Each day is a struggle to care for all these precious animals and today, more than ever, we NEED YOUR HELP! With your continued support we can continue to make a difference. Thank you so much for being part of our journey to save lives and find forever homes for these precious animals.



Dear DAWGS Family,

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS ANIMALS IN THE PANHANDLES OF

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA! Because of your support and generosity, we have been able to rescue 8,813 dogs and cats and find homes for 8,118 in the past 11 years. We have a tremendous amount of animals patiently waiting for their forever homes and we are only able to care for them because of YOU! Because of your kindness we were able to take in a mother pit bull and her nine puppies dumped at our front gate, right after a storm. Because of your compassion, we were able to help a woman in the final stages of COPD find homes for her ten beloved cats. Because of your help, we were able to help a marine who was being deployed. She couldn't find anyone to help her in five states from AZ to TX to care for her two cats with Feline Leukemia, until she could come back home. We had them for a year and now they are home with their mom. Because of your generosity we were able to help a man diagnosed with cancer. He had two dogs that he loved but could not have them with him while he was going through treatments. We kept them for six months and once again healthy, he came back to get them...a great reunion! Because of your goodwill we were able to take in four cats whose mom had suddenly died and no one else would help, because the cats were too old. They are now in their forever homes. Because of your support we can answer the calls from other shelters of animals on euthanization lists. The animals are so wonderful they do not want to see them die or so sick or hurt they just need someone to save and care for them until they can find them homes...and we have been able to do that. Because of your help we were able to make one shelter "no kill" for six weeks while a rescue group was organized. Because of your benevolence we have helped blind, deaf, three legged and crippled animals who had no options, find their forever homes. Because of your encouragement and aid we have made the difference in the lives of animals and people...we could not do it without YOU!

Your kíndness at work			
Anímals rescued	8,813	Reunited Lost/Found Pets	303
Anímals adopted	8,118	Animals currently in foster care	43
Special Adoption Programs:		Community transferred pets(2014)	29
Sílver Paws	294	*Community Spay/Neuter Clinics 1	,315
Hounds for Heroes	397	*(Sponsored by the Payne Foundation)	

We are so grateful for all of our faithful donors who have always helped with our needs. Your \$10 donation provides an immunization to protect a puppy or kitten from life threatening diseases, or to purchase a microchip to keep them safe. Donations of \$25 buys a bag of dog food or cat food and we go through 40 of those a day! We are very grateful to Merrick Pet Care and the Rescue Bank for helping us with our food. Oftentimes those resources are not available, as these kind companies help so many rescues and shelters. Your contribution provides the much needed nutrition that the animals need during these crucial times. Donations of \$50 to \$100, goes towards neutering or spaying of the animals in our care. We use every penny directly to the care of the animals...the administrative and related duties are happily provided by Mark and I. Our overhead costs are overwhelming at times but with your continued support we are able to care for these dear animals.

We really need your help... the Texas Panhandle has always been a forbidding place to care for animals. The winds can be relentless and the weather temperatures vary from freezing cold to stifling hot. We currently have mostly outside kennels for the dogs, which is good for respiratory and general health but is a big problem in bad weather. Texas has suffered from drought for the past several years but now we are receiving rainstorms on a regularly basis...we just wish that some of them had missed our little corner of the state!! In the summer time we use tarps to provide shade for everyone and of course they all have igloo houses. The latest storms came through and literally flooded every pen...fifteen hours later everyone was safe and dry, but it had destroyed most of our tarps and made a huge mess. YOU have always come to our aid to care for the animals and now we desperately need to provide some permanent structures that can protect the animals from the severe weather we endure, which will only get worse if the predictions for El Nino are realized this year. The cost for a building is \$110,000 which is a **HUGE** sum! Having a barn will protect our senior dogs from the harsh conditions and provide a much needed beginning to get everyone in a safe and protected environment. We are not increasing the number of animals we currently care for... we are just trying to provide better shelter from the weather conditions until they can be adopted. A phenomenal supporter has offered to match each construction dollar donated to meet our goal. Please help us take the **next step to care for these precious creatures!** We have worked tirelessly to save these animals, provide them second chances and find them forever homes. All we ask is that you find it in your hearts to help us meet our goal. Please send your check or go online to www.dawgsntexas.org to make your donation. We need to meet our goal by September 15 to be ready for winter. Our animals are counting on your continued help and support. Thank you for always being there for us!

Love always,

Diane and Mark and everyone from DAWGS

Here are just a few of our latest stories:



RORY is an adorable mix who finally has found his forever home! His homeless mother had been found during a terrible blizzard and within a few days gave birth to four little ones. The dedicated mom took great care of her babies but they were all very frail due to her having been on the street for so long. Sadly, at 8 weeks old they all became sick with Parvo and were in and out of the veterinarian's office for a month. Finally they were all well enough to go to adoptions and sweet Rory was quickly adopted. After about six months the adopter brought Rory back as they had to move and could not take him with them. So, Rory went to his foster home and finally found his forever home at an adoption event in Amarillo. The little girl told her mom, "Want woowoo!" Woo Woo apparently meaning dog! Thank you for giving these beautiful animals a second chance at finding a lifetime of love and happiness.

DAWGSnTEXAS PO BOX 911 DALHART, TX 79022 PHONE: (888) TXDAWGS or (888) 893-2947 WEBSITE: www.dawgsntexas.org EMAIL: dawgsntexas@yahoo.com DAWGS is a 501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION **BOSTON**, a boxer, was found dumped on the side of the road, close to the sanctuary. When we first approached him we thought he had been hit by a car. He could hardly move so we immediately took him to the veterinarian. The



vet's prognosis was very grave. He suggested that Boston had a spinal injury, degenerative muscular disease, or any number of other possibilities and euthanasia would be the best solution.

We looked into his eyes and decided we would take him back with us and make him comfortable and just give him a few days. Cindy, one of our amazing volunteers, decided to take Boston home and gave him lots of love and attention (and vitamins and pain medication). Within a week, Boston was up and walking on his two front legs and gradually putting his back legs on the ground. Cindy started massaging his back and within a month he had completely surprised everyone.

When Boston tried to walk, he'd still start on his front legs but began using his back legs too and even did a small gallop now and then. We took him for adoptions and a

very nice man that came in loved Boxers. He decided Boston needed to qo home with him but would need his wife's Once approval. she saw him she instantly fell in love!! When they



took Boston home they had already set up a vet/therapist appointment and they purchased a huge, thick orthopedic bed for him to lay on for the ride home. Today, Boston is greatly loved and living in a home with two other boxers. Thank you for making these second chances possible and hopeless situations feasible realities. **SHELDON** is a large, older Husky that was rescued from animal control on his last day. He was very scared and very large and just a little intimidating so it took a while for him to find the perfect home....almost six years! One day at adoptions, a nice couple came in looking for a special



dog. The young man had recently returned from his latest tour of duty, serving our country. They wanted to adopt a pet that needed extra love and attention. They looked through all our sweet dogs and cats and couldn't find the right

one, so they decided to come to the sanctuary to look around. A few days later they arrived and spent hours meeting each dog and finally they stopped in front of Sheldon's cage. Sheldon normally stayed in his dog house when company came to visit but this time he leaped out and ran to the fence. It was as if he was meeting his old friends and he let out a deep grunt that was something between a moan and a whimper and he stole their hearts. They took Sheldon home that day, packed into a little two seat roadster. A few weeks later they brought him to adoptions to visit and to be groomed. He was so happy and looked amazing. Plus they had taught him to shake hands so everyone from the grooming department to the front registers had to shake his hand.

The bonus for DAWGS is these two wonderful people have now become full time volunteers and fosters and travel hours to help with adoptions!



STEVIE came out to the shelter during a blizzard two years ago with his family to be surrendered. He was going blind and they no longer wanted him. We were busy, busy getting everyone warm and prepared for the weather and



asked the family if they could please keep him safe, until after the storm and we would take him in. They said sure and drove away and promptly dumped Stevie on the edge of town. Animal Control found him about thirty minutes later standing in the middle of the road shivering and called us immediately. Stevie spent the next few days at the veterinarian's and they were able to evaluate him. Stevie apparently had some eye trauma that could



have been treated but it was too late to do anything at this point. Stevie can probably see shadows and he has a keen sense of hearing and smell and was very adoptable. The problem is always finding someone special to love those that need extra care. One day a nice couple

came out to the shelter looking to adopt. They spotted Stevie and knew he was the right dog for them but wanted to foster first just to make sure it would work out with their other older dog. So Stevie hopped into their truck and off he went to Oklahoma. Stevie quickly adjusted to his new buddy and his new surroundings and loves his forever home and family.

MISS ELLIE is an older Persian kitty that came to us due to a bitter divorce. The man took a job in Texas and traveled 2,000+ miles to start his new life. Sadly when he got here he found he could not keep Miss Ellie in his apartment. So he took her to work but that wasn't an option either, as a fellow employee was highly allergic. Miss Ellie came to us and was so depressed she quickly became very ill. We slowly nursed her back to health and one day a very nice woman that loves cats came by the shelter. She saw Miss Ellie and decided she needed a



forever home. Today, Miss Ellie has settled into her new home. She loves the cats, dogs and birds and enjoys sitting on top of the couch watching the world around her and being loved.

CECIL is a beautiful Border Collie/Pyrenees mix that was

specially bred in New Mexico to be the ultimate herding dog. Unfortunately Cecil and his three brothers and sister had absolutely no interest in "minding" the flocks of sheep and goats. Instead they just wanted to run across the acres and acres of land and play all day. When the owner



decided he was done with them, he set out coyote traps



to catch them, as they would not come to him on their own. (Animals are such good judges of character!) Cecil and the little girl were caught in traps and the rest of the "pack" stayed with them to protect them. The next morning the man brought all of them to us. One look

at their legs and you knew the two needed to see the vet right away. The little girl lost her leg and Cecil had a serious leg injury but after months of treatment he was finally well. A year later, we had everyone tame enough to be adopted and were so happy when they went to their forever homes, leaving just Cecil to wait for his. A nice man who came out to look at dogs kept going back to Cecil and finally took him out for a walk. As Cecil came through the gate he stopped and looked at the man and placed his paw over his hand and then collapsed into the man's arms. After four years in our care, Cecil finally found his forever home and is greatly loved.



TRUDI is an adorable mini-Australian Shepherd that came to us from an animal shelter in Amarillo. She was on the list to be euthanized and when we went by her kennel she just wagged her tail so much her whole body

shook. When we took her out she ran around and around our feet and then sat down ready to go. We had Trudi for over two years and always tried to find her the perfect home but began to wonder if the right family would ever find her. Finally they arrived! A young couple saw Trudi and the



woman exclaimed, "Look at her...isn't she beautiful!" They adopted Trudi and took her home but got off to a rough start. Everything was so new to Trudi and she was very shy in the new setting. At last, Trudi must have realized she was safe and loved and bonded with her family. Trudi's family brings her to adoptions to visit and she is always happy to see us but never moves too far away from her cherished family. She has found her perfect forever home and family.



INFINITY is a little blue heeler that was found running around at a local store. Everyone tried to rescue her but no one could catch her. One day a little boy had some doggie treats and she came right up to him. The family brought her to DAWGS and we worked with her for several months until she was ready for adoption. Today

she is safe and secure in her new home and greatly enjoying playing with her family and buddy, Poppy. Doesn't she look like she is smiling? She is so happy and loved!



FLYING PETS TO THEIR FOREVER HOMES

In addition to all of our wonderful adoptions, we have transported many of our dogs and cats to no kill rescues in Colorado. We are so grateful for the help of the Pilots

'N Paws Program. It provides amazing pilots that care so much about animals that they donate their time to fly animals where they have greater opportunities to have a second



chance at finding homes.

MOBILE TRANSPORTS TO COLORADO

The Amarillo Animal Control has gone through some extensive positive changes in the past few months. We have had an opportunity to work with them in adopting animals directly at our

Amarillo adoption events and transporting puppies to rescues in Colorado. Most recently we were able to move 20 mobile puppies, by transport, to the Colorado Puppy Rescue where they all found





homes within a few weeks. We have another transport planned in the next few weeks and hope to continue to move these sweet puppies to happy homes in the mountains of Colorado.

OUR HOUNDS FOR HEROES PROGRAM





We greatly appreciate the commitments and sacrifices of our military community and our first responders. In gratitude for their dedicated service we offer a discount program to help connect them with homeless animals. We help create unique opportunities for our "heroes" to save a life by honorably adopting homeless cats and dogs. We make the joy of pet adoption achievable and affordable and it is a huge benefit to both our heroes and the little ones' lives they save. We have adopted 397 dogs and cats into heroes' homes since 2012!















The mission of our Silver Paws program is to ease the loneliness of pet loving seniors. We help to create exceptional opportunities for our area's senior community to save an animal and enrich their own lives by bring them joy, love and lifelong companionship. Seniors receive a reduced adoption fee as well as continued assistance, as need. We have adopted 294 dogs and cats into seniors' homes since 2012!











IN MEMORY OF

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"Those we hold in our arms for such a short time we hold in our hearts forever."

Author Unknown



In Memory of SYDNEY

Sydney was a beautiful silky terrier that spent the first six months of his life in a petstore. He had never touched grass or felt a cool breeze. He was finally rescued by Leslie and Miles and his life rapidly changed. He was pampered, loved and cherished for the rest of his life. Sydney was a very special boy. He was a busy puppy but at the same time so concerned about those around him. Miles was very ill and had to spend many hours in bed. Sydney would faithfully lay by his side or play a happy game of tug of war. He would sit in Leslie's lap while always keeping an eye on Miles in case he was needed. Sadly, Miles passed away early in Sydney's life and he grieved for Miles and was a tremendous comfort to Leslie. Sydney always had a wag and a happy bark for everyone he greeted. He was a peace maker and always sought those animals around him that were frightened or hurt so he could console and comfort them. Sydney was such a delightful boy and is missed by everyone whose path he crossed. He was greatly loved by all.





In memory of GQ

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