

# Amarillo SPCA News



**FALL/WINTER  
2023**

**Amarillo Society  
for the  
Prevention of  
Cruelty to  
Animals**

Visit us at:  
**Amarillo SPCA**  
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**Shelter hours:**  
**Tuesday-Saturday 12-5p**

**Microchipping- \$30**  
**During shelter hours**

## SANTA PAWS PET PICTURES

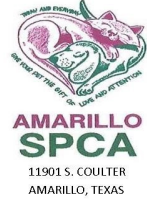
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2023—FROM 12 TO 4 P.M.

BRING YOUR PET TO 5807 SW 45th AVE STE 220, AMARILLO, TX



5807 SW 45TH AVE STE 220  
AMARILLO, TEXAS



**Get 1—5x7 color print for \$10.00. If you choose to use your own cell phone, you certainly may do that. The charge is \$10.00.**



KENDRA SCOTT

Shop at Kendra Scott in Westgate Mall December 16 from 12p-2p. They are donating a portion of proceeds to us during that time frame from both in-store and online shoppers. It's gift giving season and you will find a huge assortment of beautiful items for those on your shopping list! We'll be outside the store with info to share about our shelter. Your online shopping code to use Dec 16-18, at check out is: GIVEBACK-FKVPN

## Season of Giving

As a 501(c)3 non-profit, your end-of-year donation to our shelter is tax deductible! Our need is constant, as we typically operate our no-kill shelter at full capacity and care for about 100 dogs & puppies and 40 cats & kittens DAILY.

Last year, we found new families for 425 of the dogs and cats in our care! All needing food, shelter, veterinary care, and supplies at a cost of approximately \$300,000 a year.

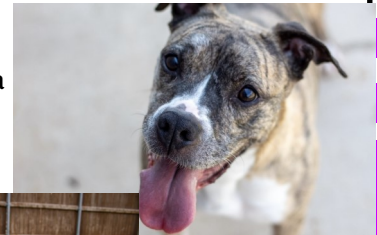
With no reduction to our area's over population of cats & dogs in sight, our shelter is crucial to helping cats & dogs in need. The animals we take in may be the result of a family's financial hardship, the death (or relocation to assisted living) of their caregiver, abandonment, or simply being born as a stray into a dangerous outdoor environment.

We are not affiliated with the national ASPCA. Our funding comes from our community - YOU help keep our doors open through donations of goods, cash and volunteer time. Mail a check, call our office to make a credit card payment, stop by to make a cash donation, or visit our website to make an online payment.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!



Check out these sweet, happy faces! Barbie and best friends, Cupid & Bella, (below right) enjoyed their day-cation at Canine Country Club recently and were also part of our November "Adopt a Senior pet" promotion. They had a chance to explore, nibble treats, get a grooming session and receive lots of love on their designated day away from the shelter. Not only is this a wonderful enrichment program, but assists in expanding their adoption possibilities with pictures and a video posted on Facebook. Our Canine Country Club friend, Kayla, is shown here (left) with pretty girl, Cookie, who also had her day of pampering.



This past June they featured our pups and shelter in their regular monthly, **Amarillo Magazine**, article. We had a chance to talk about some of our current needs and obstacles. Thank you so much!!



Canine Country Club is located at 13828 FM 2590. 806-352-6086

### Wienie Dog Races at Oktoberfest

We were invited back to host the Wienie Dog races at the second annual Oktoberfest held at Starlight Ranch October 7. The race is becoming a crowd favorite activity with over 30 Dachshunds entered in this year's race, up from last year's 7 entries! These pups raced their hearts out to cheering fans and made their owners proud. **The fastest pup, Mila, and her 'parents,' Jeff and Maria Arroyo, (shown above) from Dallas, won the night's highlighted event.** Many thanks to Mary, Linda and Nell for representing the Amarillo SPCA!



**Raising Canes** invited us to have a fundraiser on their patio this past August at the Coulter Street location. We met lots of Raising Cane's hungry customers who also shared some time getting to know who we are, what we do for the community and how to help us out. Thanks for all the support and donations! Little shelter pup, **Eddie**, joined us and certainly enjoyed his day-cation, getting a lot of oohs and ahhs from the folks stopping by. Thanks to our shelter volunteers that made this possible by donating their time- **Kathy, Mary, Linda, Lynn, and Peggy.** Thanks, Raising Cane's, for your continued support!



**Thanks to Joe Canady** for bringing our kitties a cute cat house/bed, a cat litter box, and Purina dry cat food!



### Garage Sale!

Many thanks to our shoppers and donors of goods that made our September garage sale a success! It was great to hold it again as we always have such a fun time. And, of course, the funds are much needed for the care of our shelter cats and dogs! The whole thing is made possible by our hardworking volunteers- Peggy, Kathy, Linda, Patti, Jonda and Lynn. Our tireless leader, Shannon, always shares her expertise and time, getting us through a successful sale. Many hours are logged, not just during sale hours, but uncountable hours folding, stacking, pricing, boxing, and moving items before and after the sale. Start **SAVING** for next year!! **Thanks all!**



**The Connie Taylor Group with Keller Williams** hosted a fall fundraiser for us this past September. They invited the community to stop by for autumn themed photos of their fur babies with donations going to our shelter.



Our volunteers were on site to share information about our animals for adoption, what we do, what we need and much more. Lots of adorable pups came by for their glamour shot surrounded by pumpkins, straw bales and more fall décor. **Thank you Keller Williams and thanks to SPCA volunteers, Linda and Mary, for helping.**



## How to Help



Amazon Wish List



Chewy Wish List



Visit our Website

Mail a check to:  
Amarillo SPCA  
P.O. Box 1014, Amarillo, TX 79105

Call our office at (806) 622-0555 to  
donate over the phone.

**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU to the many people and organizations that bring new and used items to our shelter to help us care for our cats and dogs. We truly could not do it without you!!! Here's a few that stopped by!**



**Mrs. Hickman** delivered a variety of much needed supplies: dog beds, towels, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, toys, paper towels, bleach, trash bags, dog collars & leashes and dog blankets. Thanks!!

Thank you, **Pro-AG group**, for all the wonderful supplies and monetary donation! We greatly appreciate your support!



**Gloria Moreno (on the right in this photo), from Valero Payment Services**, brought a load of daily used products! Pictured with Gloria is SPCA Board Member Peggy Tredway. The supplies included 66 packs of paper towels, 16 bottles of dishwashing liquid, 8 bottles of Clorox, lots of dog & cat food, trash bags and more! Fabulous!

## SPAY and NEUTER!

Our region has a severe cat & dog over population problem. With all local rescues operating at full capacity almost 100% of the time, animals, beloved PETS, are being abandoned and/or euthanized. Our no-kill shelter offers **LOW COST** spay/neuter vouchers, currently \$40, good at Lone Star Vet. See stray neighborhood cats and dogs roaming? Trap and neuter/spay them too! It's our community duty. Sterilization not only reduces unwanted litters, but also prevents serious health issues such as mammary and testicular cancer. Do your part!



Look how happy these pups are after spending the day at Le Chateau Pet Resort!

You'd be happy too after a day of play, treats, snuggles and a beauty makeover! That's just what Le Chateau Pet Resort does for one of our shelter pups each week in hopes of treating them to a great day out, but also increasing their adoption visibility. They follow up the visit with photos and a posting on Facebook. Our Le Chateau friends, Rana (left) holds Lila and Cameron (right) has pup Scout. Scout has since been adopted!



Le Chateau Pet Resort is at 8150 77th Avenue. 806-331-1100

# Scooter

An Adoption Story



We are so happy we adopted Scooter. His new name has become Bubba and sometimes, Cuddles, lol. We decided on Scooter because he was friendly and just a chill guy. When we brought him home it was like he knew he was home. He and our current dog, Shadow, started getting to know each other and by the next day they were best buds. Shadow finally has a brother! Bubba loves to play with toys, wrestle with his fur buddy and also enjoys a good scratch! Bubba is shown on the right alongside friend Shadow on left.

-The Carboni Family



**PET SUPPLIES PLUS.**  
Minus the hassle.

Thanks to **Pet Supplies Plus** for our in-store donation bin which is always full thanks to their generosity and their customers' donations.

**Marty S.** (below) hand crafted this (and more) beautiful, sturdy memorial sign for marking pet burial sites. So thoughtful and appreciated- Thank you!



Big thanks to **Kathy W.** (above) for the donations of dog food and MilkBones to our shelter. She also left a very appreciated monetary donation.

**Harper T.** (left) with Extreme Martial Arts, donated 10 new blankets! Thank you!



Created in 1988, we are proud to have served our community for 35 years! So much has happened since then- but our passion for the safety of animals, their humane treatment, and the goal of finding forever, loving homes for the animals in our care never wavers. How did our story begin? Here's a note from Ruth Starr, an Amarillo SPCA founder, continued supporter and tireless animal advocate.

*The 1980's were a scary time for cats and dogs if they had the misfortune of finding themselves at the Amarillo Animal Control facility. Many of them were sold and transported for the use of medical research. Many were owned pets who were transported before they could be claimed by their owners. Ultimately this practice was stopped due to the shock and outrage of area citizens.*

*The need for a no kill shelter was acute and there was immediate interest and support for what ultimately became the Amarillo SPCA. Thanks to the support of the community and the incredible dedication of officers, staff and volunteers, many, many furry friends have found refuge at the Amarillo SPCA shelter while awaiting forever homes.*

*To say that I'm proud to have been a part of this organization is an understatement. Although my tenure with the Amarillo SPCA was short, I'm a proud supporter. I'm especially proud to recognize Peggy Tredway and Mary Ramirez, who have gone above and beyond; Mary being active since the beginning and Peggy since the early days. They are amazing in their dedication. Best wishes for a bright future for the Amarillo SPCA and please support them with a donation of time, money or supplies.*

-Co-Founder, Ruth Starr

# Adopt : Love



**Little Man**



**Jase**



**Bella**



**Dawn**



**Biggie**



**Oreo**



**Sparky**



**Charlie**



**Bubba**



**Capone**



**Tigger**



**Lou**



**ADOPT**



**Delilah**



**Jax**



**Pete**



**Rollo**



# Volunteer

## Meet volunteer Martha Chase!

- and her foster fails Kaiju (l) & Titan (r)

As of March 2020, I have been fostering cats and kittens that are either too ill, too young, or possibly too young & feral to go to the shelter for immediate adoption availability. They're with me from a week or two up to 14 weeks depending on their condition at intake. Monthly hours vary a lot by how many I have at one time (the most was 21 in 2022!), but I average 5 hours/day, 7 days a week. As of this September, I'm also spending 4-5 hours a month as a new board member. I was inspired to volunteer because of the obvious need for fosterers in this community and being able to give time to it after retirement in 2019. I have cats, have fostered in other places, and felt able to do this. I've fostered 116 cats/kittens since I started with the SPCA. 110 of them have been adopted to forever homes. That's just awesome.



**Thinking of getting a pet?** Know yourself and your household first. If there are children under about five, it's probably better to wait a few years. Do not expect little kids to know how to tend to an animal (especially puppies or kittens) or play with it unsupervised. They're ALL babies and can accidentally hurt each other. A calm household usually has calm animals. More active households need a more active pet to keep up. Older cats and dogs are perfectly capable of being good friends and playmates and often end up at the shelter through no fault of their own. They're usually easier than a puppy or kitten to integrate into a family, are housebroken, and, for lack of a better word, "grateful." Parents of young children or people with intense work/life schedules should also consider a mature pet. Like any child of any species, puppies and kittens require WORK to mature gracefully to a good companion. In particular, cats are not so much "pets" as roommates with their own attitudes and ways. Dogs are pets and will accept dominance a cat will not. Again, know your own needs and household first.

**Martha has her own pets also!** My favorite thing about pets is they provide a different kind of companionship than people do. With several, there's always a fur-child willing to play or cuddle if another one isn't interested right then. The house would feel empty without them. Ra and his littermate, Bast, are age six, adopted as kittens and currently the senior cats. They are gender-biased in that he is MY cat for cuddles and play and she snuggles up to my husband. He is a tiger and white cat. She is a calico. Both like to play with wide ribbons and small coil or crinkly toys. She ignores the fosters. He usually wants to play with them until they get too pushy; then, he retreats to the top of cabinets they can't get to. I came to Amarillo in 2004 to work at Pantex and retired in 2019. When working I didn't have a lot of time but have returned to doing art needle work - embroidery, cross-stitch, and a lot of needlepoint - between batches of fosters. I've a husband who is a saint with fosters and a house to maintain in my "spare time."

## READING LIST

- West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
- A Man for All Species by Marc Morrone
- When Fraser Met Billy by Louise Booth
- Hanging Hannah by Evan Marshall
- The Lobster Chronicles by Linda Greenlaw
- The Chocolate Debacle by Karen Winters Schwartz
- No Cats Allowed by Miranda James
- What it Takes to Save a Life by Dr. Kwane Stewart



**VOLUNTEER!**

Love Social media? PR & Marketing?  
We need your skills!  
Help us set up and maintain tik tok and or Instagram. New stuff happening with Facebook? Teach us! Periodic web design (WIX) projects available. Puppy and kitten fostering! Plus so many more opportunities!

We have a great need for regular, dedicated volunteers and would love to have you join us!

# MuttFest 2023

We are excited to be planning our 30<sup>th</sup> Muttfest on May 19<sup>th</sup> of 2024!



We had an amazing Muttfest this past spring! Dog lovers and their four-legged companions flooded into Starlight Ranch in May to celebrate the annual Amarillo SPCA Muttfest, with a Route 66 theme, to make it our most successful event in its 29 year history. We estimate at least 1,400 people attended!

Booths were packed, showcasing both pet and human products, with many vendors doing contests, games and giveaways. Rudy's Country Store & BBQ smoked delicious meats for sandwiches (donating all proceeds to our shelter!) and food trucks were lined up outside the gates. Dog Contests were a big hit and had many participants at the new stage at Starlight Ranch. Pups could enter into "Best Costume," "Most Talented" and "Top Dog." The happy winners are shown below. Thanks to The Eagle for being on-site for music and announcing the contests. For more pictures head to our website under "news/events."



The successful event landed the honor of making Muttfest one of the Top Three Festivals & Fairs in the Amarillo Globe-News Best of Amarillo competition, going paw-to-paw with the Tri-State Fair and Hoo Doo Festival. Amarillo SPCA is grateful to its many dedicated supporters for the success and growth of the event. Anyone wishing to participate or be a sponsor next year should call 806-290-2883 for more information.





**In recognition of our 2023 Top Dog Muttfest supporters, who donated \$500 or more, we presented them with appreciation plaques! Many thanks to ALL of our donors and supporters that made our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Muttfest such a huge success.**



**Rudy's Country Store and B-BQ**



**Charla's Cuddly Cuts**



**Starlight Ranch**



**Stacy's Uniforms**



**Raising Cane's**



**Alpha Media/100.9 The Eagle**



**ER on Soncy**



**Diamond in the Ruff**



**Amarillo National Bank**



**LOOKING for LOVE?**



**Barbie**

You came to the right place! Barbie has been waiting for you! She likes snuggling, giving kisses, long walks and accepting treats! This pretty gal has a brown and black brindle coat, is a boxer/pit mix and is about 8 years old. She is mellowing with age, but may need to be an only pup. Perhaps best for an adult household also.

**November is Adopt a Senior Pet month!** What's not to love about a senior pups? They are laid back! Like naps! Have good manners and aren't interested in eating all your shoes. (Usually!!) Help us find loving forever homes for our Amarillo SPCA senior shelter pups.

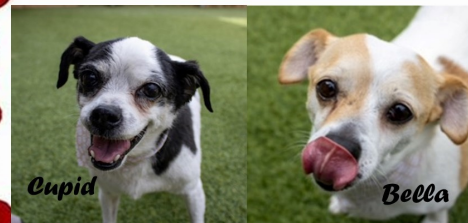
**Some of our available mature pets include: Delilah, Barbie, Cupid & Bella, Wally, Jackson, Jax, Lexy & Sassy, Little Man, Rocky, Shep & Taz, and cats Jase & Willie. Visit our website to read more, or come out to the shelter and meet them.**

**November was 'Adopt a Senior Pet' month! But, ANY time of the year is perfect for giving a senior pet a retirement home!**



**BEWARE!**

*of DOG Kisses!!*



**Cupid**

**Bella**

**November is Adopt a Senior Pet month!**

Senior pups are the BEST! They have perfected the NAP, the SAD FACE (for treats, please!), SNUGGLING and how to be a BEST FRIEND!

*Speaking of best friends - Meet Bella and Cupid!*

These two sweeties are small chi-mix breed pups that want to stay together-I mean-what would life be like without your best friend? Bella is about 11 years young and Cupid, 13. They are friendly, playful, ok with other small dogs, and a bit shy until they both decide you are family.

Help us find loving forever homes for our Amarillo SPCA senior shelter pups.



# Memorials and Honorariums

**In memory of Victor and Cubie** by Dona Larson

**In memory of Tucker (Adreon Family)** by Karla D. Stewart

**In memory of Billy Pike** by Mary Ellen Mayfield, Sally Geymuller

**In memory of Tupac (Samantha and Zach Platadis)** by Karla D. Stewart

**In memory of Mistie (Ken and Donna McClure)** by Katy Mosley

**In memory of James Crandall** by "The Crew"

**In memory of Marvin Elam** by Dick Thompson

**In memory of Andrine and Grady Hazlewood** by Elaine Hazlewood

**In honor of Becky Zenor's birthday** by Daphne Adkins

**In memory of Pippa Diddy** by Ben and Amy Tarr

**In memory of Nala (Zivorad Filipovic)** by D J Stubben

**In honor of Larry E. King and his Bogey and Bella** by Cheryl L. King

**In memory of Freda and Chika** by Cynthia Pacheco

**In memory of Mattie Hall** by Carol Hendrick

**In memory of Muddy** by John S. Denton

**In memory of Tamar (Larson Family)** by Jacob Miller

**In memory of Brent Chudej (Gone but not forgotten)** by Karen Chudej

**In memory of Kenneth McDonald** by J. Merlene Fritts

**In memory of Kathy Williams** by Diane Wilson, Anonymous Donor

**In memory of Liberty Hinkle** by Amber Griffith

**In memory of Bertha James** by Janet and Carl Young

**In memory of Pepper (Dave and Shelli Pierce)** by Lynn Singleton

**In honor of Jonathon Long** by His Family and Canine Country Club

**In honor of Mary Ramirez and Her Work with Mutfest** by Kimberly Page-Wain

**In memory of Brud Gann** by Suzy Whisenhunt

**In appreciation for Martha Chase** by Leona C. White

**Happy Holidays to Mark and Rhonda Fletcher**, Love from Dixie, Cookie, Oscar and Felix

**In memory of Jared Alexander Hassin** by Susan Noethe, Bob and Jessica Noethe

**In memory of our precious little granddog, Boo Boo (Jessica and Jack Womack)**, by Janet and Carl Young

**In memory of Ranger (Chris, John, Cool & "Lucy" Doyle)**, by Vicki Heck and "Dog"

**In memory of Deborah Anne Giles** by Assiter & Associates

**In memory of their beloved dog, Gus** by Spanky and Amy Assiter

**In memory of Jillian Blair Jones** by Jana K. Comerford

**In memory of my little dog, Trixie** by Juaneta Coulter

**In honor of Emma Poston** by Judy Talk

**In memory of Claudia (Hodges) Forbus** by Potter-Randall County Emergency Communications District, Denis & Doris Cowley, Charlene Dalton

**In memory of Fergie (Clement & Diana Leice)** by Bruce and Linda Hare

**In memory of Jim Berryman** by Cathy Wilson, Marcy Maberry & Sally Miller

**In memory of Barbara Lafferty** by Robert and Karen Lafferty, Ty and Heather Lafferty

**In honor of Leo** by Regina Craig

**In memory of Ivy Craig** by Bob and Lana Dempsey

**In memory of Judge Blair Cherry** by Elaine Hazlewood

**In memory of Patsy Simpson** by James Wood and Family, Judy Moore

**In memory of Henry (Judy Talk)** by Ron and Nancy Davis

**In memory of Noveta Gross** by Reganne Scarborough

**In loving memory of Dixie Fulton** by Danny Fulton

**In memory of Paul E. Simpson** by Erma Knapp and Family

**In memory of LG** by Nelda and Tracy Adreon

**In memory of Bailey (Susan Heady)** by Bruce and Linda Hare

**In memory of Cowboy (Destini and Jacob Hendershott)** by Traci Bennett

**In memory of L.G. (Karla Stewart). Special therapy dog who put smiles on the faces of patients** by Juaneta Coulter

**In memory of Sheila Ann Howard** by Steve and Nancy Brouillard

**In memory of my friend, Sheryl Best, a true animal lover** by Karla Stewart

**In memory of Dale Hazlewood** by Elaine Hazlewood

**In memory of Jax (Amanda Gaitan)** by DJ, Dixie, Cookie and the Welcome Pardner Family

**Happy Holidays to Sonja and Wade Gross**, Love from Mama DJ

**Happy Holidays to Bill and Maria Stickel**, Love from Dixie, Cookie and DJ

**Happy Holidays to Bernie DeBrango**, from DJ Stubben, Welcome Pardner

*Want to create a memorial in honor of your loved ones? See the back of this newsletter for more information!*



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## Membership & Memorials

I want to join the Amarillo SPCA in promoting responsible pet ownership and  
compassionate care of animals.

**Membership:** Supporting Member \$125\_\_\_ Family Member \$75\_\_\_ Individual Member \$35\_\_\_

### Memorials/Honorariums:

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept this gift of: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of  In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Acknowledgement to: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment options: \_\_\_ My tax deductible check, made payable to Amarillo SPCA is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card: Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!!**

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