



# DAWGS n Texas

DALHART ANIMAL WELLNESS GROUP AND SANCTUARY

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Dear DAWGS Family,

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This holiday season, we want to **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for all your tremendous support and help. Because of your amazing kindness, we have rescued over 10,010 animals in the past twelve years...only made possible because of **YOU!** We have found great homes for 9,260 animals... only made possible because of **YOU!** And we have tremendously impacted the Texas Panhandle with our community programs of Hounds for Heroes, Silver Paws and Spay/Neuter Clinics... again, only made possible because of **YOU! THANK YOU!**

The year of 2015 was a tough year for us. The weather, always so unrelenting in the Texas Panhandle, was particularly harsh this year. We went from years of drought to rainstorm after rainstorm throughout the spring, summer and into the fall. At one point all of our tarps were destroyed by the horrible storms and subsequent flooding. Two phenomenal groups, NAVS and the RESCUE BANK through GREATERGOOD, came to our aid and provided new tarps so the dogs would be protected from the weather. We are so grateful for their help.

In 2015, we rescued several dogs and cats with major health issues and because of your help, they are now in their forever homes. "Momma Dog" aka Emmie is one of those precious dogs...



**"MOMMA DOG"** aka **EMMIE** came to DAWGS from a terrible hoarding situation in the small town of Hedley, TX. Sweet "Momma Dog" was hugely pregnant and very ill with distemper. An amazing family fostered her and within two days she had delivered three precious babies. Sadly the little puppies did not survive and the hopes of Momma Dog being okay were very bleak. Olivia, a precocious three year old, decided Momma Dog (her name for the new foster) needed her love and complete attention to get well. Every morning she greeted Momma Dog with a big hug and her morning song and laid with her until their breakfast. Afternoons were filled with naps for Momma Dog and sneaked treats. And evenings Olivia was always found sleeping with her arm gently resting on Momma Dog's side and both of their heads on the same pillow. Weeks went by and finally Momma Dog was better. Needless to say, she has found her forever home with Olivia and her family and is a greatly cherished and beloved family member.



This year found us sadly and heartbreakingly saying goodbye **HOOCH**, the dog patriarch of the shelter. Hooch came to us in 2003 as a year old, pit mix who had been used as a bait dog. His slim body was covered with wounds and his mouth and nose were severely injured. It took several months for him to recover and during that time he bonded with **CHEYENNE**, a pretty golden retriever mix. Cheyenne had been hit by a truck and needed bed rest so she and Hooch spent long hours napping together. It quickly became obvious that they were inseparable and we tried for years for them to find a home together... but were unsuccessful. So, while they patiently waited, they became the official greeters at the shelter and everyone loved them. Tragically Hooch became very ill with cancer and we had to say our goodbyes to this incredible boy. Hooch is greatly missed by all of us and especially Cheyenne.



Cheyenne was devastated when Hooch passed and quit eating. A nice family in town heard about what had happened. They rushed out to the shelter, fell in love with Cheyenne and took her home immediately. She had a tough few days and then settled into her new life with her loving family. Today, she loves hanging out in the kitchen and snuggling on soft pillows.

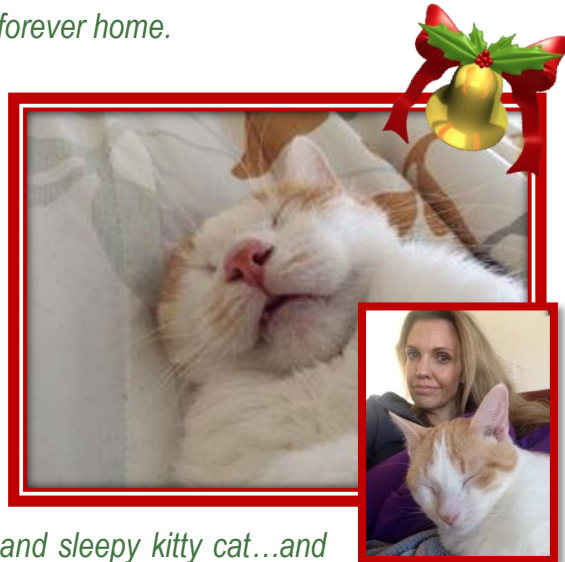






One of the most critically injured dogs was **COPPER**, a young bloodhound. Copper had been hit by a truck outside the city of Amarillo. A deliveryman saw the accident in his rear mirror and watched as the truck pulled over and assumed the big dog would be okay. Two days later the man's delivery route required him to go back through the area and he saw the bloodhound lying on the side of the road. The man quickly stopped and found Copper was still alive but very dehydrated and had several injuries. He was taken to a local veterinarian and was diagnosed with leg injuries and a broken pelvis. He quickly mended except for the pelvis injury and had to be confined for one hundred days!! That is a very long and frustrating time for an otherwise healthy big dog to be in a small space☹ Finally, although a little wobbly, he was able to start going for walks and he was so happy to be out and about. Today, with the help of a great BloodHound Rescue group in Colorado, Copper is pampered and loved in his forever home.

**BOB** is a beautiful white and orange tabby cat that was surrendered to us after being viciously attacked by a dog. He was unable to move his back legs and kept crying with the most pitiful of meows. We quickly took him to the vet and were told meds, bedrest and lots of prayers and he might make it. With the help of our young volunteer, Rachel, Bob quickly recovered and thrived with all the attention he received. After several months he was finally able to go to adoptions. Bob quickly won the hearts of a nice family and went to his forever home where they think he is the "best cat ever!" Bob loves his new family and sunning himself in the kitchen nook...he is a very happy, content and sleepy kitty cat...and possibly a little camera shy!



**DOWNI** was rescued from the Amarillo Animal Control on her last day. She was very sick with parvo and distemper and our volunteer, Debbi, took her home hoping she would make it through the night. There must have been something special in the way she cared for her as Downi was feeling better the next day. After a long recovery, Downi

came to adoptions. Week after week she tried to capture the hearts of potential adopters but the right one hadn't arrived yet. Then one day, Downi hit the "doggie lottery" as her forever family came in the door, fell in love with her and started the adoption papers. Downi was so excited! She wanted to help so she leaped into the chair to hurry the paperwork along☺ Today Downi is in her forever home and so loved.



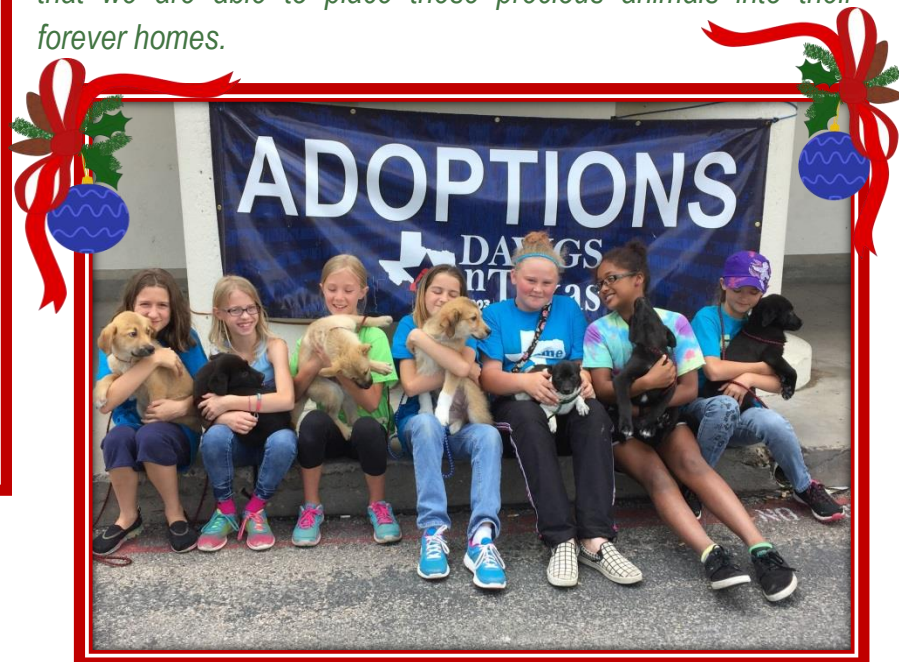




**PUMKIN** was found in a garden right after Halloween. She was adorable and the woman that found her was so allergic and scared of cats she refused to touch her...poor little baby! We took her into the shelter and found her a buddy, **TATER** and after vaccinations they were able to go to adoptions. A nice family adopted them together and today they are in their forever homes with two other rescue kitties and are all living happily ever after.



**ADOPTION EVENTS** always bring great people and their pets into **PETSMART** to visit. And we love the help of our volunteers who tirelessly work to find great homes for our dogs and cats. We have awesome groups of young volunteers and the Colorado College students that help tremendously at adoptions. And every week we have amazing individuals like Amie, Carolyn, Dana, Debbi, Heather, Jay and Melinda, Melanie, Paul and Sue, Sandy and Larry and Tim and so many others. It is only through the efforts of these fabulous people that we are able to place these precious animals into their forever homes.



**OFTENTIMES OUR HEARTS ARE TOUCHED AT ADOPTIONS BY THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS...** This week a young family came into adoptions and told us their kindergarten age daughter had asked to share her Christmas with all the animals at DAWGS. She brought us lots of great toys, treats and dishes and gave each of the dogs and cats hugs and kisses as she walked by the kennels. Thank you Jeanah and your kind family for loving animals!



*In 2015, we continued our weekly treks to Amarillo for our adoption events and we placed 735 amazing dogs and cats into their forever families' loving arms. These are just a few of our great adopters...*





# *Your kindness at work...*

*Animals rescued* 10,010 *Reunited Lost/Found Pets* 341

*Animals adopted* 9,260 *Animals currently in foster care* 31

## *Special Adoption Programs:*

*Silver Paws* 427 *\*Community Spay/Neuter Clinics* 1,521

*Hounds for Heroes* 549 *\*(Sponsored by the Payne Foundation)*

In November of this year we had a break in at the shelter and they stole all of our propane heaters, various tools and one of our sweet Shepherd puppies. Thankfully, by offering a ridiculous reward, the puppy was quickly "found" and returned but there was no sign of the missing heaters. Our Katie posted the event on Facebook and within a few days we were overwhelmed with large Amazon boxes filled with heaters and propane tanks! THANK YOU so much Linda, Steve, Lori, Des and Mike for your amazing generosity. The next day, a cold front came through with lots of snow. Thanks to their help, everyone was toasty warm...thank you!



We have been blessed this holiday with two fantastic matching donation gifts. Our amazing Dr. Gina Trew, at the Village Veterinary Clinic, has set up a matching donation of up to \$10,000 in Memory and Honor of Betty Brunson who loved all creatures great and small.



And an anonymous supporter has generously offered a matching donation of \$5,000 in memory of her precious cats. Your generous donation towards the animals at DAWGSnTEXAS will have **DOUBLE** the impact this holiday season thanks to these phenomenal supporters. We need help in so many ways, from the care of the animals to the finishing of our barn area for the cats and dogs. Your donation of \$5 pays for vaccinations for kittens and puppies, \$15 pays for microchips, \$50-\$90 pays for spaying/neutering. Major surgeries and illnesses are \$200-\$1,000. Please help us to continue this journey of rescuing animals and helping make a difference in their lives. And, please know that **ALL** of your donations go directly to the care of the animals. We have no administrative costs as those are volunteered. **THANK YOU!!!**

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays and may your new year be filled with great joy, love and happiness.

Love, Diane and Mark and everyone from DAWGSnTEXAS