

## IHOP Pancake Olympics for the Whole Family!

You've never had this much fun eating pancakes! We will have pancake games for the entire family.

**Pancake Flip:** How many times can you flip and catch a cooked pancake with a spatula?

**Pancake Toss:** Use the spatula to toss a pancake at a target.

**Pancake Relay:** Can your family pass the pancake from spatula to spatula more times than anyone else?

**Musical Pancakes:** Musical Chairs with pancakes.

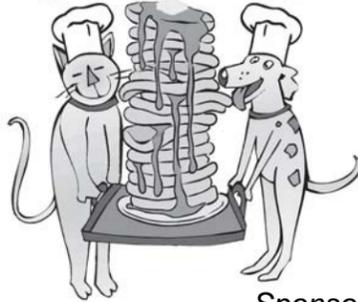
**Pancake Decorating for Kids**

**6:00 pm Enter the Pancake Eating Contest!**

**HELP US SELL TICKETS Call 672-4456!**

*Tickets: Use enclosed order form or come by 5933 South First 1-5pm Mon-Sat.*

### PANCAKE OLYMPICS



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### May 21

Abilene High School Cafeteria  
4 pm to 7:30 pm

### \$5.00

**all you can eat**

Children under 5 accompanied by a paying adult free.

## Dachshund Races

July 12

Under the Oaks at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap.

**Fantastic fun for the entire family!**

See the flying Dachshunds!

Bring your dog!

New activities for non-racers too!



## New Events for non-racers!

Last year over 100 Dachshunds raced under the oaks at Perini Ranch, and over 600 people watched them. This year we are adding a Fun Course for the dogs that may not want to race. It will be an easy but entertaining adventure for all small breed dogs (think doggie maze and more).

We will also have easy pre-registration to move folks in quickly, and Gus (the Basset) Perini will have great food and drinks and we hope ice cream.

**Race Sponsors Needed! Call us for details 698-SPCA.**

## Vaccinations People Can Afford...Every Wednesday 1pm - 3:30 pm Low-cost Spay and Neuter...Appointment. required - call 698-SPCA

**\$19.99**  
**FOR ALL SHOTS**  
No Appt. Needed

CATS  
DOGS

Male  
\$30  
\$40 & up

Female  
\$40  
\$60 & up

**We do SPAY/NEUTER**  
**at prices everyone can afford.**

## Rescue the Animals, SPCA

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Abilene, Texas 79603  
[www.RescueTheAnimals.org](http://www.RescueTheAnimals.org)

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*We Can Still Double Your Money!*

SUMMER 2009

# Rescue the Animals, SPCA

## Double Your Money Donation Drive Goes Over the Top...

But Wait There's More...

## Our Donor Agrees to Match Another \$10,000 in Donations up to July 1, 2009.



*Yahoo Again!*

Thanks to everyone who helped us meet our \$20,000 target for matching funds! The Double Your Money drive was so successful, that our anonymous donor has agreed to match another \$10,000 in donations between now and July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The only complaints we have had have been from stockbrokers who want us to stop talking about how people can double their money...guaranteed! We are still the very best investment you can make.

**Now, until July 1<sup>st</sup>, every dollar donated to Rescue the Animals, SPCA will be doubled!**

**Give \$20 and we get \$40! Give \$500 and we get \$1,000!**

**Double your money and double the number of animals you can help!**

We diagnosed 3 more dogs just today with heartworms. The number of heartworm cases looks as if it may double again this spring. But, with your donation being doubled by our anonymous donor, we can keep pace!

Our weird weather is keeping everyone sick including our cats and kittens. Our cat medical bills may be double this spring. But your donation plus our matching donor's will allow us to treat the same number of cats.

Abuse and neglect cases may also double this spring. These cases often increase as economic stress increases.

But, again, your donation right now will allow us to be there when abused animals are in need.

As more folks learn about our low cost spay/neuter program, we are adding extra surgery days to meet the demand. If you donate now, we can have twice as much money to fund this critical program that is already preventing thousands of unwanted births.

We always see double during kitten and puppy season. This year, we can save even more young animals with your help. Puppies and kittens often have very little natural immunity because their parents have not been vaccinated. The result is lots of runny noses and lots of antibiotics!

## And We Will Stretch Every Dollar You Give... HooReaugh!

By delaying our outdoor improvements for a year, we have made our funds go further than even we thought they would. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reaugh donated enough oilfield pipe to make posts for all of our new perimeter security fence. A grant from the Community Foundation of Abilene provided the funds for the rest of the fence material.

After we added free labor for installation, we wound up with over \$20,000 worth of fencing that did not have to come out of our regular donations, leaving all that money to directly benefit our animals.

## Your Donation Can be Doubled Twice in Our Exercise Space....

We are in the final phase of finishing our exercise yards, grading, leveling, planting grass, trees, and shrubs, and building a covered pavilion for outdoor activities and sidewalks. Your donation can more than double our outdoor space for exercise and for people to visit with animals they want to adopt. Remember, a \$15 donation becomes \$30 and will buy a very nice shrub! Give \$100 (we get \$200) and we will have new sidewalks in no time. **Plus, we have free labor for these projects which means your donation is doubled yet again.** Labor is typically half the project cost.

Adoption Center...5933 South First, Abilene, Texas • 325-698-7722

## Christmas Shopping at HEB...



It turned out to be a perfect Christmas story. On a very cold day just before Christmas, a lady brought us a very small black puppy that her son had found in the HEB parking lot. Our Adoption Center was full, and there was nowhere for the puppy to go. We finally made room at our old office on North First. Rover turned out to be the perfect puppy. He loved racing around and around the office, and soon he raced off to a new home.

## Foster Parents Needed.....Duck Out Before they become Teens!!



We need foster parents for mother cats and their kittens! They need a place away from all other cats for 8 to 10 weeks. We provide food and medicines. Young kittens do better in foster homes because there are no other feline bugs for them to catch. And, you can say goodbye before they start driving! We need help today! Call Mindi at 698-SPCA.

## Dr. Wilson's Donna Takes Them All!



Donna at Mobile Vet saw 9 kittens at the pound. Bingo, she grabbed them all. Dr. Wilson has always been an easy touch, so we hope Donna still has a job. When the kittens are older, they will come to us to be fixed and then be ready for new homes. You could be a Donna too! Sign up as a foster mom by calling 698-SPCA.

## Pregnant on Death Row, Wendy is now in Hardware!



When we did not have room for Wendy at our Adoption Center, she went to the Abilene Mobile Homes Parts Store to have her babies. Her 5 kittens have been born and are becoming experts on plumbing as we wait for them to be old enough for new homes. They will just about be ready when you read this newsletter, and more will be waiting at the pound to take their place.

## More Dachshunds will be Ready by Race Time!



Our Director, Mindi Qualls, noticed a slightly pudgy Dachshund at the pound. The card said that Molly was "fixed," which would mean she could be off to a new home quickly. When Mindi and Molly visited further, something did not seem quite right, and Dr. Allen Bolt's sonogram confirmed that

Molly was just days away from having at least 7 puppies! Three days later Molly had 8 puppies and they should be ready for new homes in time for our July 12<sup>th</sup> Dachshund Races. We assume the card should have said, "She is in a fix," instead of "she is fixed!"

# THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN ....OR MAYBE TWO.

The new Sheriff in town is **Les Bruce**, a veteran of the Abilene Police Department. Taking office in January, Sheriff Bruce has acted quickly to continue the department's fine tradition of acting aggressively to protect animals. Sheriff Bruce toured our Adoption Center and met the staff.

Three starving dogs were recently seized by the department. Two of the dogs were nothing but skin and bones and a third was being held in a cage with absolutely no food, water, or a gate! Craig Griffis of the Sheriff's Department had to use wire cutters to open the cage and free the dog. We look forward to working with Sheriff Bruce and his fine team of officers to protect the animals of Taylor County.

**Aaron Vannoy**, the second new "Sheriff" in town, hit the ground running in March as the new Director of the City of Abilene Animal Services (the pound). Aaron previously worked for the local Red Cross and Boys and Girls Clubs of Abilene.

Our first chance to work with Aaron happened almost immediately when an owner in ill health had to take four bird dogs to the pound. Fortunately, it was the week of the Safety City Clay Shoot. We called Jennifer Stuckey with Safety City to see if the dogs could come to the Shoot to find new homes. The answer was yes! Aaron arranged for the four bird dogs plus a Lab to go. Rudy Fernandez from KEAN 105 talked the dogs up at the clay shoot, and 3 of the bird dogs and the Lab were all adopted thanks to Jennifer Sharp of Animal Services who introduced them to everyone at the event. The fourth bird dog is now at our Adoption Center.

Aaron's fast start at Animal Services continued the next week with a savage cruelty case. A pit puppy about 10 weeks old was attacked by its owner. The man broke the puppy's jaw and several ribs. The poor puppy had to be euthanized. Thanks to the hard work of the APD and Animal Control Officers Samantha Freeman and Jennifer Sharp, the owner was arrested and jailed on felony animal cruelty charges.

A donkey wandering down the street started the next animal case. While checking on the donkey, an officer noticed a horse tied to a pole. The piles of manure showed that the horse had been there for a very long time. When the horse was inspected, an abscess the size of a softball was found on its nose. Animal Services secured a warrant to seize the horse and had a veterinarian examine it. The vet concluded that the infection was so far along that the animal should be euthanized. The owner had been using an antibiotic spray on the wound instead of seeking proper medical care. The City is in the process of filing charges against the owner for failure to provide adequate care (Class C misdemeanor). Animal Services records indicate that the horse was loose in traffic some weeks earlier and was struck by a car, which probably caused the abscess.

While in the neighborhood, the officers noticed a horse hobbling around in another yard nearby. This second horse appeared to have an infected foot and was also taken in for a vet exam. Again, the prognosis was that the infection was too far advanced to save the animal. The owner said the horse had been purchased recently as a gift. Charges will probably be filed in this case as well.

## More Time for Cats! 7 Days Not 3!

Aaron has also directed that all healthy adoptable cats be held for a full week instead of the previous 3 days! We are still working with the City on their expansion plans in hopes that soon we will be able to make the same deal for all healthy adoptable dogs.

Working with Abilene Animal Services, we are trying to encourage anyone who sees an animal that is not being properly cared for to call both Rescue the Animals, SPCA and Abilene Animal Services.

**Report Abuse and Neglect...NOW! Call 698-SPCA and call the City of Abilene 698-0085 or call the Taylor County Sheriff's Department 674-1333**



Les Bruce



Aaron Vannoy



Jennifer Sharp

## Albuquerque to Abilene for an Afternoon Drive

Eric and Joann Perkins saw Dotty the Doberman on the internet. They called our Adoption Center, and gave us references over the phone as they drove from Albuquerque to Abilene to pick up the dog! It was a case of instant love, and the new family loaded up for the trip back to New Mexico. They found that Dotty loves riding in the car and is a great Frisbee player. A great ending for a dog who was left tied to our front porch while we were out one day!



## Adopt a French Pirate! They are All the Rage These Days...

We missed the conversation, but the Pit Bulldog attacked the French Bulldog with tragic results. Dr. Allen Bolt donated his services to remove Socks' damaged eye and repair numerous other injuries. Now we have a one-eyed dog with a French bark, and we think you will love him! Maybe you could start hijacking containers off the trains as they go through town.



## What if You Lived With the Wicked Step-Sister?

Baby was a delightful little kitten, but her wicked step-sister made her life very, very tough. Finally, the wicked step sister drove Baby from her happy home (something about a glass collar that would only fit one cat in the world). Now, baby is very shy and needs a home (castle) all her own. She loves our wicker cat bed! Please come whisk her away.



## What if You Suddenly Didn't Like Your Co-Workers?

After 5 years of living around the clock with goats, the Pyrenees just couldn't take it any longer, so he ate one of his co-workers. Well, that was the end of that job! Now, Jeb who is extremely friendly, as long as you are not a goat, is looking for a new career. We need a job coach who can take him home.



## We Have Waited, and Waited, and Waited....

But, we still don't have homes. We keep every animal until a home is found, but some stay a long time. These guys really need your help!

