



Animal Aid Communiqué

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IF YOU BELIEVE IN THIS MISSION,
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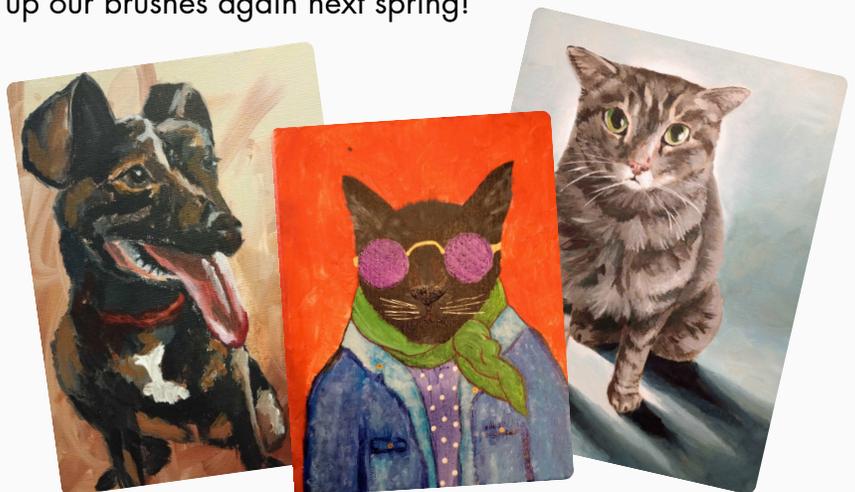
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Paws, Paint, and Purpose: People Painting Pets Grows with More Artists Than Ever

Our People Painting Pets fundraiser was a heartwarming success once again. Now in its fifth year, this creative and quirky tradition continues to grow and remains a crowd favorite. At its core, the event brings together community, creativity, and compassion when a total stranger paints a portrait of your beloved pet, and you don't get to see it until it arrives. The surprise is all part of the fun, and the results never fail to bring a smile. This year, we were thrilled to have a record 181 volunteer artists sign up to paint, including a wide range of talents from seasoned artists to enthusiastic kids. Their generosity helped make this one of our most vibrant events yet.

Thanks to everyone who ordered a \$25 portrait (or more), we raised \$4,175, every dollar of which goes directly to supporting Animal Aid of Tulsa in its mission to rescue, treat, and rehome animals in need. The impact is real and your support helps save lives. We're so grateful to everyone who participated, and we're already looking forward to picking up our brushes again next spring!



Meet the Amazing Team Behind Our Thrift Store!



Our fabulous thrift store team—Janene Scholz, Amy Childress Roethig, Sarah White, Emma Roush, and Sable Price (not pictured)—are the heart and soul of the shop! Whether they're helping you discover hidden treasures, greeting shoppers (and their adorable furry companions), or supporting our mission, they do it all with big hearts and bright smiles.

In June, Amy stepped into the role of Thrift Store Manager and, alongside the team, has been working on exciting new projects. If you haven't visited lately—or ever!—now's the perfect time to stop by and see what's new.

Each member of the team brings passion and purpose to the store: Janene shares, "Being able to help local cats and dogs find new homes through our generous donations, as well as seeing fascinating treasures, is so rewarding." Amy says, "The joy I get from seeing the generosity and kindness that both our donors and customers offer us—it's incredible. We're united by a shared goal of saving lives that truly matter."

Sarah loves, "Raising money to help sick and injured strays around Tulsa—and seeing all the cute animals customers bring in!" Emma shares, "I love connecting with other people who care about animals as much as I do." This incredible crew keeps the store running smoothly and makes a real difference for the animals we serve. We truly couldn't do it without them!

The thrift store features rotating weekly deals and new items arriving all the time—so there's always something fresh to find. Donations are accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11 AM to 4 PM (weather permitting).

Come shop, donate, and help us continue rescuing Tulsa's most vulnerable animals—one treasure at a time!

Why Nathan decided to volunteer with us:

"Well, since I was little my grandmother always did her best to take care of animals, which rubbed off on me, I love animals and helping them. So I had a lot of free time this summer and wanted to use it to volunteer at animal shelters. I like helping and just sitting around the skittish animals the most because it's helping them get used to humans." - Nathan

Without help from people like you, our mission would not be possible. Thank you for volunteering with Animal Aid!



WAYS TO HELP

FOSTER - Fostering helps not only our animals' emotional well-being, but also helps keep costs down by reducing boarding fees. Apply at animalaid.org/foster.

ADOPT - Visit our website for our adoption event schedule and information on 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, cat 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.

SHOP AT ANIMAL AID THRIFT STORE - Our thrift store is located at 6811 E 21st St (just east of 21st and Sheridan). Our hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Donations are accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm.

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, Twitter (@animalaidtulsa), and TikTok (@animalaidoftulsa) and share our stories and posts with your friends and family members. Our animals need as much exposure as they can get! Animal Aid Thrift Store has its own Facebook and Instagram pages (@shopanimalaid) where you can be the first to see unique treasures and great deals!

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR MISSION!

Why Do We Foster?

By Debbi Schwacke

The dictionary defines the word foster as: being, relating to, or involved in a situation in which temporary care is given to an animal (such as one that is injured or awaiting adoption) in a household or similar setting.

Being a foster is like taking a complete stranger, having no knowledge of their past or personality and letting them into your personal space. If you're open to doing that then you are helping animals that might otherwise be euthanized, get out of an overcrowded shelter and most importantly, help a rescue save more animals.

As long time fosters, we have witnessed shy, scared, and sick dogs become happy and social under our care. It's been therapeutic for us by providing love to a dog and often receiving love in return. We once had a dog who had never known the comfort of a dog bed. She would sleep sitting up and on the hard floor. Little by little, with our help, she would lay on the comfortable dog bed and fall asleep. Pretty soon she was laying on her back, belly exposed, and snoring! By the time she was adopted she was a joyful and happy girl. It's very rewarding to watch a frightened dog blossom into a happy and confident dog which makes them more adoptable.

We've had dogs come to us with mange, who were skin and bones, heartworm positive and we were part of their recovery. Being a foster gives us the opportunity to get experience with training and animal care for future fosters. We have personal dogs and they help with our fosters by teaching potty training, how to share toys, and who gets what spot on the humans bed!



Tio after being rescued, March 2023



Tio in June 2025, after 2 years with a foster

Being a foster teaches kids responsibility since they are part of the foster pack. I've watched my daughter at adoption events share stories about our fosters.

Animal Aid of Tulsa provides supplies, food and vet services. We provide the love and comfort and a home.

Another perk of being a foster is meeting like minded animal lovers and building friendships. Fostering is one of the most rewarding ways to help animals. Yes, there can be challenges, but the rewards like saving lives, gaining companionship, and knowing you made a difference far outweigh the difficulties.

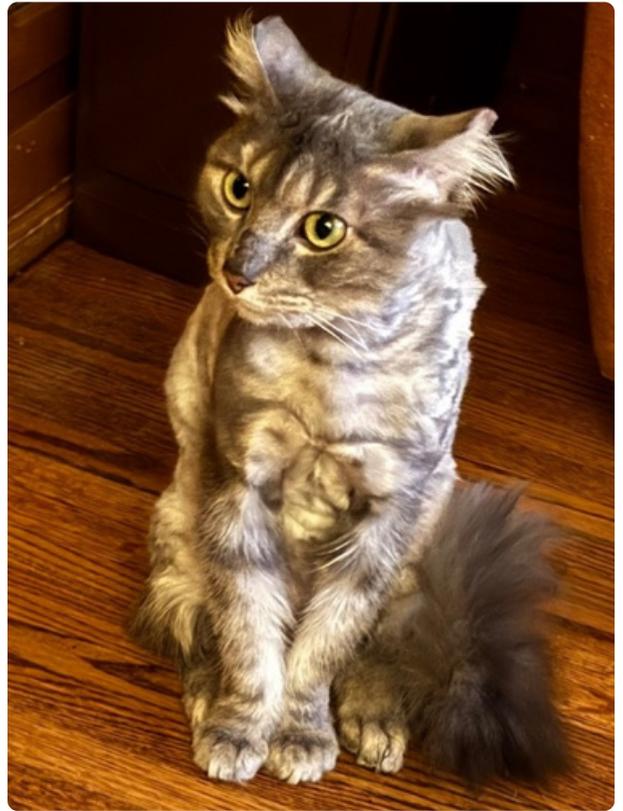
An Adoption Story: Eva and Elijah

Two beautiful Anatolian Shepherds are finally living the life they deserve in a loving home. Their journey wasn't easy. They were found crossing a road when Eva was hit by a truck. Thankfully, a kind-hearted person stopped, rescued both dogs, and contacted us. Eva was rushed to the emergency clinic, where we learned she had a pneumothorax (collapsed lung) and was infested with worms. Her brother Elijah (Eli) wasn't in great shape either. He also had worms and a torn ligament in his paw.



Both dogs received the medical care they needed, but with no immediate foster or adopter available, they had to be boarded. While they waited, we got to know them and they quickly captured our hearts. Despite their size and the trauma they had endured, they were gentle, affectionate, and incredibly sweet. They stayed in boarding for six long months. We visited them as often as we could, walked them, and took them to adoption events. We held out hope that they could be adopted together, but as time wore on, we prepared ourselves for the possibility that we might need to separate them just to get them out of boarding.

Finding one home for a 100-pound dog is hard enough. Finding one for two is nearly impossible. Then, in February, a miracle. We received an application for both Eva and Eli. We were cautiously hopeful. We brought them out to a beautiful country home with plenty of space to roam and introduced them to Pat and Mark. Not only were they unfazed by the dogs' size, they fell in love immediately. So did we. In that moment, we knew Eva and Elijah were finally home, together. Since then, they've been thriving. Their new parents even did a DNA test and it turns out they really are 100 percent purebred Anatolians. We couldn't be happier for these two gentle giants that finally got the happy ending they so deserved.



Kashmir came to us through T-Town TNR rescue. He was discovered hiding in someone's garage and refused to leave. It was clear he had been neglected and abused, with his ears cruelly cut off and his fur so matted that he required a complete shave. Kashmir still has a few trust issues, but he is doing so much better thanks to a loving foster home.



Veronica came to us from Jenks Animal Control with a severe case of mastitis that had abscessed, leaving a large wound in her mammary gland. The vets were not sure she would survive, but Veronica is a fighter and has made a full recovery. She is such a sweet girl, though she can be a little timid at first. We would love to find her a foster or forever home.



**6th Annual Rally for Rescues
Tournament Fundraiser**



REGISTER

Grab a partner and join us on September 11th at LaFortune Tennis Center!

Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided. We will have amazing bracket prizes, raffle prizes, shirts, and more!

The following combo divisions will be offered:
5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0

**September 11, 2025
8:30 - 2:30**

More Information
www.animalaid.org/rallyforrescues

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Registration Link:
<https://rallyforrescues25.eventbrite.com>

Proceeds benefit Animal Aid of Tulsa.



These are some of our upcoming events. We would love for you to attend!



SAVE THE DATE!

Howl-Oween Fest 2025

A Halloween and Volunteer Recruitment Festival



Volunteer Opportunities with Local Rescues, Food Trucks, Trunk-or-Treat, Doggie Costume Contests, Giveaways, and More!

Come have a blast while connecting with your community!

October 25th at Animal Aid of Tulsa Thrift Store

Please contact us if you would like to sponsor, volunteer, or donate towards this event to help make it possible.



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Plants and Pups

A Fundraiser and Adoption Event

September 13th
at Animal Aid Thrift Store

**Plants, Plant Supplies,
and Adoptable Pups!**

Donate to help make this fundraiser possible! We need: plants, pots, supplies, and any plant or dog themed items! Please drop off any donations to our thrift store the week before the event.