penny" & "Peanut"
by: Ronda Turner

"Natalie"
by: Martha Hunt Carter

Kim Curran
for her birthday
by: Bradley Block

Kathy Surls
for her birthday
by: Linda & Lonny Rowden

Katlyn Williams
"my granddaughter"
by: Joan Fleming

"Tina"
Diana & Larry's "problem child"
by: Judy & Homer Kissel

Janette Bontempo
for their 10th wedding anniversary
by: her husband, Joe

Tom Heeney
"my son-in-law"
by: Barbara Bielman

Maxine Ross
"for being such a loving & caring person"
by: Susan & Kathy

Janice Crow
Cathy Pilkilton
Carolyn Spencer
by: Sherry Simmons

Edward R. Davis
by: Sherry & Stan Simmons

Summer Simmons
by: Sherry & Stan Simmons

Scott Simmons
by: Sherry & Stan Simmons

Martha Chisum
for her birthday
by: Roger Platizky

To wish the Chisum family & Katherine Samples
a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
by: Roger Platizky

IN MEMORY
Baby Jeter
by: **Kathy Jeter Plumlee & Derral Bert Plumlee**

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO HONOR FRIENDS/FAMILY MEMBERS

Chisum family & Katherine Samples
by: Roger Platizky

Thomas & Sarah Deering
by: Aunt Jean & Aunt Nancy

Roger Platizky
by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum & Katherine Samples

Andy Williams & his dog, "Frankie"
by: Gerda & Jerry Huffman (mom & dad)

Deborah Cole
by: Paula Gray

Doris Haynes
by: Helen Zook

Darlene Schweizer
by: Marilyn Pickens

Jerry & Gerda Huffman and "Maddie"
by: Andy Williams & "Frankie"

Tom Huffman
by: Andy Williams & "Frankie"

Nelda Campbell
"and to honor your love of animals & all our loved pets who are no longer with us. We love you"
by: Susannah Barton

Jackie Bain
by: Richard & Bridgette Wallace

Canyon Creek Pet Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Ginger"
The Beadle family

"Micah"
The Adams family

"Gracie"
The Perry's

"Lumpy"
The Thompson's

"Ali"
The Scott family

"Tiger"
The Walters family

"December"
The Bucy family

"Ebony"
The Tooley's

"Runt Bunt"
The Galloway family

"Josey"
The Adams family

"Babe"
The McWater family

"Cocoa"
The Jones family

"Spot"
The Rhoton family

"Emma"
The Gould family

"Trigger"
The Dilworth's

"Sally"
The Holmes family

"Senor Max"
The Kretzer's

"Cookie"
The Corry's

"Max"
The Bitzer family

"Sandy"
The Beale's

"Jill"
The Threadgill family

"Trakker"
The Foster's

"Bella"
The Hatcock's

"Monkey"
The Wallace family

"Mo"
The Mooney family

"Big Boy"
The Southerland family

"Sophie"
The White family

"Ollie"
The Mabry's

"Carter"
The McBride's

"Jingles"
The Grigg family

"Pearl"
The Strohl's

"Bear"
The McCloud family

"Brawley" & "Miles"
The Hathcock's

"Bo"
The Genzer family

"Elvis Pawsley"
The Cowan family

"Patou"
The Mohling's

"Alexander"
The Greene's

"Reese"
The Millmann's

"Abigail"
The Plumlee family

THANKS

The Dallas Customer Service Team at SWA did a towel drive, collecting many bags of linens for our dogs. Also, they held another hot dog luncheon which raised several hundred dollars, used to buy 12 cases of canned dog food, with cash left over for spays/neuters. These volunteers are enthusiastic and tireless, and we're grateful for their friendship and support of the dogs.

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THANKS

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SPECIAL THANKS

RED RIVER TROPHY for the beautiful magnetic signs for our new NISSAN van.

SPECIAL THANKS

CIGNA for the canned dog food

SPECIAL THANKS

FIRST BAPTIST, Bonham, TX, for the canned dog food

Thanks

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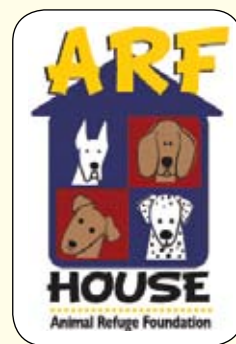
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Mission Statement

Animal Refuge Foundation (ARFhouse) is a care-for-life, no-kill sanctuary in a rural setting and is home to 276 dogs. Dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing animals into homes with loving guardians, ARFhouse also assists animals whose owners are unable to pay for the sterilization of their animals, particularly elderly people who are on fixed incomes. The Foundation will also provide financial assistance for any stray animal found who requires emergency medical attention. The major goal is to relieve suffering and to provide contentment and happiness to any dog who crosses our threshold.

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