



# ARFhouse *Happenings*

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## LIFE AT THE *Sanctuary*

This quarter has been a busy one. There are quite a few things that need to be addressed as the seasons change from cold to hot, and we've been working hard to keep up with the demands of the dogs as we head into the summer.

The first and most important thing for the dogs as temperatures continue to rise is water; making sure the dogs have plenty of cool water at all times throughout the day (and yes, this means lugging around water buckets to keep them in the shade, but our biceps are looking mighty toned these days). Our "water dogs" get their very own kiddie pools and love to splash around.

The heat brings a different set of problems that we don't encounter year-round: bugs! Our dogs are checked daily for fleas and ticks and kept on monthly prevention, which is a big task, but we can't have those pesky insects anywhere near our dogs. Thank you to those who have donated flea, tick, and heartworm prevention.

We start our days earlier when it gets hot, but they are longer days; filled with mowing, weed eating, checking water supply in the heat of the afternoon. Summer is harder on the dogs than winter, but we stay diligent in making sure they have everything needed to keep them comfortable in the Texas heat.

Adoptions have been steady but tend to decline when school lets out. This is largely since people travel during the summer and don't want to welcome a new family member before a trip. We are doing two Petsmart adoption events per month and expect the numbers to go back up in the Fall.

Pupdate: in the last issue of our newsletter, I misspoke when I said we had transported over 200 puppies to our partner rescue in Colorado. So far this year, we have transported 107 to LifeLine Puppy Rescue. 107 puppies off the streets, spayed, neutered, and living the life in Brighton!



Jazz cooling off in the pond.



The girls getting ready to work.

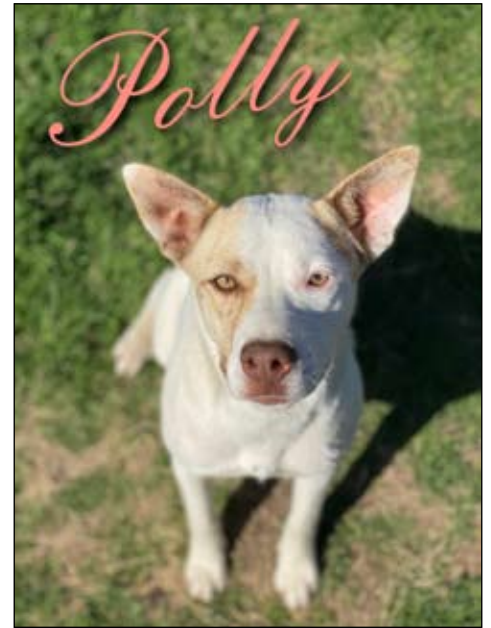
# NEWCOMERS



To know this dog is to love her. Tweety showed up at the front gate early one morning, begging to come inside. We still can't figure out why someone would dump this sweetheart, but after an unsuccessful search for her family, she became ours. Tweety came to us with a mess of problems; including heartworms and eyes that need surgery. Tweety has completed her treatment for heartworms and is now healthy enough to have her surgery. She will be available for adoption as soon as her eyes have healed.



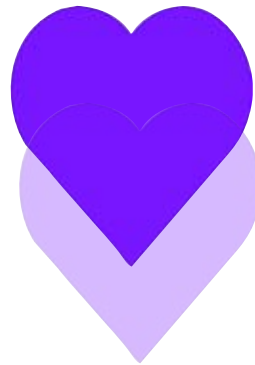
Rachel, or as we affectionately refer to her as: Country Pup, was found out in the country one day causing trouble (not really). Rachel is the sweetest, most playful dog we have; she gets along well with other dogs and will make the most wonderful family member (if they can keep up with her energy).



Talk about the total package. This perfect dog fell on hard times when her momma was in a car accident. Sometimes, when you love someone, you let them go and it was in Polly's best interest that she come to ARF. Update: Polly found her perfect, forever family!

## Lowes Loves Dogs!

Lowes Home Improvement of Sherman has been so good to us here at ARFhouse over the years; the kind, dog-loving staff are so helpful, and we are thankful to have made such wonderful friends. On behalf of the Dogs of ARFhouse, THANK YOU!



## Thank You Tuesday Morning!



We'd like to give a special thank you to Tuesday Morning in McKinney for the donation of over 70 brand new dog beds! They told us they had a lot, but you can imagine our surprise when they filled up our cargo van! You made the day for quite a few dogs. Thank you!



Some might say, "just another black dog", or "ordinary". We would disagree. This cutie wandered up to a residence one day with an injured eye and in need of some help. The kind folks who found her quickly contacted ARF and kept Ruthie until space opened. Ruthie gets along GREAT with other dogs, has personality to spare, and the best outlook on life; she is anything but ordinary. Ruthie is fully vetted and currently waiting on her forever home.

# ADOPTIONS



I can't believe I forgot this adoption in the last newsletter! Bodine was with us for over three and a half years before his forever family came a-knockin'. Our gentle giant was always content and happy to see us, but we knew he was meant for bigger and better things. That's why we never give up on our dogs. The Smith family followed Bodine's story on Facebook for several months; when they were ready to add another family member, it was love at first meet with this big boy. Happy tails, Bodine.



The Roberts' knew Tucker was the dog for them when they saw him on our website. Tucker now has a two-legged brother, and two, four-legged siblings to play with!



One of the most special adoptions ever was our sweet boy, Walton. The wonderful Langdon family met Walton at Petsmart and has given us the most precious updates; Walton is the perfect addition to their family, he loves the kids and they adore him. Walton was with us for over two years, but now we know he was waiting on his perfect family to show up.



One of the sweetest girls we've ever known, Tallahassee found her forever home with Danielle & Aaron Thomas.



It always took Missy a little bit of time to warm up to strangers, but she found the perfect person in Dave Merica; he is gentle, understanding, and they are now two peas in a pod!



What a great day it was when our sweet girl, Polly found her home! Polly (now Bella) is now living the life with the Donaho's: John, Darlene, their fantastic kids: Kirsten, Madison, Alyssa, and a four-legged sister, Dakota.



Jim & Kyla McGee fell in love with our sweetheart Daisy; it took her no time at all to settle into life as a beloved pet.



Libby was with us for over two years before finding her forever home with the Olson's. Update from her new family: Libby is doing great! She has fit in so nicely with our family and we are certain it was meant to be.

# A Big Thanks

By now you've read about our annual golf tournament, and what a huge success it was! What we didn't write about, were the countless hours put into making it such a success. It took many volunteers to be able to put on such a large feat, and to those volunteers, we cannot say thank you enough.

We would like to recognize one volunteer in particular, Deb Blakeney. Deb is our Adoption Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, to name just a few "hats". For months, Deb worked tirelessly on the tournament; securing sponsorships and items for the silent auction, handing out flyers, somehow managing to get 106 golfers when our previous tournament only had 84! The work Deb does for the dogs is never-ending, and for that, we thank you.

## Important Dates

**September 1, 2022:** "Early Giving" begins. You will be able to schedule your gift starting on this date.

**September 22, 2022:** The BIG day! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and posts leading up to the big day. For our new followers, NTXGD is a day filled with fun facts about ARF, pictures, success stories, and updates throughout the day letting you know our progress.

For any questions or to pledge a match, please contact Jenna Glover at (972) 658-0389, or via email at [jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.arfhouse@gmail.com).



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## ARFHOUSE HELP WANTED!!

We are in need of an animal lover to help us care for the dogs. Sadly one of our key employees is moving to Dallas for a new opportunity. We AND the dogs will miss her, but wish her the best. Please tell your friends; and our hope is that a friend of a friend or a relative would have an interest in doing this rewarding work. We offer flexible hours and employees typically have a choice of days to take off.

We can provide housing to the right single person (no families). We must have a full staff to care properly for these animals that depend on us. Please spread the word. And thank you for caring and sharing with the dogs who depend on you.

## Ways YOU Can Help

**Donate.** We have many ways you can donate, both in cash and in kind. Visit our website to make a credit card donation. Mail us a check to the physical address on the back of your newsletter. Have items to donate? Drop them off at the Adoption Center located at our facility in Sherman, TX.

**Volunteer.** We always need dog-lovers to help at our Petsmart adoption events. Visit our website to fill out our volunteer form.

**Sponsor.** Our Be a Pal Program allows you to virtually "adopt" one of our dogs with a monthly donation of \$20. You'll receive quarterly pictures and letters from your Pal, sent straight to your mailbox.

**Follow.** Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share us with your friends.



### DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON?

If so, please go to:  
**smile.amazon.com**  
and choose ARFhouse as your charity so that the dogs of ARFhouse will receive a donation from your order!

# Save

## THE DATE

Coming off the high of the golf tournament, we are looking to the future. What has become our largest fundraiser of the year is coming up; North Texas Giving Day. This year, NTXGD will be on Thursday, September 22, 2022. This will be our fourth year to participate in the event and with each growing year, we set a larger goal.

Last year, we were shocked to surpass our goal by almost \$30,000, by raising over \$71,000; this year we have our sights set higher. We have set our goal at \$48,000, and we hope you will help us to reach it. Actually, we hope you will help us PASS it!

A big part of what made last year's event such a huge success were matching funds. We had several donors come forward with pledges to match, dollar-for-dollar, any donation until their pledge was reached. With matches, your donation goes further in helping the dogs of ARFhouse. Matching funds are also a great way to encourage giving; who doesn't love knowing your gift will be doubled!? If you are interested in pledging a match, please reach out to us via the phone number or email address below. All donations go directly towards the care of our dogs and saving more lives of those abandoned and abused in North Texas. We need YOU!

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# Appeal

by Jenna Glover

The calls to take in strays, abandoned dogs, victims of neglect and abuse are overwhelming. How can we say no? Sadly, sometimes we must. In order to properly care for the dogs we've made a commitment to, we can't say yes every time.

As you're all aware, costs of living are going up, gas, food, supplies. We are not immune to inflation. We have made significant repairs to the property that houses our dogs, have replaced old dog houses with new, continue to transport puppies to Colorado and our adults to adoption locations outside Grayson County. And the list goes on, as do the expenses.

To combat the rising cost to operate, we need your help. Our hopes for the future of ARFhouse are great; we would like to continue to grow our base and rescue as many dogs as possible, that's why we appeal to you. You have made this mission possible, and we ask for your continued support. Any amount helps and goes directly to caring for the dogs we all love so much.

As always, we thank you.

Jenna Glover



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

|  |                                    |   |  |   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| "Elsa"<br>Jackie Cordova               | "Emma"<br>Kimberly Cinco           | "Lilly"<br>Karen Mutz & family  | "Chloe"<br>Wally Black   | "Sabrina"<br>Mr. & Mrs. Larry Brock   |
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| "Bella"<br>Amy Neal                    | "Damen"<br>Heaven White            | "Truman"<br>The Peters family   | "Lily"<br>Nichole McDonald   | "Angel"<br>Caitlyn Calma  |
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| "Norbett"<br>Aaron Lett                | "Buttons"<br>Berdie Williams       | <i>In Memory of Animal Lovers</i>   |  |   |
| "JuJu Bean"<br>Joni Beamish            | "Kitty Girl"<br>Vince Leonard      |   |  |   |
| "Maggie"<br>Debbie Griffin & family    | "Diamond"<br>Deion Eason family    | Waymon McMackin<br>by: Sharon McMackin  | Monique Lacorbriere<br>Dear friend to ARFhouse<br>by: Nancy Keating  | Barbara Smithen<br>Jerry Price & family<br>Charles Phelps &<br>Jeannine Hatt Phelps<br>Robert Minshew<br>Katy Yates Redwine                                 |
| "Emo"<br>Jenna & Chance Glover         | "Ranger"<br>Leslie Landis & family | Nancy Sneathern<br>beloved sister of Sharon<br>McMackin<br>by: Sharon                   | Bruce Hammonds<br>"a kind, gentle man"<br>by: Richard, Marilyn &<br>Alicia Barren                                    | The following made do-<br>nations in memory of<br><b>BECKY FOUNTAIN</b><br>Jamie Morris<br>Phyllis & Don Berger<br>Margie & Tim Morris<br>Kimberly McDaniel |
| "Jackie"<br>Mr. & Mrs. Jones           | "Nugget"<br>Hoot Hall              | Charlie Ross<br>by: Payne & Hal Kenyon  | Jack Phillips<br>by: Frieda Phillips   |   |
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| "Oliver"<br>The Simmons family         | "Bravo"<br>Dawn Cantele            | Clifford Johnson<br>by: Patricia Johnson &<br>Razz                                      |  |   |
| "Bella"<br>Beth Adams                  | "Putter"<br>Shannon Doggett        | Shannon Love<br>"a fighter for all furry &<br>feathered creatures"<br>by: Scott Goddard | The following made gifts<br>in memory of<br><b>DR. WAYNE DELANEY</b><br>Robert & Kita Hemphins<br>Elsie & Jack Liley |   |
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- Canned "chopped" Pedigree
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- Sheets and Towels

## *In Memory of Beloved Pets*

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Danielle Gann & family  
by: Nancy Norwood

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Mackinen  
by: Pat Busch

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pom  
by: Roger Platizky

“Lewie” Hildebrand  
beloved dog of Carole  
Hildebrand  
by: Sandi Caster

“Shiloh”  
Pamela Pyle’s beloved  
dog  
by: Roger Platizky

“Amy”  
Mark & Karen Hale &  
Lauren Smith’s  
beloved poodle  
by: Nancy Norwood



## *In Honor of Animal Lovers*

Brenda Gates  
by: Julie Howell

Mindell Ayer  
by: anonymous

Cindy & Bob Lea  
for their anniversary  
by: Sherrana Sadler

Ronda Turner  
by: Janice Nightingale



## **3rd Annual ARFhouse Golf Tournament**

We were back on the green this year! After Covid-related cancellations the last two years, we were excited to go back to Tanglewood Golf Club for our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for the dogs of ARFhouse. Per the usual, head Golf Pro, Mike Fish, was enthusiastic and as accommodating as ever in helping to plan the tournament. We are fortunate to have made such good friends in Tanglewood, and are excited for the future of this tournament.

It was a day full of fun and lots of laughter (and work, of course). We had a record year with 106 golfers, excellent sponsor support, and many lovely items donated to the silent auction and raffle by local businesses and individuals. After 18 holes, the players gathered at the clubhouse for awards, margaritas, and more laughs. The silent auction and raffle following the tournament was quite possibly the most fun part of the day (at least for us); watching the players outbid each other all in the name of fun and DOGS was a real hoot. We are so grateful to everyone who participated, sponsored, and helped get the word out; we hope you will join us again next year.

It takes many people, and many roles to keep ARFhouse going. From the “boots on the ground”, to the financial supporters, all the way to the volunteers. We want to thank our volunteers for their efforts to make the day a success: Deb Blakeney, George Hoppe, Rebecca Tatsch, Sam Douglas, Mary Kyle Hendon, Lynn McCoy, Jan Richards, Karen Mecaskey Allen, and Kelly Grimes. Without you all, this day would not have been possible.



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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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