



# THE APET PRESS

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## Transport Day Arrives!

In April of this year, APET took in a sweet, young Terrier mix dog whom we named Addie. We subsequently discovered that Addie was pregnant and it was too late to have her spayed, as the puppies were too developed to safely perform that surgery. At APET we do not normally shelter puppies, because we do not have a proper isolation unit for them. Regardless, puppies were coming, so we had to figure out a way to handle the situation, and fast!

One of our dedicated kennel techs and her family fostered Addie until she gave birth to five beautiful puppies. After that, we dedicated one full room to the momma and her babies. It was shoe coverings, lab coats and gloves for all personnel, and one of our volunteers built a new pen so that Addie and her puppies wouldn't have to share a yard with the other shelter dogs. Let's just say, it was an adventure for all involved!

Luckily, it all went well, and the puppies stayed very happy and healthy throughout. But what to do with five puppies who, by the looks of it, were going to be big dogs? To the rescue came *Pets Going Places* (PGP) out of Colleyville, and their lovely director, Vanessa Vandiver. They are a rescue that assists with pulling dogs from southern shelters and transports them north. Because of mandatory spay and neuter laws, northern shelters have space and need adoptable dogs. Our puppies, and momma Addie, were picked up by PGP and transferred to foster homes in Colorado where they now await adoption. This was APET's first ever animal transport and it was an exciting event for us. We hope to collaborate with PGP in the future, to help stray and abandoned dogs of Wood County find loving homes in northern climates.

As for the puppies, all of us as APET adored them, but are so glad to know they will be placed into loving homes and won't have to wait in a shelter to be adopted! Happy tails, little ones!



Keegan



Susan with Pets Going Places



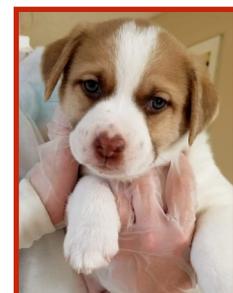
Bonnie



Atticus



Duff



Clementine

## **Beautiful Adoptable Pets!**

Are you looking to add a 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 currently have these and many more. Please check out our web site at [www.apetspca.org](http://www.apetspca.org) to see all of our adoptable dogs and cats, then come out to the shelter to meet them. The love of your life is waiting for you!



Frida

Bandit



Rusty



Lily



Lola

Astro



## Meet A Volunteer!

It is a fact that APET could not do all that it does to help neglected and abandoned animals without the help of its dedicated volunteers.

With that in mind, we thought it might be nice for our members to meet some of them. Cheryl Rush started volunteering with the shelter after meeting one of our board members at our thrift store in Winnsboro.

Cheryl has a life-long love of animals and it shows in all she does with them. She is a great dog handler and trainer, and often takes APET dogs to her home for some one-one-one time to evaluate them according to the B.A.R.C. assessment. She is currently fostering one of our kittens, that is too young to be spayed.



**Cheryl working with Arnie**

Cheryl's parents allowed her to have pets as a child, and she enjoyed observing their behaviors, and learned to shape those behaviors to make obedient dogs that are a pleasure to have. Personally, she prefers big dogs, and all of her dogs have been rescues except her first German Shepherd. She says she finds great satisfaction in helping to prepare dogs to find forever homes where they will be cared for and loved. Like all of us, Cheryl likes to feel appreciated while supporting a worthwhile cause - all reasons she likes volunteering at APET.

She is a great asset to APET and our dogs and we want to give a shout out to her for being the outstanding volunteer she is! Thank you, Cheryl!

## Featured Pet of the Quarter

Our featured pet this quarter is lovable Astro. This Shepherd mix is a bundle of fun. Sweet and intelligent, Astro learns commands easily and aims to please. When he came into the shelter, Astro was heartworm positive. APET treated him and he is now heartworm free and beautifully healthy. He is a larger medium sized dog, weighing in at forty-nine pounds. He is leash trained, he knows the command "sit", and he does not climb or jump fences. He appears to like everyone who comes to the shelter and has interacted fine with children (ages 8-12 years old). It is unknown how he acts with younger children and cats. Astro is 2.5 years old. Neutered, microchipped and up to date on all his vaccines.

For more info on Astro, or any of our other adoptable animals, please call the shelter at 903-638-6902.



**Lovable ASTRO!**

## Success Stories

Just some of the animals your support has made possible a forever home.



Oscar



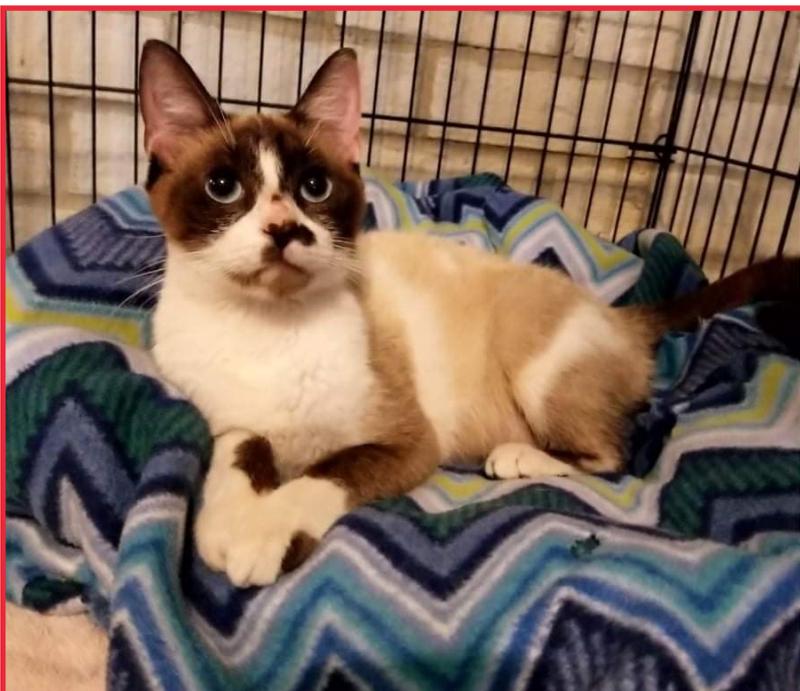
Kiki



Charley



Hershey



Brielle

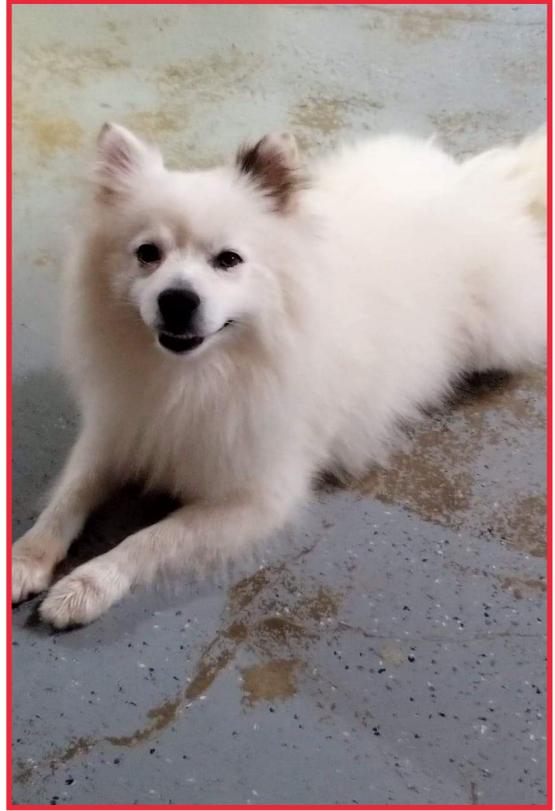


Luna

## More Success Stories



**Beauty**



**Iver**



**Babydoll**



**Woody**



**Marley**



## 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 are shopping online, and select us as your charity of choice. We thank you, and the dogs and cats thank you too **(which is a lot coming from the cats)!**



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 us, 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 providing 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 organization, please call the shelter, and we will send you a membership application. There are several different levels of membership available. Please call 903-638-6902 and we will email an application to you right away. Thank you!



## Summer Tips for our Furry Friends

It's HOT!! And if you are hot, it's a pretty good bet your pets are hot as well. Here are some tips to help keep them cool.

1. Give plenty of fresh water, throughout the day. Water warms up as it sits, so refill their water bowls often with cool, fresh water.
2. Provide a kiddie pool filled with fresh, cool water, or a sprinkler for them to play in.
3. Never, EVER leave your pet in a parked car. Temps in a parked car with the windows cracked on an 85 degree day, can reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature can reach 120. Your pet can suffer irreversible organ damage, or death.
4. Watch the humidity. If the humidity is too high, animals are unable to cool themselves and their internal temperature will skyrocket. Taking a dog's temperature will tell you quickly if there is a problem. It should not be over 104 degrees. If it is, follow the instructions for treating a pet for heat stroke.
5. Don't rely on a fan. Dogs don't cool the same way we do, so a fan does little good.
6. Make sure they have plenty of access to shade, throughout the day.
7. Limit the time their feet are on hot sand or pavement.
8. Prepare for power outages. Have an emergency plan for your pet in case of power outage, just like you would for your family.

# OUR WISH LIST

## Things we can always use

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



## LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER

If you live in Wood County and are in need of low cost spay or neuter services, please call **903-760-SNAP**. 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 services and low cost vaccines.



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

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday August 28th** – Top Dog Thrift Store, 300 E. Elm Street, Winnsboro, Texas. It is the one year anniversary of our Winnsboro thrift store and we plan to celebrate! 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!

**Sunday September 19th** - Sunday Market in the Park. Our adoption vehicle will be there along with multiple vendors selling all kinds of handmade goodies. In Jim Hogg Park, 518 South Main St. Quitman, Texas, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Come say hello to some of our adoptable pets!

**“For me, ‘Dog Days’ symbolizes apocalyptic euphoria, chaotic freedom and running really, really fast with your eyes closed.”**

**Florence Welch**

