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Jeff Gannon Memorial Day of Service

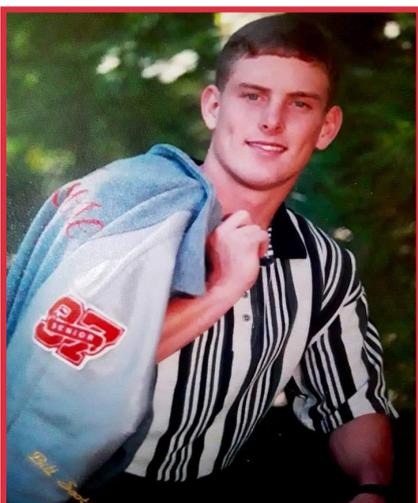
On October 8th, the APET animal shelter hosted the family and friends of Jeff Gannon, a Mineola HS graduate, who passed away on this date in 2019. His sister, Kim Gannon, wanted to do something to turn this day of sorrow and grief for his family into something other than a tragic memory. His family considered how much Jeff loved animals and decided to get a group together and donate time, goods and money in Jeff's memory to our animal shelter.

The first memorial day of service was held last year on the same date. It was a big success, with many people coming out and helping the shelter accomplish some much needed tasks. APET appreciates the friends and family of Jeff Gannon more than they know!

This year, the turnout was even better. A large group of friends and family arrived, bringing carloads of donations and equipment, to accomplish many tasks from shredding the pasture behind the shelter, to clearing brush, from mowing to trimming trees, from cleaning to grooming animals. So many tasks were completed by this wonderful group of volunteers! They hung a shade cloth over a sunny outdoor pen. They cut small saplings from a fence line and filled holes dug by dogs. They power washed buildings, serviced our air conditioners and raised nearly one thousand dollars in cash donations to benefit the shelter.

Kim is determined to grow the event as well. She has organized a volunteer group of local high school students who will start coming to the shelter on a monthly basis, and she will sponsor a scholarship for the student who volunteers the most hours to us. She is also supporting more efforts throughout the year with ad hoc project assistance and relief. We are so lucky to have Kim Gannon onboard in such a fully supportive way and APET is so appreciative of her efforts on our behalf.

If you are interested in hosting a memorial day or any type of volunteer event for your family or business at our shelter, please call our shelter director, Liesse Langlois, at 903-638-6902, and she will happily assist you in making all the arrangements.



Jeff Gannon



Family and friends gather for Jeff Gannon Day

Photos of Jeff Gannon Day



Lucky Coco loves her spa day!



Hard work clearing brush



Filling Holes



Hanging shade Cloth



Top Dog Thrift Store Celebrates One Year Anniversary



Top Dog Thrift Store in Winnsboro with
APET Board President CJ Thatcher and Secretary Cyndie Ewert

On August 28th, 2021, APET's thrift store in Winnsboro, Texas, celebrated its one year anniversary. Top Dog Thrift Store opened at 300 E. Elm Street one year ago, and has been going gangbusters ever since! To help celebrate, the Dulcimer Dames were on hand to entertain with music, shoppers enjoyed delicious treats and drinks, and APET's adoption vehicle was on hand to showcase some of our adoptable animals and to demonstrate the reason the thrift stores exist - to help abandoned and neglected animals of Wood County and surrounding areas find a home,

and to help reduce the overpopulation of unwanted animals through spaying and neutering.

APET currently operates two thrift stores in Wood County. The first one, located at 909 S. Pacific Street in Mineola, opened in 2004. Both stores are packed full of great thrift items at very reasonable prices and are bursting at the seams with items for your holiday shopping. All items are donated and carefully sorted by staff and volunteers, and nothing but high quality is found on the sales floor. Do yourself a big favor this holiday season - save yourself a ton of money by shopping for gifts or holiday décor at one of our thrift stores. You will be doing yourself and the animals we support a great service! And guess what? You will find no "supply chain" problems at either store!

If you have quality items you wish to donate, please call the Winnsboro store at 903-342-0075 or the Mineola store at 903-569-1250 and one of our helpful staff or volunteers will assist you.

Hours of operation for Top Dog Thrift in Winnsboro are Thursday & Friday, 11am to 4pm, and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The APET Thrift Store in Mineola is open Wednesday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm.



Treats & smiling faces



Dulcimer Dames & our adoption vehicle

Recent Improvements!

We just keep getting better and better! In order to keep serving the animals and the people of Wood County in the best way possible, we are always looking for ways to grow or to safeguard our existing assets.

To that end, we recently installed a carport cover to help protect our adoption vehicle from the worst of the elements. The graphics applied to the vehicle as well as the tires and the AC unit all deteriorate when exposed to the sun, wind, falling branches and the like.

Erected in just one afternoon, we are so grateful for the many years of support and donations from members that enable us to keep adding improvements through the years. Thank you!



Our Newest Addition -

A carport cover for our adoption vehicle!



Beautiful Adoptable Pets!

Are you looking to add a new dog or cat to your family? Or maybe wanting to make a space for "just one more" in your loving home? Check out some of our adoptable pets below. We have these and many more available. Please check out all of our adoptable animals at our web site, www.apetspca.org, then come out to the shelter to meet them. The love of your life is waiting for you!



Juneau



Bandit



Willow



Bella



Lola

Diesel



Featured Pet of the Quarter

Our featured pet of this quarter is big boy Diesel. This powerful and handsome dog weighs in at 58 pounds. He is a Boxer/hound mix, red with black nose and darker brown ears.

Diesel has a big, loud bark, which covers up his marshmallow core. He does get nervous around new people, so he does not show well at the shelter. But once he gets to know you, all he wants is love and to play with you.

This big boy plays hard too. He loves to run, to chase a ball, and to body slam you if you will let him. Very alert, this handsome fella would make a great watch dog. He will alert by barking, and his big bark would scare anyone in their right mind away.

Diesel is up to date on his vaccines, he is neutered, heartworm negative and will walk on a leash. Diesel is 3 years old and needs a strong owner who is experienced with handling strong willed dogs. He is not officially house broken, but he does not like to mess in his kennel and will wait until he can go outside if at all possible. It would not take much to house break him. He is obedient with those he respects, and just the sweetest thing to those he loves.

If you are interested in Diesel, come out to the shelter and meet him, or call us at 903-638-6902 and speak to the shelter director about him. This big fella could be the love of your life!



Big Diesel



Success Stories

Just some of the animals that your support has made a forever home possible for:



Layla



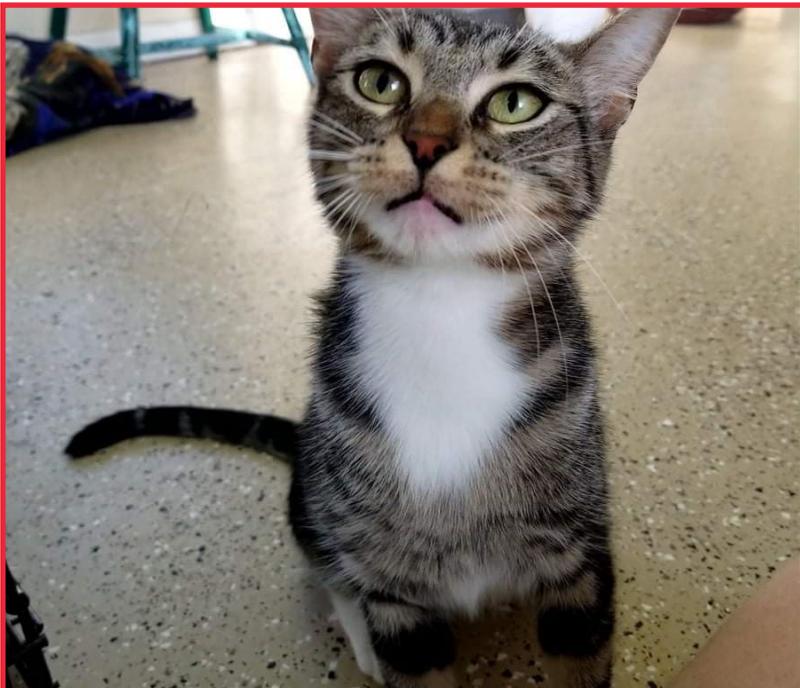
Sonny



Cookie



Arnie



Kiwi



Groucho

More Success Stories



Frida



Tater



Astro



Sterling



Suzie



Ways to Give



When you shop at Amazon Smile, and you select APET-SPCA as your designated charity, we receive a small donation from every purchase. The more you spend, the more APET benefits. It's an easy way to support the animals we all love, and it costs you absolutely nothing. So remember to go to Amazon Smile next time you need to shop, and select us as your charity of choice. We thank you, and the dogs and cats thank you too!



Also, if you shop at chewy.com, please designate APET-SPCA as your shelter of choice. We make it easy for you to give by providing a "wish-list" of items that we always need at our shelter. If you are a new Chewy customer and you designate APET, we will receive a \$15 credit to use on the website. It's a win for everyone. Thanks in advance!



Thank you from all the animals

BECOME A MEMBER

Our membership program is one of our principle avenues to capture funding for our operating initiatives. We so appreciate each and every one of you members who make so much of what we do possible. Our focus is on offering animals of Wood County a second chance at a happy, healthy life. In light of these efforts, if you would like to give a gift membership for family or friends, or if you know someone who may like to become a member of our non-profit organization, please call the shelter and we will send you a membership application. Please call 903-638-6902 right away! Thank you!



6 Fall Pet Safety Tips

1. **Beware of anti-freeze!** Ingesting anti-freeze is lethal to your pets. Both cats and dogs seem to like the taste and will lick it up. Make sure all bottles are stored away properly and that you don't have a leak in your driveway or garage from the cooling system of your auto.
2. **Beware of ticks!** It is tick season, and your pets playing in fallen leaves is a good way to get them. Make sure you are using a recommended preventative to keep them off your furry friends.
3. **Let them have a fur coat!** If you have a dog you shave down in the summer, let them grow in their winter coat. Just like you need your fall and winter coat, your dog needs theirs too!
4. **Be careful with holiday treats!** Many of the things we love, like chocolate, can be hazardous to your pet's health. No cooked bones, no raw bread dough, and many fruits and vegetables are also off limits.
5. **Be careful with holiday decorations!** Many shiny decorations are appealing to our pets. But they sometimes contain toxic metals, and can become choking hazards. Make sure to keep them out of your pet's reach.
6. **Make holiday arrangements with your pet sitter, dog walker or doggy day care now!** As the holidays approach, these people will get busier and busier, and you don't want to be caught off-guard if you need to travel for the holidays and need a place for Fido. Plan ahead!

OUR WISH LIST

Things we can always use...

- Kitty Litter
- Dry dog food
- Wet dog food
- Bleach
- Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toys
- Dog Treats
- Warm Blankets



LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER

If you live in Wood County and are in need of a low cost spay or neuter for your pets, please call **903-760-SNAP (7627)** This is **SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program)** and it is available for all residents of Wood County. If you are outside of Wood County, please call *Animal Protection League* at 903-439-2953 for low cost spay/neuter and vaccines.



***Please don't litter,
Fix your critter!***

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 13th – Top Dog Thrift Store, 300 E. Elm Street, Winnsboro, Texas. Winnsboro Art and Wine festival. Come join the fun from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The adoption vehicle will be there loaded with some of our furry friends!

Saturday, November 20th - Tractor Supply, 1451 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Texas. Come out and shop and then visit with us and our adorable, adoptable animals we will have on hand with our adoption vehicle!

**How beautifully leaves
grow old! How full of
light and color are their
last days!**

John Burrows

