



Animal Aid Communiqué

A Volunteer Community Service for Emergency Rescue & Humane Education

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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 surrounding communities and help them find loving forever homes.

If you believe in this mission, please join us.

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A Letter From The President

Animal Aid of Tulsa (AAOT) has continued to help the sick and injured stray dogs and cats for 59 years. The need to rescue more animals in Tulsa and the surrounding areas has expanded with the future. Miss Helen Dawson realized a need to help these babies and started AAOT in the back of her station wagon. As the years progressed, the business grew with the need for more room and a larger building periodically.

Our building at 15th and Harvard has been wonderful to us since 2002. However, we have outgrown our current space. We need more room for the thrift store, storage, and a parking lot. We also need an ample space for to host adoption events and a bigger cat room. The current building is beginning to deteriorate and needs repairs on a day-to-day basis. Patching over time just helps for the moment, but has become too costly to repair fully.

We feel the time has come to find another place so that we can grow. It may seem odd to search for another location during these difficult times, but what better time than now when the store is closed. Our employees, volunteers and customers are anxious to reopen, but it is impossible to allow six feet distance while shopping in that tiny space. Our employees and volunteers will be ready to pack up, transport, set up and reopen in a matter of weeks once we find our new place.

We have some funds put away for the future property, but it is not sufficient. Moving, renovating, transferring everything and continuing to do what is most important, saving the dogs and cats can be very expensive. We are asking financial help to purchase a new building. With the help of everyone, we are setting a goal to move in the next few months.

Over the years, we have grown to know many of you. You have experienced the ups and downs of this rescue group like a family. We would like you to join us as we move forward with the changes and decisions that affect all of us. Animal Aid's mission will always continue yet times have changed. We hope you will continue to move forward with Animal Aid of Tulsa into the 21st Century.

The executive board, staff and I are grateful for your kindness and consideration towards this rescue group and the animals all of us help from sickness and injury. We are here to answer any questions and discuss the goals for the future for AAOT and you.

We all thank you,

Maxine Mackey
President, Animal Aid of Tulsa

If you would like to contribute to our new building funds, please mail your check or money order to: Animal Aid of Tulsa, 3307 E. 15th Street, Tulsa OK. Contributions can also be made on our website, animalaid.org/donate

Ways to Help

Our thrift store, which is our main source of our income to save animals in our community, has been closed since March 16. During this time, we need your support more than ever.

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 - We currently do not host any adoption events, but can arrange meet and greet by appointment. Please visit our website animalaid.org/adopt for available pets and complete an application. You may also email us at animalaidoftulsa@gmail.com if you have questions about specific animals.

MONETARY DONATIONS - Since we do not have regular income from our thrift store, monetary donations are now our main source of funds. Donations can be mailed to: Animal Aid of Tulsa, 3307 E 15th Street, Tulsa, OK 74112. You can also donate on our website animalaid.org/donate.

SUPPLY DONATIONS - We are 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.

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 page (@shopanimalaid) - be sure to follow our thrift store as well!

THRIFT STORE - Join and shop "Animal Aid Online Thrift Market" Facebook group during the store's temporary closing.

Tips for Decompressing Your New Rescue Dog

When you bring an adopted or foster dog home, it is crucial to give your new dog time to decompress. Decompression is a calming period that a dog needs to unwind from being in the stressful shelter or boarding and get into a relaxed frame of mind. This decompression phase is an extremely crucial time to set your new dog up for success to become a part of your family.

Make it a smooth transition with these tips from Rhonda Lang on how to decompress a new rescue dog. Rhonda is a wonderful trainer who has worked with many rescue dogs in our community.

The first day you bring home a new foster or adopted dog, DO NOT GIVE HIM/HER COMPLETE ACCESS TO ANY DOGS YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE.

I don't care how well the friendship test went, there could still be unseen issues. Give them short periods together, monitored at all times, and slowly build the time over a period of days* until they can be trusted to be left alone. And all dogs should be leashed! Should there be trouble, the leash allows you to get ahold of the dogs without getting near their faces. (*A new foster dog should never be put with another dog for at least 1-2 weeks!)

Plan to stay home for a 2-4 day period, alone with the family (only those that live in the house) and the new dog. This will give them time to adjust to the new surrounding and to bond with you. I know you're excited to show your new baby off! BUT HOLD OFF! You all need to "learn" each other first.

Set boundaries for the new arrival.

They should not have access to your entire house. They need to earn that privilege with their behavior. Start teaching them easy commands like "come here," "no," and "sit." Start slow and easy at first as he is already completely overwhelmed.

Keep the dog crated at night or when you leave them alone for the first couple of weeks. I know! You want him to sleep in bed with you! I get it! But this will give you time to learn their behavior and keep them from getting into trouble. You've waited this long to find that perfect friend - a few more days isn't going to kill you. It's about building the dog up for success!

Keep a leash on the dog at all times (unless they are crated) for the first two weeks, inside or outside. This will enable you to quickly get ahold of the dog without grabbing the collar and direct them away from something/somewhere they should not be. This will help you teach them boundaries and that they must listen to you. And that YOU are the alpha.

Feed the new dog separately from other dogs and away from any children. This is being done anyway because he is crated, right? You seriously do not know what kind of food issues this dog may have. And I'm sure your children are adorable and you would like them to stay that way without scares from a dog bite. You are also teaching the dog that this is his food and no one is going to take it.

ALWAYS remember that a dog is an animal. Yes they are cute, fun and part of the family, but they are still an animal and do not think like humans. They have "dog brains" so learn your "dog language!" Learn what their body movements mean, what their ear movements mean, and what their eyes are telling you.

Just learn to "talk dog" and all will be good! Follow these steps for a more peaceful home!!!

Many thanks to Rhonda Lang for sharing these helpful tips! Please share these tips with your family and friends who are expecting a new rescued fur baby!

Animal Aid of Tulsa 2020 YTD Statistics
Intake: 100 Adoption: 92 Transfer: 12

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

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Linda Brown, in memory of Balusha & Lily

Lawrence Burleigh, to Kate, Congratulations on graduating from high school

Kathryn Chezik, in loving memory of my cousin, Doug Haughey

Lenora Crowder, in memory of three cats I lost in Dec - Charlie, Salt, and PussPuss

James Cunningham, in memory of Peggy Cunningham

Jean Farr, in memory of Sister & Gracie

Rosalind Hand, in memory of Lucky, Zippy, & Trixie

Roger Haughey, in memory of Douglas Haughey, a wonderful son, father and grandfather

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Many thanks to those who donated through our Facebook page and Amazon Wishlist (we do not receive donor information from Facebook/Amazon so we cannot include your names on our donor list).

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