

SPARKLE



SARAH



Sparkle and Sarah both came to us on New Year's Day. Sparkle, the little boxer, had been found with her brother in Tucumcari, NM, dumped in a ditch. They both were starving and were very ill. Since that time, Sparkle's big brother has been adopted and she is still recuperating, but will be ready for adoption soon. In the meantime, her new best friend is Sarah, an adorable orange tabby. Sarah was found in a busy intersection in Amarillo, TX. She didn't know which way to turn and decided to just wait for someone to find her. Thankfully, a nice couple stopped, scooped her up and brought her to us. She had a severe respiratory infection and was also very malnourished, now she's thriving in her foster home. Her favorite pastime is grooming and snuggling with Sparkle. They love each other.

Thanks to you, special animals like Sparkle and Sarah get a second chance at finding a forever home. Thank you so much for your help and support.



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and each one has a special gift to give"*

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PO BOX 911, DALHART, TX 79022 (888)TXDAWGS SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear DAWGS Family,

We, in the panhandle of Texas, cannot wait for spring! It was such a brutal winter for so many people across the nation and we certainly had our share here. We had snowstorms, ice storms, and freezing fog, but our particular favorites were the snowstorms followed by wind chills of 30 BELOW ZERO...it was soooo cold! Thankfully due to your tremendous help and support, our animals were safely nestled in their warm, hay-filled houses waiting for the weather to pass. The cold wreaked havoc on the shelter. First the pump went out in the water well...finally got it fixed. Then the water pipes were frozen and burst...got that fixed. Then the water well froze and we spent days trying to thaw it out and finally it too was fixed. Over a period of three weeks, we spent several days hauling a 500 gallon tank around the shelter to insure everyone received fresh water...and on a few days even the tank froze, so we had to buy water jugs and continually refill them at a nearby home. As soon as the temperatures hit 33 degrees, the dogs thought it was summer, lying on their backs basking in the sun. It was a difficult time for us but we persevered as we have during past weather ordeals...only because of your help.

This month marks our eighth anniversary and we are so grateful for all you have done to help us rescue and shelter 5,523 precious animals. Each one only wants the love and attention of a family and we thank you for the opportunity to help them find their forever homes. During the holidays we had our "Home for the Holidays and Forever Adoption Event" that began with the Merrick Pet Care Adoption Days in November and went through the end of December. During that time we adopted a total of 133 dogs and cats into caring homes. In January and February, in spite of the relentless weather, an additional 94 dogs and cats were adopted. Thanks to your support, since 2003, DAWGS has placed 4,824 deserving animals with loving new families.

Although each story is so special, here are just a few that touched our hearts:



SCRUFFY is a darling terrier with the kindest eyes. During one of the horrible storms, a kind woman, Jean, found him freezing in the cold. She immediately took him in, warmed him up and fed him a nice meal. She then called DAWGS for help. Fortunately one of our foster homes had an opening and was able to take him right in. When Jean arrived with him, she had made him a little care package of treats and essentials and asked that we let her know when he was adopted. We took Scruffy on adoption for several weeks but he never found the right family. We featured him on Studio 4 (a local NBC talk show) and Jean called us back. She had never forgotten Scruffy and had been so worried about him. After seeing him again on the show she decided she really needed him to be part of her family and contacted us to adopt him. Scuffy, usually shy, literally jumped for joy when he saw her. He is now in his forever home.



Squiggles and Super Y are two adorable kittens who were brought to our sanctuary by a nice family who had found them with their mother. Unfortunately, because of severe health and financial hardships, the family could not keep all three cats. They felt the kittens would have a greater chance for adoption so they kept the mother and surrendered her babies. We took them for adoption for two months trying to find a home for them together, as they were inseparable, but many people wanted one kitty but not two. Then one day newlyweds came in looking for two kitties to be part of their family. As soon as the kittens wrapped their paws around the newlyweds fingers they were in love. Today they are in their forever homes and are so happy.



Here are the “designer dog” sisters, **Phoebe and Hershey**, Shih-Tzu / Rottweiler mixes...can you imagine?! Aside from being too cute for words, they have incredibly charming, fun-loving personalities. Their family had a severe crisis and had to surrender their puppies; they just had no choice and were devastated. The girls settled in at the shelter, and when the coldest weather passed, we were able to take them on mobile adoptions. A great couple came in, saw the two girls, and had to take them home, together, to be part of their family. It was one of our best adoptions. When little ones come in who have always been together, we try to keep that union intact and have been very fortunate to be able to do so. **THANK YOU** for helping make special moments like these possible for so many loving pets in our care.

As you know, DAWGS is a 501c3 non-profit organization that receives no federal, state or local government support. We rely on your donations, kindness and generosity, to enable us to give the animals in our care a second chance. Your continued support is essential to the lives of these animals. All your donations go directly to the care of the animals, including spaying and neutering, and we have no administrative salaries. We greatly appreciate your compassion, caring and being part of our journey.

We hope you and your family have a great spring! Love, Diane and Mark and everyone from DAWGS

P.S. DAWGS has officially gone “GREEN.” We are composting our waste with used hay, and recycling our dog food cans and bags!

IN MEMORY OF

- Skittles Albright
- Cecil Altman
- Teddy Baggenstos
- Libby Balasus
- Athea & Victor Bearden and Sherman Boddy
- Buffy and Wildman Willie Becker
- Veta Usrey Bedard
- Dusty and Scully Bentley
- Candy Berry
- Sophie Bialor
- Merlin Bielinski
- Ann and Roy Bogue
- Cassie Bonasera
- Sherman Bourhenne
- William Boyd and Austin, Peter and Gretchen
- Lily Boynton
- Ray Brickey
- Barry Brock and Maggie
- Cleo Brown
- Lenny and Teddy Cash
- Lady Chambers
- Bam Bam Chernowez
- Raymond Conway
- Bogue, Coco & Dudley Cook
- Janet and Clinton Cook
- Olo Cramer
- Tommy Crisler & Mary Nemeč
- Linda Dallamore
- John Daly
- Helen Davis
- Robo Devitt/Diamond
- Delores Dolan
- Ming and Sushi Drew
- Avee Dunn
- Joey Dyer
- Dorothy Eckert
- Indy Eichman
- Darla Etcoff
- Phyllis Alexander
- Shirley Anderson
- Bella Arena
- Marie Arnone
- Nancy and Ken Becker
- Janina Beagan
- Mary Benner and Adrienne Greer
- Cynthia Bentley
- Missy Bledsoe
- Jimmie, Sue & Holly Boulware
- Chris Boyd
- T.D. and M.R. Brown
- Terry and Judy Brown
- Glenn and Patti Cain
- Sue Cash
- Jeffrey Chin-Ray Chang
- Cathy Cherry
- Kay Clark
- Kim Conley
- Fran and Joe Cooper
- Willie Faust
- Oscar Feuer
- June Anne Fey
- Sonora Fisher
- Russ Fons
- Janet G. Freeman
- Georgia Frontiere
- Betty & Roger Fuller & Nancy
- Eugene and Hazel Fuller
- Harold Fuller & Helen Fuller Blue
- Annie Galloway
- Molly Geltman
- Ruth Giles
- Sparkle-Twinkle Gillis
- Beau Goodman
- Tina Goodman
- John Graham
- William Harris
- Daisy Healy
- Doris, Mable and Kitty Herman
- Kyle Hickman
- Robert "Bob" Hilder
- Margaret (Meg) Hoopes
- Jackson Huff-Dillon
- Happy, Bailey & Sam Hustin
- Joan Irene
- Ally and Sparky Jacobson
- Janet's babies: Agmier, Bernie, Brandy, Buffy, Candy, Eunice, Lotti, Missy, Moma Dog, Sugar, Sweet Pea, Top Tricks, SoloOne
- Miss Spiffytoyou, Lapetite Flo
- Clayton Johnson
- Rocky and Chapman Justice
- Pumpkin and Saint Kanner
- Meredith Kayser
- Tootsie and Sally Kelly
- Alan King
- Nancy Klein
- Anna Marie Klondike
- Mark and Roberta DeBoer
- Frances Dolcater
- Sharon Dunn
- John and Mary Feeley
- Jed Feuer
- Eileen Fox
- Kathy and Dave Fuller
- Britt and Janis Goodman
- Jerry and Bertie Goodman
- Brian and Rebecca Goodman
- Suzanne and Desi Hall
- George and Janet and Thomas Jeanes
- L.A. Justice
- Anne Kanner
- Robbie and Ellen Little
- Sherri Locke
- Tonya G. Longo
- Walter and Dawn Lowe
- Diane Maller
- Casey Kraft
- Larry Krepela & Wes Watson
- Ed Lackey
- Putri McAree, Sabrina and Annie Little
- Robert Langhorne
- Wheezie Lawther
- Chip Luter
- David Maller
- Mac and Bubba McConnell
- Gunny, Joey and Max McKee
- Piper Menges
- Sari Mercedes
- William Merrill and Kodi
- Dorothy Metzler
- Sabrina Michaelson
- Ray Miller and Junior
- Sherwin Miller and Muffy
- Shana Mitch
- Cassie Molloy
- Bernadine Morgan
- Sierra and Moose Nielsen
- Granny Ruth, Bootsie and Tippy
- LaVell Nutt, Charmer and Raskal
- Oakland officers: Sgts. Dunakin, Sakai, Romans & Officer Hege
- Miles and Elwood O'Loughlin
- Shana Papaioannou
- Baxter and Noel Peel
- Milly Perry and Oscar Cook
- Walter Peterson
- Ruth Pickup and Bridget
- Etta and Charles Pierce
- Tucker Dog Pirkle
- Chance Poling
- Jim Poole
- Gracie Prater
- Ida Mae Quillin
- R.A. "Rick" Ramming
- Simon and Garfunkel Reinhart
- Garth Merrick and Family
- Tyler Merrick and Family
- Diana Monaghan
- Howard D. Monroe, Jr.
- Leslie O'Loughlin
- Jennifer Peel
- Barbara Polk
- Karen Poole
- Barbara and John Prater
- Nancy Prater & Shadow & Harry
- Alan and Sharon Preen
- Inge Rapstine
- Zoe, Scout, Dixie Rose and Rio
- Michael Riccardi
- Wendy Richens
- Eve and Donald Rinaldo
- Diana Robinson
- San Clemente Dog Lovers
- Mimi, Joe, Boudreaux & Aztec
- Sue Spinello
- Copper and Maizey Roberts
- Bo Rapstine
- Sadie Reimer
- Bogue Rice
- Rocket, Sally, Bill, Jasta, Lola & Kittay
- Gillie Rosenberg
- Dugan Roth
- Arnold Rufino
- Pickles Salk
- Arnie Schenker
- Lou and Jean Schuler
- Laura Viola Scott
- Libby Skinner
- Inga, Sweetpea & Tecumseh Stenstad
- Carol Stout and "Kitty" Patterson
- Louis Christian Stratman III & Mango
- Pepper Sucich
- Albertz Taylor
- Jean Taylor
- Templeton Taylor
- Themba Tedesco
- H.B. Thompson
- June Tilson
- Emily Torres
- Isaac Trace
- Annie, C.J, Ginny, Josie, Jinx & KitKat
- Chaumbeau, Puppy, Sunshine, ZZ Bird and Pepper Spice Girl Upton
- Mary Etta Ward
- Dusty, Princess & Peanut Waters
- Irene Breznak Wargo
- Jane Whitman
- Sue Willbanks
- Jean Hayman Wilson
- Zoe Wolf
- Candi Workman
- Angel and Midge Wright
- Lady Bug Von Vorys
- Wes Watson
- Luna Youner
- Kurt and Robin Stratmann
- Mary Ann Summers
- Patricia Tabor
- Mark and Wendy Taylor
- Steve Toman
- Mona Trace and Daisy, & Rosey, Timmy & Sandy
- Rose, Bill & Roxanne Travers
- Dr. Gina Trew
- Toby, Bonnie, Landin, Shiloh, Max & LPMs
- Barbara Von Vorys
- Sally Waters and Sunny
- Meredith Wargo
- Lynette Washburn
- Elizabeth Waters
- Martha Wilcoxon
- Stan Wileczek
- Forrest Wilson
- Craig and Anita Woods
- Mary Kay, Winston & Petee Wright

IN HONOR OF

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