



**208 Leave Abilene in ONE Day!**

**URGENT HELP** Needed as we treat more animals than EVER!

### Our Network Fighting Animal Abuse Expands!

In June we paid almost \$4,000.00 for an instructor for another Advanced Animal Cruelty Investigations School. Attending were 4 judges, 16 law enforcement officers, and 11 Animal Control Officers from 8 West Texas counties. Over the years our FREE schools have trained officers all over West Texas resulting in a sharp increase in abuse investigations. We originate many cases and help with medical care and adoptions.



### Chowder Makes it Home!

Almost starved to death, Chowder was placed in the overnight drop box in Big Spring last winter during the terrible winter storm. After months of special diet and medical care, Chowder has gone off to his new home in Ohio.



### The Tribulations of Job the Dog

Found wandering near our Adoption Center, Job was a walking skeleton. He had been attacked by a larger dog or dogs and had abscesses all over his body, many areas of torn flesh, and lots and lots of worms. With just a few weeks of intensive medical care, Job sprang back to life. We are spending way more than ever on medical care, but the results are AMAZING!



### 16 Tons & What Do You Get?

Russo and Ginger were seized in a cruelty case in Corsicana. Russo was dragging 16 pounds of chains, and both dogs were in need of some good food. Is there such a thing as “dog-pounds,” like “dog-years?” We first thought Russo would need a doggie chiropractor, but both dogs are doing well as they await transport.



### Left to Starve!

Francisco was abandoned in a house in Abilene in 100 degree heat. He is waiting for his ride to North Carolina, and we want to go too!



### Good Samaritans Move, Too

Jack, Little Louis, and Chloe were abandoned in Midland. A neighbor cared for them and asked for help on Facebook saying that she too was leaving the state. We spotted the post the day before the movers arrived and took them in. All three went to Illinois.



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# Rescue the Animals, SPCA

**URGENT PLEA! 208 IN ONE DAY!**

**EMERGENCY FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED!**

It is a little embarrassing to say that we are “victims of our own success” as the incredible number of animals we have shipped to safety this summer has shattered our medical budget. We are in urgent need of new donations, or we will have to turn animals away that already have homes waiting. **We just can't let that happen. Your donation today is of critical importance.**

### 208 dogs left Abilene in one day in June!

### 21 Cats were saved in one week when another shelter closed!

The rapid expansion of our Pets On the Go Network into a coast-to-coast operation means more and more rescue groups are calling on us for help with animals they can save in Texas but can't move in time. We have just added Washington state, California, and a rescue group in Canada to our network.

Our Transportation, Rehab, and Adoption Center is still the only large physical center in the nation that is dedicated completely to moving animals to safety over the internet. Our All-Volunteer Team is literally working around the clock to keep up with the daily arrivals and departures of animals.

**Please let us hear from you soon...Your Donation Will Make More Miracles Happen.**

### 82-Pound Puppy, Blind, Dumped From Moving Car

Arlo was thrown from a moving vehicle into a yard in Dallas. The 82-pound “puppy” finally rolled to a stop three foster homes later when Pilots and Paws flew him to us from Houston in a big twin engine plane. Being blind, no one could be sure what to do with a dog that size. Dr. Bolt found severe Pannus, an immune-mediated condition that had severely scarred his eyes. Our treatment is reducing the scarring, and his vision is slowly returning. He is very energetic and lovable but will be on medication for the rest of his life. Despite a national plea, no one else would take Arlo.



### Drag Strip Ejection?

Little pregnant Angel was pitched out the window as the car sped across Big Spring. A couple of good bounces later she came to us and had her puppies at the Bolts' with no problems. Angel and the puppies are all adopted.



### POW! \$\$\$ PARVO! \$\$\$

Some days we feel like Super Heroes. Other days it's like the Super Bad Guys are gaining on us. Little Storm came to us from a neighboring county and then broke with Parvo. We treated her and days later she relapsed. Another round of treatment, and she is finally moving so fast we can't get good pictures! Three Pyrenees puppies from another shelter also arrived and broke with Parvo. Dr. Bolt's success rate so far is 100%, and our vet bill shows it!

## Tarred and Feathered?

Tarley came up to a rural home looking like a true oilfield Frack-ers Friend with an oil coating that looked like feathers! We've never seen such a terrible coating on a dog. The lady quickly found friends to help and got her to the vet. The oil removed much of her hair and quite a bit of skin as well. Tarley is now with us for medical care before going to a new home.



## Jail Break in Longview!

When you are in jail, you'll take any chance for freedom! Five transport drivers were headed to Abilene with three Labs from Louisiana. At a rest stop in Longview, Smokey the Lab made a break for freedom. Hours later with the help of Longview's super Officer Gray, Smokey was corralled in, yes, a very messy pig pen, rolling in the goodies! He arrived properly perfumed in Abilene and ready for his Heartworm treatment.



## Noah Loses Leg, Finds New Mexico

Noah came to the Abilene Animal Shelter with a severely damaged back leg that had to be removed by Dr. Lawhon. Noah quickly recovered at our place and was off to New Mexico, where he went shopping with his foster mom and made a new friend.



## A Hairless Poodle?

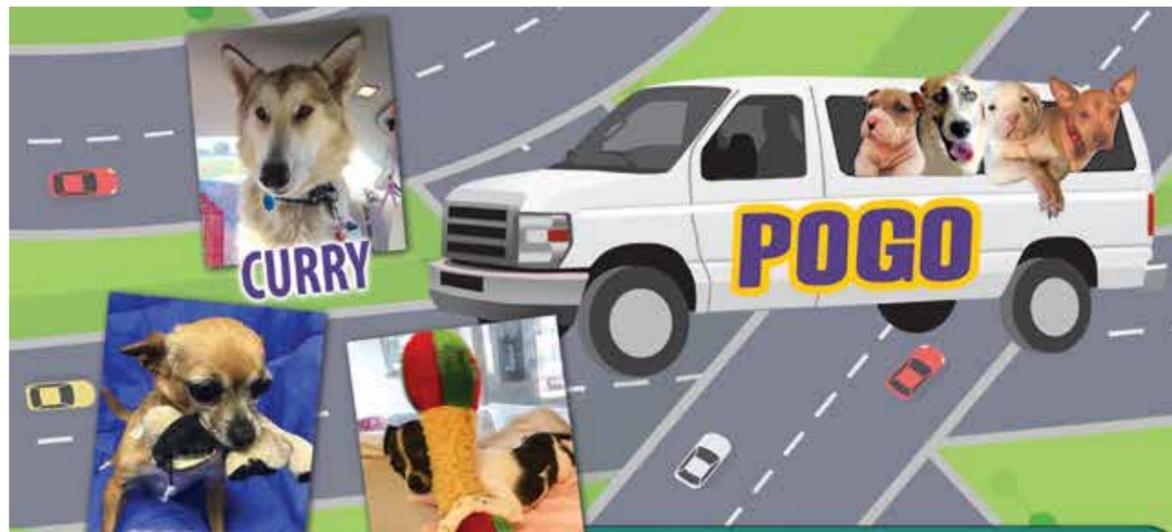
The pictures we received of the dog labeled a "Poodle" looked like the worst case of mange on the planet. To our relief, when Cora's plane landed in Abilene she turned out to be a Chinese Crested, not a Poodle! She still had a really bad case of mange that demanded frequent dips, baths, and medications, but her recovery was swift. She has been adopted in Austin.



Flying in with Cora was Curry whose entire litter of puppies died in a barn. Curry left on our 208 dog transport.

## An OK Ewok Lands in Texas

On the final kill list in Corsicana pregnant Marney, looked like she had just dropped out of the latest Star Wars movie. Her looks were all it took for us to say, yes! You won't believe what her puppies look like! We have folks waiting to beam them up.



**208 Dogs Leave in One Day through our Pets On the Go National Network.**

FedEx uses airplanes. We have vans and vans and more vans. Our parking lot was covered with rental vans and trucks one day in mid-June as over 200 dogs prepared to leave Abilene. Our previous record was 75 dogs leaving in three days.

Thanks to all of our internet friends and rescue groups this massive operation gathered dogs from kill-shelters all over Texas. After loading, the vans were headed everywhere! It took weeks of careful planning with rescue groups all over the nation to make this move happen.

Most went into the upper Midwest, but three of the Chihuahuas went across the border to Colborne, Ontario, Canada. Our Lora Jones received a midnight call from customs officers at the Canadian border to check health records! They even let Karma and Patches keep their stuffed toys! Racing to meet the departure time for the caravan, Curry was flown in from Houston.

And the next week our kennels were full again! Like DFW Airport we have animals in a holding pattern landing at our Transportation, Rehab, and Adoption Center just as soon as kennels open up.



## Humane Society Closes! We Take 21 Cats! Dr. Dearing Saves the Day!

An area humane society was closing and could not find anyone in Texas to take their remaining cats. Our Sandy Rogers hauled them to Abilene. Dr. Dearing rushed them into his surgery schedule and gave us a HUGE discount on their medical work. The City of Abilene Animal Services then helped us place them through an adoption event at PetSmart.



## Barbed Wire Settled the West

Highly rated in pioneer stories, barbed wire was too much to handle for a young cat in Goldthwaite who was no cowgirl. After being entangled in the wire, the cat's injuries were so severe that we had to amputate one leg. Our foster family fell in love and kept her.



## Which Bathroom Did You Say?

Sweet little A from Odessa did not intend to land in the middle of one of today's great political debates, but A was, how do we say it, born with both sets of equipment! Hmmm. A is now single sex, but we are not saying which one!



## No Embalming Please!

Was Pixie confused? Three different times she arrived at a rural funeral home asking for help. Each time they fed and groomed her and hoped she would find her way home. The last time she had a broken jaw and went to a area shelter that sent her to us. She is recovering from surgery.



## An Old Con Man?

An elderly man in Midland asked us to take tiny Chihuahua Minion, but did he know she was pregnant? We were very surprised when Minion gave birth to three "surprise" puppies! She was so scared that she had trouble making milk. Our JoAnn Bentley took her home, and with help from Dr. Bolt, Minion and puppies are doing fine.



## Waylon's Facebook Page

Waylon is the only homeless dog we've had who had his own Facebook page before he had a home! Rescue workers placed him in boarding and started a page for him to save him, and that's how he found us. Waylon was adopted in Pennsylvania within 24 hours of his arrival!



## Shih, It's a Surprise Party!

The cutest Shih Tzu puppies we've ever seen were dumped at the Abilene Animal Shelter. Several went to Austin, but one was adopted here and was the "surprise" at a little girl's birthday party. We are making happy endings coast-to-coast.



## Sleep Overs Save Lives!

Fat Molly (not our name) called from Odessa to see if she could sleep over at our place. Two days later she was off to Wisconsin with Kieria and Lola who were found running down I-20 in Midland. Many of our animals leave within a few days because they already have homes waiting!



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