



Animal Aid Communiqué

A Volunteer Community Service for Emergency Rescue & Humane Education

ANIMAL AID OF TULSA, INC

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ANIMAL AID OF TULSA IS A
501(C)(3) 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 HELP THEM
FIND LOVING FOREVER HOMES.

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Fostering Saves Lives

As a foster-based rescue without a dedicated facility to house animals, we rely on our fantastic fosters to keep our animals out of boarding. There are so many benefits to fostering and having animals in loving homes, but we often hear statements like “it’d be too hard to let them go” or “I can’t bear seeing them sick.” However, there are so many benefits and rewarding experiences to fostering, they FAR outweigh the challenges! By having our fur kiddos in foster families, we learn so much about them which helps us figure out what home is perfect for them. By figuring out their needs for an ideal home, we generally can match adopters to the cat or dog best suited to their needs and wants; that in turn means we have generally very few returns, especially since we offer a two-week adoption trial. Fewer returns mean we can help more animals, and it’s far less trauma for the animals!



But what’s in it for you, the foster, you ask?

Here are some reasons why some of our FABULOUS fosters do what they do:

- “I’d have to say the reason I foster is to save lives, because without fosters a rescue can’t do what they’re there to do. I foster because knowing I’m a steppingstone for that fur baby to find their forever home is all the more rewarding.” – Nicole B.
- “The “cost” for me to foster is very little; The benefits far outweigh the cost.” – Karina C.
- “I smile from ear to ear when I look at the pictures of my fosters.” – Ivy G.
- “Fostering is giving me a purpose as well as learning new things to help teach and guide these awesome animals to their forever homes.” – Brad L.
- “Fostering gives you a new set of friends, your pet friends and your human friends.” Lucy L.

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- “We foster because we love dogs and believe that every dog needs a warm and loving home. Fostering allows us to have different breeds and change our views of them. Fostering also shows Baylee how to be compassionate person.” – Debbi S.
- “Fostering means I can help a lot of animals over time even if I’m not their forever home.” – Rachel H.
- “I’m getting love and companionship without a long-term commitment while watching Scout learn to be a dog knowing I’m playing a small part in him being a happy, well-adjusted dog once he finds his right forever family.” Raelyn
- “The sadness we feel softens as happiness of them transitioning into their permanent homes.” Dana L.

One common theme for all of our fosters is also knowing that you’re not only helping an animal get a second chance, but also how much fostering helps us, the humans! Many of our fosters started their foster journey after challenging life events, such as losing their own pets or experiencing health issues. Our foster cats and dogs help us heal just as much, if not more, than we help them. It’s truly an amazing, humbling, challenging, joyful, fulfilling experience that compares to very few other life experiences and while goodbye is the goal, for many of us, it’s also been the perfect way to find our new furry companion for life.

We bear a temporary burden so they can have a bright future. Our hearts may get hurt and we may shed tears, but in the end, lives are transformed for the better, and it is all worth it!

If you’re interested in fostering, we are always looking to welcome new fosters into our foster family, so we don’t have animals in boarding. You can apply at animalaid.org/foster or scan the QR code below. We provide all supplies and medical care!



WAYS TO HELP

FOSTER - Fostering helps not only our animals’ emotional well-being, but also our financial well-being as it lowers boarding costs. Apply at animalaid.org/foster.

ADOPT - Visit our website for adoption event schedule and a list of available pets. You may also email us at animalaidoftulsa@gmail.com if you have questions about specific animals.

MONETARY DONATIONS - Monetary donations can be mailed to: Animal Aid of Tulsa, 6811 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129. You can also donate on our website animalaid.org/donate.

SUPPLY DONATIONS - We are always in need of dog/cat food, litter, treats, etc. for the animals already in our care. Donations of amazon.com or chewy.com gift cards are greatly appreciated so we can order supplies directly from merchants as we are trying to limit people to people contact.

SHOP AT ANIMAL AID OF TULSA THRIFT STORE - Our thrift store is located at 6811 E 21st St (near 21st and Sheridan). Our hours are Monday - Saturday from 10am to 6pm. Donations are accepted Monday - Friday between 10am to 4:30pm and Saturday between 10am to 2pm.

PARTNERS - We have a list of partners on our website at animalaid.org/partners. Some of them offer incentives (percentage of their sales are donated to Animal Aid) to us when you use the links provided on our website.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@animalaidtulsa) and share our stories and posts with your friends and family members. We need as much exposure we can get! Animal Aid Thrift Store has its own Facebook and Instagram pages (@shopanimalaid) - be sure to follow our thrift store as well!

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR MISSION!

Transport Roundup

Our transports continue to go strong! In case you're not aware of this program yet, in short, there are areas of the country where spay and neuter laws are followed and enforced, so there are far fewer unowned animals in those areas. With ordinances being enforced and no backyard breeding, those areas often need to bring in cats and dogs from other states to meet the demand for adoptable animals. How amazing is that?!

We have been lucky to have formed some great partnerships with out of state rescues like Wayside Waifs in Kansas City, MO. We also work with other rescues in town to get our animals on transports. In 2022, so far, we've sent animals to Missouri, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington! And the truly fantastic news – many of them get adopted almost immediately! Two such examples are Little Bear and Camille. Both were in our care for months; over five months for Little Bear and nine months for Camille. Little Bear got chosen to go to Minnesota and was adopted within 36 hours of arriving there, at his very first Minnesota adoption event! Camille headed to Wayside Waifs and was adopted there within ONE HOUR of being made available.



If you wonder what a transport is like, in general, volunteers load a van full of cats and dogs on a Friday night, having anywhere from 30 to 80 animals on board. Once the van is loaded, a pair of volunteer drivers heads out town, making the long trek to receiving rescue. The trip to Minnesota takes around 11-12 hours one way, and the van goes straight through the night. When the van arrives at the receiving rescue, the cats and dogs are unloaded, fed, walked, and watered, and then head to their foster homes. The drivers usually turn around and head back to Oklahoma, in most cases within a 24 hour turn around. The next day, another set of volunteers gets to work cleaning up the van, which usually involves LOTS of laundry!

The transports to Kansas City are a lot quicker, and usually smaller, while the transports to the Pacific Northwest, are even longer! We've been lucky to work with Furry Freight Services, and our volunteer drivers usually hit the road at 5AM on a Saturday, meeting a group of volunteers in Kansas where dogs are walked and watered, before the van heads further west to Wyoming where they meet up with the Furry Freight team. There, the cats and dogs come off one van, get walked, fed, and watered, and loaded on the second van to head to their final destinations. Our babies have gone to Oregon Humane, FamilyDog, and SafeHaven!

We have been blessed to be able to partner with Paws In Need Tulsa (PINT) who supply the van and volunteer drivers and basically let our guys "hitch a ride." Teamwork makes the dream work! Transports are quite expensive, between gas, van rentals, health certificates, and blood work that sometimes is required by the receiving rescues, so we are so grateful to be able to partner with PINT for these live saving transports.

If you're interested in helping out by volunteering your time to drive a transport, please complete a volunteer application on our website, animalaid.org/volunteer



DONATIONS & GRANTS (RECEIVED BET. 2/1/2022 & 4/30/2022)

Adopt An Escargot	Kaitlynn Edwards	Nancy Lisk	Nancy Scaramella
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Kaye Sandefur, in memory of my Mitzi Girl
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SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to those who donated through our Facebook, Instagram, Cuddly, Amazon Wishlist, and Chewy Wishlist (we do not receive donor information for these so we cannot include your names on our donor list.



LEAVE A LEGACY BY HELPING FURRIES THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL the contribution, your gift to Animal Aid of Tulsa can have an impact that extends beyond your life-time - helping save the lives of homeless sick, injured and abused cats and dogs in your community. And the best part is that you can make your gift using any of a long list of options. Simply choose what works best for you.

More common ways to give include:

- Tax-Free IRA Distributions
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Gift of Stock
- Cash Gift
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- Donor-Advised Funds

A donor-advised fund is a convenient tax-deductible charitable giving program that makes it easy for donors to dedicate tax-deductible funds to support a nonprofit organization. Once you establish this fund, you can recommend grants to Animal Aid of Tulsa to support our mission. For more information, please contact your professional advisor.



INFORMATION PLEASE:

- Please send me information on how to include Animal Aid of Tulsa in my will.
- I have already included Animal Aid of Tulsa in my will. (All wishes for anonymity will be honored)

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Donations, memorials, honors and dedications can also be made at our website animalaid.org/donate

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- Student/Senior \$20/year
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