



DAWGS n Texas

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Dear DAWGS Family,

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Spring has finally hit the Panhandle and we love the green fields and wild flowers. We are thankful for the rain for all our farming neighbors, but we so wish it would miss our little square of land! We went from snow to mud! Although it seems like forever, we finally have a great contractor and hope to be starting on the new barn soon. The weather has been a constant problem and even now, with the rain, we are moving slowly along. We hope to have an update in August with pictures and lots of happy dogs! Thank you so much for being part of our journey to save the lives of dogs and cats and find forever homes for over 8,795 precious animals.



As you know, we started rescuing and sheltering animals when a group of nine year old girls asked the question, "Why do the dogs have to die and is there anything we can do about it?" Alix (pictured at right, in 2003, with Chico) is one of the four young students that vowed to make a difference in the lives of animals. Alix is now twenty two years old and going to college to be a nurse. She loves helping others, especially the beautiful animals at the shelter.



Alix's favorite dog is Angel, a big golden retriever/shepherd mix born with a severe cleft palate. Angel was considered unadoptable and was abandoned at a local animal control at the age of two. We have been consulting with several vets to determine the best approach to correct her palate. In the meantime, we have taken her to mobile adoptions several times. At first, she was so frightened she would hide but now she loves the attention. We so want to find her a forever home where she will be loved for a lifetime. We are keeping our fingers crossed (and her paws crossed) this weekend will be the lucky day to find her family to love.

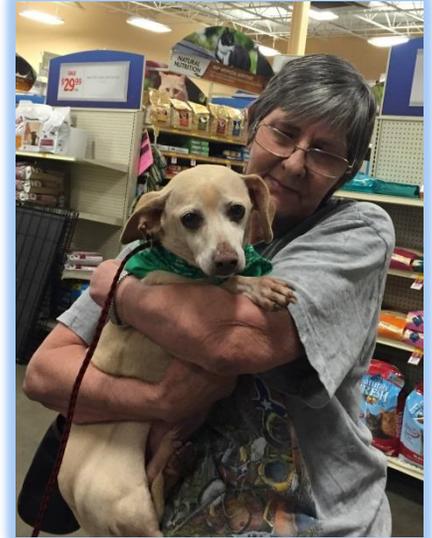
Your kindness at work...

<i>Animals rescued</i>	9,563	<i>Reunited Lost/Found Pets</i>	333
<i>Animals adopted</i>	8,795	<i>Animals currently in foster care</i>	48
<i>Special Adoption Programs:</i>		<i>Community transferred pets(2014)</i>	38
<i>Silver Paws</i>	384	<i>*Community Spay/Neuter Clinics</i>	1,453
<i>Hounds for Heroes</i>	499	<i>*(Sponsored by the Payne Foundation)</i>	



Beaugard (aka Beau) is another one everyone said was “unadoptable.” He was originally found in an abandoned house and taken to the Amarillo Animal Control. He had a large mass on his chest and went immediately to see the vet. It was determined he was a big boy that needed to be on a healthy diet and exercise. Beau waited and waited for someone to come and rescue him but sadly no one ever arrived. On his last day he was rescued by DAWGS. He was so relieved that he gave doggie kisses all the

way home to Dalhart. We put Beau on a healthy diet of Merrick Grain Free Food and he went on long walks. Slowly, the weight came off and he was so happy. Beau loves being loved! Finally, he was able to go to adoptions and through our SILVER PAWS PROGRAM he found a very nice woman that thought he was the most perfect boy ever! She had just moved to a gated community, was very lonely and was so thrilled to have a companion to love. On Saturdays, Beau comes to see us at adoptions, at PetSmart, and loves the attention, new toys and healthy treats! We believe they are all adoptable, it’s just finding the right person for them to love.



This is our sweet kitty, Tabi, a little diluted calico. She was found one snowy morning in a garbage bin. As soon as the lid was opened, Tabi leaped out and with lots of purrs let us know she was so relieved to be free. One Saturday we took her to adoptions and a great couple came in, saw her and knew they needed her to be part of their family. As veterans, they qualified for our HOUNDS FOR HEROES program and Tabi is so loved in her forever home.



We really need your compassion and caring today, as always! With summer coming, we really need help with the shelter expenses for the care of the animals and tarps for shade. A big key to our adoption success is our trailer. It was purchased in 2004 and has logged 150,000+ miles of transporting animals to and from adoptions in Amarillo, used in hundreds of rescue missions and has had major wear and tear. We really need to replace our broken air conditioner and generator and replace the decaying flooring (from years of power washing and sanitizing). The cost to repair the trailer is \$7,800. Your kindness and generosity would be so greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us make the difference in the lives of animals ... it is truly **YOU** that makes that difference a reality.

And a special thank you to 

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