



ARFhouse Happenings

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Merrick Pet Care Comes To The Rescue (Again)!

Our aging population of permanent residents consume approximately 150 cans of food per day in addition to their kibble. And we naturally use canned food to administer medication to dogs. So naturally a load of canned food disappears quickly at ARFhouse. We contacted Mr. Merrick by e-mail recently and asked if his company might once again give us a load of canned product. He promptly told his warehouse supervisor to assemble a semi truck load to take to Sherman. We typically hire a trucking company to

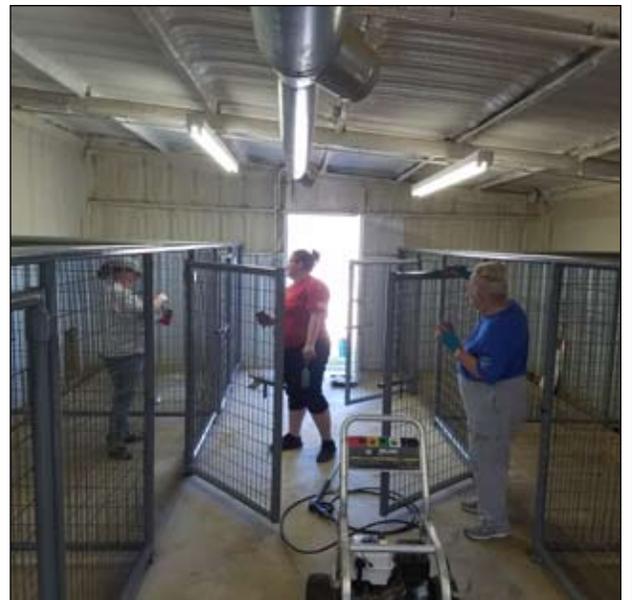
pick up the food in Hereford (370 miles away), and bring to our facility, but Mr. Merrick sent the truck and paid the shipping. We received 12 pallets of Merrick's grain free dry food, and 10 pallets of their canned goods. We are grateful to Mr. Merrick, Mike Lyons, and Dal Reid for making this happen and for supporting the dogs who deserve the best and are getting it!! There's no better food on the market. We can never thank them enough!

Lowe's Goes To The Dogs . . .

The Sherman Lowe's chose ARFhouse as their 2018 project for charity. Trevor (Service Manager, Plumbing & Electrical), power washed the inside of our senior building. He, Holly, Donna and Diane then painted the kennels and installed two new cabinets for supplies. Lowe's also donated paint and supplies to paint our cabin. This is a project that

was long overdue, and we're very grateful to these good folks and to Lowe's for choosing ARFhouse as their designated project this year.

Shown in the picture (left) are: Trevor Hawley, Holly Rodgers, Donna West, Diane Lugo, and Martha Hovers.



ADOPTIONS



Jess fell in love with “Wendy” & “Winona” at the McKinney PetSmart. He and his wife, Laura, picked them up the following week at our Adoption Center. They’ve sent pictures of the dogs relaxing on their large fenced property. What a great life for two great dogs!



The Renken’s fell in love with little “Ivy”.



“Millie” (cowdog) found her forever place with the Anderson’s.



“Nicholas” with his family, Tim & Brandi Goellner.



“Winnie” adopted by the Stauffer’s.



“TELLIE” found love with Kelly and Pamela.



Christy Miller adopted “Ernie”



“Bear” found forever love with the Cippelle’s.



Taryn & Mark Hoffmann made a place in their home for “Terri”.



“Murphy” going home with the Jackson family.



Gwen with adopter, Jorie Jukes and brother Blake.



Debbie Scott adopted our sweet “Luke”.



Megan & Michael Maddox fell in love with our “Shep” and took him home.



NEWCOMERS

Biscuit and Bella - two black labs (Car Dog lookalikes) - owner of the dogs went into a nursing home, leaving behind six dogs. The woman who contacted us found homes for 4 of the dogs, but couldn't find homes for these two. They were living in a trash yard.



"Nora" joined the ranks of the other discarded dogs and found a nice person who called ARFhouse to plead her case.



"Hero" was abandoned in Durant. The lady who found him took him to a clinic and it was discovered he had injuries (probably from a car crash), and a urinary tract infection. He is able to walk, but his head injury causes him to have a head tilt. He's in a nice yard with another "senior citizen", and they coexist and ignore one another. He's a sweet old man who probably was discarded because of his advancing age.

MANDY'S STORY

We received a call from a young man about a dog that was left in a yard next door to him. Her elderly guardian had passed away and his aging sister was unable to take the dog. The neighbor asked if we could take her; and explained that she was pregnant. We naturally wanted to help in this dire situation....and did not want the puppies to have no advocate. When he delivered her to us it was obvious she was near term.

We took her to Dr. Schwind and she pronounced "Mandy" close to term. She, in fact, gave birth to 7 puppies three days later, on March 12th. We didn't have a quiet area available for her and so we

reached out on facebook to find a foster home for Mandy and her brood. Enter our good friend and supporter, Fred Champion! He sent an e-mail saying "I'll do it." Then he built a nice run for her in his back yard. It's quiet and private and she has a good space for her puppies. Thanks to Fred, Mandy is able to feel safe in a calm environment (and get love and attention from a great dog lover).



Thanks To the people who help our dogs

Chewy

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Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris

Dr. Jennifer Schwind

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so that the dogs of

ARFhouse will receive

a donation from your

order!

“What I’ve Been Up To”

by: Jenna Glover

It’s been a busy quarter at ARFhouse, lots of changes coming!

Half of my days are spent out on the grounds, getting reacquainted with the dogs (this is my favorite part of the day). Chores are a big part of that; feeding, cleaning out the kennels, day-to-day tasks. The other half is spent at our adoption center, behind a desk. I am now in charge of our Be a Pal monthly sponsorship program. Since it’s resurrection, we have had dozens of people sign up to be Pals, who are now receiving quarterly photos and letters from the dogs they’ve chosen to sponsor. In addition to Be a Pal, I have been actively involved in our adoption program; going to PetSmart events, keeping our website, Facebook and Petfinder up to date on adoptable dogs. We have seen a spike in the number of dogs adopted through our facility because of our online presence, which has been a real lifesaver as we’ve had to cancel some of our adoption events due to weather. As the weather continues to warm, you will see ARFhouse at other events around Texoma and the Metroplex; I plan to attend adoption/animal-related events to help spread our mission to more people.

*ARFhouse offers a monthly sponsorship program. We call it **Be a Pal**.*

It allows you to virtually “adopt” the dog of your choice from among the many deserving dogs in our care. For a monthly donation of \$20 deducted automatically through PayPal, you can help support a dog. In return you will receive a quarterly photo and personalized letter from your Pal with updates.

We have a set goal of 1,000 sponsors. As you must know, the cost of caring for each dog far exceeds \$20 per month, but that amount will help us more than you know. Cost of care includes veterinary visits, flea, tick, heartworm prevention and staff to care for the dogs, to name a few things. Monthly operations cost at ARFhouse is approximately \$30,000. The need continues to grow. There are so many dogs in need. We don’t want to turn any away, but of course, space is always an issue. You can help.

To become a Pal, please visit the Be a Pal link on our website and select a Pal to sponsor. You will be taken to PayPal where you will sign up for a monthly donation of \$20, then all you have to do is check your mailbox for a quarterly pictures and letter from your Pal.

Thanks go out to all of you who have already signed up. We hope you enjoy hearing from your Pal!

A BIG THANKS to Donna West who has been our advocate and friend for many years. Donna has purchased many items for us over the years; i.e., two self-propelled mowers, tools, garden implements, a fridge for our Senior Building, and much more. She also joined the team of volunteers who arrived to clean and paint our Senior Building (and we think she probably “nominated” ARFhouse to be the recipient of this great project).

ADOPTION EVENTS

We hold an event at the McKinney PetSmart on the second Sunday of each month. (We might reschedule the May 13th event since it’s Mother’s Day). We’re participating in an 8 hour “Adoptathon” at the Simpson Plaza in Frisco on April 14th, sponsored by Mazie’s Mission.. We’re planning to take 25 of our great dogs. We’ll give you a report on the results in the Summer Newsletter, and naturally, hope that we can tell you that all were adopted into loving homes!

SO EASY!!!

Thank you, Shedera & Clarence Farmer, for the great little trailer that’s easy to hook up to a golf cart. We haul hay on it to feed the ponies and donkeys daily, and also load up dogs to take to the van for transport. It’s made our lives easier!



WISH LIST

- Postage stamps
- Igloo dog houses (any size)
- Metal water buckets
- Simparica Flea/Tick treatment (any size)

DONATION JARS

Bill Smith’s Cafe in McKinney
Mom’s Bakery, Sherman

We’re grateful to these businesses for allowing us to place our boxes on their counters. If you have a business and would like to sponsor our dogs, please let us know.

RESCUING SHADOW, THE SHETLAND PINTO

In mid-December we received an urgent message about some dogs that were tethered in a remote area east of us near Tom Bean, TX. They belonged to a lady who was having to move in a few days and unable to take her animals with her. Our staff person, Roxanne South, sprang into action! She contacted the owner and paid a visit to the site, only to find 3 husky/malamute mix dogs tied; one of them (“Luna”) nursing 5 puppies. The dogs were easy for Roxanne to pack up and bring to ARFhouse.

But there was a Shetland pony named “Shadow” that had to be moved also. “Shadow” is “the rest of the story”. He was in a small bare pasture and had an injured back leg that he was favoring...actually holding out to the side. He had no grass nor hay and was underweight. We had a nice pasture and small barn for him but no way to move him. We called our dear friends, avid supporters, AND horse aficionados, Robin Sears and Mike Brinlee, who have a horse ranch in Gordonville. They saw Shadow was in need of veterinary attention for his leg and proposed (thankfully) to take him home with them, since they had a stall available in their horse barn. Robin would make an appointment for him at the equine veterinary clinic in Gainesville.

Dr. Matt Gomulak at the Independence Equine and Small Animal Clinic in Gainesville, TX discovered that the ligament in Shadow’s leg wouldn’t “unlock” the way it was supposed to when he tried to move his leg. That was the reason Shadow’s leg stuck out straight all the time. We’re told this is a fairly common problem with ponies. Dr. Gomulak performed the surgery to clip the ligament that was too tight. Shadow had been in a lot of pain for a long time. He was underweight and his hip bone protruded. Due to lack of use, the muscles of his left leg and hip had atrophied. The great people at this clinic (especially Dr. Gomulak) saved Shadow from a life of pain and immobility. They truly care about the animals they treat and we’re grateful to them for making Shadow whole again.

Following the surgery, and with a nourishing diet, exercise and TLC, Shadow regained the strength in his injured leg and put on such much-needed weight and muscle. For the first time in a long time, he was able to run and play.

SPECIAL THANKS go out to Carla McBride who donates her time and hard work to clean the office portion and kennel at the Adoption Center each month. (And she even makes wonderful baked goods for us at Christmas!)

BIG YARD SALE TO BENEFIT THE ANIMALS

We’re planning a yard sale on June 8 & 9 (rain-out days June 15 & 16) in the front “yard” of the Liz O’Brien Adoption Center, west of our main gate which is 3377 Spalding Rd., Sherman, TX. We’ll have furniture, rugs, mirrors, lamps, and all kinds of household goods that have been donated for this event.

Now to the best part... Shadow is a wonderful candidate for adoption. He’s young, healthy, well-behaved, cute and people-oriented. He’s a black and white pinto with a glorious long mane. He’s affectionate and sweet. He leads, grooms and loads easily. He’s friendly and inquisitive, and just the right height for a hug. He needs consistent gentle handling and discipline. He is gelded. We think he’s about 5 years old. Ponies can live well into their 20’s or more. He needs room to run around, adequate fencing and shelter, good quality hay,



and periodic hoof care, dental care, and worming. He seems to get along with other animals, but he really loves people best. He’s fully recovered from surgery, but may never be 100% on his left rear leg. He will NEVER be able to carry a rider or pull a cart, but can still be a best friend and companion to a human; perhaps a disabled vet? Contact martha@arfhouse.org if you can give Shadow a good home and you would like a very unique and entertaining best friend.

APPEAL

We always ask for your financial support in our newsletters and we are grateful to those of you who respond with donations. Our “base” has not grown very much over the past 5 years; therefore, our income has remained about the same. Unfortunately, our expenses have not. At this time, we ask that our faithful friends continue to help us to do this important work, but we also ask that you spread the word about us. Tell your friends, your employer, and your colleagues about the outreach we have to the community and helping animals all over North Texas; especially those who have no voice whatsoever, those who have been injured or abandoned in a remote place. Tell them we always capture the sick and injured strays and see that they receive the medical care necessary to help make them whole again. Tell them about our Be-A-Pal Program where they can support one of these dogs for \$20 per month on PayPal (or naturally with a monthly check). Word of mouth would serve us as much as a website or newsletter. And you’ll be helping more dogs to find homes, and have a life safe from injury or fear.

Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations



"Ranger"
Jarrett Brugger &
Monica Brugger

"Bella"
Peacock Family

"Maggie"
LuRuth Taylor

"Jack"
Stacie Stuart

"Jake"
Ripley Family

"Ringo"
Linda Moseley

"Ernie"
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Johnson &
Cassi Samples

"Sable"
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Brooke

"Bear"
Dr. & Mrs. William Frey

"Sadie"
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Muil

"Molly Sugar"
Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Cain

"Squiggly"
Cruz & Wendy Acosta

"Midnight"
Donne Hamilton

"Precious"
Justin & Lamesa Miles

"Miss Kitty"
The Kinsey family

"Riley"
Ken & Jennifer Swick

"Ella"
Vicki & Bill Horne

"Darlene"
Mr. & Mrs. Wood

"Daisy"
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"Molly"
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dugger

"Too Much"
Gail Lipe

"Zeke"
Ashlee Graham

"Huey"
Jennifer Lanci & family

"Afton"
Sandra Brown

"Porter"
The Richardson family

"Oreo"
Lisa Wortham

"Magic"
Ashley Carney
"Samantha"
Kathy & Robert Richardson

"Sabrina"
The Tate family

"Athena"
The Griffin family

"Jack"
Shawna & Russell Maine

"Bandit"
Ronald & Patricia Seeley

"Sunday"
Brenda Winter

"Chili"
Becky McCormack

"Bitty"
Wanda Drinkard

"Rusty"
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Flood

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Joe & Sharon Vannucci

"Greta"
Teresa Early

"Max"
The Van Zant family

"Frankie"
The Long family

"Golden"
The Adams Family

"Ladybug"
Dale & Gloria Huhtala

"Rocky"
Charles Schriewer

"Viggo"
Emily McLoughlin

"Audie"
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Kirk

"Missy"
Whaley family

"Brinkley"
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bartlett

"Seren"
Shojai family

"Sheba"
Mr. & Mrs. Kelton Cox

"Kitty"
Christy Quassa

"Tip Toe"
Malcolm Conyers

"Tess" & "Lucy"
Jennifer Ken Swick

"Molly" & "Peanut"
LeRoy & Janet Brack

"Little Bit"
The Reynolds family

"Sammy"
The Hicks family

"Lexis"
Tom & Etta Wilkerson

"Gizmo"
Haley McCollister

"Charlie"
Morris Key

"Brownie"
The Bounds family

"Tuffy"
Tate family

"Hazard"
Cardenas family

"Lady"
The Hutchins family

"Abby"
The Jonse family

"Lexy"
Crites family

"Callie"
Bob & Susan Slagle & family

"Kallee"
Nancy Miller

"Pudge"
Danny & Teresa Reynolds

"Tippy"
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Smith

"Cheyenne"
Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Phillips

"Chevy"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Noltensmeyer



To Honor Beloved Pets

"Bonnie"
by: Mary & Lawrence Potts

"Maggie Mae"
by: Gaylen Hamner

"Lacey"
"my rescue border collie"
by: Pam Huffman

To Honor Animal Lovers . . .

. . . During the Holidays

. . . Just Because

Darlene Schweizer
by: Marilyn Pickens

Margie McCain
by: Nicole Krauss

Andy Williams & Kay
Greenway
by: Gerda & Jerry Huffman

. . . On Their Birthday

Peg Bourke
"My mother...96 years
young!"
by: Kelley Renfro

Andy Williams
for his birthday
by: Gerda & Jerry Huffman

Thomas Huffman
by: Andy Williams & Kay
Greenway

Gerda Huffman
by: Andy Williams & Kay
Greenway

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Winter
by: Edward J. Winter, M.D.

To honor family of Sue Collins
& the late James Collins for
Christmas
"all animal lovers"
by: Frieda Phillips

John & Margie McCain
by: Ward Hubbard

Joey Owens
by: Frances & Lincoln Owens

Margie McCain
by: Dean Williams & Christine
Clifford

Angela Ray
by: Wendy Duerr

Thomas Huffman
by: Andy Williams

Kay Greenway
by: Andy Williams

Jerry & Gerda Huffman
by: Andy Williams

Mr. & Mrs. Garrick & Carrie
Beach Linn
by: Richard & Debbie
Worsham

LuRuth Taylor
The Stromnes family

The Vitanza family
by: Cindy Boling

"The Second Sunday
Adoption Crew"
at PetSmart in McKinney
and our tireless leader, Deb
Blakeney
by: Rich & Susan Demko

Chantal Gage
by: Jann G. Knotts

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Phillips
by: Jann G. Knotts

Pam Huffman & Cheryl
Anderson
by: Brenda Burges

Canyon Creek Pet Hospital "In Memory" Donations

"Scooter"
The Green's

"Itty-Bitty"
The West family

"Morris"
The Bobo family

"Isaac"
The Tolbert's

"Hamster"
The Marr's

"Maverick"
The Wilson's

"Pepper"
The Papas family

"Drake"
The Cole family

"Dixie"
The Grotheer's

"Bo2" & "Binky"
The Le family

"Abby"
The White family

"Boots"
The Osborne's

"Tuffy"
The Graham's

"Bessie"
The Woolverton family

"Rascal"
The Carnett's

"Sadie"
The Gray family

"Casey"
The Wilson's

"Naomi"
The Nichols family

"Bonnie"
The Potts family

"Oscar"
The West family

"Coal"
Kimberly Donnell's pet

"Lewis"
Lisa Shirley's pet

"Millie" Blankenship
beloved sweet yellow lab
by: Mark & Joan Blankenship

"Dixie" Wilson (German
Shepherd/Lab mix)
"Clancy" Draxler
"Sure miss my babies."
by: Kristin Draxler

"Patches"
beloved rat terrier of
Larry & Toddy Frazier

"Katz"
beloved Westie of
Peg Bourke

"Max"
by: Mary Van Zant

"Pat"
beloved cat of Hazel Johnston
by: Janelle Johnston

"Amy"
by: Marilyn Pickens

"Lillie Bell"
"My beloved cat of 20 years"
by: Nancy Norwood

"Bubbie"
"My sweet dachshund rescue
despite his disabilities, he was
a trooper to the end"
by: Nancy Norwood

"Achilles"
"the pit bull ARFhouse so
graciously accepted as a
'lifer"
by: Nancy Norwood

"Ria"
beloved dog of Anita & Al
Tigert
by: Butch & Helen Todd

"Luna" & "Chino"
beloved dogs of Karen
Ranspot & Mike Todd
by: Butch & Helen Todd

"Paco" & "Reno"
Jane Brase's beloved shelties
by: Butch & Helen Todd

"Shannon"
Pamela Pyle's beloved dog
by: Roger Platizky

"Sir Toby" Simmons
by: Mr. & Mrs. S.D. Simmons

"Ginger Snap Sterling"
Sue Sterling's beloved dog
by: Vickie & Bob Pearson &
Marcia & Joe Dotson & sons

"Amy"
by: Marilyn Pickens

"Gator"
beloved pet of Jon &
Cindy Schaefer
by: Travis Schaefer

"Lexi"
Debbie & John Duncan's
beloved pet
by: Anonymous

"Lexi"
by: Carol Davis

"Cooper" (Coop)
beloved beagle of Shelley,
Andy & Avery Stephan
by: Beverly & Jo Ann
Nelson

"Lucky"
20 yr old chocolate lab;
beloved dog of Kristina &
Roger Beeler
by: Randy & Nancy
Shirley

"Rocco"
beloved pet of Bob &
Barbara Floyd
by: Pat Williams

"Fred"
beloved pet of Tom
Heeneey & Diane Bielman
by: Ken & Nancy Bielman

"Max"
by: John & Mary Van
Zant

"Pat"
beloved cat of Hazel
Johnston
by: Janelle Johnston

"Attila"
"our beloved Vizsla"
by: Ed & Ellen Solymosy

"Bonnie"
beloved Welsh-Terrier of
Larry & Mary Potts

"Gretchen"
by: Denise Jensen

"Molly"
"sweetest little 'possum-
poo" & fur-ever faithful
friend"
pet of Cal & Joyce
Wilkerson
by: Ashley Wilkerson

In Memory of Animal Lovers

Abby Smith
by: Glyna Crowder

Bill Cowden
by: Thomas & Janelle
Johnston

Dale Lange
"my brother"
also, his dog "Fritz" who
passed away shortly after
his death
by: Peg Bourke

Waymon McMackin
by: Sharon McMackin

Jeanne Massey "Nana"
Roberts
by: John & Kelli Weinzierl

The following people made
gifts in memory of Judy
Schuessel:
her husband, Charles
Schuessel
Larry & Lana Wade
Bobby & Ingeborg Taylor
Ron & Mary Grosz

Helen Sedlmeir &
Judy Thompson
by: Terry & Retha Beals

Curtis Oppermann
by: Aleta Oppermann

Deborah Burnett
by: Paul Newcomb

Wilma Sanders
"beloved Mother,
Grandmother, Great
Grandmother & friend"
by: Marilyn, Richard & Alicia
Barren

Jeff Reichelt & Brian Reichelt
by: Karen & Gary White

Deb Wissa
by: Mitch & Celeste Malicoate

Marion Ann Rodgers
by: Edward E. Canzano II

Anne Miller Clark
by: Kathleen Brockman

Monique Lacorbriere
by: Nancy Keating

Tres Rodriquez
by: Chace & Cassandra
Larson

Lea Holder
by: her daughter, Sandra
Holder

Lea Holder
by: her son, Lehman Holder

Nancy Clements Alexander
by: Linda Beheler

The following people made
gifts in memory of Gillian
Salling:
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Veronica & Andrew Flatt
Jim Salling
Val Turner

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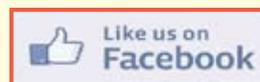
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Mission Statement

ARFhouse is dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing into homes with loving guardians.

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