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**Fur Ball is February 20, 2016**



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**Big Boy's Excellent Adventure**

The really big Pyrenees was running loose in Brownwood, and it took nearly a month to apprehend him. The big skinny boy gained weight quickly, and we put him on the road to Pennsylvania where he loves his new family.

It's time for the Fur Ball, the greatest doggie night in West Texas! Over 600 people and 400 dogs will dine and dance the night away to support Rescue the Animals, SPCA at our most important fundraiser of the year. **Fur Ball 2016 will be on February 20 at the Abilene Civic Center.**

Tom and Lisa Perini will be cooking dinner, and we will have a fantastic **Doggie Buffet from Pam's Pets**. The **Abilene Community Band** will play, and we will have dance and costume contests for kids and adults. Our honoree this year is **Tootsie Nichols**, the greatest pet portrait artist around.

**We think the very most important animals to save are those that already have homes waiting for them!**

We have been shocked to discover how many animals in Texas are dying every day AFTER rescue groups have said they would take the animals. These are the animals that we are taking from all over the state.

**Our theme this year will be Pets On The Go Nationwide** celebrating our new POGO National network that is sending Texas pets all over the United States every week. From the Great Lakes to Disneyworld and from the Grand Canyon to Independence Hall, we will handle and transport more pets in 2016 than ever before. Over 90% of them will be sent to new homes outside Texas.

**In 2016, we plan to handle more pets than ever before through our Transport, Rehab, and Adoption Center on South First as our POGO National Network keeps expanding.**

In 2015, our local Abilene Animal Shelter opened its new Adoption Wing (paid for in part by Rescue the Animals, SPCA). The Abilene Animal Shelter now adopts more animals each month than the City and Rescue the Animals combined did in 2014!

**Over 80% of adoptable cats and dogs at the pound were adopted in fiscal 2015!**

When we began in 1999, only about 15% were adopted. Plus, pets are now held up to a full month!

**We issued over \$40,000.00 in mail-in rebates at the Abilene Animal Shelter in 2015!**

We provide \$20 mail-in rebates most months of the year to place the animals on sale. The city cuts its price by \$20 in these sale months, resulting in all animals being 50% or more off.

**We spent another \$40,000.00 on advertising to promote animals at the Abilene Animal Shelter.**

We pay for all the advertising for the City of Abilene Animal Shelter, and it's working!

**Pound Pickles...Sweet, Kosher, and Dill**

Mother Pickles was very pregnant at the Abilene Animal Shelter. Our girl Courtney Bolt raced to pick her up, and Sweet, Kosher, and Dill were born at Animal Health and Medical Center. They stayed for weeks, getting cuter with each passing day. When they were ready for adoption, they were off to a great rescue group in Austin.



**Terrorist Dachshund Now a Bolt**

Buddy, a one-year old Dachshund, was in the pound in Comanche when we foolishly sent someone to save him. No one could touch him! He was horrible! We wisely sent him for counseling with the greatest Dachshund therapists on the planet, the Bolt family. Courtney Bolt quickly channeled his "inner" love and took him home to live at her house where he became a terrific guy!



**Fur Ball will be Saturday, February 20, 2016. Call 698-SPCA for Tickets.**

*Billye Proctor Shaw*  
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*Joe Ed Canon*  
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*Anthony Williams*  
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*Lynn Barnett*  
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*Yanell Rieder*  
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*Paul Washburn*  
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# POGO FUR BALL 2016

Dress for travel as we celebrate our new Pets On the GO National Network sending animals all over the nation.

**Tom and Lisa Perini** will be doing dinner! Their hamburger has been named the best in the nation on TV, and Perini's has been named an American Classic by the James Beard Foundation.



**Pam's Pets and Fish** will be doing our Doggie Buffet!

Pam will have the latest and most mouth-watering doggie treats anywhere, and the **Abilene Community Band** will be back with fabulous music.



## Costume & Dance Contests...Cash Prizes!

See how creative you can be in costume design and start working on your doggie dance steps for our costume and dance contests. We'll have a special kid's dance contest and lots of prizes.

**The Fur Ball is our most important fundraiser each year.**

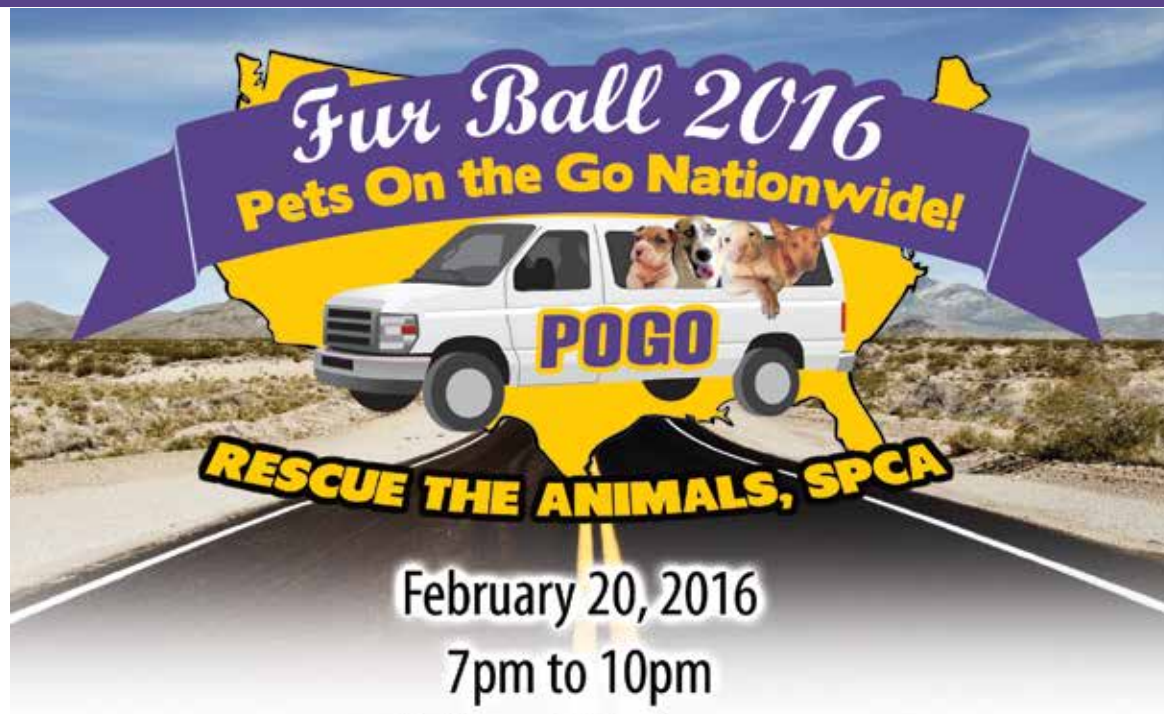


## Our Fur Ball 2016 Honoree..... Tootsie Nichols

Tootsie is a renowned artist and the best pet portrait painter anywhere. She has been a huge supporter of Rescue the Animals, SPCA for years adopting her current dog Scamp from us in 2008.



Photo by Doug Hodel



February 20, 2016

7pm to 10pm

Abilene Civic Center

*Honoring Tootsie Nichols*

Celebrating 18 Years Saving Animals in West Texas

Tickets \$30.00 per person

Dogs FREE!

Kids 12 and under, \$15 each

People food by



Doggie Buffet  
by Pam's Pets & Fish

You can purchase tickets by credit card or at the following locations:

**Rescue the Animals, SPCA** 4620 North First 698-SPCA or 695-7270  
**Casa Authentique** 201 Walnut, 673-1190

**Call 698-SPCA for Fur Ball Tickets**

**Order Tickets Early... Every Year We Sell Out!**

Again this year, we are expecting over 600 people and over 400 dogs in the biggest doggie night out anywhere!

Cash Bar!  
Dance Contest!  
Costume Contest!

Music by  
Abilene Community Band



## We Hope You Will be One of Our Fur Ball Sponsors!

Your group can have reserve seating, or even your own table depending on your sponsor level.

**Ruby Sponsor** \$250  
Tickets: 5

**Emerald Sponsor** \$500  
Tickets: 7

**Diamond Sponsor**  
\$1,000 Tickets: 10  
Your own reserved table!

**Double Diamond Sponsor:**  
\$2,500 Tickets: 10  
Your own reserved table!

**Platinum Sponsor**  
\$5,000 Tickets: 10  
A special reserved table!



**FUR BALL IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER EACH YEAR!**

## Win an original oil painting of your dog! Raffle Tickets \$10



Oil Portrait

Our honoree Tootsie Nichols will do a head portrait of your dog (a \$900 value) if you are our lucky raffle winner. Chances are \$10 each (or three for \$25) with the drawing to be held at the Fur Ball. You do not need to be present to win.

**Call 698-7722 or visit Casa Authentique for Raffle Tickets.**