



# Animal Aid Communiqué

Keeping you updated on the latest news from Animal Aid of Tulsa

## ANIMAL AID OF TULSA, INC

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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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## Meet Our New Animal Coordinators

### Sarah

"I came to work for Animal Aid of Tulsa after working over 11 years in veterinary medicine, including a stint in veterinary ophthalmology in Austin, Texas. Growing up on a small cattle farm in eastern Oklahoma, my love of animals started from a very early age. My personal zoo at home consists of two dogs, Doc Holliday and Casanova, and two cats, Miss Kitty and Samsara. I also have roughly 40 house plants and a fish tank that keep me busy on my days off. I'm very excited to be here with Animal Aid of Tulsa where I can pursue my passion of helping animals even more!"



### Jade

"I was born and raised at the Jersey shore and moved to Seattle, WA in 2009. I came to Oklahoma in October 2022. I was a veterinary assistant for 15 years, working primarily in general practice plus a brief stint in specialty. I always had a special interest in dentistry and radiology, and especially loved working with geriatric patients. When not working for AAOT, I create digital art, read, write, and spend time with my rescue dog, bunny, and partner."

## A Special Thanks to Mai

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and bid farewell to our beloved animal coordinator Mai, who has started a new adventure! While we are saddened by her departure, we wholeheartedly support her decision and are thrilled to announce that she has found a new home with another animal rescue organization located in Catoosa. During her time with us, Mai demonstrated unwavering dedication, going above and beyond to positively impact the lives of the animals in our care. From coordinating numerous adoption events to ensuring the well-being of our rescues, her hard work has made a significant difference in the Tulsa community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mai for her remarkable contributions. Although she may be physically distant, she will always hold a special place within our Animal Aid family.

### A Letter from Debbie Schwake

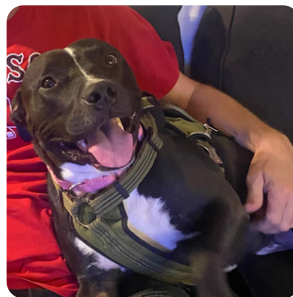


"We have been fostering for several years now. Being a foster means opening your home and heart to a dog that most times you have no background information about. You give the dog time and space to decompress and get used to a new environment. We have 3 personal dogs who act as ambassadors and teach the foster how our house runs. We're able to show an abused/neglected dog what a loving home is like. We personally let them sit with us on the couch, and sleep in our beds. We hang out in the backyard, take them for walks and post lots of photos on Facebook. We take them to adoption events and share their story and brag about their personalities. **They often find their way into our hearts and you wonder how you will ever give them up. But then you meet a family who decides that your foster belongs with them. You see the love in their heart and you just know your foster will be loved by this new family just the way you have loved them.**

We had a foster named Hope. Hope was being used as a breeder. She lived outside on a chain 24/7. She didn't have proper access to clean water, enough food and had little shelter in the hot August sun. After she was rescued and checked out at the vets office we offered to foster her. When we picked her up she was a bit hesitant to get in the car. My daughter, Baylee, gently coaxed her onto the back seat. Once Hope got in the car she was instantly drawn to Baylee. She followed Baylee everywhere. It took about a week for Hope to begin to feel safe in our house and not flinch when we'd pet her. In our family room we have a large dog bed. With patience and love Baylee taught Hope how to lay down on the bed. Soon both Baylee and Hope would get comfy and watch a movie. We had Hope for several months before a family asked to meet her. Hope was adopted by a great couple who had a big backyard, two other dogs and she went on to live a great life. **Our hearts are sad when a foster leaves but then we get another foster and once again we get to show another dog what a loving home is all about."**

### A Remarkable Rescue

Ronnie's Story shines a light on some of the challenging aspects of animal rescue. Despite our commitment to finding loving homes for our furry friends, it can be a difficult journey. Ronnie, in particular, is a special case that needs someone who can provide him with the care he deserves. While in his adoptive home, he developed some fears and was returned to us. Ronnie LOVES people and aims to please but his anxiety around other dogs has made finding his forever home difficult. Since April of 2022, Ronnie has stayed at the thrift store and has been cherished by our staff, board members, and many thrift store visitors. Although he only has three legs, Ronnie lives life with endless energy, a strong spirit, and a heart full of love. He eagerly awaits the day he finds his forever home. ***If Ronnie's story touches your heart, please help us by spreading the word or contacting us at 918-794-6688 to assist in finding him a fur-ever home.***



## WAYS TO HELP

**FOSTER** - Fostering helps not only our animals' emotional well-being, but also helps keeps costs down by reducing boarding fees. Apply at [animalaid.org/foster](https://www.animalaid.org/foster).

**ADOPT** - Visit our website for 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.

**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](https://www.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](https://www.amazon.com) or [chewy.com](https://www.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 Monday - 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](https://www.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. We need as much exposure we 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!



## Have you been to our new store? Now located at 6811 E 21st St

Animal Aid of Tulsa Thrift Store

### MEET OUR STAFF

Meet our thrift store staff! Stephanie Davis, Lilly Hogue, and Michelle Timberlake keep our store full of treasures, take in donations, and help customers every day. Their love of animals and dedication to operating our thrift store help us meet our mission of saving as many stray, injured cats and dogs as possible. Come in and meet these awesome ladies who can help you find the best deals in town!



"Other than knowing I'm shopping for a good cause, my favorite thing is the unique items I can find at the store. It feels really nicely curated so it's fun to just have a look around."



We asked - you answered...  
*What's your favorite thing about Animal Aid Thrift Store?*

"You are always greeted with a smile. Everyone that works there is so friendly and helpful. It's almost like going to a friends house."



### DONATE TO SAVE LIVES

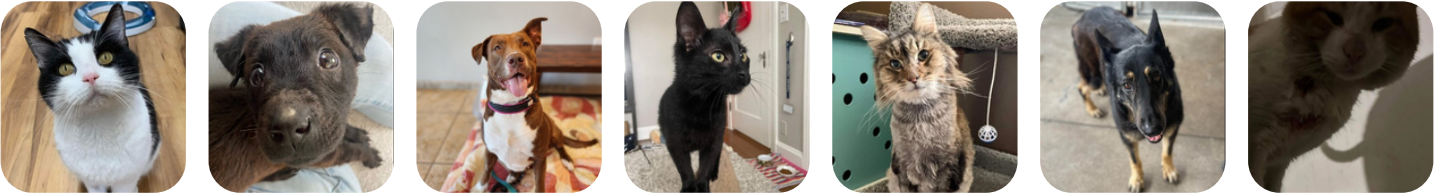
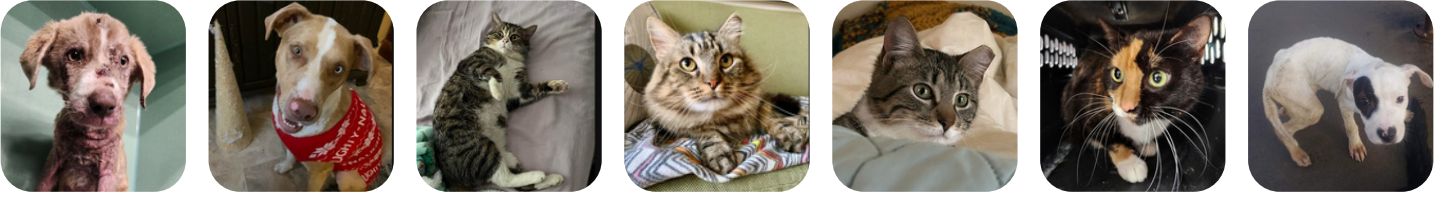
Your support for Animal Aid of Tulsa is invaluable and extends far beyond monetary contributions. By donating to our thrift store, you play an essential role in our mission to save and improve the lives of countless animals in need. The proceeds from our thrift store sales directly fund veterinary expenses, which can quickly accumulate as we care for our rescued cats and dogs. Your contributions provide a lifeline, ensuring these innocent creatures receive the necessary medical attention and an opportunity for a brighter future. By contributing your gently used items, you not only declutter your space but also create a tangible impact on the lives of animals who depend on our care.

### WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

Animal Aid of Tulsa's thrift store happily accepts a wide variety of donations. We welcome gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, housewares, small furniture, decor, kitchen items, electronics, pet supplies, antiques, and more. Whether it's stylish attire you no longer wear, household items that need a new home, or unique treasures you've outgrown, your donations will be greatly appreciated by our organization. By contributing to our thrift store, you directly support our mission of rescuing and rehabilitating animals. Your donations make a significant impact on their lives and help us make a difference in Tulsa's community. **\*Donations can be made Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm. For more information, please message us on Facebook or give us a call at 918-744-1648.**







Animal Aid of Tulsa would like to thank all the donors and amazing individuals who have opened their hearts and homes to our rescues. This page contains photos of those who have been adopted during the first half of this year. Together, we are making a difference and giving these animals a second chance at a happy and fulfilling life. Thank you for being the heroes they deserve.



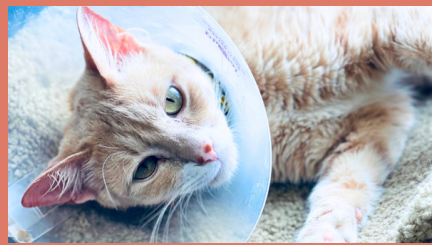
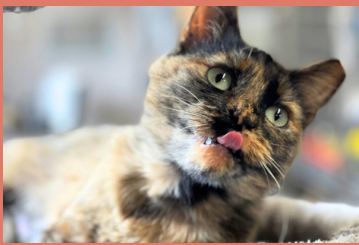




# Join Animal Aid

your membership helps animals in need

Become a member of Animal Aid of Tulsa today to help dogs and cats right here in the Tulsa area! Membership helps Animal Aid fulfill its mission to save sick, injured, and abused stray dogs and cats in Tulsa, Oklahoma and its surrounding communities. Since 1961, Animal Aid has provided veterinary care and foster homes for these animals that would likely die or be euthanized without our help.



## Annual Membership Levels & Benefits

**Animal Lover Levels** – benefits: newsletter, vote at annual meeting

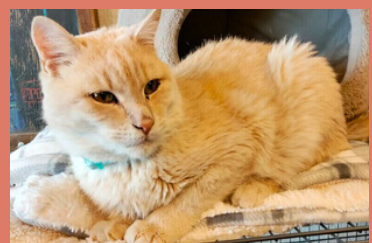
- Paw Pals (senior or student) – \$35
- Animal Allies (Individual) - \$50
- Critter Crew (Family) - \$75

**Animal Protector Levels** – benefits: same as Animal Lover level plus: AAT t-shirt & calendar, 15% everyday thrift store discount, recognition on website

- Furry Friends - \$150 (or \$15/month)
- Buddy Brigade - \$300 (or \$30/month)
- Tail Waggers - \$500 (or \$50/month)

**Animal Champion Levels** – benefits: same as Animal Protector level plus: name an animal, pet portrait (part of People Painting Pets fundraiser), reduced ticket price for fundraisers, special playdate with an adoptable cat or dog

- Welfare Warriors - \$1,000 (or \$100/month)
- Remarkable Rescuers - \$2,500 (or \$250/month)
- Gentle Giants - \$5,000 (or \$500/month)





# Rally For Rescues Sponsorship Opportunities

September 7th 2023, at LaFortune Park Tennis Center

## Top Dog Tournament Sponsor: \$2,000

- 8ft banner on the top court
- Business card or flyer in swag bag
- Mention on artwork and all social media

## Big Dog Main Sponsor: \$1,000

- 4ft banner on the second court
- Business card or flyer in swag bag
- Mention on artwork and all social media

## Puppy Power Sponsor: \$500

- Mention on all social media



## To Donate or Become a Sponsor:

Contact Heather Palomino

918-625-7599

heatherreneeoster@yahoo.com

**\*Tax donation receipt available**



*"Thank you for donating to such a wonderful and much needed cause. I am proud and excited to have the 4th annual Rally for Rescues tournament on September 7, 2023 at LaFortune Park Tennis Center. In the first three years we raised over \$43,000 for Animal Aid of Tulsa and In 2020, I received an award from USTA for Outstanding Adult Tournament. The never-ending homeless pet population in Oklahoma is heartbreaking, but every dollar raised helps us help as many as we can!"*







## 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 lifetime - 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
- Gift of Land
- 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Animal Aid of Tulsa, 6811 E. 21st St, Tulsa, OK 74129



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## ANIMAL AID OF TULSA NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a passion for animals and a desire to make a difference? Join Animal Aid of Tulsa in our mission to transform lives!

**We urgently need fosters for our cats and dogs.** Fostering is **completely free** with all necessary supplies provided to you. We are equally as grateful for both **short-term** and **long-term** fosters. As a local rescue organization, we rely on the support of compassionate individuals like you to provide temporary homes for these rescues. Together, let's create a brighter future for our furry friends and our Tulsa community.

### **BECOME A FOSTER TODAY**

VISIT [ANIMALAID.ORG/FOSTER](http://ANIMALAID.ORG/FOSTER) OR CALL **918-794-6688**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**