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**Puppy Panic Presses Budget!**  
**Grant Doubles Your Donation Till May 31st!**



## ELEVEN GREAT DANE PUPPIES WERE RUSHED TO US

from the Odessa pound along with mom and dad as they ran out of time. We quickly found a rescue to take them, BUT they were too sick to travel. It's been an uphill fight because the puppies were very malnourished, full of worms and bacteria, and some were sick. Daily trips to the vet, IVs, and lots of medicines slowly brought them around as our All-Volunteer Team worked day and night to save them, losing only one puppy.

## RTA Pilots Save Dachshund

The little Dachshund had been attacked by another dog and brought to a kill shelter instead of being taken to a veterinarian. The skin was ripped away from his chin all the way down across his chest, and no one could be found to help him. When our Lora Jones received an emergency email, she said yes immediately. Winter storm Goliath grounded our volunteer pilots for several days before two of them could ferry the little dog to us from New Mexico for surgery. Dr. Allen Bolt rushed the dog onto the operating table and went to work. Bruno is recovering rapidly as he receives K Laser treatments to help his huge wound heal. The donations of our friends are all that stand between animals like this and certain and painful death.



SPRING 2016

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**\$20,000**  
**MATCHING GRANT WILL**  
**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**

**GIVE \$20 AND WE GET \$40!** **TILL MAY 3, 2016** **GIVE \$500 AND WE GET \$1,000!**

An anonymous donor has pledged to match every dollar given to Rescue the Animals, SPCA up to \$20,000. This offer ends May 31, 2016. Every dollar you give will be doubled.

Time is short. We must have your help today to meet this challenge grant and make 2016 another record setting year. Because of our All-Volunteer Team we have no salaries to pay. Your donation will go farther than ever and help more animals than ever before.

### The Only One in the Nation...

The only thing worse than an animal dying in a pound, is an animal dying after someone in another state has already promised that pet a home but can't pick it up in time. We are the ones saving those animals. Our Transportation, Rehab, and Adoption Center is still the only one of its kind in the nation dedicated to their salvation. Animals come to our Center from all over the Southwest before going on to rescue groups all over the nation.

In 2015, we sent animals to rescue groups in 16 states, and we are adding new partners every month. Other rescue groups can take an animal from us for much less money than they would spend on the same animal from their local pound, since we do the medical work and most transportation is free. This is expanding our market.

### Our Adoption Center Is Full and Medical Bills are Rising.

From sick and malnourished puppies to seriously injured animals, we take the worst "cases" that no one else will treat as well as many healthy animals that may spend just a few days with us. 2016 is the Year of the Puppies! Litters from all over have arrived at the same time and many need extensive medical care as with our HUGE litter of Great Danes. As I am writing this newsletter, we have 91 animals in our Adoption Center, and nearly every one has a home waiting! By comparison, the City of Abilene Animal Shelter holds only about 65 adoptable animals per day.

**In 2015, The Abilene Animal Shelter Set More Records Thanks to our Sales & Promotions... See page 2.**

**PLEASE POST** our matching grant on your Facebook Page. We need every animal lover in West Texas on our team to reach our goal of raising \$20,000 by May 31, 2016.

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## A Poodle in the Snow

Found frozen to a tire (really!) in Lubbock during the winter's worst ice storm, Charlie the Poodle made it to Abilene only to be dumped and abandoned with his bed on the cold concrete porch of our Adoption Center. Fortunately, one of our volunteers arrived before Charlie wandered into traffic. Our medical exam led to Charlie losing about half his teeth! He is one of the very sweetest dogs we have ever met, and is now in a new home in South Texas.



## Mange on the Range or Star Wars Strange?

Looking like beings from an unknown galaxy, Mason and Mercy both came to us from the Abilene Animal Shelter with horrible cases of demodectic mange. Both suffered for weeks as we gave them medicated baths and treated bleeding sores all over their bodies. Finally, looking super cute, they were off to new homes in Austin.



Mason



Mercy

## Born a Junk Yard Dog!

In this age of diversity, being born in a junk yard to wild dogs should not hold anyone back. These three puppies were found in Haskell County in a real junk yard. A lady cared for them until they were old enough to be on their own and brought them, along with their toys and quilts, to us. They were soon on their way to new homes in Austin.



## Oops! Puppies Ground Mom

We had it all planned. Lady would arrive from Big Spring and spend just two days with us and have her puppies AFTER arriving at her final destination. No, the puppies came right away, and mom missed her ride to Iowa. Lady was not the only one needing a nap as our volunteers were being overwhelmed with eleven Great Dane puppies and several other litters the same week.



## The Charlie Brown Gang

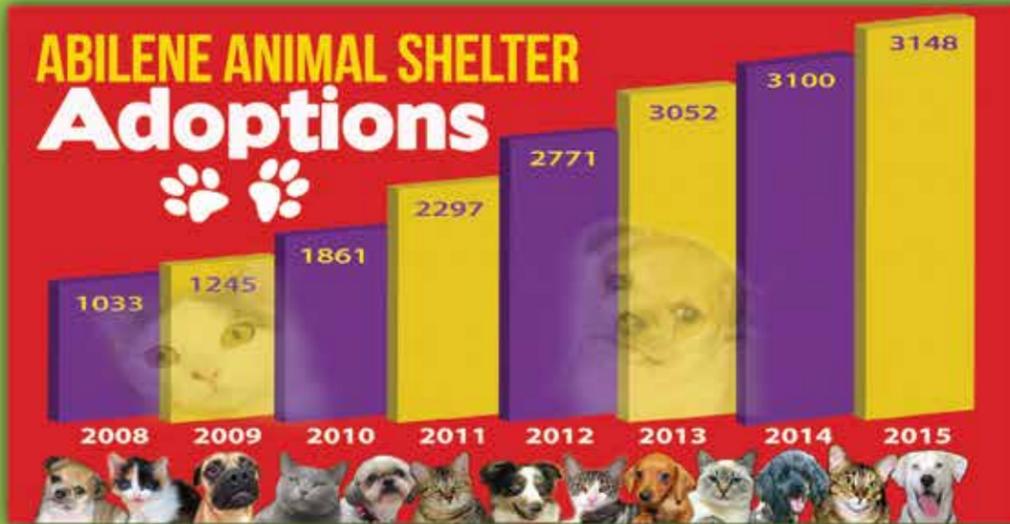
You won't see it in the comic strip, but our Lucy arrived pregnant and had her puppies two days later. The Charlie Brown Gang might just be the cutest litter of puppies we have ever seen. They are all off to new homes in Austin, and mom will join them as soon as her abscess heals.



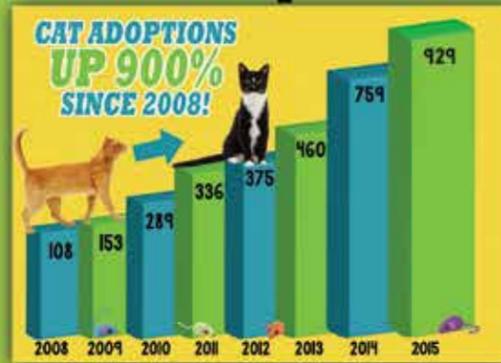
# Over 80% of Adoptable Animals Saved in 2015 at the Abilene Animal Shelter

Just 15% were being saved when we started in 1999.

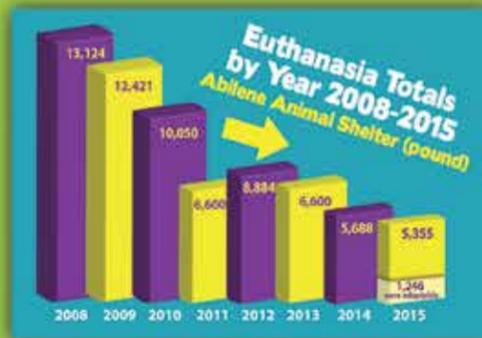
7 Years in a row of new adoption records! Your donation can make it 8 years in a row!



## Cat Adoptions have increased by 900%!



Dr. Vic Lee is giving \$10,000 to keep cats on sale every day of the year in 2016!



## 2015: Lowest Euthanasia Rate Ever!

The City of Abilene Animal Services team is setting new records in every area as more animals are adopted, adoptable animals are held longer, and fewer are killed every year. We spend thousands of dollars every year on mail-in rebates and shelter advertising to make our joint sales promotions with the City of Abilene a success.



## Abilene Animal Services Ships!

We work closely with director Aaron Vannoy and his team to expand our local market by sending every possible animal to rescue groups all over the nation. Aaron said goodbye to this litter of puppies he brought to us to hold until their trip to Iowa.

## Punpkin Pie in a Box

On a very cold winter day, little kitty Punkin was left on our door step in a box filled with her dead litter mates. Punkin went home with one of our volunteers for round the clock care and survived.

Honda, Alfie, and Echo are all abandoned kittens that our volunteers have taken home, nurtured, and placed in new homes.

## Grave Digger's Dog?

"We already have her grave dug in our backyard," was what the man said who brought little Dolly to a friend of ours in Odessa. Our friend grabbed Dolly and never looked back. Poor little Dolly had been horribly mistreated for an extended time and was so scared she nipped at everyone. After weeks of loving care, Dolly is now in a new home.

## Under Lock and Key during Goliath

Some animal shelters (Big Spring and San Angelo) have "lock boxes" where animals can be "deposited" overnight as strays. The dogs and cats are shoved through a one-way slot, and all of them wind up together until morning. Video at the Big Spring shelter showed that Chowder had been "deposited" by a family known for being involved in dog fighting during super winter storm Goliath. He apparently had been used as a bait dog and had been starved. He is recovering in our Doggie Witness Protection Program.

## Limping in Lane #5?

Red the Redbone Coonhound arrived at the Paris, Texas, shelter about 20 pounds underweight and limping. Dr. Bolt found that his growth was stunted and an old injury to his foot had never healed properly. So, where would a small, limping Coonhound possibly go? We sent him north, very north to Friends of Greyhounds in Massachusetts.

## Like Japanese Foot Binding?

Here we go again! Another owner that put a harness on a growing dog and left it there for months and months. Poor little Stella came to the Abilene Animal Shelter with her harness embedded in the flesh of her legs. She would have been crippled for life in just a few more months without our surgery.

## "Emergency Rescue Pull Requested."

"This 10 year-old was reported hit by a car. Medical staff feels she most likely has pelvic injuries and need immediate rescue pull. We cannot guarantee any additional time...." This was the posting online for Pearl at the Garland pound where she was on pain meds and borrowed time. We took Pearl ASAP, and Dr. Allen Bolt pulled her through.



Every Donation Doubled till May 31st! Give \$20 we get \$40. Give \$100 we get \$200 698-SPCA