



# ARFhouse *Happenings*

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## Safety, Security, Shade!!

We are very fortunate to have Joyce Dennehy as our friend and supporter. Every year she makes a capital improvement at our facility. For the past year we've taken in several dogs who could scale a 6' fence. Naturally this poses a problem for us because none of our yards have "roofs". As each dog arrived and we discovered his/her proclivity to jump, we were forced to put them in portable kennels we'd purchase from the local Tractor Supply. Not really enough space for a big dog, and all of them were. We discussed the problem with our fence contractor and he came up with a design to give the dogs shade, but also contain them in larger areas.

We wanted 8 of these 10' x 20'

yards erected, which would house one dog in each area.

The shade canopy would stretch across the back of all the kennels, and light weight chain link would stretch across the fronts of the kennels.

The center would be open, but all of these dogs jump at corners. The estimate, at \$10,000, was more expensive than typical kennels because we opted for heavy gauge chain link.



Joyce thought it was a great idea and funded the project. She's always interested in improving the lives of the dogs.

*Thank you, Joyce!*



### TREES TAKING OVER

The entrance to ARFhouse is a long driveway with many trees on both sides, and inside yards where a lot of our dogs reside. These trees have been multiplying and growing denser over the years. Recently we've had problems with limbs breaking and falling into the yards, and a few have landed on our new fencing, denting the top rails.

We decided it was time to take drastic action. The lower limbs are being trimmed, and weak trees that are leaning are to be cut down. This will enhance the eye appeal, plus make the areas safer for the animals.



## Four Legged Miracles Are All Around us

When I was visiting my parents, Louis & Fay Elrod, in Denison a few weeks ago, this mother possum was balancing herself on the chain link fence behind their home.

Unfortunately the mama fell into a neighbor's yard where two small dogs attacked her. The neighbor stopped the attack quickly, but when we rushed out to check on her, we assumed she was dead because she was "playing possum". We touched her and she immediately let us know she was very much alive, and there was one of these babies with her. (What we didn't know then was that she had 10 others in her pouch.)

I scooped her into the crate and brought her to ARFhouse where she stayed overnight with her

offspring until we found a lady in Denison who rehabilitates wildlife and returns them to their natural habitat.



When I spoke with her the following week she told me that she had taken in some orphan possums and this mother was caring for them too.

## Cole McAden ... future DVM!

This young man is Cole McAden. Lucky for us, he selected ARFhouse as his service project working toward his goal to be a member of the National Honor Society. Cole and his mother and father delivered 400 lbs of premium dog food, several cases of canned product and almost \$600 that Cole had collected for the dogs.

They arrived with these gifts on Saturday, March 17.

Our thanks go out to Cole for the hard work he did to help our sanctuary. Naturally he plans to attend A & M and study to be a veterinarian of large animals. (His mother and dad were understandably beaming with pride.)



## SHE IS ONE CRAZY COUPON CHICK!

Heather McCoy loves to "coupon". It's like putting a puzzle together. Her goal: to gather for ARFhouse as many dog food items she can possibly get without spending much money. Her donation is her time. Through careful and planned couponing, she has gathered for ARFhouse cases of canned dog food for the senior dogs, and bags of dry food for the other residents. She doesn't need the items herself, but has been a loyal ARFhouse supporter in her endeavors.



Some people give time and some give talent. Heather gives both, and we sincerely appreciate her efforts for the dogs. Thank you, Heather, from the "residents" of ARFhouse.

## \*\*WISH LIST\*\*

- Packing Tape (We use a LOT)
- Dry Premium Dog food (no Pedigree, please)
- Dogloos
- Large Feed Bags (You can leave them at our gate)
- Clothes dryer
- Donate your Car\* (see article on page 3)



# ADOPTIONS



Danielle Widmer and Little Prince

Little Prince is a perfect companion. The affection and care ARFhouse gave him developed his esteem and sense of security to the point where he fearlessly allows humans of all sizes and ages and animals (cats, ducks, etc.) to approach him. It is no surprise he is the titular mayor of my condo complex. His 7 pound stance and pointy ears compel cars to stop and people to ooh and aah over his most handsome appearance. Most of all, his sweet and affectionate nature have influenced many of the condo owners around me to consider a chihuahua for a companion. Little Prince has several beds he can choose from to spend his days lounging in, but the minute he sees his leash and harness come out, he's at the front door wagging his little tail and prancing in circles. He loves going for walks and meeting new friends, human and animal. Thank you, Martha, for rescuing him, and ARFhouse Chicago for allowing me to adopt my very best friend.



Hello,

I wanted to pass along a photo and give you an update on Tempe. We adopted Tempe at the Petco in Frisco this past February. We have since named her Gracie because her movements are so very graceful and deer-like.

Gracie has made herself at home and has even made a tentative friendship with the family cat, Nala. She loves looking for rabbits on our daily walk. She also loves riding in the car, which she gets to do often because she is so very well behaved.

Gracie has become a dearly loved member of the family, and she is happy she has found her forever home. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to have Gracie in our lives.

Regards,  
The Brewtons



Brandie and Kyle Peck with the only female husky mix puppy in the litter of 5.

## A Special Newcomer Forever Faithful ...

An ARFhouse friend who adopted a dog from us last year called a few weeks ago to make a request. He had heard about a Vietnam veteran, (who lost both legs) who had been dead for 9 days and his dog, "Sage", was in a one-bedroom apartment with the body of his guardian for all that time. I'm from that era and had several friends who served in Vietnam (some who died), and I thought we should honor this man's service by giving his dog a place to live.



"Sage" had naturally been taken to a shelter and no one had chosen to adopt him in the time he'd been there. He's 8 yrs old, and a very laid back golden lab. He gets along here with his yard mates, but he'd like a person. We hope to find a home for him with a mature individual or couple. He'll make a great companion.

*Martha*

### \*Car Needs to be Junked?

If you have a car that's out of commission and you want it moved, you can donate it to ARFhouse by sending an e-mail to: [call4pets@yahoo.com](mailto:call4pets@yahoo.com). They'll make arrangements to pick up the car anywhere in the U.S., process the paperwork, and send proceeds to ARFhouse. Of course, they get a fee, but we think it's a win for everyone.



# NEWCOMERS



This morning, May 27, we discovered four puppies inside this crate at our gate.



It looks as though they've been living in it... the feces is so old and crumbling and blanket's

soaked in urine. They're practically hairless.

We've bathed them in medicated shampoo, and they'll visit Dr. Morris tomorrow to discover what type of mange they have. If only people would have their animals spayed and neutered!



Two months ago we got an urgent call from a lady who had found two newborn puppies in the bushes next to her house. She visited neighbors and no one had seen a mother dog in the area. She had no experience bottle feeding puppies and had her hands full with a new baby. We agreed to take the 2 black/white puppies to bottle feed. We discovered quickly they did NOT want to take the formula. This would naturally be a death sentence. But on that same day we received a call from a gentleman who had taken in a yellow lab to foster, and she gave birth to 3 puppies the following day. Two didn't survive, and she had one little black puppy that was thriving. He said he couldn't take care of her and puppy, and was having to keep her in his laundry room. We decided to rescue her, her pup, and hopefully the 2 that refused the bottle.



"Mandy" behaved as though the 2 black/white puppies were her 2 lost ones, and nursed all 3 until they were 6 weeks old. They're ready for permanent homes now. "Mandy" is at least 8 years old and looks like she's given birth to dozens of puppies in her lifetime. We've promised her she'll never have to do this again.

She'll be spayed soon, and now lives in air conditioned comfort in our senior building. She's earned a comfortable life.



There were 7 of these little guys waiting inside this box at our gate on May 12, along with a note of apology from an anonymous "dumper".

It's sad that people don't commit to having their dogs spayed/neutered.

These are sweet little puppies, and we're hoping to find homes for all of them. Moka's Dog Rescue in McKinney is helping us by taking several of our smaller dogs and puppies like these to their adoption events on weekends. We're grateful for their help.



## *Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets*

“Jeb”  
Angie Hurst’s beloved pet  
by: Charlotte Cobb

“Jessie”  
beloved pet of Kathy & Lynn Surls  
by: Verna & Scott Six

“Lucy Bell”  
Amy Cathey’s beloved pet  
by: Molly Bella

“Ling”  
by: Katie Cummings

“Jake”, “Sadie” & “Susie Q”  
by: Byron & Linda Mitchell

“Angel”  
by: Jean Banks Adamson

“Lucky Gammon-Allen”  
by: Elizabeth Phillips

“Cozy”  
precious cat of Sandra White  
by: Drew Anderson

“Ratzie”  
“my beloved cat”  
by: Esther Goodson

“Cassie” & “Phoenix”  
by: Ellie Molloy

“Snowball”  
“much loved kitty for 15 yrs of Lynne &  
Robert White & Amanda”  
by: Mindell Ayer

“Fae” & “Allie”  
by: Jane Crout

“Lil T”  
“Your mom & dad took good care of  
you”  
Kim & Brian Knowles beloved pet  
by: Debbie Hicks

“Leia”  
“pet of Kay Gibson”  
by: CASA of Grayson County

“Rowdy”  
(an ARFhouse adoption many years  
ago) by: his wonderful guardian & best  
friend, LaFaun Jones

“Kodi”  
beloved dog of the Chambers Family  
by: Joanne & Tom Fowler

## *In Memory of Animal Lovers*

Ramona John  
by: Jo Anne, Jim, John & Barb

Vickie Vanneste  
“my Mother”  
by: Katie Cummings

Cheryl Reinli Myers  
“a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, wife,  
mother, grandmother & dog lover.  
Taken too quickly after a brief battle w/  
lung cancer”  
by: Jackie & Vladimir

Mary Beth Hall  
“For the Barren family of Santa Fe; so sorry  
for the loss of your Mother/Grannie....Love,  
Melba, Jackie & Vladimir”

Camille Gray  
by: Larry & Kristy Edwards

Chuck Citron  
by: The “K Dock Family”

Jody Chisum  
by: Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum

Eddie Patterson  
“So true was your love for dogs that  
we wanted to remember you by helping  
these sweet dogs. In loving memory of  
Eddie”

by: Charles & Nancy Sanford

George Crow  
by: Denison Service League

George Crow  
by: his wife, Janice Crow

Virginia Pryor  
by: Robert & Loretta Phillips

## *In Honor of Animal Lovers*

Gerda Huffman  
on her birthday  
by: Her son, Andy Williams

Linda Robertson  
by: Contemporary Woman’s Club of  
Pottsboro

Andy Williams  
by: Mom, Dad & “Maddie”

Vicki Vanneste  
by: Katie Cummings

## *Appeal From Martha Hovers*

We need your help. We’ve been so proud because the poor state of the economy hadn’t affected us. Unfortunately it seems to have arrived. A tiny percentage of our supporters have supported our work with sizeable donations this year, keeping us above the water line. But unfortunately we’re dipping into savings monthly to pay for medical care for newcomers (as well as our aging population), employee wages to care for animals and run errands, and maintenance, which is costly since we’re on acreage and have many yards for our dogs to live in. Those of you who have been able to afford those donations of several thousand dollars

in the first quarter have kept the work moving forward (and you know who you are), but we need those \$10, \$20, and \$50 checks too in order to help the animals.

I think I say this in every newsletter; but I would remind everyone....it’s not just the animals of ARFhouse that we support. We help people all over north Texas who have dogs and cats and need assistance with feed and medical care for their pets. Please remember that the animals depend on YOU to keep them healthy and alive. We provide the HANDS, but they must rely on you for the means.

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

"Danny Boy" & "Bicella"  
Troy & Emilie Jaco

"Zoey"  
Kerry Robinson & Phillip

"MayBell"  
Kelli Williams

"Rebel"  
Teresa Polonchak

"Tess"  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Jones & family

"PePe"  
Kelly Pyle

"Cleocatra"  
Ruth Calvo

"Blue"  
Carrie Fowler

"Eva Marie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hopper

"Jerry"  
Mr. & Mrs. Sean Malacara

"Spike"  
Jennifer Trice

"Sophia"  
Helen Cook

"Sugar"  
James Melton

"Gracie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Nehrbass

"Thumper"  
Cynthia Dennis

"Jake"  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Carter

"Little Missy"  
Sylvia & Dave Luymes

"KiKi"  
Darren Puls

"Lucky"  
David & Mignon Plyler

"Sabrina"  
Kim Ring

"Eddie"  
Dennis & Janice Palmer

"Molly"  
Mr. & Mrs. John Williams

"Allie"  
Marian Morgan & Kathy Whaley

"Sugar"  
James Melton

"Gracie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Nehrbass

"Thumper"  
Cynthia Dennis

"Jake"  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Carter

"Little Missy"  
Sylvia & Dave Luymes

"KiKi"  
Darren Puls

"Lucky"  
David & Mignon Plyler

"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

"Jasper"  
Emiko German

"Sammy"  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Moore

"Baby"  
Ken Nichols

"Abbigail"  
Josh & Beth Reinert

"Bandit"  
Vernon & Marilyn Crossley

"Tux"  
Deria Reynolds

"Fleece"  
Dan Turner

"Squeak"  
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Powell

"Kassy"  
Gillian Salling

"Shelby"  
Eva Branham

"Shadow"  
Virginia Wright

"Daisy"  
LuRuth Taylor

"Roxy"  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Payne

"Pops"  
Dr. & Mrs. Johnny Shoemaker

"Abby"  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rhea

"Stella"  
Jeanie Howerton

"Missy"  
Milly Gay

"Scruffy"  
Paulette Granser

"Ling"  
Jason & Katie Cummings

"Val"  
Charlotte Patterson

"Rio"  
Chris Nicoloff & family

"Prissy"  
Tanya Davis

"Punkin"  
Jo Shaw

"Ditsy"  
Mr. & Mrs. John Moseley

"Millie"  
Ann Pruett

"Sadie"  
Mr. W.P. Keelan

"Tank"  
Theresa Coffey

"Sandy"  
Carl & Donette Diehl

"Nappy"  
Mrs. June Clark & Bret Clark

"Sadie"  
Wendy Acosta

"Millie"  
James Lingo

"Tabby"  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Hutson

"Dandy"  
Anita Weatherwax

"Pooky"  
Barry & Cheryl Bates

"Smokey"  
Boyd & Cindy Garner

"Bella"  
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Thorman & Family

"Lucy"  
Maureen Lahti

"Katie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Beclar

"Kitty Cat"  
Sheryl Dagenais

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

"Lucky"  
The Cruitt's

"Pearl"  
The Smith's

"a stray"  
The Hill's

"Cocoa"  
The Anderson's

"Rhody"  
The Davis Family

"Black Velvet"  
The Knox Family

"Monkey"  
The Johnson's

"Figaro"  
The Parker's

"Tiny"  
The Morrow's

"Pooh"  
The Rue Family

"Missy"  
The Dorenbach Family

"Pinkie"  
The Thorne's

"Mr. Yellow"  
The Tingle's

"PJ"  
The Rogers Family

"T-Bone"  
The Eaton's

"Drew"  
The Davis Family

"Cricket"  
The Meacham's

"Mikala"  
The Rangel Family

"Bristol"  
The Power Family

"Chubbs"  
The Boothe Family

"Andy"  
The Thompson's

"Purdee"  
The Scott Family

### Error in Spring Newsletter

Canyon Creek Pet Hospital made a memorial donation. We listed it as the Galloway family's "Runt Bunt". It should have been "RUNT BUTT". We apologize for this error.

### THANKS, ARF SUPPORTERS!

Thank you ARF supporters who donated items for the ARF silent auction. These businesses and individuals donated auction items to help support ARF in Spring 2012:

Frisco Roughriders Baseball, Frisco, TX

Dunston's Steak House, Dallas

Range Honey, Weston, TX

Dallas Zoo, Dallas, TX

Dallas Symphony, Dallas, TX

Jessica Lockhart, Plano, TX

We hope you will support these generous friends who help support us!

The "Residents" of ARF

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On May 30 our Adoption Coordinator, LeAnn Parker, visited Neblett Elementary School and was presented with two checks for ARFhouse.

The Sherman High School Art Department and Neblett Elementary School Art Club had held an auction of artwork created by the students. Together the checks totaled more than \$500!

We appreciate the work of these students and their interest in service to the community. These gifts will prepare some puppies for families to adopt them.

## THANKS

Red River Unitarian Universalist Church for the "share the plate" donation.

## Thanks

*To the people who help our dogs*

Louis & Fay Elrod

Tom Thumb Stores

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Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris

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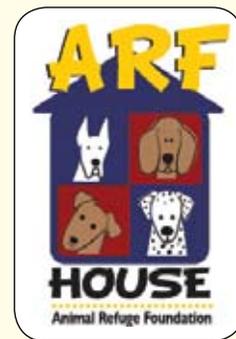
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## Mission Statement

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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