



ARFhouse Happenings

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During the first quarter of 2013, we have no project work to report. However, we have plenty of good news about adoptions. With the help of our friends with Moka's Dog Rescue in McKinney and Mazie's Mission in Frisco, plus our ag-

gressive efforts to place our dogs, we can report that our number of adoptions for the past 8 months have greatly increased. Here is a small sampling of ARFhouse dogs who have found their forever homes recently.



Here is a picture of Ruthie with her new family, the Hightower's. The oldest girl is a grad student who will be going abroad to study in January. The younger girls are 11 and 15. They adore Ruthie. She is a perfect fit for this family.



Charlene "Charlie" was adopted by a family in Prosper. She even has a sister!



Mazie's Mission has continued to help our dogs to find homes. They found this home for our B.C. Here's B.C. in this photo (on the left) with her new brother and a sister that could be her twin. We rescued B.C. from an animal shelter early last year when a Border Collie rescue person from Pennsylvania called us and made a plaintive appeal that we save her. This lady promised to arrange for B.C. to be shipped to PA. However, once we had treated her for heartworms and time had passed, the lady was having trouble finding a foster home for her. We decided that we could eventually place this nice dog. It took some time....but with the help of Erin Shults and Deb Blakeney and her great volunteers, B.C. finally landed in the lap of luxury where she belonged all along.

Shown below is the Nolan family, Natalie and Gavin – dad, Brian, is the photographer. This was Clark - who they renamed Sparky. He is totally spoiled now.



He is definitely Mr. Personality. He lives with a 13 year old Siberian Husky who is now playing like a puppy with Sparky in the house.

Special Thanks



Thanks to the Coupon Queen....

Heather McCoy (The “coupon lady”) and her husband, Ken Peters, have brought goodies for the dogs twice in this quarter. Heather is definitely the coupon QUEEN! We don’t know how she does it...but she brings a pickup load of premium dog treats, canned dog food, and Purina ONE which she buys with coupons + some \$\$\$. She and Ken drive all the way from Ft. Worth to deliver these products for the dogs.



Danielle Hale wanted to do something for the dogs of ARFhouse; so she used her babysitting money to buy dogfood for our dogs. Danielle’s family owns and operates the local pet cremation service in Denison: HEAVENLY PET CREMATIONS. Darla & Dan Hale are the parents, and Danielle & DeVaughn, their daughters, put a lot of work into helping out with the business. Thank you, Danielle, for reaching out to the dogs of ARFhouse and sacrificing to do something for them!

You may wonder why our numbers don't decrease dramatically when we have numerous adoptions during a 3 month period. That's because for every one that finds a home, another dog(s) seems to magically appear at our gate, or we're called on to rescue a stray that desperately needs our help. We're very fortunate to have wonderful veterinarians: Dr. Morris, Dr. Brakebill and Dr. Schwind who provide the highest quality of care for the ARF-house dogs.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A BANK MAKES!

Tina Lott had a brilliant idea!

While cleaning out closets, she came across a “doggie bank” when the idea struck her.... ‘why not set up this coin bank at my workplace.’ And that she did.

She included signage that all proceeds would go to ARF. Within a few months, she garnered almost \$350 for ARF! People are eager to painlessly toss loose coins in the bank, and it all adds up.

Why not try this at your workplace? If 10 banks raise only \$200, it means \$2000 for ARF....and that’s no small change!

Thank you Tina!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Joyce Dennehy made a \$5,000 donation to purchase 15 new giant dogloos. We used 1/2 of those funds for the dog houses. The remainder went toward medical care for "Stanley", a puppy that arrived with a shattered leg. The wound was so deep, the bone was exposed. He's had multiple casts (since he's growing), and the leg is healing nicely. Joyce is always there when we need her help.



Newcomers

"Duchess" arrived as a stray dog found near Bonham, Texas. She had been waiting for her guardian to return for her when an ARFhouse friend (who lived nearby) called us to ask if we'd accept her. She gave birth to these 7 puppies 3 days later. Through Mokas Dog Rescue, all puppies found homes. We still have "Duchess", and hope to find a home for her soon. She's a very pretty Australian Shepherd.



SPECIAL THANKS go to Progressive Waste Management, the company that empties our dumpster twice a week. This company has been providing this service as a donation to us for several years. Trash pick up is very important to the dogs and people of ARFhouse. We scoop every area daily, bag it, tape it, and put it in the dumpster. That's about 200 lbs of animal waste, plus disposable packaging that's discarded every day. Needless to say, our dumpster is an important part of our business. We're grateful to these folks for this service which benefits the animals, keeping their areas clean; and the funds we would spend for the service can go directly to help the animals.

SPECIAL THANKS

The O. D. Mayor Foundation made a grant of \$2,500 for the erection of four new kennels for our smaller dogs awaiting adoption.

THANKS go to the staff of the Grayson County District Attorney's Office. They pitched in and brought a generous check for Christmas to help the woofs of ARFhouse.

Apology from Hovers for Omission

In our last newsletter we thanked those businesses and individuals who contributed to the silent auction held in September at Fat Daddy's in Denison. Unfortunately I failed to recognize several contributors and would like to apologize for this oversight and to thank them now.

Vitina's
Snooty Pup Grooming
Bella Fontana Spa
Brakebill Veterinary Clinic

(They chose to give us a very generous check instead of a gift to be auctioned off.)

LeAnn Parker

who brought one of her grandmother's beautiful paintings... and which hangs in my living room now. Sally O'Brien won the bid and presented it to me!

"Luis" was found on LBJ Freeway in Dallas. He has a microchip, but the chip is registered to a black lab. The lady has a black lab, but she has her own microchip... not related to "Luis" chip. We've made numerous phone calls, and so has Deb Blakeney (adoption coordinator for Mazie's Mission and great friend to ARFhouse dogs). We still cannot find his real guardian. We welcome your suggestions.



Appeal

As I've told you in past years, the first quarter is the most difficult for us. Paying taxes is on the minds of most people. Giving takes a "back seat". People call us frequently to ask if we work when it rains or snows. Silly question since dogs eat (and poop) 7 days a week, regardless of the weather. The principle applies to everything we do. We must have medical care for animals every month of the year. We must feed dogs daily. We must maintain the property regardless of weather or the date on the calendar. And we must travel to deliver animals to new homes, the veterinarian or adoption events. We also travel great distances to pick up product for our dogs and the cat colonies we provide for. Please know that any amount helps a dog: \$5 gives a vaccination. \$50 neuters a dog. \$75 fills the van. Thank you for caring about the animals and for your willingness to help them have a safe, clean, and happy place to live.

To Honor Beloved Pets and Those Humans Who Love Them

Tom Heenev
by: his mother-in-law, Barbara Bielman

John & Alicia O'Mary
by: Tracy O'Mary Self

"Annie", "Buster", "Britches", "Ellie" & "Callie"
Charles & Darlene Schweizer's beloved pets
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

Robert J. Hamilton
"in honor of one of my best friend's birthday on Jan 11th"
by: Jean Eber

"Sammy", "Tag", "Lucy", "Lexi" & "Bailey"
Jeri Waterloo's beloved pets
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Fred Schweizer
by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

David Simons
by: Frances Otto

Avielle Richman
Jesse Lewis

Sue Miklos
by: Van Alstyne Quilters Guild

The following people made memorial gifts
to honor Charles Hopson

Pat Judy's brother & sister
by: Shelley Nicholson

Sue Miklos
by: Drew Anderson
Drew said in her letter about Sue: "She
was my best friend and the best friend
any cat or dog could have".

L.L. Allen
Pam & Fred Camp
Tom & JoAnne Fowler
Jean & Sutton Chambers

Mildred Remmers
by: Marilyn Barren

Sue Miklos
by: Fred Champion

Elizabeth Phillips made donations to honor
the following children, killed in the Sandy

Hook massacre:
Jessica Revos
Madeline Hsu

Animals and Animal Lovers Honored at Christmas

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

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

Tom Huffman
by: Andy Williams & "Frankie"

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

Diana & Larry Pryor
by: Judy Kissel

Judy Kissel
by: Larry & Diana Pryor

Robert & Cindy Lea
by: Gregg Fletcher

Darlene Schweizer
by: Marilyn Pickens

Robert & Cindy Lea
by: Bob & Barbara Lea

Lou & Martha Vaughn
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

Linda Tarzis, "Lucky" & "Peanut"
by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

"Beau Geogedese" & "Ruckus"
by: Regina Johnson

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital
by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

"Lucky" & "Peanut"
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

Shirley Holt
Traditions Assisted Living & Senior Care
by: Marlin & Charlotte Cobb

David Marwitz
"For all your help to save our pet children. Remembering Lily, 'A
Reason for Change'"
by: Cindy Boling

L. T. & Betty White
by: Gary & Karen White

Diana Fairchild
by: Secret Santa (Tifney Martinez)

Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets

“Barney”

Jennifer Hillary’s precious dachshund
by: Katherine Nord

“Porter”

“a big galuumph”
by: Kathy Kennedy

“Nikko”

Beloved pet of Ken Rees & Jeanne
Gulner
by: Rebecca Guttery

“In memory of my beloved ‘Zoe’”
by: Karin Pearson

“Zoey”

Susann Larson’s beloved dog
by: Kathy & Lynn Surls

“In memory of ‘Keeper’, (a.k.a. ‘Kepe’),
our wonderful mini schnauzer that we
were lucky enough to have in our lives
for 11+ wonderful years”
by: Tony Matheis & Deb Fugitt

“Kroger”

by: Ellen Quinn

“Sydney”

beloved Aussie of Carol Daeley
by: Peggy Redshaw & Jerry Lincecum

“Molly”

“a very special member of our family
and she will be missed.”
by: Sherry & Roger Harvey

“Charlie”

Golden Retriever and beloved pet of
The Keeton family

“Chico”

by: Ginger & Leslie Bassham

“Chole”

precious dog of Jerry Terry
by: Drew Anderson Fults

“Julie”, “Sissy”, “Maggie” & “Freckles”
by the families of Cindy & Robert Lea

“In memory of ‘Max’, a dearly loved
little neighbor bulldog. We all miss his
visits.”

by: Joan Bigley

“Katie”

“our beloved B.C.”
by: Nancy Deering

“Sydney”

Carol Daeley’s Aussie
by: Roger Platizky

“Chisos”

beloved dog of Linda & Bill Skeen
by: Wally & Ann Black

“Zoey”

Karin Pearson’s pet
by: Stephen Bateman

“Fae” & “Allie”

by: Jane Crout

“Ratzie”

“my beloved cat”
by: Esther Goodson

“Jelli” & “Alia”

by: Clay Higbee

“Spenser”

Patricia Daeley’s beloved pet
by: Carol Daeley

“Missy”

Peggy Redshaw’s beloved pet
by: Carol Daeley

“Saydee-Lynne”

“Our very special dog
4/10/01 - 01/27-13”

by: James & Donna-Lee Pennell

“Molly”

“wonderful little dog who shared the heart
& life of Anne Webb”

by: Charles & Darlene Schweizer

“Liza”

“Missed every day”
by: Don Neely

“Roscoe”

beloved dog of Jennifer Sheridan
by: Nancy Shirley

“Heather”

Judy & John Lawson’s beloved pet
by: Scott Goddard

“Molly”

beloved pet of Anne Webb
by: Ruth Summers



Jennifer Hillary and “Barney”

I brought Barney home from ARF on April 22, 2007. From that very first day he stole my heart. He changed my life and was truly the light of my life. I looked forward to seeing him every day. I don’t think there was a day when we were together that I didn’t kiss him. All my dogs are important to me, but Barney was by far the most special to me. He passed away today, January 11, 2013. A friend calculated the number of days it has been from 4/22/07 to 1/11/13. Please accept this donation in honor of him. I can’t thank you enough for saving him and allowing him to come live with me these past years. I am indebted to you for that. -- Jennifer

Jennifer’s donation was \$1 for every day Barney was with her. What a life he had!!

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Rex" & "Rosie"
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lambert

"Harley"
Ken Brooks

"Max"
Gloria Smith

"MisKitt"
K.K. Plyler

"Sydney"
Carol Daeley

"Ginger"
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sharp

"Tuck"
Rex & Charis Berry

"KiKi"
Kyle & Nicole Murphy

"Rusty"
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Logston

"Bucky"
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mistrot

"Miles"
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Melching

"Argyle"
Morris & Debbie Tucker

"Pup"
Amy Edwards

"Dakota"
Jeanae Cummings

"Bear"
Mr. & Mrs. Garland Cardwell

"Joey"
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Engleman

"Baxter"
Sandy Stroud

"GiGi"
Charlotte Gravley

"Jaxson"
Roy Green & family

"Snuggles"
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Scheidt

"C.J."
Michael & Roxanne Riley & son

"Oakley"
Mr. & Mrs. Don Berger

"Anabelle" & "Dexter"
Betty Whiteford & Julie Green

"Winnie"
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Mills

"Maverick"
Kay & Clifford Black

"Tux"
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Chapman

"Daisy"
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Smith

"Cindy"
Tracy Tucker

"Roscoe"
Susan Khammash

"Charlie"
Gina Sheffield

"Knute"
Mr. & Mrs. Don Neill

"BB"
Ben & Judy Merrill

"Bibbs"
Barbara Barnhardt

"Joey"
Paul Perdue

"Jacqua"
Andy Houser

"Toby"
Lisa Milne

"Rex"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wilkerson

"Evie"
Ms. Lisa Butler

"Heather"
Karen Bounds

"Bennie"
Larry & Melanie Reid

"Herman"
The Cranford Family

"Strider"
Allison Roper

"Pearl"
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Landis

"Elsie"
Lynda Syfert

****WISH LIST****

Dry Purina ONE

Dry Purina Dog Chow

Beneful Dog Food

Large heavy duty trash
bags

CAR SHOW ENTHUSIASTS, READ ON....

On October 26th ARFHouse will receive proceeds from a car show which is being hosted by:

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4400 E. Hwy 82
Sherman, TX 75090

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Sherman, TX 75090

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Hempkins Insurance
431 West Crawford St.
Denison, Texas 75020

We want to thank Gary & Karen White for acting as the catalysts to make these plans come together. We're looking forward to seeing our friends at the show and will remind you, as well as give any further details, in the summer and fall newsletters.

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

"Sydney"
The Conner family

"Molly"
The Wright's

"Pepper"
The Judd's

"Missy"
The Chesshire family

"Angel Bear"
The Fowler's

"Fella"
The Stafford's

"Bella"
The Armijo family

"Ci-Ci"
The Morris family

"Mallory"
The Prock family

"Rosco"
The Zabel family

"Glory"
The Simpson's

"Joey"
The McConnell's

"Tier"
The Davis family

"Roxanne"
The Damon family

"Sugar"
The Burns family

"Annie"
The Lund family

"Tripper"
The Snekvik family

"Henry"
The Wilson's

"Dreyfus"
The Thorne's

"Bandit"
The Swanson's

"Robespierre"
The Wright family

"Squeaky"
The Roberts'

"Snuggles"
The Eppler's

"Saydee"
The Pennell's

"Gracie"
The Marr family

"Mr. Cat"
The Marsh family

"Hank"
The Kuykendall's

"Candy"
The Anderson's

"Dakota"
The Dillon family

"Raz"
The Barnett family

Thanks

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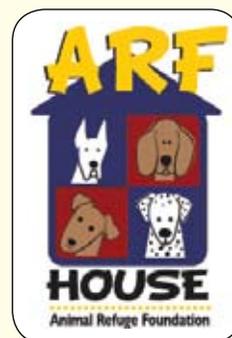
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Animal Refuge Foundation (ARFhouse) is a care-for-life, no-kill sanctuary in a rural setting and is home to 276 dogs. Dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing animals into homes with loving 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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