



**A kiss after eye surgery.**

**Matching Grant Doubles Every Dollar You Give till May 31**

**6 Foot Fence No Problem! Autism, No Problem!**

Doug the Chug (Chihuahua/Pug) can climb a 6-foot fence in a heartbeat. We think he carries a pair of fence cutters but could not find them on him. No wonder then that he was in a rural pound. His next performance is even better. He has gone to live with



DOUG THE CHUG



a severely autistic child who has never wanted to be touched. Doug has opened a whole new world for the child according to his parents. The two are together cuddling and playing around the clock, and Doug is staying at home this time.

**10 Schnauzers, 6 Chihuahuas.... Breeder Extras?**

Breeder "cast offs" arrive at pounds all over Texas in large numbers. People have no idea how many less than perfect or "worn out" dogs die to produce the "perfect" looking puppy. If you don't look good, you die! We picked up 10 Schnauzers turned in at a pound in East Texas.



Then 6 Chihuahuas from the pound in Ft. Stockton that went on to Tennessee.



**A Typical POGO Week... 43 to New Homes!**

Our Pets On the Go network keeps us hopping. Here is a summary of a recent week.

- 6 dogs to Oregon
- 10 dogs to Illinois
- 10 dogs in 2 groups to Austin
- 1 dog to Alabama
- 4 dogs arrive from Paris
- 9 dogs to New Mexico
- 2 Poodles from Edinburg then on to Lubbock



Foxy from Anson to Abilene to San Angelo to... Boston!

SPRING 2017  
**Rescue the Animals, SPCA**

**IN 2016, WE DOUBLED EVERYTHING!**

**DOUBLED POGO NETWORK STATES TO OVER 30**

**DOUBLED ADOPTIONS TO OVER 1,000**

**DOUBLED RESCUE GROUP PARTNERS**

**\$20,000 CHALLENGE**

**Now We Can Double Every Dollar You Give to Save Even More Lives in 2017!**

Our 2017 Challenge Grant will pay Rescue the Animals, SPCA \$20,000 if we can match that amount by May 31, 2017. An anonymous donor has pledged to write a check for \$20,000, but only if we can match every dollar!

**Time is short. Every donation and every dollar is critical. If you can donate only once in 2017, this is the time to give!**

In 2016, we doubled everything in our operation saving over 1,000 animals, doubling the number of rescue groups in our Pets On The Go National Network, and doubling the number of states where we have partners.

When our partners in over 30 states pick animals on death row in Texas pounds, we must move instantly to bring these pets to Abilene for medical care. We can't wait to hold a bake sale or garage sale. We must have the money on hand to treat them immediately. We are the very last hope for these animals.

When law enforcement officers in over 20 West Texas counties call for help, we must move instantly as we did recently in a Child Protective Services case that is included in this newsletter.

**Please consider writing a check today! If you give \$20, we get \$40. If you give \$100, we get \$200.**

**Double Dogs Back from the Door of Death**

When our volunteer entered the shelter in Paris, Texas, the day after Thanksgiving to pick up a dog for us, the entire staff was in tears. On the medical table in the back of the shelter was **PePe** waiting for "the shot" that would end his life. With almost no hair, a bad skin infection, and a front leg that always looks out of joint, Pepe was out of time. Our volunteer made an emergency call to Abilene, and Pepe was saved! Pepe is housebroken and the favorite of our entire team!



PePe



Shannon

Another of our volunteers was picking up a group of dogs at the Abilene Animal Shelter that had been picked by our out of state partners, when he saw a dog in Sick Bay that appeared to be asleep. Actually, the dog had been tranquilized in preparation for euthanasia. Our volunteer grabbed **Shannon**, who awoke at our Adoption Center alive and well. Many of our animals are saved with just minutes to spare.

## Hocus Pocus Shot, but Escapes!

Yes, there was a bullet, but it passed right through the little female Aussie/Heeler from Amarillo without hitting anything important! She is now named Hocus Pocus. No matter how the Bolts tried, she escaped from every cage and kennel on the place prior to her departure for Illinois.



## Blind Puppies Don't Sell!

Dumped by a breeder in East Texas and on the 24 hour "kill list," our two standard Poodle puppies are now safe in a new home where the mom is a nurse and the son wants to be a vet.



## Recycling Bin for Snickers?

A local man visited the recycle bins and heard a whimpering sound from inside. Snickers and her puppies had been dumped in one of the bins in a box! Mom was very thin, but quickly recovered. Being a Jack Russell, she loves to play ball! The family is now safe in Florida.



## 9 Kittens Seek 9 More Lives in Austin

Nine of our country kittens were off to the big city of Austin recently. They posed for pictures at the Hendrick Home barn where they were staying before leaving town. With the Texas Legislature in session, they may need all 9 lives to get by!



## Ouch, that Really Hurt!

Jack kept growing. His collar did not. Firmly embedded in his skin, someone ripped the collar off, leaving him with a terrible skin infection that spread over his body. He also had demodectic mange. The long process of medicated baths is bringing Jack back, but slowly.



## Reincarnated Chihuahuas?

We call them Laverne and Shirley, Chihuahua throwbacks to TV past. Both were dumped at the Abilene Animal Shelter -- one with a broken leg, the other with a metal plate in one leg that had been broken and repaired. Both must have suffered a terrible life.



## Hospital Cat Condos?

After nearly two weeks, the social worker at Hendrick Hospital discovered that her patient had left his cats at home with no one to care for them. Our volunteer rushed to the home to find the cats still in remarkably good shape and kept visiting to feed them as days passed. Soon our help was needed in placing the cats in new homes.



# CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SAYS, "LET THE DOGS OUT!"

"We have a crisis,"

said the deputy sheriff on the phone.

"Child Protective Services won't let this lady's kids go back home until the dogs are removed from the house." Whoa! We soon found out the home contained 16 Pom/Chihuahuas and Pom/Dachshunds including a new litter of puppies. Evidently sanitary conditions were lacking.

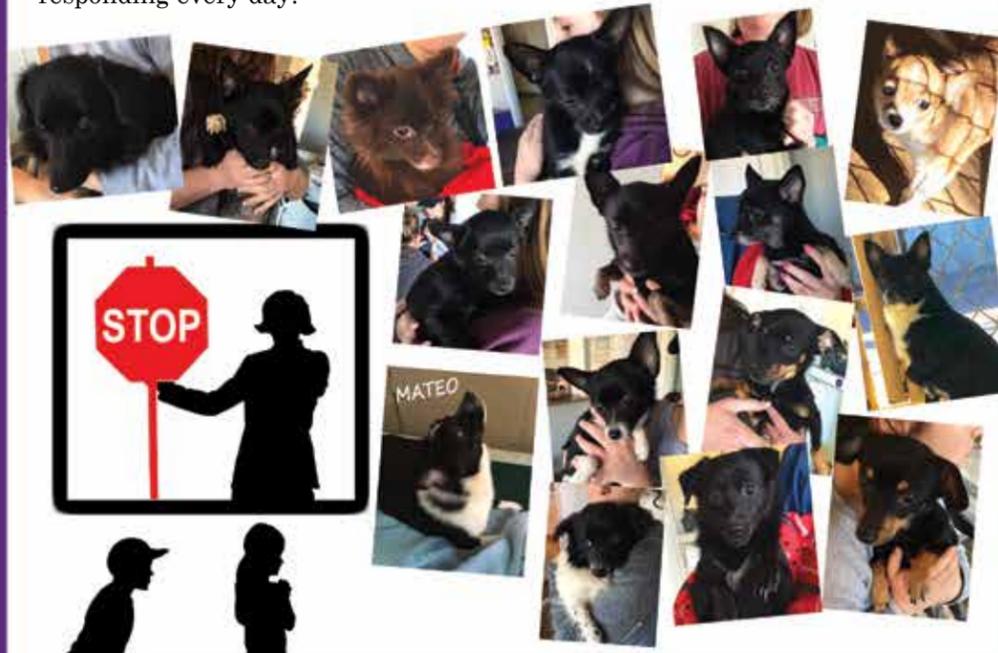
Our call came in about 10:00 am. By 2:00 pm our Lynn Pitcox was on the location with the deputy loading 17, not 16 dogs, for the trip to Abilene.

Meanwhile, our Lora Jones was texting our partners nationwide for help. By the time the dogs arrived in Abilene, she had new homes waiting for them in Indiana.

The dogs were in relatively good condition considering the circumstances, but all needed shots, worming, and a complete medical check up.

One little dog, Mateo, is blind and has neurological problems (not uncommon in cases of in breeding). However, he is super sweet, and our partners are certain they can find a great home for Mateo.

After lunch that same day, we picked up 8 more animals from the City of Abilene Animal Shelter that were out of time. We need your help to keep responding every day!



## Can't Make It Till Morning....

A late emergency from the Abilene Animal Shelter sent us rushing over to pick up four tiny Poodle mix puppies that needed immediate bottle feeding. The Shelter staff stayed late to meet us. Luigi, Mario, Peach, and Plum slurped all night long. They are growing fast and waiting with us just long enough to have their first two sets of shots before travelling to their new homes.



## How Do You Say Polka Dot in Chinese?

"I'll just dump her in a box somewhere," said the lady who could not sell her last Shar Pei puppy. Overhearing the remark, a friend rushed Cher to us early one morning. She had serious ringworms, nothing more!



Cher quickly took charge of our entire Doggie Tong going into foster care with Honey and 3 Shar Pei puppies (from Seymour, Texas) and another puppy from the Abilene Animal Shelter suffering from terrible demodectic mange (not contagious). Cher herded the entire group in and out the doggie door.

## North to Seattle.... Winter Actually Happens!

Winter closed in while four of our dogs were on the road to Colorado and Seattle with snow storms, icy roads, and everyone sleeping in the van. Marco had been returned to us after five years and is now living on a houseboat in Seattle. A Microsoft employee adopted Blanca, who came to us from an Abilene hoarding case.



## A Full time Eye Surgeon?

Found in the median of I20 near Sweetwater, Shaggy the Basset's glaucoma was so bad we had to remove one of his eyes. Soon, he was off to Albuquerque with Basset buddy Chuck.



Before surgery



Honor after adoption



Honor, the Shar Pei, came to us from Amarillo almost unable to open her eyes. In a common Shar Pei problem, her eyelids were rolled under making the lashes rub her



eyes, causing major problems. Dr. Allen Bolt did surgery on both eyes, and Honor is in a new home.

Olive came to us from East Texas with an old eye injury that had never been treated, and the eye had to be removed before she could go to a home in New Mexico.

Alfie had one eye that was either injured or perhaps misshapen at birth. Her recovery from eye surgery was long and difficult but successful. She too is in a new home.



Olive



Alfie

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