



# ARFhouse Happenings

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## Birthday Generosity!!

**T**hese 5th grade girls are already interested in giving back to their community.

For Kendall Lea's 11th birthday she told her friends not to bring her gifts, but instead to bring dog food to donate to ARFhouse. Kendall is a fifth grader in Van Alstyne who plays basketball, volleyball, and loves her dog Bella! (Kendall is in the front row of the picture in blue and yellow.)

*Thank you Kendall and friends!!*



## ~~Dogs To Chicago~~

On March 6th our Chicago friends visited and returned to the windy city with 25 of our dogs. They have two large adoption events this month, and with their track record, we expect all of the dogs to be adopted by the first of April.



Linda Cairo, Bob Martinez, Rebecca Fisher, Donna Paseltiner, & Cecelia Miller

## “Gathering of the Old Dogs”

The “Old Dogs” gathered again at Lynn & Kathy Surls’ home for the fourth year in a row. The dinner was delicious, and everyone brought a sealed envelope with a check for ARFhouse. It was a great night for the dogs and the “Gathering of Old Dogs”

was once again a success for ARFhouse, with more than \$10,000 being raised. These funds will go toward building our new adoption facility. We’re deeply grateful to Lynn & Kathy and all their friends who attended and cared enough to share with the animals.

## New Website

We are getting a new website! There are lots of pictures of the dogs; there’s a senior page; a tribute page; and on the home page is a video that Pollaro Media produced for us.

If you watch the video you’ll see some of the dogs in action and a few employees telling about ARFhouse.

The website should be launched by the time you receive this newsletter in the mail.

Thanks to Barbara Laird of [www.website2therescue.com](http://www.website2therescue.com) for her excellent job of putting together our new site.

🐾 🐾 **NEWCOMERS** 🐾 🐾

“Betty” the bloodhound was found north of Sadler, about 5 miles from ARFhouse. She was very thin, and it was obvious that she had recently weaned some puppies. She’s fattening up now.



I’m “Sam.” I get along with most of my buddies, but one of the guys at my former place didn’t like me much. He was always picking on me and starting fights so my person had to find me a home because the bully was old and he had seniority. I love toys and people. I’m just particular about who I make friends with. Hey, we can’t love everybody, can we?



### Appeal from Martha Hovers

Those of you who have received the newsletter for years have read this before: the first quarter of the year is our leanest, in terms of donations. Unfortunately food donations have dropped to an all time low and we’re buying a substantial portion of the food for our dogs. They eat almost 400 lbs per day, and we don’t feed junk food to them. We can’t afford Pro Plan, but we do mix the better grocery store brands. We also open more than 150 cans of Pedigree, Cesar, and Mighty Dog daily. This means a shortfall in food for the dogs as well as reduced monetary donations, which is tied to first quarter conservatism.

Please help us continue to care for the dogs the way you want your dogs to be cared for. They rely on you to feed them and give them the medical attention they need.

Those of you who prefer to give a gift rather than money will know that dog food is the best gift. See our wish list for preferred brands.

I’m “Dancer.” I was left with my 2 sisters at a little bridge. We were scared, but the ARF-house gals came and got us and brought us to ride on golf carts all day at this dog farm. Great not to have to walk everywhere because this is a BIG place with a fun swimming pool. I love to swim!



“Isabel” was brought to the ARFhouse gate by some people who had her tied in the back of their pickup truck. We try to reserve precious space for the abandoned and abused dogs. However, she is so sweet, and always smiling; we couldn’t turn her away. She loves everyone.



🐾 🐾 **EMERGENCY CARE** 🐾 🐾

We had an occasion to use the services of Grayson County Animal Emergency in Denison, Texas, recently. Animal emergencies are never a pleasant time for any person who loves their pets. We want you who live in our geographical area to know that the staff at this clinic are professional,

well trained, capable and kind. If you have an emergency with your pet, you can feel confident that you’ll receive the best of care for him or her. Don’t hesitate to take your pet to GCAE if your pet becomes ill on weekends or holidays. We are fortunate to have this resource in Grayson County.



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Rocky

“Rocky” was found during our coldest week, wandering in Sherman with a fractured leg and suffering from starvation. The bone was protruding and he was barely able to crawl. We received the call at 7:00 am one morning from a lady who found him in her front yard. We instructed her to take him to Dr. Morris. After leg amputation and plenty of nutritious food, 4 lb. “Rocky” (a.k.a. “Rocket Man”) is



Kodi

ready to take on the world. He’s the perfect little house dog and loves to curl up on a pillow. He made the trip to Chicago last weekend and everyone is fighting over who gets to foster him.

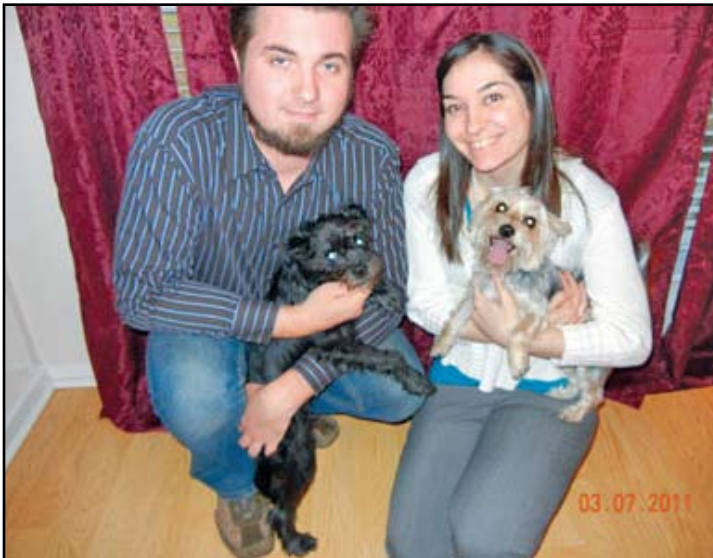
“Kodi” was abandoned on the road in front of ARFhouse. Our newspaper ads and calls to shelters brought no results, so we had to conclude that she had been left here. We have a home for her in Sequim, WA, and she’ll be flying there in April. Her new guardian, Albert, tells us he had a dog just like her when he lived in Alaska many years ago.

**A PERFECT 10!!**



These 10 “newcomers” arrived last night (March 7), 10 days after their mother came as a stray. They will need their forever homes in 10 weeks.

🐾 🐾 **ADOPTIONS** 🐾 🐾



“Harper” was left at the bridge near ARFhouse (which is where many strays are abandoned). He was a tiny puppy, and two of our staff fostered him at night and would bring him to work every day. We received a lot of applications to adopt him, but Robert was the best. Looks like he’s very happy with his new family.

Here’s Donna (owner of Mutt Hutt in Chicago) with our “Daphne.”

Donna had wanted another small dog as her own pet, and when we sent pictures of “Daphne” prior to their visit, she said she knew she’d love her.

Sure enough, she does, and the feeling is mutual.



Chiquita finds her forever home with the Burkholters. Everyone looks happy!



# ADOPTIONS



**Odie and Michael**

These two puppies were two of 5 that were left in a cardboard box at the ARFhouse gate. After adopting "Odie," Michael and Laura decided he needed a friend. They came



**Odie, Laura and Winnie**

back for the sister, "Winnie," and we're told the puppies were fast friends . . . running and playing and then dropping down for big long naps.



**Cece and "Shiye" (our "Drake")**

I was SO excited when I found out I was going to accompany Linda and the Arfhouse-Chicago crew down to Texas to see the Arfhouse sanctuary! I work at Mutt Hutt Inc. in Chicago (where Arfhouse keeps a lot of its adoptable pups) and I've always wanted to make the Texas trip. The timing couldn't have been better, because my 3 year old Huskie mix, Sierra, has been on the hunt for a companion. I rescued Sierra from a high kill shelter in Ohio in 2008. She has been my constant companion, playing in doggy daycare every work day and entertaining the staff with her weird antics.

As soon as we arrived at the Texas sanctuary, I had my eyes peeled for a potential Sierra friend. There are SO many wonderful, adoptable dogs at the sanctuary. I was overwhelmed! Martha was quick to show everyone around and point out some of the pups she thought may be a good fit. I scanned the crowd and saw a fawn eyed, big eared boy staring directly at me. After meeting this little man, I knew Sierra would love him.

After many good byes, it was a 14 hour trip back to Chicago with Drake laying in my lap the whole way. I introduced the two lovelies as soon as we got home and there was instant doggy chemistry. Sierra has a brother and Shiye (meaning son) has a home. We couldn't be happier!! Shiye is sending love and smooches to Martha and the Texas crew for giving him a chance and I'm sending my gratitude to Arfhouse for running one of the best animal rescues around!

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"Maddy" came to ARFhouse when her guardians could no longer keep her. She was very frightened in our environment and, in spite of continuous attempts by staff to talk to her and touch her, she was too afraid to allow anyone near her.

She was here for several weeks with no improvement. And then came a call from Mary Kay, who had "Kip" and wanted a friend for him. She stated she particularly liked the Aussies.

We thought this might be "Maddy's" one opportunity to have a home. We were disappointed when she didn't respond, but showed Mary

Kay a couple of other dogs she might like. However, as Mary Kay passed "Maddy's" kennel on her way to her car, "Maddy" was looking at her longingly and that made up Mary Kay's mind to give her a chance. She tells us that "Maddy" is a sweet and well behaved dog and that she and "Kip" are the perfect couple, running and playing, but always coming to her for reassurances and love.



**Maddy, MK & Kip**





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

"Brady"  
Charity Riley

"Deuce"  
Mr. & Mrs. Juston Dobbs

"GG Tyson"  
Elizabeth Tyson & James Henry

"Yoda"  
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Larson

"Maggie"  
Donna West

"Emma"  
Alvin Hamm

"Daisy"  
Sonja Huff

"JR"  
Leslie McGee

"Precious"  
Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Weatherly

"Sadie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lubbers

"Jane"  
Virginia Herold

"Miss Kate"  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Roby

"Blaze"  
Arlyn Fuqua

"Baby Girl"  
Lesley Pebworth

"Sterling"  
Arthur & Martha Payne

"Pic"  
Mr. & Mrs. David Williams

"Coyote"  
Judi Blair

"Alaska"  
Jane Kardos

"Rhoadie"  
Nan Downing

"Cinnamon"  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tucker

"Anna Belle"  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richardson

"Binky"  
Mr. & Mrs. John Van Zant

"Poncho"  
Kenneth Baker

"Blue"  
Margery Anderson

"Bob"  
Corinna Smith

"Lance"  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Odom

"Bert"  
Cassi Johnson

"Sadie"  
Dorothy McKee & family

"Winston"  
Mr. & Mrs. J.J. McGrath & family

"Harley"  
Karen Waldrip

"Sheba"  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Robertson

"Charlie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Beam

"Katy"  
Mr. & Mrs. Shaun McNeely

"Bunny"  
Susan Cassidy

"Pepper"  
Jake Willis

"Beau"  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Schulz

"Possum"  
The Polonchak family

"Booker T"  
Darrell & Carlene Walker

"Sugar"  
Tracy Quin

"Yanni"  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Salling

"Princess"  
Vondell Jackson

## Thanks

*To the people who help  
our dogs*

Louis & Fay Elrod  
Tom Thumb Stores  
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Sherman WalMart  
Danny & Dr. John Brakebill  
Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris  
Brakebill Veterinary Clinic Staff  
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## \*\*WISH LIST\*\*



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## Canyon Creek Pet Hospital Made The Following “In Memory” Donations

“Hobby”  
Jane Winters

“Liza”  
Don & Kelli Neely

“Suzy”  
Mary McBride & family

“Smokey”  
Jeffrey & Terri Oliver

“Carly”  
Pat Eversole

“Captain”  
Lucinda Laro & Hannah

“Lonnie Mike”  
Jimmy & Donna Wallace

“Harvey”  
Melissa Pitzer

“Annie”  
Dorothy Yarbrough

“Sharman”  
Virginia Brooks

“Phebe”  
Pat Esralian

“Lola”  
“Snowflake”  
Chuck & Virginia Pilant

“Gusto”  
Paul Demosthenis

“Sport”  
Jim & Trena Little

“Dexter”  
Vashti Armstrong

“Charlie”  
F.H. Lannom

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Joe & Janette Bontempo

“Mr. Boggs”  
Meaghan Swan & Nick Wilson

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David & Rosa Massey

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Robert & Cindy Lea

“Holly”  
Barry Bethel

“Buffy”  
Vi McWater

“Charlie”  
Tommy & Barbara Cassidy

“Buffy”  
Irene Pierot

“Early”  
Bryan Highfill

“Angel”  
Elizabeth Bishop

“Abraham”  
Linda Allen

“Buttercup”  
Marion Rogers

“Socks”  
Chris & Lorae Hottle

“Buttons”  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Martin

“Captain”  
Lucinda Laro & Hannah



## SPECIAL THANKS



Jeri Waterloo stands in front of our van we use for transporting the dogs. She asked Red River Trophy in Denison to donate these magnetic signs for the van and they were kind enough to make two of them so that everyone knows we're carrying precious cargo.

Diane Bielman and husband, Tom Heene, donated Diane's great Toyota Camry for our errands. This car is a number of years old, but looks like it just came off the showroom floor. Thanks, Diane & Tom for this gift.

Elliot Pollaro and his team, of Pollaro Media, came in December to produce a video of ARFhouse, which is now on our new website. They did this as a donation to help the public see what we do and how the dogs live at ARFhouse. They're professionals, and it reflects in the work they did for us. Everyone who's seen it says it was fun to watch and they loved seeing the dogs.



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## *In Memory of Animal Lovers*

Monique Lacorbiere (a dear friend to  
ARFhouse for many years)  
by: Nancy Keating

Carolyn Potter  
by: Pat Loewe & Peter Gordon

Martha, Wayne & Cindy Chisum &  
Katherine Samples made donations in  
memory:

Elizabeth Robertson & her little dog  
"Rascal"

Kirk Kincaid & all the critters he loved  
Sherry Wynne

"My grandmother, Frances Penrod, a big  
animal lover"  
by: Paula Gray

Carolyn Potter  
"my cousin"

by: Marygrace Paskins

Letha Margaret Hall Jones  
by: Sherri Baer

Mary Lee Comalander  
by: Danny Luedecke

Christopher "Paul" Mardian  
by: Kathy & Stacy Caudell

Vera Mae Smith  
Mother of Ronda Jay  
by: Ann, Bob, Dee & Nita

## *Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets*

Thank you to those of you who thought of ARFhouse and our animals in your  
time of sorrow.

"Trixi" & "Courtney"  
by: Janette Bontempo

"Sadie"  
by: Anne Miller

"Stasha"  
by: Jan McLean

"Dolly"  
by: Nancy Elkins, who says: "I miss her  
'happy dance' the most."

"Harley"  
Karen Waldrip's beloved pug  
by: Linda & Mike Tarzis

"Butchie"  
by: Sherrill & Tom Wright

"Our brave guard dogs left behind in  
Vietnam"  
by: Judith & Charles Schuessel

"Sam"  
Karen, Van & David Price's beloved 16 yr  
old dal  
by: Jerri Waterloo

"Dolly"  
beloved doggie friend of Nancy & the late  
Jim Elkins  
by: Nancy's daughter, Ann Baertsch

"Bandit"  
"He stole our hearts."  
by: Jeanne Cummings

"Barney"  
by: Doug & Gail Tucker

"Alia"  
"My 12 yr old shepherd mix"  
by: Clay Higbee

"Case" & "Candi"  
"my dogs"  
by: Janell Cook

"Jake"  
by: Jennifer Hillary

"Bri"  
by: Suzanne Chapman

"Max" & "Harley"  
beloved pets of Jeri Waterloo  
by: Mike & Linda Tarzis

"Max"  
Kim & Ralf Poineal

"Molly"  
"beloved dog of Mike & Cyndy Stewart"  
by: Albert & Gilda Spiller

"Cassie"  
Much loved and missed by her guardian...  
Ellie Molloy

## *To Honor Pets and People Who Love Them*

Vicki Vanneste  
by: Rita McDaniel

To Honor the following at Christmas:  
The Chisum family & Katherine Samples  
by: Roger Platizky

LuRuth Taylor  
by: The Stromnes & Senft families

My sister, Doris Haynes  
by: Helen Zook

Roger Platizky  
by: Martha, Wayne, Cindy & Katherine

Darlene Schweizer  
by: Marilyn Pickens

Jane Wilson & Helen Sedlmeir  
by: Paul Wunderlick

Dr. & Mrs. John Sciortino  
by: Salcher-Harris family

Andy Williams & "Frankie" (his new dog)  
by: Mom, Dad & Maddie

LuRuth Taylor made Christmas donations  
to honor the following people:

Mark & Christine Taylor  
Rob & Renee Senft

John & Jacque Stromnes  
Bryan & Lisa Lancelot

Ryan Gillis  
Stephen Gillis

Sherrel Simmons made a donation to  
honor the following people:

Janice Crow  
Cathy Pilkilton  
Carolyn Spencer

Mike & Linda Tarzis made donations to  
honor these people & pets:

"Sam", "Tag" & "Lucy"  
beloved pets of Jeri Waterloo

"Harley" & "Penny"  
beloved pets of Lou & Martha Vaughn

"Britches", "Callie", "Ellie", "Desi", &  
"Annie"

beloved pets of Charles & Darlene  
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"Lucky" & "Peanut"  
Mike & Linda's own pets

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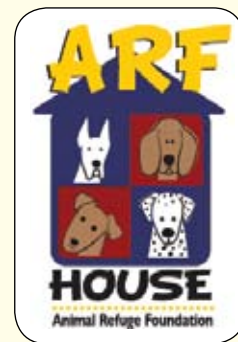
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## Mission Statement

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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