

Rescue the Animals, SPCA

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A Permanent Memorial for Pets, Family, or Friends...Engraved Bricks!

With the completion of our fencing, Pavilion, and yards, we now have the perfect area for permanent recognition of pets, family, and friends. We are offering engraved bricks to be laid along the sides of our new Pavilion.

The engraved bricks will be done by our friends at Acme Brick out on South Treadaway. They donated materials for our planter boxes earlier this year. Each brick is fired at nearly 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, forming a hard, dense brick that exceeds the most stringent building specifications. The bricks are then custom engraved by a laser, creating a permanent monument.

A Great Christmas Gift that you Do Not Have to Mail!

Our new area will be a great place for us all to remember our pets, pet lovers, family and friends. We hope you will consider honoring friends and family during the Christmas season. An order form for the bricks is enclosed with full details, or call Michelle Haile at 695-7270.



10% of Tested Dogs Have Heartworms!

On September 26, Dr. Allen Bolt conducted a one-day Heartworm Test Clinic at our Adoption Center, offering heartworm tests for just \$5.00. We tested 100 dogs and had to turn over 50 people away when we ran out of tests. However, we found that one out of ten was infected with heartworms! If 10% of the dogs in our area were infected with rabies, it would be a major crisis. This included dogs from as far away as Putnam. PLEASE have your dog tested and put on monthly heartworm preventative.

\$5.00 Heartworm Tests November 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Call 698-SPCA

Volunteers and Foster Homes Needed!

If you love animals and have some spare time, we need your help! With our new yards finished, we have lots of space for exercising our dogs, but they need companions for a good rub down or a romp. Our cats need friends too! Plus, there are lots of other jobs around the Adoption Center. If you are interested in volunteering, call or come by and arrange a time for a short visit with our staff. Call 698-SPCA for Kathy Walker Volunteer Director.



Puppy Prep? ACU Upward Bound...

Over the summer a terrific group of high school students volunteered at our Adoption Center. They were in the ACU Upward bound program taking special courses on Saturdays to help them prepare for college.

VACCINATIONS PEOPLE CAN AFFORD... Every Wednesday 1pm-3:30pm
LOW-COST SPAY AND NEUTER... Appointment required...call 698-SPCA.

\$19.99
FOR ALL SHOTS
No Appt. Needed

	Male	Female
CATS	\$30	\$40
DOGS	\$40 & up	\$60 & up

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SPAY/NEUTER
at prices everyone
can afford.**

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We let Scooter out, and he quickly showed us his technique, pushing the gate latch up with his nose and going into the kennel.

Scooter's Yard is a Great Place for a Memorial for Your Pet.

Green grass, flowering crepe myrtles, and evergreen yaupons make "Scooter's yard" a very inviting place, where all our past pets would love to be reunited for an afternoon's romp with good old Scooter. We are sure that your pets would love to be remembered here with one of our new engraved bricks. Please see the order form enclosed with this mailing.

FUR BALL WILL BE FEBRUARY 20, 2010!

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

\$5.00 Heartworm Tests!
Saturday, November 21 1:00pm to 3:00 pm
Dr. Allen Bolt will be doing tests at the
Rescue the Animals Adoption Center. Call 698-SPCA

Plunging Parky Dodges Death from Driving Demon

The perils of Parky the puppy began with a speeding driver throwing the dog out of his car window at a bridge next to Park Avenue. As the puppy scrambled up the creek bank and dashed for safety, the demonic driver turned around and tried to run the dog down. Alex Alexander witnessed the entire episode and was able to rescue the Parky.



Reducing the Weight of Your Car Increases Mileage?

Slowing to about 45 miles per hour, a car on the freeway pitched a young dog out onto the road shoulder. Perhaps the driver was trying to increase his gas mileage. Fortunately, one of the cars behind him stopped and picked up the young Whippet and brought him to our Adoption Center. Sterling is now safe and happy in his new home with the Landolt family in San Angelo.



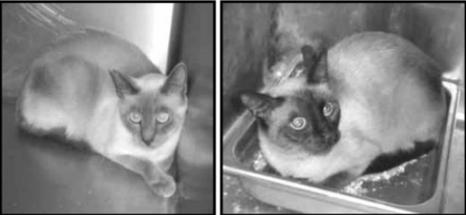
Cute Road Kill?

A small furry lump lay in the middle of the road near Lake Kirby. For some reason the driver stopped and discovered Pugsly lying deathly still in the broiling sun. The driver brought the skinny and barely breathing Pug to Animal Health and Medical Center. One of Pugsly's eyes was so badly ulcerated that it had to be sewn shut to allow it to heal. Oddly, the dog had recently been shaved on the legs and around its neck and had been on an IV. Pugsly is resting with the Bolt family while recovering.



Siamese on the Road (with Bob and Bing?)

There are times we wish Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were still doing those road movies. Maybe they could return some of our Siamese cats to Thailand. Recently, we found a beautiful blue point and a seal point Siamese at the pound, and Debbie Heep (who does our newsletter artwork) drove them to Texas Siamese Rescue near Denton.



Dumping, or is it now Landfilling?

Folks used to take things to the dump. These days they dump their animals at our place. First came Smokey the Australian Shepherd. He was left in our parking lot with terrible skin sores. He always looks like he is smiling. Why was he dumped?



Next came two Dachshunds left in a crate with no top. As the person leaving them started to drive off, one Dachshund dove out of the crate and raced toward the busy street. The person stopped and our staff corralled the dogs. The person said they had been found two weeks ago, but could not be kept any longer. Fred and Barney want to meet you!



**Our Animal Heroes...
 The City Animal Services Team**



Recently we presented City of Abilene Animal Services division our Animal Hero Award. The entire team at Animal Services is doing a great job holding animals longer (cats are now held 7 days), increasing adoptions, and investigating animal abuse and neglect. More animals have been seized this year in neglect and abuse cases than in the last several years combined because the director of Animal Services, Aaron Vannoy, is taking a no excuses approach to defending animals. In every seizure, the courts have upheld the actions taken by Animal Services. Several individuals have been indicted for abuse and cruelty to animals.

For years we have worked with the City of Abilene in an effort to improve operations at the City of Abilene Animal Shelter. 2009 has been the payoff with the City moving aggressively to protect animals in case after case, making the entire Animal Services team our Animal Heroes! November is Animal Shelter Month. Drop by and let them know we all appreciate their hard work.

Officer Joe Helm Solves Knotty Problem

Joe Helm has seen more homeless dogs than nearly anyone in Abilene as the senior Animal Control Officer at Animal Services, but he still wonders why so many great dogs are abandoned. He found Knotty (for the really big knot on his head) in a south side alley with cuts to ankle and knee of his back right leg. The little toe was almost torn off. Our friends at Mobile Vet Clinic re-attached the toe and patched Knotty up. He is now at our Adoption Center waiting for his next adventure. We hope it's a love story!



Old Glory Rancher Finds Silver at the Pound

Over 10,000 of our cats and dogs have been saved because they appeared on KTXS TV. A lady rancher, Mildred Allen, in Old Glory, Texas, saw Silver the cat on KTXS, but she had company and could not come to Abilene until after the weekend. She called Jennifer Sharp at Abilene Animal Services, who held the cat three extra days, and now Silver is on easy street as an indoor companion and co-manager of the spread.

\$1,000 Reward on Poisonings and Illegal Animal Fighting

We now have information on poisoning cases in Abilene, south Taylor County, and Callahan County. All are medically confirmed. After a call from Haskell County recently, we contacted Deputy Stephen Grand of the Haskell County Sheriff's Department about two roosters tied to trees by one leg. Deputy Grand investigated, found animals running loose in violation of a Haskell ordinance and issued a citation. Our tipster says there is the possibility that roosters from our area are being taken to Oklahoma for fighting. We now offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to indictment in cases of both poisoning and animal fighting. Call 698-SPCA.

Strychnine in Hamburger Kills Dog!

We are now offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to indictments of people poisoning animals. Two dogs were recently poisoned in Callahan County when they ate hamburger meat that contained strychnine. Dr. Allen Bolt retrieved their stomach contents to find out what poison was used. Both dogs came from Rescue the Animals, SPCA and one is recovering. Please call us and your local law enforcement agency if you suspect poisoning.

Would Buddy Holly Dump Peggy Sue this Way?

Peggy Sue is a really big wonderful cat. She was left on our doorstep in a crate -- no note, no guitar, just abandoned. We heard crickets too, but they got away. Well, since Buddy Holly is not around anymore, we need your help to send Peggy Sue home.



Ridgeback Now a Starter at Texas Tech?

Not many dogs graduate from the pound and go on to college, but Buddy the Rhodesian Ridgeback packed his Texas Tech food bowl earlier this fall and moved off to Lubbock with Logan Ellinger. Just before school started, Buddy was adopted from the pound by Joy, Steve, and Logan Ellinger. Buddy has a big backyard in Lubbock and Logan hopes the dog will have plenty of female company. He's heard that dogs are a babe magnet. Would a doggie tutor be better?



Barbie is now a Donkey?

Cliff Tucker, Animal Control Officer in Cisco, called to tell us he had an abandoned donkey and nowhere to keep her. Our Lynn Shults grabbed her trailer, loaded up her visiting brother, Bradley Bigelow, and set off for Cisco. The poor donkey could hardly get around with hooves 8 inches too long and curled up like the ends of slippers in a fairy tale. Now named Barbie, she is staying at Hendrick Home for Children. Farrier Randy Rodger trimmed her hooves, and our buddy Dr. Jimmy Smith is adopting her.



Crudely Dumped in the Oilfield

Abilenian Tom Kitchens was doing well service work on a lease near Cleburne when he spotted the shaggy little dog. For several days she would not come near him. She examined every dark colored pickup that went by and ignored every white or light colored truck as she seemed to search for her owner. Tom finally made friends, brought her to us, and even decided to foster Molly until we can find her a home. She is great with kids, housebroken, and has just finished our heartworm treatment.



Wolfstock...Rockers and Bikers Celebrate at Kent's

How different the world might have been if dogs had been the original hippies! On October 3rd the great folks at Kent's Harley-Davidson invited all the dogs in town to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock with great music and food to raise money for Rescue the Animals, SPCA. Happy Fat and Truth Unsold entertained the crowd, while the folks at Kent's fired up the grill for hot dogs. Thanks, Kent's!

