



# Animal Aid Communiqué

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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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## People Painting Pets 2026

Another year has passed with our annual People Painting Pets fundraiser and we continue to be amazed, dazzled and delighted by the many talented volunteer artists and enthusiastic animal art lovers! This year People Painting Pets raised \$5,527 to help sick and injured animals. That not only surpassed our goal of \$4,000, but is also the most we've raised with this fundraiser to date!

It would be absolutely impossible without the 90+ artists who spend their time and talent creating so many unique, beautiful pieces of artwork for this fundraiser, and the art lovers who ordered 170+ unique portraits this year.

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We'd like to extend a special thank you to all of our artists, the novice and experienced, the school classrooms and the painting parties, the professionals and the hobbyists! Thank you, thank you, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of all of our animals.

Many of the volunteer artists are local and take commissions, teach classes, or own small businesses. Please take a moment to support these talented artists below, whether it be with presence and kind words or thinking of them if you're looking for bespoke art in the future!

- Susan Doyle [artbysusandoyle@gmail.com](mailto:artbysusandoyle@gmail.com)
- Ruby Loftin [rubyloftin@icloud.com](mailto:rubyloftin@icloud.com)
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## 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](http://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](mailto:animalaidoftulsa@gmail.com) if you have questions about specific animals.

**DONATE** - 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](http://animalaid.org/donate).

**SUPPLY** - We are always in need of dog/cat food, cat litter, treats, etc. for the animals already in our care. Donations of [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [chewy.com](http://chewy.com) gift cards are greatly appreciated so we can order supplies directly from merchants.

**SHOP** - Our thrift store is located at 6811 E 21st St (just east of 21st and Sheridan). Store hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Donations are accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. **\*\*Summer Donation Hours (June-Sept) are 10am to 2pm\*\***

**PARTNER** - We have a list of partners on our website at [animalaid.org/partners](http://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.

**FOLLOW** - 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!**

## Is your pet extra itchy lately?

Spring and summer are wonderful seasons for flowers, spending more time outdoors and maybe even enjoying some water time fun. This spring, however, has been a difficult one for pets and people with allergies. Allergies in pets can be environmental or they can be related to food, with protein being the most common culprit. If your pet's symptoms change with the seasons, then I would consider environmental allergies as at least part of the cause (grass, weeds, mold, trees, etc). If your pet has year round symptoms then consider food or indoor environmental (such as dust mites).

Symptoms of allergies in pets often relates to their skin (redness, itching, licking, chewing) and when left untreated long enough can progress to skin infections and ear infections (both yeast and bacteria can grow on the skin and in the ears). Pets can develop sneezing, reverse sneezing (google a video if you are unfamiliar with this symptom), watery eyes and nasal discharge but these are less common compared to the skin related symptoms.



Any time a pet starts scratching, always check for fleas and ticks first. Some pets are so sensitive that a single bite can send them into an itching frenzy and can cause hair loss. Places to check in particular are over the rump, on the thinly haired skin of the belly and all over the head and back of the neck. The term 'flea dirt' refers to little black granules in the fur that look like dirt. You can tell the difference between 'flea dirt' and regular dirt by getting it wet on a white paper towel. If it turns red when you get it wet, it's flea dirt. If it stays brown, it's just regular dirt.

The second step, after checking for fleas and ticks, is to give them a bath with an oatmeal based shampoo. My favorite oatmeal based shampoo is made by Dechra and is called DarmAllay. It is soap free (so it won't strip their natural oils from their skin) and it has hydrolyzed oats to help bind up the irritating material stuck on their fur and skin. Let soak for 10 minutes once fully lathered before washing it off to give it a chance to bind. This particular shampoo can be used up to twice weekly since it is so gentle. Harsher soaps should be used less frequently (think once or twice monthly).

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Once your pet doesn't have any fleas and is nice and clean, try an antihistamine. The classic over-the-counter is Benadryl, which comes in 25mg tablets. Pets need 1 pill per 25 lbs (ie give two tablets to a 50 lb dog). This medication does cause drowsiness and has to be given frequently (every 4-6 hours). Another option is Zyrtec. The starting dose for Zyrtec in pets is 1 mg/kg (1mg per 2.2 lbs). Zyrtec comes in 10mg tablets so give one tablet per 22 lbs and give it twice daily. A veterinarian may choose to go with a higher dose in your pet so it is good to check with a veterinarian if you are still struggling to make your pet comfortable.

Antihistamines work synergistically when given with some skin support nutrients such as Vitamin E, EPA, DHA and Omega 3 fatty acids. When looking at skin support supplements, please choose a brand with the NASC (National Animal Supplement Council) quality seal. Supplements that have this seal have passed rigorous third party audits, maintain quality compliance, have written standard operating procedures, an adverse event reporting system and participate in random product testing to make sure they say what they have and only have what they say. You can go to the NASC website for a list of products that have the quality seal.

If your pet has an advanced allergy problem, you should consult with your veterinarian about the prescription treatment options available such as Apoquel, Cytopoint, Atopica and short courses of steroids in severe cases. There are also board certified veterinary dermatologists who can perform allergy testing and help your pet live their most comfortable life. You just need to discuss a referral with your veterinarian.

**Erin Stayton, DVM, MS**  
**Practicing Veterinarian at Veterinary Associates**



## Volunteer Spotlight: Henry

Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Henry, one of the amazing volunteers who helps make Animal Aid of Tulsa such a special place for our dogs. Henry is a familiar and friendly face around the rescue, spending multiple days each week walking dogs, providing playtime and enrichment, helping with transportation, and supporting many of our events. No matter the need, Henry is always ready to jump in and lend a hand.

The love, patience, and consistency he brings make a real difference in the lives of our dogs. From exciting walks to fun play sessions, Henry helps ensure the dogs in our care receive the attention, exercise, and affection they deserve while waiting for their forever homes.

Volunteers are truly the heart of Animal Aid of Tulsa, and dedicated individuals like Henry help make our mission possible. We are so grateful for his time, compassion, and commitment to our rescue family.

Thank you, Henry, for everything you do. We are incredibly lucky to have you as part of the Animal Aid of Tulsa team!



Henry and Kesher



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**7th Annual Rally for Rescues**  
**09.10.26**

women's doubles tennis tournament  
**Benefitting Animal Aid of Tulsa**

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## Adoption Events:

come meet our  
dogs & cats



**DOG PARTY**

**Sat 7/18 - 11-2**

Ace Hardware  
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Broken Arrow



**Sat 8/1 - 12-3**

Hollywood Feed  
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**CAT PARTY**

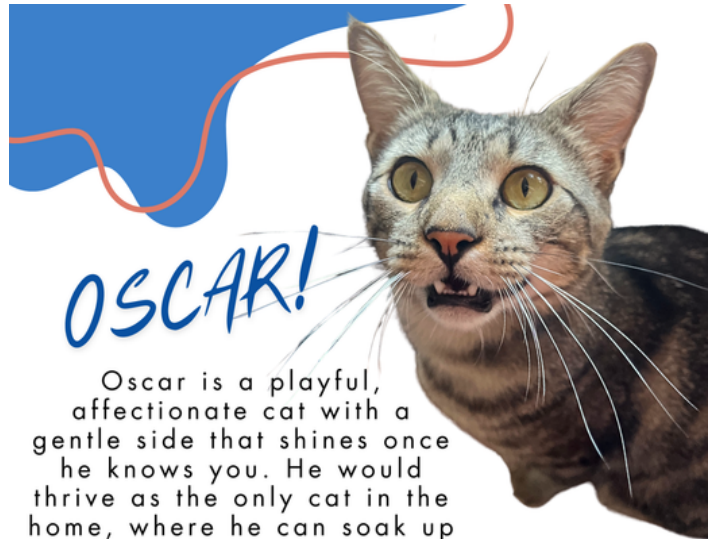
## WILLOW!

Willow is a fun-loving, affectionate girl who has been waiting for her forever family for nearly 600 days. After overcoming a rough start as a puppy with a leg injury, she's grown into an energetic dog who loves people of all ages, other dogs, and even cats. She'd love a playful dog friend to romp around with, then curl up beside you for cuddles at the end of the day.



## OSCAR!

Oscar is a playful, affectionate cat with a gentle side that shines once he knows you. He would thrive as the only cat in the home, where he can soak up all the love and attention—and become your favorite cuddle buddy. He loves to spend his days chatting with you and playing with his favorite interactive toys.





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