



**Our Team is Saving Neglected and Abused Animals All Over Texas!**

**Blue Tick Belle**

Blue Belle the Blue Tick Hound was far from the belle of the ball when we rushed her out of the pound in East Texas. Starved, with terrible skin infections, she needed immediate live-saving care.



**Child Aggressive? ... No, Just Selective!**

When the Dachshund bit a kid, the owners wanted her put down. The shelter in Granbury talked them out of it. They tested her with another child and all was well. Good thing, when Mia arrived in Abilene, she promptly had puppies, revealing why she was a bit testy.

**Felony Conviction in Nolan County!**

Donald Kite, Sweetwater Animal Control Officer, moved quickly last year to seize 7 neglected horses. Recently the case came to trial with a guilty verdict giving the defendant two years' probation and a bill for court and other costs. Donald is a graduate of our Animal Abuse Investigation School program.



**Constable Saves Dogs**

When an Odessa Constable tried to serve papers at an address, she found 5 dogs in danger of starving and no one home. After many trips back to the home (feeding the dogs each time), she served the papers, talked the people into surrendering the dogs, and sent them to us.

**Please Kill This Dog! Now!**

Two ladies appeared at our center and told us they wanted little Cinnamon euthanized, right now! Suspecting a slight lack of mental stability, we took the tiny dog, and she went off to New Mexico...alive!



**Fur Ball will be February 17, 2018 Honoring Dr. Allen Bolt**

Over 15,000 of our dogs and cats have been treated by Dr. Allen Bolt. We are convinced he is the most dedicated vet around. Put on your MASH outfit, and join us for Fur Ball 2018.

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FALL 2017  
**Rescue the Animals, SPCA**



**Rescue the Animals, SPCA was among the very first to transfer animals out of Houston.**

One of our coordinators was in Spring, Texas, during the storm and had us moving as soon as the roads were reopened!

First, we transferred nearly 60 dogs from pounds in Montgomery County, Conroe, and Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. This allowed Montgomery County's shelter to reopen as one of the first reunite centers in the Houston area holding dogs that had been separated from their owners.

We concentrated on taking animals that were in the pounds and did not have owners before the hurricane hit and those surrendered by their owners. This meant we could move these animals to new homes immediately, freeing more space for evacuated animals. We also started taking medical cases that no one else could treat.

**Hoarder's House Floods with Over 80 Dogs Inside!**

Working with one of our partner groups in the Houston area, we rushed over 50 of these dogs straight to Rescue the Animals, SPCA in Abilene, while the rest were handled by another partner. The dogs were all matted, covered in poop, and unsocialized. Plus, many had mange, eye and kidney problems, and various other infections. Three were pregnant and needed immediate special care, bringing our total number of Harvey animals to over 150 in the first week!



**Over 3 Tons of Food & Supplies Delivered**

We delivered over 3 tons of food and supplies from donations made in Abilene, Eastland, Stamford, and Weatherford to our partners in Houston where within hours some of our partners were going door-to-door handing out food to people with pets.

**After transferring 300 animals out of the Houston area, we need your help to keep our heads above water.**

We have been moving more animals than ever from Abilene as well. Every day of the year we move pets through our Pets On the GO National Network (POGO) that works with rescue groups in over 35 states. That's over 1,000 pets a year, and over 95% of the animals arriving in Abilene already have homes waiting when they get here!

Throughout the year we take sick and injured animals that have broken legs, heartworms, and other major medical problems from Kill-Shelters that no one else will treat.

**Harvey is a financial crisis for us!** Over the past summer we handled more medical cases than ever; then Harvey's pets in the hundreds needed our help.

**We need your help today!**

## Paralyzed Dog Chained Out in Yard!

Poor Roscoe's back legs are paralyzed, and he must pull them behind him when he moves. His owners left him tied out in the yard near Sulphur Springs. One of our POGO volunteers found him and persuaded the "people" to let him come to us. He is now in Florida being fitted for wheels for his new life.



## Slasher Story at Halloween....

Just days before Halloween little Alvin came to us from a kill-shelter in Everman where he had only two hours left when we said, "Yes." His front leg was almost completely severed just above the wrist as though slashed with a knife! After amputation, we started treating his severe skin infection.



## NASCAR on 3 Wheels?

We named the dog after Jeff Gordon because after having his leg amputated (from an auto accident), he raced around the clinic, let himself out of his upper story kennel, jumped down, and played with the puppies. Jeff was on the immediate Kill List in Mesquite because of his injuries.



## 18 Dumped Breeder Rejects

In October we took in 18 beautiful pure bred and "designer" bred dogs dumped by a breeder in East Texas. Puppy buyers don't know how many dogs breeders dump at pounds even when there is really nothing wrong with them. Most are dumped in small towns making adoption almost impossible.



## Romeo Where art Thou?

We found him in a rural Texas shelter about to be put down, but as soon as folks in New Mexico saw Romeo the Cocker Spaniel on our list they had a home waiting for him. A quick groom, a snip, and some shots, and we sent Romeo to his enchanted new family.



## Santa's (Almost) Namesake?

Santana arrived at the Abilene Animal Shelter with a mangled foot and a leg that was "nerve dead." The injuries probably came from having the leg caught in a fence that cut off circulation. After a very expensive amputation, Santana is looking forward to Christmas in a new home.



## Saying Yes Means Not One but 10 Heelers

We put Bouncy on hold at the Abilene Animal Shelter, but she had 9 puppies before we could pick her up! Oops! After a quick checkup, she was off to a foster home in New Mexico.



# Your Donation Can Help Us Drastically Reduce the Number of Deaths!

## New Spay/Neuter Program, More Adoptions...

### Low-Cost Spay/Neuter On Wheels is Coming!

Rescue the Animals, SPCA has pledged \$20,000 toward the purchase of a new City Adoption & Surgery Trailer that will have an **operating room in it for low-cost spay/neuter**. The trailer will be delivered in a few months after having been approved by the city council this fall.

We have also **pledged another \$20,000 in 2018** to help kickoff the low-cost spay/neuter program citywide. This is the long term solution!

**\$68,000** Cost of the Trailer **\$56,000** + **Surgery Equipment: \$12,000**  
**-20,000** Rescue the Animals, SPCA  
**\$48,000** Cost to the City of Abilene

Rescue the Animals, SPCA \$20,000 Pledged on Trailer +  
 \$20,000 Pledged for Spay/Neuter.  
**DONATE NOW TO HELP US FUND LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER**

**Rescue the Animals, SPCA issues 400 to 500 low-cost spay/neuter vouchers every year. This new partnership will greatly increase the number of animals fixed each year.**

## Nationwide Transfers to Over 35 States

Rescue the Animals, SPCA is on a record setting pace this year transferring more animals than ever out of Texas kill-shelters. The animals we take are down to their last chance and many have expensive medical problems.

**We have moved nearly 1,000 dogs and cats from kill-shelters in Texas to new homes this year.**

*DONATE TO OUR MEDICAL COSTS.*

## Huge Christmas Sale Can Set Another New Abilene Adoption Record!

Our huge Christmas Sale at the Abilene Animal Shelter runs the entire month of December with every dog and cat on sale. They City of Abilene reduces prices by \$20 and Rescue the Animals, SPCA gives a \$20 mail-in spay/neuter rebate in addition to paying for media advertising to promote the sale.

**We issue nearly \$40,000 in rebates every year.**

*DONATE TO OUR CHRISTMAS SALE.*



## Blind 11 year-old Poodle Flies from Flood

Briton was flown to us from Houston by Pilots and Paws, while Sky came to us from Midland. Both dogs are now with the Blind Dog Alliance.



Briton



Sky

## Our First Dogs Beat Harvey by Minutes

We moved our very first dogs out of Houston just hours BEFORE Harvey hit town. These dogs had been "street dogs" running loose after being dumped by owners. One of our partner groups had taken them in and had worked for months to socialize them for adoption.



Miss America



Poppa

## A Wink from Irma

Harvey, Irma, Nate, just one hurricane after another. Little Wink survived Irma in Florida but with a very serious eye injury. A local ophthalmologist removed her eye pro bono, and she was flown to Abilene.



## The 10 Best Swimmers in Port Lavaca?

Almost all of Port Lavaca was levelled by Hurricane Harvey. We sent over 30 cats to the Midwest including 10 survivors from Port Lavaca.



## 2 A.M. Puppy Dumping

As our volunteers worked around the clock doing blood-work, and checking in animals, after Hurricane Harvey, they found these puppies taped inside a plastic container in our parking lot at 2:00 a.m. The box lid said "First Crop... Frozen." After finding the puppies, they went back to work for a 6 A.M. loading.



## Ski Poodle Wobbles On

Tiny poodle April was kept in a small crate far too long creating serious hip and knee problems. Think of a skier whose skis are both turned out at nearly 90 degrees, and you know what her back legs look like when she runs. We suspect confinement by a breeder.



## Boxer Wins 2nd Round

Temie Nichols at the Eastland shelter found Lucy on I-20 in 2015 almost starved to death. After bringing her back to health, she found Lucy a new home. Oops, Lucy chased the goats, killed several chickens, and back she came just when the shelter was full. As the last resort, we took Lucy.



## Old English Surprise

We grabbed Eva, the Old English Bulldog, as soon as we saw her at the Abilene Animal Shelter, but when we arrived she had given birth to 3 puppies. No one knew she was pregnant or positive for heartworms. The entire family is doing fine.



**We Need Your Help Today! Please send your donation to: Rescue The Animals, SPCA, 4620 N. 1st, Abilene, TX 79603**