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Please Help my Buddies make it Home for the Holidays!

Mae Mae Day! 2,389 miles to New Brunswick...



Mae Mae, an active terrier, loved her new rescue home. However, her new mom was older and had suffered a broken hip and had both knees replaced. Her mom feared tripping over her. We found Mae Mae a new home 2,389 miles from Abilene in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada! It is next door to Roachville, Canada (really)!



Great Lakes Express Over 5,600 Road Miles, Over 150 Saved!

Over the last few months we have scheduled trip after trip to the Great Lakes area including Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and even New Brunswick, Canada! Our nationwide market place keeps growing!



Bo to Wisconsin



Kingsley to Florida



Ringo to Wisconsin



Spike to Wisconsin



Samson to Wisconsin



FUR BALL 2018

will be February 16th honoring our great friend Judy Colvin! The theme will be Mardi Gras!



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We Urgently Need Your Help to Keep Saying "YES" to Emergencies and Set a New All-Time Adoption Record!

When Austin adopted our dog Jake, he bought an electric wheelchair to be able to go with Jake on long walks. Elsa is now a service dog for veterans. Puppy Jeffe was left to die in an abandoned house, but is now making life wonderful for three kids out west.

Every day we concentrate on giving animals on death row their last chance. However, nearly all the stories end somewhere hundreds or thousands of miles from Abilene with our animals changing the world for their new humans.

To create these happy endings we must make instant decisions that mean life or death because animals that are sick, injured, or those with behavioral problems go straight to the kill lists. In fact, one dog was in surgery in another city when the rescue told the pound they could not take her after all! We had her in Abilene within hours.

Two Chihuahua puppies were crippled at birth and needed surgery. Olive had parvo and mange. Crystal and Dolf had serious infections, heartworms, and were starving. Ozzie had to have an amputation. When we respond to abuse cases all over West Texas, nearly every animal needs emergency care. Plus, we have heartworm cases by the dozen since no one else can afford to treat them.

We can't say "yes" to these emergencies unless we have the funds on hand to make quick decisions and perform immediate surgery or other medical help.

Our network means that our very large medical expenses go to animals that already have homes waiting. Usually, one of our partners in 35 states and Canada will commit to take an injured animal by the time it reaches Abilene. As soon as we have completed the medical work and recovery time, the animal is off to a new home!

As we prepare for our 21st year in 2019, we urgently need your help to keep providing the medical care that sick and injured "pound" animals all over Texas need.



We Can Set Another All-Time Adoption Record at the Abilene Animal Shelter in 2018!

Your support also provides advertising and rebates at the City of Abilene Animal Shelter that has tripled adoptions at that facility (cats up 900%). We have recently helped the City purchase a new mobile adoption and spay/neuter trailer as well as providing help funding a new low-cost spay/neuter program. The City of Abilene is now advertising for the first ever vet at the Animal Shelter because of our pledge of \$20,000 toward the vet's first year salary.

Electric Walk?

When Austin adopted our dog Jake, he bought an electric wheelchair to be able to go with Jake on long walks. Jake loves walking, even on just three legs! The pound was told that Jake's leg was damaged by a snake bite. He held his front paw limply and could not use the leg. Two vets examined him and could find no evidence of a snake bite. They concluded his paw had been caught in a fence (or other location) cutting off circulation to the leg which forced us to amputate his leg. Jake is happy to be on the move again!



A Chain on my Heart

Sarge was found dragging a huge chain in Dickinson near Galveston and no one knew where he belonged. He spent 6 months in an animal shelter and 3 months more in a foster home. His hope finally became a reality when we agreed to treat him for heartworms (along with Kingsley, Crystal, Ritzy, Sarge, Fryer, Majorie, Josie, Princess, DaVinvi, Capt. Jack, and on and on).



Family Evacuation Leaves Mom

Cute little puppies often find homes very quickly, while moms often are left behind. Sure enough, Josie's 12 puppies went from East Texas to New Mexico, but mom had heartworms and came to Abilene for treatment before going west to a new home.



Officers Save Dog

When the police officer arrived at the home on other business, he noticed that Crystal had blood dripping from her nose and was starving. Animal Services quickly got a court order and seized the big Pyrenees. Dr. Bolt examined her and found one of the worst cases of heartworms ever seen. The court awarded us custody of Crystal, and heartworm treatment began at once. It was a longer process than usual because of the serious infection and her starvation, but she was saved.



Emergency Bulletin!

From the Mesquite Animal Shelter: "This poor 3-year-old girl arrived at our shelter at the end of the day and was rushed to our vet. The leg is going to have to be amputated. She is in immense pain." The next day we received this appeal. "Rescue backed out for this dog during surgery. We have no place for her to go. She needs a place ASAP!"



With no other takers, we rushed Rosie to Abilene, where she recovered rapidly before going to a new home. She had been hit by a car.

Saved Dog, Saving Veteran

Elsa was turned in to the pound in Odessa because she had too much energy and was uncontrollable. One of our transporters brought her to us for her medical and then arranged for Elsa to enter a service dog program to help veterans, which should also help Elsa's separation anxiety.



Surgery and a Wheelchair Save Tiny Puppies!

The video was heart rending. Four tiny Chihuahua puppies (2 pounds each, 6 weeks-old) playing on a porch, but two of them unable to walk and struggling to move. When we received this from the Cisco Animal Shelter, we rushed them to Abilene. Dr. Bolt found two of them had deformed legs from birth. An amputation put one puppy back in action, but surgery would not have helped the other pup. Instead, the Bolt's ordered a special-made set of wheels, and the puppy is violating every speed limit on the planet! They have all gone to their new homes!

Slot Machine Comes up All Puppies!

Our slot machine paid out puppies and more puppies all on one day! First a mom from the Abilene Animal Shelter had puppies just after arriving at our place. Later that day another mom arrived from Ballinger, and we found new puppies the next morning. Her water had broken on the way in from Ballinger, but her bedding soaked it up.



ELLIE MAE from Ballinger



CLEA

Carbon Copy, What are the Odds?

Rumor and puppies came first, and a month later Clea (above) arrived. They looked like identical twin moms! About the same time, Vegas and puppies beat the odds when they made it safely to our Adoption Center.



RUMOR



VEGAS

Eviction Strands Puppy

Left behind in a deserted house, tiny Jeffe was found by a constable when he arrived to finish the eviction. Jeffe's next stop was the Abilene Animal Shelter and then on to us. What would have happened if the little dog had not been seen by the constable? Each year we see pets left in houses abandoned by "their" people and sometimes with very bad results. Jeffe was adopted just from his picture, with his new home in New Mexico waiting on his arrival!



JEFFE

Broken Hearts Mended!

Patty and Schroeder came to us together, and we arranged for both of them to go to new homes in Florida. Schroeder was so excited that he bolted out the door during loading and disappeared, missing the ride. Several days later, he reappeared (inside our 7 foot tall fences) looking for Patty who was already in Florida. Weeks later, we arranged another ride for Schroeder, reuniting him with Patty!



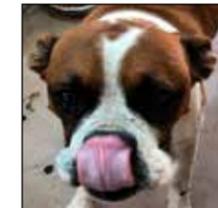
Drop Box Death Sentence

Benny was stuffed into the after-hours drop box (locked box where multiple dogs are dumped) at a West Texas shelter. Twelve years old, missing all but two teeth and with a tumor on his hip, he went straight to the kill list. With only moments to spare, we arranged a ride to Abilene. Wow! It turns out Benny is only 7 years old, and the lump on his hip is just a bony growth. He was so badly neglected he looked much older. He is now in a new home in the Land of Enchantment.



What Happened to Al Capone's Dog??

Some dogs find themselves living in really bad situations with bad folks in addition to being neglected. Animals seized in abuse cases in small towns may not be safe until they "disappear" to a new locale, think Witness Protection Program. Cain and Fryer from Texas and Captain Jack from Oklahoma came to us for medical repairs and transfer to other states for safety.



Salon Refugee?

Perhaps Gilbert should have been a little suspicious when they dropped him off at the grooming salon for a "complete makeover." When finished, he had never felt so wonderful. He looked terrific, but no one ever came to pick him up! Whoa, this is a new "dumping" even for us! Gilbert is having the last laugh in a loving new home in Illinois.



Killers? Biters? A Last Chance!

When the two amazingly adorable terriers arrived in Abilene, we were sure it was a case of mistaken identity. We had agreed to take them despite being told they had killed a cat. They were very sweet and were quickly off to a new home (without cats). No one else would give them a second chance.



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