



Animal Aid Communiqué

A Volunteer Community Service for Emergency Rescue & Humane Education

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Pet Overpopulation - What Can We Do?

Can you guess the leading cause of death for cats and dogs in the United States? **EUTHANASIA**, simply because there are not enough homes for all of them. We hear about dogs and cats needing homes day in and day out. Rescue groups and shelters are almost always full despite their efforts to find adopters. Therefore, homeless dogs and cats in animal shelters end up being euthanized when their time is up to create space for new intakes. Pet overpopulation is a serious problem in our country and Tulsa is no exception.



On an average day, Tulsa Animal Welfare (TAW) takes in about 20 – 40 animals. In 2017, TAW took in 8,819 dogs and cats and the live release rate was 65%. To develop and execute a community plan to increase the live release rate at TAW and provide comprehensive and sustainable services for the pets, Mayor G.T. Bynum announced that the city would join forces with the Humane Society of Tulsa and the Tulsa SPCA to form the Coalition for Tulsa Pets (coalitionfortulsapets.org) in November of 2018. This is a great first step for Tulsa, but it will take some time to be fully implemented. So, what can we do to take part in reducing pet overpopulation?

Spay/Neuter

Spaying/neutering is the surgical removal of organs essential to animal reproduction. The most important reason to spay or neuter your pet is to prevent unwanted litters that lead to pet overpopulation. Tulsa City Ordinance requires all dogs and cats over the age of six months to be spayed or neutered (certain exemptions are allowed by permit). In addition to saving lives, spaying and neutering can reduce unwanted behaviors (such as aggression, roaming, and marking) and minimize the risks of diseases associated with reproductive organs.

Adopt, Don't Shop

By adopting a pet from a rescue group or animal shelter instead of buying from a pet shop or breeder, you will free up space for another homeless animal at the rescue or shelter. If you have a specific breed in mind, reach out to a breed-specific rescue in your area.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Pets are often surrendered to animal shelters when their owners no longer want to keep their animals for various reasons. Pet ownership comes with many responsibilities and it is a lifetime commitment to your pet. Consider all the responsibilities and consequences of pet ownership before getting a pet.

Proper Identification

Be sure to properly identify your pets by microchipping (collars and tags often get lost), so if they get lost they will be returned to you immediately.

Spread the Word

Educate others about pet overpopulation and how to take part in solving the problem.

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Rescue/Adoption 918.794.6688
Thrift Store 918.744.1648
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Animal Aid of Tulsa is a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1961. Our mission is to rescue sick, injured, or abused stray cats and dogs in Tulsa, Oklahoma and surrounding communities and help them find loving forever homes.

If you believe in this mission, please join us.

ADOPT

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Animal Aid of Tulsa 2019 Statistics
Intake: 199 Adoption: 82 Transfer: 41

Adopt, Don't Shop!

Looking to add a furry family member? Animal Aid of Tulsa has lovable dogs and cats of all shapes, sizes, and ages waiting to be a part of your family. Come see us at our adoption events or visit our website at animalaid.org/adopt for an up-to-date list of our adoptable animals.

Make adoption your first option!

Volunteers Wanted!

We are a volunteer-powered organization that relies on people who are committed to make a difference in the animals' lives. We'd love to have you join our life-saving team of volunteers!

We need your help in the following:

- Become a foster
- Visit boarding dogs and cats or take a dog out of boarding for a day (Dog for a Day Program)
- Help at the Animal Aid Thrift Store
- Transporting dogs and cats to events, vet appointments, etc.
- Help at fundraisers and adoption events
- Help run our social media

...and much much more!

We truly appreciate the wonderful work our volunteers do towards making a difference in the animals' lives.

Interested? Apply on our website at animalaid.org/volunteer

Animal Aid Thrift Store

Thank you to all of our loyal and new customers, and to our Thrift Store staff, who make it possible to serve our mission day in and day out. Your purchases fund our mission of rescuing sick, injured, and abused stray dogs and cats in our community.

Our thrift store is currently accepting donation items such as clothing, shoes, jewelry, electronics, housewares, and home décor. Please bring your items by the Animal Aid Thrift Store at 3307 E 15th St. (15th & Harvard) during donation drop off hours (Mon - Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm). Thank you!

February is National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

February is nationally recognized as "Spay/Neuter Awareness Month." The purpose is to encourage people to have their pets sterilized before the spring and summer months when there is a rampant overproduction of puppies and kittens. During that time, most animal shelters experience an unmanageable increase in animal intake.

Spaying/neutering not only helps control the pet overpopulation problem, but also minimizes the risks of diseases associated with reproductive organs such as testicular cancer or pyometra and reduces undesirable behavior such as roaming, spraying,

marking and mounting. If you have an unaltered pet, please act now! Contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment or one of the following low-cost spay/neuter services (income verification may be required) in the Tulsa area.

Spay Oklahoma (SpayOK):

918.728.3144 501 www.spayok.org

Tulsa SPCA: 918-428-7722 (ext. 1024)

www.tulsaspc.org/spayneuter

Street Cats (\$20 spay/neuter vouchers for non-owned, community cats):

918.298.0104

www.streetcatstulsa.org/spayneuter-program

Help Get Gabriel Home!

Gabriel is a special needs dog who uses his wheelchair to get around. He was rescued in September 2018 after being hit by a car, affecting his ability to walk. Our dream is finally coming true – Gabriel has found his forever home with our former Adoption Supervisor Kelly Brown. As many of you already know, Kelly is a wonderful, compassionate person with lots of knowledge about animals. Kelly will be the perfect, loving guardian for Gabriel. We couldn't have asked for a better home for him.

Kelly needs some help getting her home ready for Gabriel: a window will be converted to a door to create an entrance and a wheelchair accessible ramp will need to be added. Kelly would like to welcome Gabriel by March. Several generous individuals offered with construction, but we are still in need of funds to purchase materials. If you would like to donate, please visit our website animalaid.org/donate (please be sure to add a note stating it is for



Gabriel). You can also drop your donation off at our thrift store during business hours (Mon-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm) or by mail at 3307 E 15th St, Tulsa, OK 74112.

We appreciate your support!



Memberships

Angel:

Hayden Kiser

Family Protector:

Mary Louise Dell
Judith Kelley
Laurel Madland
Lynn Moyer

Patron Saint:

Susan Littlefield

Patron:

Delbert & Mary Jean Farr
Pat Keuchel
Paul & Melba Roberts
Ann Walker
Larry Ward

Student/Senior:

Jean Kelley
Ardena Merlock



[Our Amazon Wish List](#)

Much gratitude goes to our wonderful supporters. Your generosity allows us to support our mission.

Donations & Grants (received bet. 10/1/19 - 12/31/19)

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Honors & Memorials (received bet. 10/1/19 - 12/31/19)

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| Neal & Sylvia Adams, in memory of Bart and Missy | Cheryl Kilpatrick, in memory of Lyle and Roxie from Leonard, Isabella, & Cheryl |
| Marva Bear, in memory of Squeak and Stiljo | Hayden Kiser, in honor of Michelle Morris What a wonderful 6 years. Thank you for caring. |
| Debra Beyers, Christmas gift for Sondra Summers | Linda Lawrence, in memory of Judy Booker |
| Rick Boyd, in memory of Ebony | Julienne Lovelace, tribute to Abby |
| Linda & Daniel Brown, in memory of Balosha & Lily, cats | Bob & Janice Lyons, in memory of Lucy & Mollie |
| Shieley Coffman, in remembrance of Judy and Jeff Booker from The Coffman Family - Shirley, Mark, Pam, Susan, Eli, Max and Roger | Sue May, in memory of Judy and Jeff Booker |
| Randall Curran, in memory of Jeff Booker | Anne McCoy, in memory of Grace Ferguson, my mother |
| Lonna De Tello, in loving memory of Bailey, Domino and Rosco Fry | Jack & Helen Nilson, in memory of Monte Jean Harris Frame |
| James M Deming, Gift for Dr. Cheryl Kilpatrick | Sandra Pease, in honor of Ann Walker |
| Andrea Duke, tribute to Grandpa Gus | Carl Quist, in memory of Bailey - great dog, great friend |
| Delbert & Mary Jean Farr, in memory of Sister and Gracie | Karen Rich, in memory of Tom Rich |
| Anita Frazier, in memory of Judy Booker | Mary Rogers, Christmas gift for Sondra Summers |
| Adam & Candice Grandon, Birthday gift for their children | Devin Schroeder, in honor of Selma Kate Grandon's birthday |
| Green Country Friends Meeting, in memory of Ginger Wells | Carole Scott, in honor of Chris Rigney and all the fur-babies who are helped |
| Rebecca Green, in memory of Jon N. Green | Darrell Sullenger, in memory of Sandra |
| Rebecca Hamby, tribute to volunteers | Janet Thomas, Christmas gift to John Thomas |
| Alexis Higgins, in honor of Tulsa International Airport's Welcome Waggin' Ugly Sweater Contest participants: Arson, Bella Rose, Buzz, Charlie, Dreamy, Fitz, Guinness, Harley, Jazz, Jerzy, Judy, Juneau, Karly, Midas, Mr. Tucker, Ricky, Sara, Sarah Belle, and Tuffie. | Ann Walker, in memory of all my good dogs |
| Judith Kelley, in memory of Frankie | Renda Wallis, in honor of Diane Hummel's retirement, from Williams' Legal Dept. |
| | Phyllis Webb, in memory of Harris Webb |

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