

Animal Aid Communiqué

A Volunteer Community Service for Emergency Rescue & Humane Education

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Animal Aid of Tulsa, Inc. 3307 East 15th, Tulsa, OK 74112 Rescue/Adoption 918.794.6688 Thrift Store 918.744.1648 animalaid.org

Animal Aid of Tulsa is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) animal welfare organization founded in 1961. Our mission is to rescue sick, injured, or abused stray cats and dogs in Tulsa, Oklahoma and surrounding communities and help them find loving forever homes.

If you believe in this mission, please join us.

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A Letter From Our New President

This is a question I often ask those wanting to volunteer. Each answer is personal yet always with the same reply; to help the dogs and cats that have no voice.

For me, it was a dog who had been abandoned and was very sick. It was Memorial Day weekend. I must have called and emailed ten rescue groups with panic and desperation. On Sunday, Kelly Brown, the rescue/adoption coordinator, called me and asked for a description and pictures. She assured me help would arrive, but to be patient. Within a short

time, Tony Sanders called told me he would meet me in the area to set up a trap and to meet him there around 9:00 P.M. The best place was established, rotisserie chicken placed inside and leaves gathered around. I had a quick set of instructions and then was told "good luck." "Whhhaatt? I have no idea what to do." "It's easy, just check the trap every hour. Call when you catch her."

Long story short, I caught Peggy the next morning, called Kelly and Tony and headed to Alta Vista Animal Hospital. Over the weeks, she healed and began to feel



safe, was fostered by Amy and eventually adopted by her foster. I was hooked.

Almost three years that I have been with AAOT has shown me that this non-profit organization is by far one of the best. Knowing that Helen Dawson, who started the rescue of one dog in 1961 could continue her mission of rescuing dogs and cats that are sick or injured with no owner, makes my heart swell with pride.

My intent to "just help" changed a course recently. Michelle Morris has been president for almost six years. Her steadfast and persistence has carried this organization from tough times, digging for funds, keeping the volunteers and employees anchored and reminding everyone it is the dogs and cats that always come first.

Over a month ago, she and I had coffee. She had asked me a few times to consider becoming the next president but I always had an excuse. Perhaps it was the alignment of the stars or that I had drank too much coffee that morning but again she asked and this time I said yes.

These weeks have been enlightening. Each day is filled with new information. From introductions, changes on the accounts, programs to be learned, finances, employment policies, how the thrift store functions, communications with the executive board, learning the constitution and moving AAOT into the 21st century.

As anyone can tell you, no one can do this alone. It takes a team of people to understand the purpose of this non-profit, coordinate the purpose, find solutions and harmonize a positive outcome for these babies that we take care of. We are human and often get frustrated, cry together, celebrate together and tell endless stories about every dog and cat that has come into our path.

Adopt, Don't Shop!

Looking to add a furry family member? Animal Aid of Tulsa has lovable dogs and cats of all shapes, sizes, and ages waiting to be a part of your family. Come see us at our adoption events or visit our website at **animalaid.org** for an up-todate list of our adoptable animals. **Make adoption your first option!**

Volunteers Wanted!

We are a volunteer-powered organization that relies on people who are committed to make a difference in the animals' lives. We'd love to have you join our life-saving team of volunteers!

We need your help in the following:

- Become a foster
- Visit boarding dogs and cats or take a dog out of boarding for a day (Dog for a Day)
- Help at the Animal Aid Thrift Store
- Transporting dogs and cats to events, vet appointments, etc.
- Help at fundraisers and adoption
 events
- Help run our social media

...and much much more!

We truly appreciate the wonderful work our volunteers do towards making a difference in the animals' lives.

Interested? Apply on our website at **animalaid.org/volunteer**

Animal Aid Thrift Store

Thank you to all of our loyal and new customers, and to our Thrift Store staff, who make it possible to serve our mission day in and day out. Your purchases fund our mission of rescuing sick, injured, and abused stray dogs and cats in our community.

Our thrift store is currently accepting donation items such as clothing, shoes, jewelry, electronics, housewares, and home décor. Please bring your items by the Animal Aid Thrift Store at 3307 E 15th St. (15th & Harvard) during donation drop off hours (Mon - Sat 10am-4pm). Thank you!

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As importantly are the other humans that help with donations. These are the ones who understand that it can't be done by love alone. They watch from afar supporting and caring for every dog and cat that comes into our path. We hear from them through social media and communicate with them as though they are sitting next to us when we tell the stories.

I have a lot to learn as a new president but with the guidance of Michelle, the support of the volunteers, employees, membership and those that are of support, Animal Aid of Tulsa will stay on target and continue its mission for another 58 years.

Maxine Mackey, Animal Aid of Tulsa President

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Pete's Guardian Angels!



Pete came from a local shelter where he sat for many days after he was shot in a leg without any treatment. His front leg was shattered and needed an amputation.

When Camdyn (11) and Luke (9) heard about Pete, they decided to forgo birthday presents in favor of helping raise funds for Pete's surgery and asked their friends for donations to Animal Aid. Together, they raised \$406.81 for Pete!

Many thanks to Camdyn and Luke for being so kind and selfless and collecting much needed donations to Pete.

Animal Aid 2020 Calendars Are Here!

Get Yours Today - Quantities are limited!

Animal Aid of Tulsa 2020 Calendars are available are available at our thrift store and adoption events for \$15.00. Each month features images of our rescued pets along with our sponsor ads and pet safety tips.

Calendars are also available on our website for \$19.50 (including \$4.50 S&H). 100% of proceeds will directly go towards care of our animals. A big thank you to Tulsa Pets Magazine for sponsoring the front cover!

> Animal Aid of Tulsa 2019 YTD Statistics (as of 10/1/2019) Intake: 166 Adoption: 102 Transfer: 44



Memberships

Senior:

Marjean Cole Robert Harris Karin Humphrey Mary Helen Freter Jean Kelley Family Protector: Linda Gottschalk Angel: Rebecca Bloom

Donations & Grants (received bet. 6/1/19 - 9/30/19)

Accurate Fire Equipment Nancy Aichele Julie Alvarado Sydney Andress Gayle Ann Angwin Danielle Armstrong Victoria Askew Judy Averill Laura Avey **Beverly S Bailey** Susan Bailey Sharon Baitari Marva Beair Savannah Bellamy Debbie Bevers Alyssa Blotevogel Julie Bolte Kathryn Boyd Leah Bradley Sandra Bright Jerry & Ann Broadway Alison Brown Ann M Brown Daniel Bruder Teresa Bunch Bonnie Caldwell Anieanette Callahan Denise E Caricato Zac Carman Raena Carson James Cates Mary Chappell Mariean Cole Kelsev Coles Alyssa Collins Adreanne Cordova Heather Cottrill Kay A Cowan Sarah Cragun Sarah Crain

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ONEOK Retiree Matching Grant Janet Springer-Hardin Sam Stephens Caitlan Stevinson Cathy Stoops Paula Storm Loretta Summers Lucinda Swanson Kimberly Swinehart Sheila Taber Jackie L Talladivedula Shaibal Talukder Target Corporation, Employee **Giving Campaign Beverly Taylor** The Resume Specialist Ann Thompson Jerry Thompson Mary Thompson Melanie Tipton Annie'S Treasures Carolyn Vanbramer Khristi Vincent Kathryn Wagner Ann Walker Athea Walz Chris Washington Kristina Wasserott Suzanne West Andrea Whisman Kelly Wilhelm Bruce Wilkerson Williams Matching Gift Program Richard & Cindy Wise Amanda Wolfe Diane Woodward- Frost Virginia Young Suzanne Zeng Megan Zetik Jessica L Zimmerman

Memorials/Honors/Dedications (received bet. 6/1/19 - 9/30/19)

Clare Ashby, in memory of Gracie Jo

Rebecca Bloom, in the name of our 4-legged family members: Annie (in loving memory), Maggie and Ziva

Christopher & Jane Bousum, in memory of Daniel Bohnsack from Sue, Jim & Denise, Janey & Chris

David & Sarah Clark, in memory of Dan Bohnsack

Melissa Coleman, in honor of Emmet Coleman

Karen & Lee Donning, in memory of Rosie, beloved dog of Charlie & Stella Mansfield

Karen & Lee, in memory of Stewie, beloved cat of the Dunkelberg Family Judy or Brian Freese, in memory of Roxie, a great dog

Sharon Guterman, in memory of Misty

Hamalot Farms Pot Bellied Pig Rescue, in loving memory of Jan Mitchell Cotton Dog

Tracy Hare, in memory of Iris the one-eyed cat

Rosemary Harris, in memory of Bella McDaniel - Love, Rosemary and Tracy Brooke Hawley, in memory of Tess

Imagine Home, in honor of Candice Bobnock - Thank you so much for all you do

Bob & Lori Mitten, in memory of Kay Mannon

Jack & Helen Nilson, in memory of Ray Biery

Jack & Helen Nilson, tribute to Emma Foster

Bob & Patti Rayno, in memory of Goldie for Peggy Dugan

Patricia Rayno, in memory of Lola, family dog of the Acton family

Lora Roberts, in memory of Anna Robertson

Mary Sylvester, in honor of my dear friends Leah Bradley and Lori Green -May we all spread their love

James Thomas, in honor of Janet Thomas - birthday

Mary Ellen Thurman, in memory of Abby, Snapper, Belle and Sugar Richard & Peggy Ziglar, in memory of Bob Losure

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