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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.

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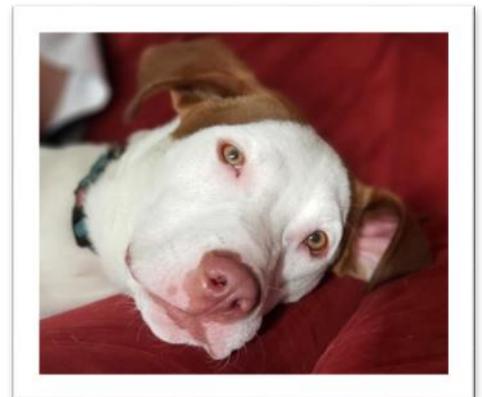


Keeping You and Your Pets Safe During the COVID-19 Pandemic

As the number of COVID-19 cases is growing rapidly in our community, many pet owners are concerned about how to keep their pets and themselves safe during this crisis. Here is pertinent information that may help (*information here is as of April 1, 2020*):

Can my pet get COVID-19?

While there are few isolated cases of domestic pets contracting COVID-19 (two dogs in Hong Kong and one cat in Belgium), The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "has not received any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19" in the United States. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) concurs "infectious disease experts and multiple international and domestic human and animal health organizations agree there is no evidence at this point to indicate that pets become ill with COVID-19."



Can pets carry the COVID-19 virus on their skin or fur?

CDC reports "At this time, there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread to people from the skin or fur of pets." However, it is always a good idea to keep your pets "social distancing" from others just as you do for yourself and always wash your hands with soap and water after contact with animals.

How can I prepare in case I get sick with COVID-19?

- ◆ Designate a caregiver (a family member, friend, neighbor, or boarding facility) in case you are hospitalized. Be sure to keep your pet's vaccines up to date in the event boarding becomes necessary.
- ◆ Prepare essential supplies (crate, food, medication, etc.) and keep extra on hand.
- ◆ Prepare care instructions on each animal including their descriptions and habits, feeding instructions, medical condition, medication instructions, and veterinarian information.
- ◆ Ensure that your pets are wearing a collar and ID tag.

What do I do if I'm sick with COVID-19?

CDC recommends "If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), you should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. This can help ensure both you and your animals stay healthy. When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick. Avoid contact with your pet including, petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them."

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html>
<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19>

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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.

A Letter From the President

If you would have told me that in the future a virus that has the same name as a familiar beer would change the routine of my life, affect my finances, prohibit me from hugging my friends, have most of my groceries delivered and require me to stay at home always, I would have laughed, rolled my eyes and said that it sounds like a Sci-Fi movie.

Yet this is not the case. The coronavirus has changed our lives and many of the businesses we know; including Animal Aid of Tulsa. We had to close our doors of the Thrift Store temporarily. This has never happened in our 50 years of continuous service. Our priority is our rescued dogs and cats in our system. The cost of boarding has to be reduced and these babies had to be placed in foster homes. Our Foster Coordinators, Diane H. and Susan A. and our Rescue/Adoption Coordinator Chris R. worked diligently to find those matches. Magic happened and to date, there are seven dogs still in boarding compared to 22 just two weeks ago. We are hoping to place the last seven into foster homes. Perhaps you can help or know someone who knows someone.

We will continue to carry on our mission with helping critically sick and injured stray dogs and cats in our community. Unfortunately, the truth is the only way we can continue rescuing is through donations. Understandably, finances have changed for all of us, but the needs of these babies have not changed. Calls are still received about a dog hit by a car and dragging his leg or a cat that has a terrible upper respiratory infection and will die in another day or two. Vet bills average between \$22,000 and \$28,000 per month. I know, I am surprised every month when the invoices come in. With everyone's help, Animal Aid of Tulsa can still make a difference for these babies.

Life is different right now for all of us, but we will get through these difficult times. Looking through our pet's eyes, nothing has changed except that we are home a whole lot more. Now, that is a good thing for them and us. Life is good.

Maxine Mackey
President, Animal Aid of Tulsa



The Betsy Project

Our youth are the future for animal welfare

The Betsy Project is almost ready for lift off and we need your input! Animal Aid of Tulsa has been developing a youth education program over the last year called The Betsy Project. Our mission is to mobilize Oklahoma youth and students to improve conditions for our animals through education and volunteer opportunities.

Betsy was a stray dog found at Pine and Peoria. She was pregnant and had suffered abuse on the streets. She had been kicked, shot at, and otherwise abused. Betsy was taken in to Animal Aid of Tulsa to receive medical care and safely have her puppies. After delivery, Betsy's mental condition deteriorated due to the abuses she

suffered on the streets. Her fears overtook her and she was deemed unsafe. Betsy had to be euthanized because of the cruelty of a few humans.

This movement aims to make sure this never happens to another animal again by creating compassion for all animals.

Send us images and video of your kids volunteering for animal welfare organizations to admin@betsyprojecttulsa.org and be sure to visit the website, betsyprojecttulsa.org. Once school is back in session we would love to visit classes and help start up chapters in other high schools and middle schools.



Animal Aid of Tulsa 2020 YTD Statistics
Intake: 32 Adoption: 24 Transfer: 6

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

Donations (received bet. 1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020)

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Teresa Cearley	Chris Johnson	Tammy Mccshane	Don Smith	Memberships
Elaine Cervini	Frances Jolly	Ardena Merlock	Aurora Sommer	Patron:
Gayle Clanin	Pat Jones	Gay Miller	Robert Spangler	Jan Busey
Kathryn Sue Cook	Billie Keaton	Jane Mills	Carolyn Steele	Lenora Crowder
Sarah Cragun	Janet Kellogg	Renato Nardo Conti	Paula Storm	Student/Senior:
Michael Curry	Kelly Kerfoot	Sally Neas	Loretta Stucke	Beverly McKenzie
Dog Everything	Lisa Kirk	Tracy Nettleship	Loretta Summers	
Dorothy Donaldson		Laura New-Morgan		

Honors & Memorials (received bet. 1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020)

Dick & Julie Behling, in memory of Luke, our chocolate lab - he was a wonderful friend and companion, 12.5.2006 to 1.10.2020	Linda Hoffman, in memory of Oliver Gunther, a cat from AAOT
Laura Colgan, in honor of Heather Evan's birthday	Marilyn Murphy, in honor of Stormy, our beloved Blue Heeler mix
Margaret Dugan, in memory of Jean Jones from cousin Peggy	Helen Nilson, in honor of Kate Beatty
Karen Dunning, in memory of "Lady," beloved dog of Jean Shipley, from Karen & Lee Dunning	John Nobles, in memory of my sweet tripawd baby girl, Trinity
Robert Fugate, in memory of Mariah	Edward Rogers & Neill Bear, in honor of Georgia Hammill, Happy Birthday
Sharon Guterman, in memory of Misty	Richard Sloan, in memory of Caskey
	Carol Von Holten, in memory of Maddie & Mae Mae

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