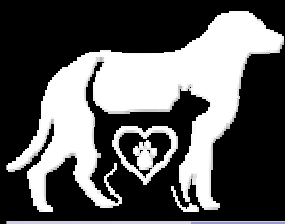


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Celebrating 11 Years of Saving Lives in North TX!

We love what we do, and we hope it shows on our faces!

Our investment in an office and adoption center has started to pay off handsomely for the rescued cats. We have been able to take in many cats, and have adopted many, many of them into happy homes already.

While this kitty doesn't look so happy about it, she does get to sleep, eat and be photographed in the pleasant surroundings of her new adoption center at the Clay County Animal Shelter. What the picture doesn't tell is that she is really grinning, not snarling, but we thought it would be good for a grin from you, too.



Delighted, not Demonic!!

We now have a main room for visitors to sit with our animals, a place to do the book work and filing, and wards for the

separate classes of adoptable cats. Healthy cats and kittens have a room to socialize together.

The kitties that unfortunately test positive for a virus, while adoptable as indoor cats, have their own areas and get to play with each other.

AND the humans have hot and cold running water after 11 years of cleaning dish pans on frosty days in icy water. We are all as happy as this pretty kitty!

Enjoying the new adoption center!



Frolicking felines at PetSmart®!



Many furry felines are adopted from our Wichita Falls PetSmart® location. PetSmart Charities® provides the space and supplies for our kitties housed in the store. But the play,

loving, and cleaning is provided by shelter volunteers. In 2010, there were 626 hours and 52 minutes of volunteer time spent caring for the cats at PetSmart®.

As of November 1st, 2011, volunteers have selflessly donated 468 hours and 41 minutes of their time to help these homeless pets find new homes. It's not all work though. As these pictures show, the volunteers at PetSmart® take plenty of time for play as well!



Identifying pets saves lives everyday!

For certain, a microchip saved ONE life this year! One of our rescued dogs was adopted to a family in Wichita Falls. Upon arrival at her new home, she leapt out of the truck and ran off. She was wearing a collar and tags, but no one called about them. The adoptive family searched for weeks, walking everywhere in their neighborhood, but their new pet could NOT be found. Three whole months later, the Wichita Falls Animal Control called with a microchip number (Kudos to them for scanning the dogs they pick up! And kudos to the owner for having her chipped before leaving the shelter!) To our great joy and surprise, our missing dog had turned up! She had



no collar, but was not terribly thin, so maybe she had found some comfort with a family while we were missing her, but we will never know for sure. It was so hot this summer and all we could imagine was her daily search for food and water in an unfamiliar area. Now she is back with happy children in a happy home that loves her very much. Tags with your phone number can go a long way in helping a lost pet get home. However, as this story shows, collars and tags can be lost. Getting your dogs and cats microchipped is one of the best ways to find them should you get separated. Microchipping is a great way to help ensure a happy reunion should your pet become lost.

Offsite, but not out of mind

We now have two buildings at the shelter, a kennel for dogs and the adoption center which houses adoptable cats. Additionally, we have animals in our care that are not in the shelter. Some are boarded, some live with volunteers, and some cats call PetSmart® their temporary home. We also have foster families, whose help is always appreciated. These foster homes provide safe havens for pets we can't accommodate in the shelter.

Unfortunately, there are still more pets who need help. Even though we can't take these pets into the shelter, we still want to help, and with the internet, and you, we can provide that help. Our website has sections for "Adoptable Dogs and Cats Offsite" where we list animals who need new homes but are not currently housed in the shelter. There, we display pictures and information about the pets. We refer to this as our waiting list, because we can take in animals from

this list once a shelter animal is adopted.

Some animals are adopted from this list before they even physically make it into the shelter. Darla is one example. She is a year old Border Collie mix, one of a litter of ten. She has found a great new

home, but four of her siblings are still waiting for their new homes.

When reviewing our shelter animals online, don't forget to look at the animals located off-site. In some ways, these animals need your attention more than those we have safely housed.

Can't adopt? We are always looking for more foster families! Consider fostering a cat or dog and know that you will make a world of difference for that pet!



Spotlight: Adoptable dogs off site

At the beginning of November, there were 107 dogs listed in the "Adoptable Dogs Off Site" area of our website. While we can't shine the spotlight on all of these stars, here are just a few of our off site dogs. All of these dogs need good, permanent homes with loving families.



Leonard is a 2 year old Rott/Lab mix. He is house trained and is enjoying obedience training in his foster home. He knows how to sit, lie down, shake, and stay. He has excellent manners and is a delightful dog!



Pinky is a 2 year old Pointer mix. She strayed to a home at Thanksgiving of last year. It is sure time to find her a new home, hopefully one with lots of people (and kids!) because she loves to snuggle with people!

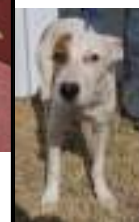


Baby Girl

Wally

Bitsy

DJ



These four cuties are Darla's litter-mates (see story above).

They are full of energy and super cute to boot! They Border Collie mixes and are about a year old. Baby Girl is shy but sweet and Wally is the instigator. DJ needs to be in a home with no other male dogs because he can be pushy around food and Bitsy is the runt of the litter, and gets special treatment because of it!

Thanks to those who teach their children to be responsible pet owners, to care about animals, and to be generous givers! These priceless lessons last a lifetime and do a world of good!

We are extremely pleased that so many youth groups got involved and gave to Clay County Animal Shelter this past year. We could not do what we do for the animals without the continued support of the community, and the youth of the County is the future of Clay County Animal Shelter.

This year, some children collected huge boxes of pet supplies as 4-H projects, and others collected and gave boxes of pet food as Christmas donations to the shelter. The dogs and cats love those biscuits and treats!

"Ante Up for Annie's Friends" (Annie is a therapy dog who visits their classes) was the project of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade special ed students in Windthorst. They decorated and placed donation jars around Windthorst, collected blankets at school, and brought us many supplies donated by all Windthorst Elementary.

The Clay County Brownies brought cat beds, litter, and food! All necessary and useful in our NEW Cat Adoption Center pictured in the background!



Thank you to all the children and their adult supporters who keep this dream alive.



We appreciate your support!!

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WE THANK YOU!**

To all who give Christmas donations, memorials, and honorariums:

If you will include a card or letter to the honoree, we will mail it with our gratitude. If your letter is stamped and addressed to the honoree, that is even more of a gift for the shelter animals.