



ABANDONED!

We Moved Hundreds of Animals This Summer

We Are Saving Victims of Abuse and Cruelty!

We are the only organization that works with law enforcement agencies all over West Texas to fight animal abuse and cruelty, and we take abused animals from all over the state that need medical care.

Taylor County Deputy saves Abandoned and Starving Dogs and Cats

When the Taylor County Sheriff's deputy checked on some rural dogs, he noticed a curtain move inside the abandoned house. Then it moved again.

Turns out there were kitty ghosts marooned in the home without food and water. Two adult moms with 9 new born kittens were in serious need of rescue. Outside, 5 dogs had no food or water. One, **Stitch**, had been attacked by the others and needed immediate medical help.

Another, **Marilyn**, was almost starved to death and had pancreatitis. She had very little time left when the deputy arrived.

The kittens grew rapidly with good care and everyone soon recovered enough to go to new homes.



New Born



Marilyn



Stitch

FREE Training School for Animal Cruelty Investigators

Each year we provide a **FREE Advanced Animal Cruelty School** for officers, judges, and others. Training includes animal welfare law, investigation procedures, how to build and prosecute cases, and how to seize animals in danger. The school provides them with continuing education credits that they would have to pay for otherwise. We spend \$4,000 or more on this program each year. It saves local officers nearly twice that much!



100 Degrees No Food or Water

The adorable little dog was called "Baby Girl" by its "family." The loving family moved out and abandoned her in mid-July leaving no food or water. Neighbors fed and watered the dog hoping for over a week the "family" would return before bringing her to us. We are not hoping for a reunion unless it is with the "family" and the Sheriff!



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Paralyzed Dachshund in Kid Therapy

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!

Sizzling Summer Adoption Transfers Save Hundreds

7 Days 28 Puppies Plus Adult Dogs

Summer 2019 set a sizzling pace as we raced day after day to take in animals from kill shelters all over Texas. From puppies to senior citizens, we have been deluged with requests for help, and our partners in 35 states have responded, taking hundreds of dogs this summer. Transports have been whizzing across the nation from Abilene to Washington state, Florida, Indiana, California, Ohio, New Mexico, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, New Hampshire, Maine and lots of places in between.

While our partner groups do a tremendous job of finding and carefully screening new homes, we bear almost all the cost of medical treatment for the animals we handle. From senior dogs, to puppies, medical costs are soaring as are the calls for help from kill shelters.

We do not adopt locally in Abilene to keep from being in competition for homes with the City of Abilene Animal Shelter, but we do take many animals from the Abilene Shelter and provide advertising programs and support for sales events. Local adoptions are near record highs.

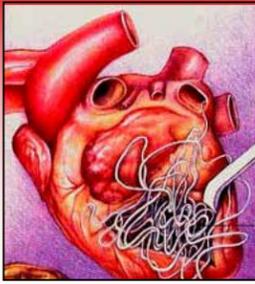
With wet summers in Texas, we have been seeing a tremendous surge in heartworm infections in dogs all over the state. Over the years, we have treated hundreds of dogs for heartworms, and this year **we are treating multiple cases every month at several hundred dollars each.**

New Progress in fighting animal cruelty and abuse? On January 1, 2019 the FBI began collecting separate information on animal cruelty crimes for the first time. These new statistics should help bring better enforcement of animal cruelty laws. Nearly all serial killers start by killing animals, but domestic violence and child abuse often follow cruelty to animals as well. People who hurt animals also hurt people!



Heartworm Survivors!

It took two weeks at the Abilene Animal Shelter before we could film **Wyatt** for TV (and then in his kennel), but he was very sweet. After 45 days and no adoption, we took him to our Transportation & Rehab Center and found he had heartworms!



Zap! The Louisiana mosquitoes zeroed in on **Pickles** and left him with a huge load of heartworms. He never knew what hit him! Zap! Dr. Bolt injected Pickles and started his antibiotic treatment, putting him on the road to recovery.

Jake From State Farm to Abilene?

Stranded in Harlingen with heartworms, numerous tumors, and open wounds on his shoulder and ribs, **Jake** certainly needed a good insurance agent. We brought him to Abilene, spent a bunch on his repairs and arranged for his trip to a new home in Florida.



Panhandle Lost Highway

Luci was stranded in the middle of a highway in the Texas Panhandle, no town or houses in sight, with black clouds and a tornado in the area. One of our partners stopped and called to her. Very thirsty and lonely, Luci bounded into the vehicle. Later that night a tornado crossed the road near where she was found. Luci is now in a great new home up north.



Flying J and Chip Hit the Road

Like the words of the old country song ("Give me 40 acres and I'll turn this rig around") someone at a local truck stop needed extra room and Javier was in the way. After learning about 18 wheelers and suffering a broken pelvis, our canine (just 3 months old) was found in the Flying J parking lot west of Abilene. Next came Chip, hit by a car in Abilene, unable to walk, and taken to the Abilene Animal Shelter. Dr. Allen Bolt did his medical magic, and we gave them lots of rest.



Javier



Chip



Jupiter and puppies



79 Moons and Almost that Many Puppies!

Jupiter, the very big planet, has 79 moons. Our Jupiter is not a very big dog, but she had 7 puppies romping around her night and day. Apollo, Luna Pluto, NASA, Cosmo, Halley, and Virgo are the cutest moons in any universe. She delivered the entire galaxy the day after arriving in Abilene!

Mother's Day Mom

At 3:00 p.m. on Mother's Day, **Fiona** was safely rescued from the Harris County pound. At 6:00 pm (on the road near College Station) she began shrieking loudly and went into labor. A quick stop at a vet in Aggieland resulted in 6 puppies. The following day, Fiona completed her trip to Abilene! A few weeks later, the entire gang were off to new homes in Wisconsin.



Bally had 9 puppies at our Transportation and Rehab Center in Abilene. She is a small dog and was soon worn out with so many pups. She weaned them just a little early and begged us to give her some rest!



Big Dog Small Maternity Ward!

Nancy is a big Lab. She had her 13 puppies under a very small shed, and no one knew (or would admit) where she came from. Our friends in Wisconsin learned of her plight and agreed to take the entire brood if we would hold them long enough for them to travel.



Our foster home in East Texas took in **Luisa** and four puppies. When the pups could be weaned, mom went east to one of our partners, and the four puppies made a brief stop in Abilene on their way west.



Tilly, a beautiful Schnauzer, was dumped while pregnant, and soon had 6 puppies. She needed multiple antibiotics and lots of care before leaving Abilene.



Santa Pilot Works Summers Too!

Bob Pattee, who has a Santa beard, has flown over 300 dogs to safety with Pilots N Paws since 2014, bringing several to us. First he brought Kerry, a little dog needing surgery after he was attacked and chewed up in a South Texas pound. Next came, Freddy, a senior Dachshund needing dental work who dropped out of the sky with Bob and his wife Penny. We are always amazed at the huge network of volunteers who are willing to drop everything to drive or fly our animals all over the nation.



Kerry



Freddy



Bob and Pattee

Dental Pain, Real and Financial!

Terrible teeth, infections, vitamin deficiencies, and tumors gave our 8 Dachshunds a terrible time. Although quite young, their owner had died, and volunteers drove them to us from South Texas. Despite their age, loving homes were found for all. Our financial pain was terrible, but we hope you will send us some Novocain!



Romeo Almost Dies Again!

When Romeo arrived at a kill shelter, he had a serious head wound and a major infection of mange which was almost the end of Romeo. Fortunately, one of our partners fell in love with Romeo (and 13 others) despite his looks. Now, he can love again!



Broken Pelvis is Death Sentence.... Almost

Barley was in severe pain from a broken hip after what we believe was an auto accident. Worse, his injury had put him on the immediate kill list in a Houston area pound. A quick call to Abilene found him a ride and medical care that made us all smile.



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