## Cats are Like Kids.. Achoo!

Maybe it's La Nina, maybe it's a new bug, but this winter all our cats are suffering from respiratory illness. Even though we have separate cat rooms for Sick Bay, Isolation, Condos, and our Community Cat Room, everyone seems to catch the same bugs during Winter. This winter it is really bad, and our medical costs on cats are soaring. Since most of them come from the pound, they often are already incubating something before arriving at our place. Your help here will go a long way.



We also need folks to foster kittens....



## Walker is our 5,000<sup>th</sup> Pet Treated by Dr. Allen Bolt...

Last December we celebrated our 10,000<sup>th</sup> animal saved since we began in 1999. Now, we are celebrating the 5,000<sup>th</sup> pet to be treated at Animal Health and Medical Center on Highway 83/84. We have received tremendous help from several local vets over the years, but Dr. Allen Bolt, his family, and staff have handled more of our animals than anyone, including Walker Texas Ranger, who came from the pound. Do you need a force for law and order at your place?

## Microscope Needed!

The only microscope in our vet clinic is old and on the fritz. Now, we can't tell mange from dandruff without taking samples somewhere else. If you know someone with a medical grade microscope lying around, please call Mindi Qualls at 698-SPCA.

# Over 1,400 Kids Draw Their Favorite Dog.

Each year our Kibbles and Kids Art Contest asks kids from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to draw their favorite dog. We ask them to show us what makes their dog happy. Schools from Baird to Sweetwater entered our contest. Here are a few of the top entries.

# Can...Cat....Can Just one letter makes a big difference.



Maybe the folks who wrote the following note didn't have their glasses handy when they read that we are collecting aluminum cans to raise money for medical expenses.

"You have 2 small cats in your aluminum can depository!!!" The note was written on a page from the AAA Travel Guide, and the headline below the note was marked out that said, "Pick a destination. Any destination." The two young kittens frolicking among the cans did not have that chance! But ours is a total recycling program. The kittens are in new homes and the cans are being smashed, melted, and turned back into more cans. They just washed the Coke bottles didn't they?

## Bring us Your Cans! 24 Hour Drop Off at 5933 South First



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Abilene, Texas 79603
www.RescueTheAnimals.org
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# Rescue the Animals, SPCA

# **Matching Grant Will Double Your Donation...**

Till May 1, 2009 Give \$20 and we get \$40! 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 is good until May 1, 2009.

No matter the amount you give, it will be doubled by our anonymous donor.

Now, you can double your money and double the number of animals you can help!

No matter what the stock market does, you will know that your investment in Rescue the Animals, SPCA will double. Sorry, we can't make that guarantee for your other investments!

This is the ultimate way to fight inflation. Make out your check (or become a Pet Partner...see below), and BINGO, just like being in Vegas on a good day, your donation will double.

Instead of treating one heartworm positive dog, your contribution will treat two! Instead of spaying one cat, your contribution will spay two!

With hard economic times coming, we are already seeing more abandoned pets as well as more pets with medical problems being dumped. The local heartworm epidemic is growing and the dry winter has seen an explosion in respiratory illness in cats.



### If you have thought about making a contribution, now is the time!

We can double everything you give. You won't get that return on any investment these days! Our entire budget comes from private donations.

#### Call all your pet-loving friends.....Email everyone on your list!

There are thousands of pet lovers out there, but we need your help to reach as many of them as we can before the May 1<sup>st</sup>. deadline on our matching grant.

# **Arrow Ford Teams Raises Money...Saves Animals**

Over 15 employees at Arrow Ford have rescued animals as pets. They recently passed the hat to raise money in support of our Fur Ball. Seaton Higginbotham and his team have been big supporters of ours for years.

# Talk to your friends, maybe you can hold a fundraising drive, too!

Every year we receive donations from groups of people who work together and from various clubs around town. Many kids groups raise money for us as well. Please take a moment and think about the contacts you have that might help us reach new pet lovers and reach our matching grant goal.



# Become a Pet Partner and we can double your first year's gift!

With our Matching Grant, we can double whatever you give as a Pet Partner for the first year.

If you donate \$10 a month as a Pet Partner, that's \$120 per year. BUT we receive \$240 because your Gift is doubled!

Your monthly donation on a bank draft or credit card can make a huge difference for our animals.

Just \$10 or \$20 per month will go a long way. Please fill out the enclosed Pet Partner form today!

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