

Skittles Albright
Cecil Altman
Teddy Baggenstos
Libby Balasus
Victor & Athea Bearden and
Sherman Boddy
Buffy and Wildman Willie
Becker
Veta Usrey Bedard
Charmane & Moosie Benders
Dusty and Scully Bentley
Candy Berry
Sophie Bialor
Merlin Bielinski
Suey Billups
Ann and Roy Bogue
Cassie Bonasera
Sherman Bourhenne
William Boyd and Austin,
Peter and Gretchen
Lily Boynton
Ray Brickey
Barry Brock and Maggie
Cleo Brown
Rikki Burks
Lenny and Teddy Cash
Lady Chambers
Bam Bam Chernowez
Katy Coffee
Raymond Conway
Bogue, Coco & Dudley Cook
Janet and Clinton Cook
Olo Cramer
Tommy Crisler & Mary Nemec
Linda Dallamore
John Daly
Helen Davis
Clarence Dean
Robo and Buddy
Devitt/Diamond
Delores Dolan
Ming and Sushi Drew

Avee Dunn
Joey Dyer
Dorothy Eckert
Indy Eichman
“Big Guy” Enley
Darla Etcoff
Willie Faust
Oscar Feuer
June Anne Fey
Sonora Fisher
Billie Jean “BJ” Fitzwater
Russ Fons
Janet G. Freeman
Georgia Frontiere
Betty & Roger Fuller & Nancy
Eugene and Hazel Fuller
Harold Fuller
Helen Fuller Blue
Annie Galloway
Molly Geltman
Ruth Giles
Sparkle-Twinkle Gillis
Beau Goodman
Tina Goodman
John Graham
William Harris
Tiger Hayes
Daisy Healy
Doris, Mable and Kitty Herman
Kyle Hickman
Robert “Bob” Hilder
Caroline Holt
Margaret (Meg) Hoopes
Blush Horwedel
Jackson Huff-Dillon
Happy, Bailey & Sam Hustin
Greta Hyatt
Joan Irene
Ally and Sparky Jacobson
Janet’s babies:Agmier, Bernie,
Brandy, Buffy, Candy, Eunice,

Phyllis Alexander
Shirley Anderson
Bella Arena
Marie Arnone
Nancy and Ken Becker
Janina Beagan
Mary Benner and Adrienne
Greer
Cynthia Bentley
Missy Bledsoe
Jimmie, Sue & Holly Boulware
Chris Boyd
T.D. and M.R. Brown
Terry and Judy Brown
Glenn and Patti Cain
Sue Cash
Jeffrey Chin-Ray Chang
Cathy Cherry

Kay Clark
Kim Conley
Fran and Joe Cooper
Mark and Roberta DeBoer
Susan Diamond
Frances Dolcater
Sharon Dunn
Calvin Easley
Donna Ekru
John and Mary Feeley
Jed Feuer
Eileen Fox
Kathy and Dave Fuller
Fred and Gabby Goldman
Britt and Janis Goodman
Jerry and Bertie Goodman
Brian and Rebecca Goodman
Desi and Suzanne Hall

IN MEMORY OF

Lotti, Missy, Moma Dog,
Sugar, Sweet Pea, and
Top Tricks, SoloOne
Miss Spiffytoyou, Lapetite Flo
Clayton Johnson
Sparky Johnson
Lucy Jordan
Rocky and Chapman Justice
Pumpkin and Saint Kanner
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Meredith Kayser
Tootsie and Sally Kelly
Alan King
Remy Kissam
Millie Kitts
Nancy Klein
Anna Marie Klondike
Casey and Dukey Kraft
Larry Krepela
Ed Lackey
Putri McAree, Sabrina
and Annie Little
Robert Langhorne
Wheezie Lawther
Chip Luter
David Maller
Arnold Matula Osterman
Mac and Bubba McConnell
Gunny, Joey and Max McKee
Piper Menges
Sari Mercedes
William Merrill and Kodi
Dorothy Metzler
Sabrina Michaelson
Ray Miller and Junior
Sherwin Miller and Muffy
Jackpot Milton
Shana Mitch
Cassie Molloy
Mary Anne Moore
Bernadine Morgan

IN HONOR OF

Mimi and Marvin Jackson
George and Janet
and Thomas Jeanes
L.A. Justice
Anne Kanner
Robbie and Ellen Little
Sherri Locke
Tonya G. Longo
Walter and Dawn Lowe
Diane Maller
Garth Merrick and Family
Tyler Merrick and Family
Diana Monaghan
Howard D. Monroe, Jr.
Leslie O’Loughlin
Jennifer Peel
Barbara Polk
Karen Poole

Alexandria, Fluffy, Tony and
Wiskas Muchnick
Sierra and Moose Nielsen
Granny Ruth, Bootsie and
Tippy
LaVel Nutt, Charmer and
Raskal
Oakland officers:
Sgts. Dunakin, Sakai,
Romans & Officer Hege
Miles and Miss Kitty
and Elwood O’Loughlin
Shana Papaioannou
“Kitty” Patterson
Baxter and Noel Peel
Milly Perry and Oscar Cook
Walter Peterson
Ruth Pickup and Bridget
Etta and Charles Pierce
Tucker Dog Pirkle
Chance Poling
Jim Poole
Gracie and Sadie Prater
Ida Mae Quillin
R.A. “Rick” Ramming
Simon & Garfunkel Reinhart
Copper and Maizey Roberts
Bo Rapstine
Sadie Reimer
Bogue Rice
Rocket, Sally, Bill, Jasta,
Lola and Kittay
Gillie Rosenberg
Dugan Roth
Arnold Rufino
Pickles Salk
Arnie Schenker
Lou and Jean Schuler
Laura Viola Scott
Angel Scott
Libby Skinner

Barbara and John Prater
Nancy Prater and Shadow
& Harry and Chico
Alan and Sharon Preen
Inge Rapstine
Zoe, Scout, Dixie Rose and Rio
Michael Riccardi
Wendy Richens
Eve and Donald Rinaldo
Diana Robinson
San Clemente Dog Lovers
Mimi, Joe, Boudreaux & Aztec
Sue Spinello
Kurt and Robin Stratmann
Mary Ann Sumners
Patricia Tabor
Mark and Wendy Taylor
Steve Toman

Inga, Leroy, Sweetpea
and Tecumseh Stenstad
Carol Stout
Louis Christian Stratman III
and Mango
Anthony and Pepper Sucich
Trouble and Peppermint,
Smokey Bear &Skillet Talley
Albertz Taylor
Jean Taylor
Templeton Taylor
Themba Tedesco
H.B. Thompson
June Tilson
Emily Torres
Isaac Trace
Annie, CJ, ZZ Bird, Jinx
KitKat, Chaumbeau, Puppy
Sunshine, Ginny & Josie
Rudolf Vogler and Missy
Poncho Wade
Sunny Walters
Mary Etta Ward
Princess and Peanut
and Dusty Waters
Irene Breznak Wargo
Wes Watson
Tuffy Williamson
Jane Whitman
Sue Willbanks
Jean Hayman Wilson
Zoe Wolff
Zoe Wood
Candi Workman
Angel and Midge Wright
Rudolf Vogler and Missy
Lady Bug Von Vorys
Luna Youner
Denia and Curry Natowitz
Larry Ellison



*“All animals are equal in our eyes,
and each one has a special gift to give”*

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Dear DAWGS Family and Friends,

Several months ago we wrote about the freezing cold of 30 below and were so wishing for warm weather. Well, we should be more careful what we wish for!!! It is sooooo hot in Texas; highs of 113 degrees and it is only July. Thankfully all the animals are doing well and we are staying cool by giving everyone fast baths daily. Most of the dogs love the baths, then they roll and twist in the dirt and grass, and are just a mess, but nice and cool!

The past few months have been busy ones for DAWGS. We celebrated our 5,000th adoption and the students who started the shelter graduated from high school. How can that much time have gone by since they first asked the question, “Do the animals have to die and how can we help?” It is hard to believe that they are ready to embark on the rest of their lives, but they are an amazing group of young adults who all want to make a difference in the world and we know they will be hugely successful.

A fantastic children’s book entitled Maggie’s Second Chance, by Nancy Furstinger, was published in May. It tells the story of the rescue of a precious black lab combined with the story of the DAWGS’ sanctuary. It is a touching story and is beautifully told by Nancy, who has been a long time rescuer and supporter of the shelter. We are so grateful she included us in her story and would encourage everyone to get a copy, or two:) (available through Gryphon Press).

Additionally this spring we had a phenomenal “golden reunion”



SPIKE



ANNIE AND SPIKE WITH THEIR NEW DADDY



ANNIE

of four gorgeous golden retrievers adopted from DAWGS and are now living in the Houston, Texas area. Each one is so very special and so very loved. It is because of your help and support that we are able to provide second chances to all of these deserving animals. Thank you so much for all you do.

Your kindness and generosity truly makes the difference in the lives of our animals. We are sure you realize that, as the economy declines and the number of abandoned animals pets increases,

we find it that much harder to raise the funds we need to continue this work. We really need your help. Please know that whatever you can donate is greatly appreciated and will go directly to saving the animals in our care. THANK YOU!

Our 4,999th and 5,000th adoptions were Annie and Spike. They are two older but adorable bassett hounds who came from a breeder in Nara Visa, NM. They were no longer able to have puppies and Spike had a horrible eye infection. They arrived at the shelter and were just pitiful, skinny, sickly and needy. They came running into the shelter with their squattly little legs and collapsed into our arms. We immediately took them to the veterinarian to be checked and Spike was started on a massive dosage of antibiotics to try and save his eye. Unfortunately he did not respond to the medication and after two weeks we made the difficult decision to remove his eye. Several weeks later they were spayed and neutered and ready for adoption. We knew we could not separate them and we were so grateful when a very nice man from Pampa called and wanted to take both of them home. Today they are both thriving in their new surroundings and love finally being part of a caring family.

THANK YOU TO BARB, BERTIE, DONALD, ELLEN, EVE, GEORGE, JANET, JENNIFER, JERRY, JOHN, KAREN, KATIE, KEN, MADELEINE, MARY, MEREDITH, NANCY, ROBBIE, THE SAMS, THOMAS, TONYA AND TUCKER. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERINARIAN HELP, TOWNSQUARE MEDIA, STUDIO 4, CHICK-FIL-A, SIR SPEEDY AND TO OUR PHENOMENAL FOOD SUPPLIER, MERRICK PET CARE. OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS...YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Ginger came to us having been found wandering the streets. She had recently had puppies and was skinny and so matted. Fortunately a wonderful couple in Houston, TX, was looking for a sweet girl to be part of their family. Ginger was transported by car from Dalhart to Dallas where her new parents were anxiously waiting to pick her up. During the journey, she patiently laid her head on the windowsill and watched the miles fly by or gently placed her paws on the driver's lap and rested her head. Today Ginger is living a life of luxury, surrounded by her loving family and being treated as their little princess.



Tex is a beautiful golden that was found lying in a bar ditch filled with water and mud. He was so happy. He went to live in a wonderful foster home and she named him "Clifford the Big Red Dog" because he just kept growling!! One day I got a phone call from the amazing couple that had Buddy B and they were looking for another golden to join their family. So they flew up to Dalhart again and met the precious boy and fell in love with him. They changed his name to Tex because he is such a "big boy, almost as big as Texas!!" and his love for others is just as big. Today he is loving being part of a great family and enjoying basking in the sun and surf!



Buddy is our hero dog. He was one of the first dogs to come to the shelter and was immediately adopted by a woman named Margaret. They got off to a rocky start but finally became close friends. One day Margaret was working in her yard and became wedged between the building and her air-conditioning unit. Buddy immediately saw the danger and ran for help and saved Margaret's life. After a while, Margaret decided she wanted a pond and Buddy didn't fit into the plan so he was brought back to the shelter. Fortunately for him, a wonderful couple had read his story and came to adopt him. He and his friend Buddy B flew by private plane to Houston into the loving arms of Jerry and Bertie. They adore him! Recently both Jerry and Bertie became gravely ill and it was their love for each other and for the "Bud" that pulled them through some very tough times. Today, Buddy is loved by everyone around him and is truly a hero in so many ways.



A "Golden Reunion" of the retrievers from DAWGS and their wonderful families

Buddy B is a gorgeous golden that came to the shelter from animal control in Dalhart. When Jerry and Bertie were trying to find a way to get their Buddy home, a very nice couple in Houston offered to fly him. When they arrived for the flight we had included Buddy B, who was going to a Golden Retriever Rescue in Houston, TX. However as soon as they saw him, he stole their hearts and they knew he had found his forever home. Today Buddy B loves playing in the water and being part of a loving family in Houston, TX. He has two golden sisters and a big brother, Tex, and is a "buddy" to everyone he meets!

THE "NO KILL KIDS OF TEXAS"

As you know, in March of 2003, students in a fourth grade class asked the question, " Why do the dogs have to die and is there something we can do?" We decided there was "something we could do" and the first group of dogs (five dogs and seven puppies) arrived during our lunch hour. Almost immediately we were able to make our town a "No Kill city" and have in the last eight years saved over 5,800 animals and found forever homes for over 5,000 of them. Today the students that began the shelter have now graduated and are headed out to change the world. Thank you for your help in making a difference in the lives of these children and in the lives of the animals they love.

