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Paralyzed!
Alabama to Abilene for Surgery.....

25th Anniversary \$50,000 Challenge Grant!
Every Donation Doubled!

SPRING 2023

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\$50,000 Challenge Grant!
Celebrates our 25th Anniversary!

Every donation will be matched up to \$50,000!!
Give \$50 and we get \$100! Give \$500 and we get \$1,000!
Every donation is needed no matter the size! Every donation will be doubled!

Our Biggest Challenge Grant EVER! Please call your friends, relatives, and every animal lover you know to ask for their support as we race to match this unbelievable challenge grant.

Unlike the Abilene Animal Shelter we are not funded by taxpayer dollars. We must raise every dollar we spend from private donors.

This challenge grant is critically important with inflation driving the cost of surgeries and all types of treatments through the roof. We are one of the few rescues that handle a large number of serious medical cases that no one else will take. Medical cases are routinely sent to us from out of state (see Diego's story inside).

We also took in hundreds of animals in 2022 from abuse cases. We need your help today to win our challenge grant and keep saying "Yes" to help law enforcement with animal abuse cases and seizures.

Through 25 years of poop, broken bones, diseases, and helping victims of animal abuse, Rescue the Animals, SPCA has saved well over 30,000 dogs and cats from certain death.

In 1998, our efforts started with a single dog, Jake the Golden Retriever. He was out of time at the pound, and we quickly built a make shift pen and took him to safety...we thought. Hours later some kids did a jail break, and we found him walking down a busy street with his new friends! Saving Jake a second time led us to build several strong kennels behind a big metal fence.

Jake quickly found a great home, and we saw him live into a wonderful old age with a happy family. In the meantime, we began promoting animals from the Abilene Animal Shelter on TV and radio with KTXS, KEAN, and on the internet.

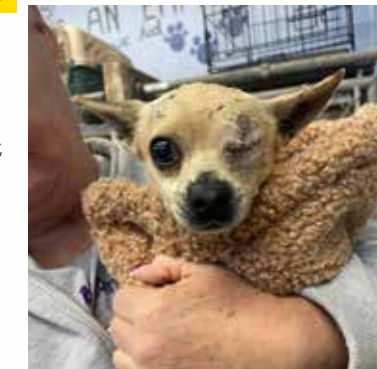
We were one of the very first organizations in the nation to promote pound animals on the then relatively new internet. Our innovative approach to saving animals led to our being **named the Outstanding Humane Organization in America** several years ago.

Next, we began a great partnership with Dr. Allen Bolt that saved over 1,000 pound animals a year by finding homes through his vet clinic. When we outgrew this phase of our program, we acquired our own Transportation and Rehab Center on South First Street, housing 100+ dogs and cats, that is now the home of **our national network of partners in 41 states and Canada saving up to 2,000 animals a year.**

Please help us win \$50,000 by meeting our Challenge Grant!

Paul Washburn

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President (volunteer)
Rescue the Animals, SPCA



Emilio, victim of a dog fight. Left at Abilene Animal Shelter. Headed to new home in Wisconsin.

Over 15,000 Road Miles in our Most Recent Transport Trips!

MAINE
CONNECTICUT

WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS

NEW JERSEY

Over 100 More Saved!

On our most recent trips, our partners helped us cover over 15,000 miles placing animals in new homes from Wisconsin to Maine to New Jersey to Connecticut to Illinois and south to Florida!



DEAN



FLOUNDER

SWEET PEA



HOLIDAY



KACI



PANDA



FRECKLES



APPLE

2023 DACHSHUND RACES JUNE 15TH

Our races will be one month earlier this summer hoping for cooler weather than in July!

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Alabama to Abilene for Medical Help!

Friends at a shelter in Alabama sent paralyzed little **Diego** to Dr. Bolt for treatment. After a few months of care and rehab in the vet clinic, Diego is racing about again and has just been adopted. His travel companions were **Dale the Dachshund** (we treated for heartworms) and **French Bulldogs Madeline and Louise**. All have new homes. Dale went back across Alabama to Florida for his new home!



Diego



Madeline



Louise



Dale

Food for Rural Shelters!

Our great friends at **Jackson Brothers Feed** helped us run a Fall food donation drive for rural animal shelters in our area. They collected a mountain of dog and cat food which we distributed to the shelters in Ballinger, Brownwood, Anson, Stamford, and Haskell.



Sunshine Winter Express...One & Two!



Dale



Prince



Chipita



Carla Sue

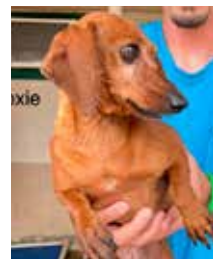


Logan

While we shivered, these guys won free trips to Florida including Dale, Prince (Abilene Shelter), Chipita (hernia surgery), and Carla Sue. A second Sunshine Express took Logan (Galveston Shelter).

Millions of Mummified Dogs?


New reports suggest that millions of dogs and cats were mummified in ancient Egypt going back as far as 2500 B.C. Roxie, from one of our abuse cases, may be a rare Egyptian breed. When she was spayed, Dr. Bolt found a mummified puppy!



Wednesday is Old Pug Day!










Wednesday was the oldest dog in our recent Far West Texas abuse case and went straight to Dr. Bolt's clinic. First came an eye removal, and then surgery for a prolapsed uterus full of tumors. Amazingly she's still alive at her age after such prolonged neglect. She went to one of our specialty partners that provides continuing care for Pugs.






29+ Chihuahuas in One House! Roswell, Land of Aliens?

Where do they keep coming from? In 2022, an emergency call brought nearly 50 little dogs to us from Roswell, NM. Now, 29 Chihuahuas were brought to us from Roswell overnight when their owner died. Maybe dogs really are the superior aliens everyone keeps searching for!

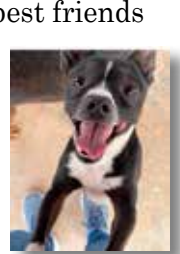
Alien? Under heat lamp.



Your help means we are ready when we receive these late night emergency calls!

Rex Houdini and Brendon the Magnificent

Tiny Rex and huge Rotty Brendon are the best friends in the world. They love to race around our exercise yards together and are inseparable. When play time is over, we take them back to their separate kennels. Then, poof! Rex reappears inside Brendon's kennel having escaped from his latched kennel and slipped into Brendon's. We are working hard to find a home that can take them both.



BB and Kitty Friends

Gorgeous BB, one of the most beautiful cats we've seen, came to us limping from a dangerous leg injury that we feared would lead to amputation. Fortunately, patience won the day, saved the leg, and led BB to a wonderful new home. Also, Orphan kittens from two separate locations were captured, tamed, fixed, and off to new homes.



Jai Sanskrit Shepherd?

Meaning victory or triumph in Sanskrit, Jai was the right name for this German Shepherd. A rural shelter called us to take Jai when they found he had a perianal hernia. After surgery, we found he was very well trained and knew quite a few commands. Jai has his ticket for his "victory" lap and will be leaving us soon.



No Teeth, No Problem!!

"This 12 year old just arrived at our shelter, and has no bottom teeth and a very narrow jaw. Can you help her?" After medical work, Elsa now lives with our JoAnn Bentley, the mother of all old and hapless dogs!



New Jersey by Thumb?

Found hitchhiking (as in dumped) in Brady, little Woody was helped by the shelter there for over a month looking for his folks. No luck. Woody came to us, and our transport took him to New Jersey and a new home. Finding a home with our national network of partners sure beats hitchhiking!



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