

**PETS ARE DYING
 IN TEXAS POUNDS
 AFTER HOMES
 HAVE BEEN FOUND!**

NOW, OUR NEW POGO! NETWORK IS SAVING THEM!

Saving Ollie is a Nationwide Effort!

Out of time and paralyzed in the San Antonio pound, Ollie the Belgian Malinois had just one friend and that's all it took. Tina Underwood in Kenna, West Virginia saw his picture and called Chrissy Russo in New York City, who contacted our Lora Jones. When we said yes, they arranged for him to go to a vets office for pickup.



Ollie Late October

Jillian Haddad brought him as far as San Angelo, and Rebecca Smith brought him on to Abilene. Two vets said he was paralyzed, but Dr. Allen Bolt ran X-Rays and blood tests and felt certain he had a spinal infection.

After starting massive antibiotics, Ollie went to stay with our Sondra Steffey. This was in August. By October Ollie could use his front legs and was fitted with a set of big wheels for his back legs and began to walk around. Soon Sondra was taking him to the lake for water therapy, and he began to move his back legs too!

As Ollie became strong enough to travel, we began arranging his trip to Tina in West Virginia, who started his salvation! We were there when no one else would help!



Ollie September



Ollie in San Antonio on way to Abilene

Ridgeback Hostage Recovering

The hostage was tied up and left in an abandoned house until he nearly starved to death. No, not in Yemen or Iraq, but in Odessa, Texas! Speaking up for Those That Can't, a Midland rescue group, called us for help when Tay was found very near death.

Tay had lost about 50% of his normal body weight and was only days away from organ failure with a very low red blood count, a low liver count, worms, and an abscess on his elbow that soon burst. Then he began having seizures. In just over a month, Tay's weight started to improve and medicines began to control the seizures. By Halloween, Tay was a new dog and is almost well.



Tay in September



Tay in Odessa on Sept, 16, 2015



Tay in Odessa on Sept, 17, 2015



Tay gains weight

Fur Ball will be Saturday, February 20, 2016. Honoring Tootsie Nichols!

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HOLIDAY 2015

Rescue the Animals, SPCA



A LONG, LONG WAY HOME....

A Home was Waiting in Florida, but Jasper in Garland, Texas, Couldn't Get a Ride in Time....

The only thing worse than an animal dying in a pound, is an animal dying when someone in another state has already promised that pet a home but can't pick it up in time. We saved Jasper by bringing him to our Adoption Center to stay until his trip to Florida.

Much like the famous FedEx that flies all its packages into Memphis, TN, the new Rescue the Animals Pets on the Go! National Network brings animals to our Adoption Center from all over the southwest. We then arrange rides for these animals to rescue groups all over the nation. See more about our new POGO network inside.

Adoption Center on S. 1st Full Again!

Our Adoption Center is full again as we have taken in 230 animals since June. We are on track to handle more animals in 2016 than we have ever handled before at our Adoption Center! The best part is that nearly all the animals are already spoken for before we take them, giving us a very rapid turnover rate. We are open on Saturday afternoons for local adoptions, too.

Record Setting Medical Bills! Paralyzed in San Antonio. Starving in Odessa...

Ill and injured animals in kill shelters are too expensive for most rescue groups to treat. We are the only ones who will take them treat them, and care for them until rides can be arranged. Ollie was paralyzed in San Antonio and Tay was almost dead of starvation in Odessa. We saved them when no one else answered the call, and we are saving animals no one else thought could live! As a result, our medical bills are setting a record along with the number of animals we are handling. Most have homes waiting as soon as they are well enough to travel.

We spent \$8,000 in September on medical for animals. We need your help today to be able to keep taking these beautiful animals.

Abilene Animal Shelter Setting Records with Our Help.

So far in 2015, Rescue the Animals, SPCA has issued over \$39,000.00 in mail-in rebates, and spent just over \$30,000.00 on advertising and promotions for animals adopted at the City of Abilene Animal Shelter.

The Abilene Animal Shelter is now saving over 80% of all its adoptable animals and holding them up to a full month. Plus the Abilene Animal Shelter is on track to have another record setting year, adopting more animals each month than both RTA and the city combined did in 2014.



Our Most Important Sale of the Year!

Every December we pull out all the stops to send every possible animal at the Abilene Animal Shelter Home for the Holidays. We need your help to pay for extra sales rebates and extra advertising. Help us set another new December adoption record!

Voodoo Heavy Metal Dogs

Harry and Lloyd met the Voodoo porcupine and were covered with quills when Realtor Kimi Bruno found them running down the road. Her husband hauled them to Dr. Allen Bolt, who removed the quills. He hesitated briefly thinking they might want to form their own heavy metal band! Both dogs are well and headed to rescue groups. Our thanks to the many folks who made online donations for their care



Hernia, Abuse, & Heartworms in Corsicana



We took Elsa with a huge umbilical hernia and her puppy Anna that came from a cruelty case in Corsicana, TX. Riding along with them were three dogs whose owner had died, and one of them had heartworms. Corsicana called again about another heart worm dog, and our Martha McGee made a second 224 mile (one way) trip to Corsicana.

I Can't See You!

Our network is saving hard to place animals like Butch the blind Shih Tzu who is now going to work most days with his new friend, a dog groomer in Albuquerque. His owner had died. After a very long time at the Abilene Animal Shelter, we took Butch and kept him for over two months.



Drama Delivery, ER for Two Please!

The second driver bringing dogs to us from Odessa arrived an hour behind the first driver and remained in our parking lot long after unloading. When we checked on her, she was having an asthma attack! She had cancelled her doctor's appointment that morning because the dogs had to leave that day or die! She quickly recovered at the Hendrick ER.



We turned our attention to Tasha who seemed ready to deliver puppies at any moment. Fortunately, she waited just long enough for us to find a foster home in Houston, where she had 10 puppies immediately upon arrival.



We have the only major Rehab, Transport and Adoption Center in the nation that is dedicated solely to saving animals through the internet.

Now our new **Pets On the Go!** national network is sending animals all over the United States from Abilene, Texas, and bringing hundreds of rescue groups together to coordinate their activities.

Over 90% of the animals we take already have homes waiting, but **all them would die** before rides could be arranged without them coming to us.

Our network of friends locates animals in kill shelters and matches them with rescue groups that will take them. The animals then come to us for a few days, a few weeks, or even more until the receiving group can arrange space for them and rides to move them.

In many cases, the animals **need immediate medical care**, and **we are the only ones who will agree to take on the expense.**

One of our new friends is **Muriel in London, England!** She is often working on multiple animals for us that are either headed to Abilene or leaving us for their new homes. Our enclosed insert shows just how complicated all this really is.

Fire and the Fast Lane....

Bernie the Lasha Apso was burned over most of his body in Snyder. We don't know how, but he recovered quickly. Teddy was found in the middle of a major intersection in San Angelo. Our friend Crystal in San Angelo brought them to us.



Ricketts? Croquet or Disease?

Destiny the Black Lab was turned in at the Abilene Animal Shelter unable to use her front feet, and the owners thought they were broken. Dr. Allen Bolt found an old easily treatable answer, Ricketts! A lady in the Bolt's lobby when Destiny arrived adopted her. It was Destiny!



Sort of Like a Basset is OK!

Utah Friends of Bassetts in Salt Lake City recently took Hershey, a Basset whose owner had died and let us send along Bones (cruelty seizure in Killeen) and Harley who are both mixed breeds. Our guys made an overnight stop in Roswell to see the aliens before reaching Utah.



Head 'Em up and Heel 'Em Out!

Jethro and Bingo hit it big at last. As puppies they were found in a box at an Abilene laundromat and went to the Abilene Animal Shelter. Muriel in London found the All Herding Breed Dog Rescue in Joliet, Illinois, where Lois Cranfield agreed to take them and our Voodoo dog Harry.



Lastest and Fuzziest....

Darryl was the last dog on the kill list in Odessa when they asked if he could come along to us with several others. We said yes! A nurse quickly adopted him and is training him to be a therapy dog.



Mauston, Wisconsin from London?

Our London "office" put together a trip to Mauston, WI, for three dogs from Odessa, one dog from Colorado City, and we are adding a puppy Nate from the Abilene Animal Shelter. They will soon be off to Amanda Richmond with Hoping Fur A Home in Mauston.

