



Sampson's Good Night Kiss

SUMMER SURGERY COSTS SOAR!
Seized, sick, and injured animals Create a Crisis!

Fighting Neglect and Cruelty All Over Texas!

Adult Protective Services Calls

We are often called on to help elderly folks who can't take care of their pets. In this case, Adult Protective Services in a nearby county called us about an elderly couple with over 20 Chihuahua/Dachshund dogs. The man was in the hospital and APS refused to allow him to come back to the home with that many dogs (and the conditions they created) since he would be in a wheelchair. We took all but two of the dogs, and arranged for them to be fixed at our expense to prevent round two. Our costs on the case jumped to over \$3,500.



24 Rural Dogs Rescued

A friend of ours spotted 24 dogs being kept in a very small (10'x12') dirt pen. He contacted the owner and arranged for them to release the dogs to us. All were infested with fleas, and a new mom and her 5 puppies were on the polluted ground. The dogs were fighting continuously, all had multiple wounds and scars. None were socialized. We quickly placed 10 of the adults and are working slowly with the others because they are scared of people. A second mom gave birth at our place pushing our vet bills over \$2,900 and still counting.



Brownwood Hoarding Case

Precious gave birth to four puppies just three days after she arrived at Dr. Bolt's from a hoarding case in Brownwood. We also saved Ducky and Little Bear.



Precious

Ducky

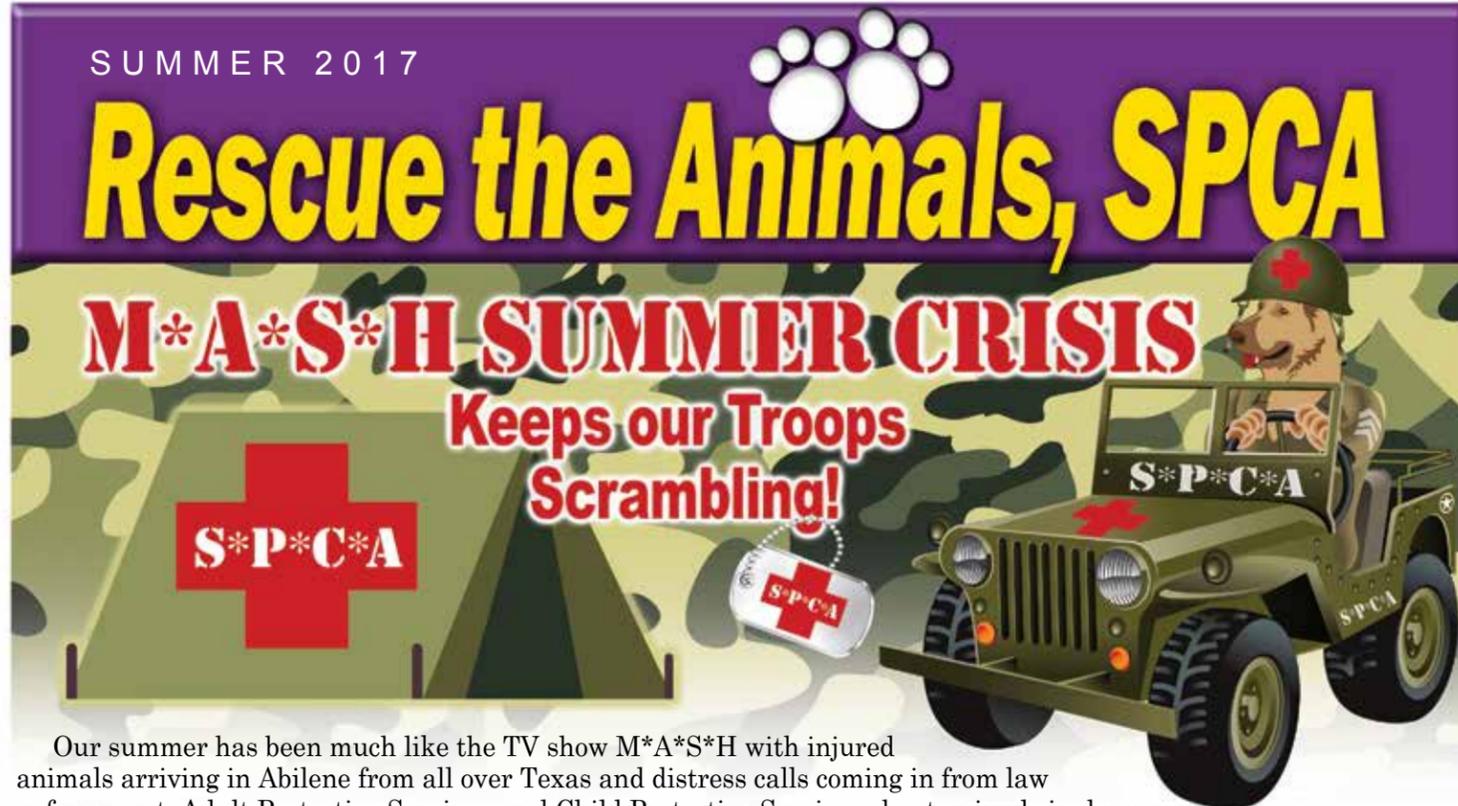
Little Bear

We Have Trained 100 Officials

Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Judges, Prosecutors, ACOs and more from 15 towns in 12 area counties have now been certified through our Cruelty Investigation Schools. Working with the West Texas Council of Governments this summer, we spent over \$4,000 to train 32 more officers.

You Say 50 Chihuahuas & 7 Horses. We say POGO!

Within 24 hours of the call from the Taylor County Sheriff's Office, we had help on the scene to seize over 50 Chihuahuas. A few days later 7 horses were seized in Sweetwater. Two were pregnant, and one has given birth. All these animals were quickly taken by our POGO Network members.



Our summer has been much like the TV show M*A*S*H with injured animals arriving in Abilene from all over Texas and distress calls coming in from law enforcement, Adult Protective Services, and Child Protective Services about animals in danger.

We don't have a chopper delivering casualties (although some are flown into Abilene), but we do have road warriors dashing across Texas to rush animals into Abilene for surgery because we are their only hope. Broken bones, eye surgeries, tumors, and emergency illnesses are all death sentences in pounds, but with homes already promised for them, we just can't say no. Dr. Allen Bolt is always on standby for our animals. Often he looks a lot like Hawkeye on MASH.

Some days we almost work MASH type hours. 0:200 hours is not our favorite time of day, but our team of volunteers were up and loading dogs at 2 a.m. one recent morning to rush 26 dogs off to new homes in the Midwest and to prepare for others arriving in Abilene later that day.

Our MASH summer has overwhelmed our surgery budget, overloaded our kennels with seized animals, overworked our volunteers, and left us overjoyed at the fantastic animals we have been able to save! However, our bank account is limping badly at this point, and we need your help to keep up with the surgery bills.

Your support for Rescue the Animals, SPCA allows us to touch the lives of countless people, too.

With both parents in jail, a little 10 year-old boy had to turn both Billy and Daisy into a rural shelter because he was going into foster care. Our volunteer arrived just minutes after the dogs were dropped off to see the shelter director in tears because she had no room left for the animals. We were there to take the shelter's cats since they too had nowhere to stay. The dogs were good sports as we shoved them into the vehicle with the cats and carried them to safety. We hope the child did as well....



Helping our troops. Dogs in Training.

Our Chelsea went to Illinois for training as a PTSD Assistance dog. Her veteran had not been able to get an assistance dog because his city did not allow Rottweilers or German Shepherds, which are the breeds usually trained. His life changed immediately when Chelsea arrived in Kansas!

Our Red Arlo is doing 18 months of training with veteran Dave in Indiana. Plus, many of our volunteers are active duty folks from Dyess, saving animals between tours in the Middle East.



A Heartworm First!

We see lots and lots of heartworms. In fact, rescue groups from out of state bring their heartworm cases to Dr. Allen Bolt because of his effective and economical treatments. But even Dr. Bolt said it was a first to find a very long heartworm inside little Mikey's testicle when he was neutered! Mikey's heartworm treatment went well because the medicine kills the worms everywhere.



Tye Tumor Takeout

In the Tye pound because his owner had died and with a large tumor on his side, 12 year-old Gordon the Basset had little chance. A family friend brought Gordon and his Basset buddy Treasure to us. After surgery, dental, flea dermatitis treatment and more they were off to new homes.



We Buy Condos for Animal Shelter

The Abilene Animal Shelter takes cats to PetSmart where they stay until adopted, but the cats have to be fixed before they go. We recently spent nearly \$2,000 for additional condos at the Animal Shelter to allow more cats to rest after surgery before going to PetSmart.



Amarillo Flying Circus Saves Aussies

Reba (deaf) and Red were on the kill list at the Amarillo pound. When they headed to Abilene, we headed to the airport. The Depinay family flew them to us in their plane. Mom and dad are both pilots, and daughter Florence is in pilot training! We are hoping they buy more planes.



Professional Mom?

Ginger gave birth to her puppies at the Abilene Animal Shelter. Only one survived to come with her to our place. Valerie, another mom, had a serious infection requiring several days of IVs, needed surgery, and could not feed her new born puppies. Ginger added Valerie's puppies to hers and fed them all. Dr. Sam Spence and family adopted Valerie's puppies.



Valerie & pups



Ginger



Spence family

Self-Driving Dane Crashes...

Self-driving cars are all the rage. Fred, the Great Dane, went for a drive of his own in Garland and was quickly bumped to the curb. He was placed on the emergency list because of his injuries and kennel cough. He let someone else drive him to Abilene for a happy ending.



Surgery, surgery is all we have heard this summer as animals are sent to us by our rescue group partners. These animals have homes waiting! We can't let them down! Please help today!

Extended Trauma

Nico was abandoned by his owner at a vet clinic in East Texas. The clinic kept him on pain meds for nearly two months and then took him to the local pound. With a broken leg, hip out of socket, and blind in one eye, the little guy suffered terribly. We responded immediately. Two surgeries later Nico is bouncing back and beginning to play again.



Breeder Tragedy

Four older Shih Tzus from the same breeder in East Texas came to us with eye problems after being dumped at a pound. One poor dog lost both eyes, another lost one, and we are waiting to see how the others do. These severe genetic defects don't stop people from making money because the defects show up after the puppies are sold!



CSI for Dogs?

We don't know what happened to Fry, and he can't tell us, but it was not good. He came to us from the Metroplex. Severe head trauma left a scar, broke his nose, twisted his neck, and left his tongue hanging out all the time. "Just the dog we were looking for," said the folks in South Carolina who adopted him!



Hip, Hip, Break a Leg!

Kimmy the Pom was thrown from a moving car and was rushed to Abilene for hip surgery. Although only 2 years old, she looked more like twelve. She is happy now in a new home in New Mexico.



Kimmy

Riley was in sick bay at the Abilene Animal Shelter with a broken hip when we saw him while looking for another dog. Hip surgery number two was another life saver.



Riley

Ginger Snap was in the pound in Waco about to be put down with a broken leg. Our friends in Waco called in the middle of night for emergency help and brought her to us. We found she needed hip surgery too! They then helped raise money toward her surgery.



Ginger Snap

Major Surgery

A Metroplex shelter sent out an S.O.S. for immediate evacuation for Major, who had chewed a hole in his abdomen after being neutered. He was rushed to Abilene where he quickly used his Elizabethan Collar to tear out our repair stitches! He is doing fine now, and our Metroplex friends raised money online for his repairs.



Don't Go to the Lake with This Guy!

The renters moved out of the rural home in far West Texas and left 22 dogs behind. When our volunteer contacted the landlord to help the dogs, he said something about taking two groups of them to the lake. Only 9 were still on the property including two young puppies and a pregnant mom. The landlord would never say exactly what had happened to the others.



Closet Dogs Hold Their Breath

When Cash and Baby Bear came down with kennel cough, an area shelter had no space left in sick bay. They were put in the bathroom and on that day's kill list. One of our volunteers took a quick break from work, grabbed the dogs, told them not to cough, and hid them in her closet at work! She turned up her music and made it till the end of the day when they came to us.



Gomer or Gonner?

Gomer was already pulled from his kennel for euthanasia when we spotted him. Wow, he knew all the basic obedience commands and was lovable. Our herding group friends in Indiana found him a home within 24 hours!



Abilene No, Indiana Yes

Our nationwide marketing paid off for Sunshine. After a very long stay at the Abilene Shelter, no one wanted the dog with "funny" teeth. We sent her picture to Indiana, and they said yes. She was adopted within three days.



Insect or Chihuahua?

Not much bigger than those really big black beetles, Wilbur was in the sick bay at the Abilene Animal Shelter with no hair. At about 12 weeks he would almost fit in the palm of your hand. He recovered quickly and was in a new home immediately.



Sleepover Saves 11 Heeler Puppies

Just a one night sleepover was enough to save 11 heeler puppies when they ran out of time in Weatherford. Their transport left Abilene early the next morning.



Not Everyone Visits Abilene

When our transport to Illinois had room for five more big dogs, we found them in Big Spring and had them picked up along the way. Similar transfers from Corsicana, Ballinger, and many other rural pounds through our POGO National Network partners save lots of animals that never visit Abilene.



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