

Rescue the Animals, SPCA

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February 15, 2020 Honoring *Billye Proctor Shaw*

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It's time for the 2020 Valentine Fur Ball, the greatest doggie night out in West Texas! Over 600 people and 400 dogs will dine and dance the night away in support of Rescue the Animals, SPCA at our most important fundraiser of the year. **Fur Ball 2020 will be on February 15 at the Abilene Civic Center.**

As we start our 22nd year in 2020, we hope you will be one of our Fur Ball Sponsors!

Spend the evening with your doggie Valentine as **Tom and Lisa Perini** cook dinner! 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 **Billye Proctor Shaw**.

We have been deluged with requests for help all year with transports whizzing across the nation from Abilene to Washington state, Florida, Indiana, Wisconsin, California, Ohio, Minnesota, Canada, Maine, and locations in between. Our POGO National Network now has partners in 40 states and Canada.

In 2019, we set another all-time record in medical expenses as well as the number of animals saved! The wet beginning to the year led to an explosion of heartworm cases all over Texas. All year we have had multiple dogs undergoing treatment (at several hundred dollars each) with great success.

We are the only non-governmental agency in West Texas that assists law enforcement in investigating animal abuse and neglect. 2019 has been a terrible year. One of our first cases involved nearly 200 dogs. With help from our partners, these animals were moved all over the nation. Animals are usually awarded to us by the court for medical care and adoption. Our ability to take these animals provides a great incentive to law enforcement to seize them when needed.

Our support for the Abilene Animal Shelter continues to provide critical advertising and rebates to increase adoptions and promote the City's new low cost spay/neuter program.

We hope you will be one of our sponsors! The Fur Ball is our most important fundraiser each year. We do not receive money from any national humane groups.

Your Support for FurBall Will Send More Animals Home in 2020!

Merlin the Magical Dachshund UPDATE!
In the King Arthur legend, Merlin the magician works wonders. When we received Merlin the paralyzed Dachshund, we took him to our local magician Dr. Alan Bolt. Merlin was hit by a car and was paralyzed from his shoulders back. Having seen many Dachshunds in this shape, Dr. Bolt began a special regimen for Merlin. We added "kid therapy" in our special hyperbaric kid chamber. Merlin is now standing and taking a few steps while playing with the kids!
UPDATE! It's three months later, and the latest picture we have is of Merlin after a good RUN on the beach at his new home in Florida! We love happy endings.....

The Nichols Find a GEM!
Just as we rushed 5 dogs to Abilene from Corsicana, our friends Tootsie and George Nichols called to say they were looking for "another Scamp," to fill the void left when their beloved dog of many years passed on. The new "Scamp" is GEM, and she went to their house just after arriving from Corsicana. Gem woke Tootsie at 2 am to go outside the first night. Now she rings a bell at the front door to go out! How could this dog have been dumped?

Max and Molly.....2 Dogs, 6 Beds!
Max and Molly not only chase the ball together, but bring it back together too! They have 6 beds in the house but always sleep with their people. In their huge yard they have 6 water bowls but drink together out of the same one! Their parents love having little dogs they can hold in their laps and cuddle with after having Rottweilers for 25 years. We often have bonded "pairs" who need homes together, and our partners do their best to make this happen.

Anthony Williams
Anthony Williams

Joe Ed Canon
Joe Ed Canon

Judy Colvin
Judy Colvin

Yanell Rieder
Yanell Rieder

Chuck Statler
Chuck Statler

Melvin Martin
Melvin Martin

Fur Ball 2020



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.



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.

Costume & Dance Contests...



The Fur Ball is our most important fundraiser each year.



2020 Valentine Fur Ball Honors *Billye Proctor Shaw*

Our Honoree for Fur Ball 2020 is Billye Proctor Shaw. She has been actively involved in the community through her business and volunteer efforts for many years. She has served on the city council, Taylor County Tax Appraisal District, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and has served on or chaired numerous non-profit boards, including United Way, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Sister Cities/City of Abilene, Day Nursery, Leadership Texas Alumnae Association, Texas Historical Foundation, Western Heritage Classic, Community Foundation, Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing, and Foundation Board of St. Paul United Methodist Church.





Fur Ball 2020

Benefitting **Rescue the Animals, SPCA**

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

7pm to 10pm **Abilene Convention Center**

Honoring *Billye Proctor Shaw*

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
3025 Southwest Drive, 673-1190

Cash Bar!
Dance Contest!
Costume Contest!

Music by *Abilene Community Band*



Call 698-SPCA for Fur Ball Tickets

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 \$150 in Doggie Grooming Credit at



2020 Fur Ball Raffle Tickets \$2.00

Spaw does it all. You can choose a bath, complete trim, grooming, and even photos! Treat your fur baby to a full spa treatment!

- Nail trim • Nail Polish
- Ear Cleaning • Teeth Brushing
- Flea & Tick Shampoo

