

ANIMAL TALK



DON'T BUY LOVE. *Adopt* IT.

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2013 shows humane society made key gains in foster care and adoptions

The Aggieland Humane Society made positive strides in saving animals lives according to its 2013 annual report.

One hundred fifteen more animals and pets were adopted by their forever families or returned to their owners in 2013 than in the previous year.

The biggest mover in this year's statistics: foster care. The number of active foster care parents jumped 28 percent, which led to a 50 percent increase in the number of animals fostered.

Volunteer service continues to provide vital support. In 2013, 489 volunteers logged almost 8990 hours. That's the equivalent to three full-time employees, saving the humane society almost \$100,000 in administrative costs.

The complete 2013 Annual Report findings are listed on pages 5-6.

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OUR MISSION

- Provides humane shelter, care, and placement for stray and unwanted animals,
- Promotes the human animal bond, and
- Promotes responsible pet ownership to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in our community.

OUR VISION

To be a leader among animal welfare organizations in Texas

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From the
Executive Director:
Kathy Bice



Dear Friends,

We shelter and care for thousands of pets each year. Each one has its own story, like Marco, a red tabby “teenage” cat came back to us healthy and happy from his medical rescue in a foster home. He was immediately adopted, and his new family took him home for the holidays!

These stories best explain our mission to serve our community through rescues and adoptions to responsible forever families and through programs that enhance greater public health and safety.

This year we are introducing our Inspiring Tails Tours – one-hour sessions visiting our shelter residents and facilities while staff, volunteers, and adopters share their stories, and thus, our story. Our goal is for you to better understand our purpose and role as a vital charity and community resource. To find out more about our Inspiring Tails Tours or to RSVP, call me at 979-775-5755 x103.

Dedicated team members also tell these stories through Aggieland Humane Society’s website, Facebook, and monthly emails! “LIKE” us on Facebook today and sign up for email updates at Aggielandhumane.org.

The Aggieland Humane Team is grateful for your friendship and support.

Kathy Bice



GIVING AND SAVING

TAHOKA & DILLON RESCUE FUNDS



A shelter animal's health is critical to saving lives and finding loving families. For 20 years Jennifer Henderson has underwritten Tahoka's Rescue Fund, a heartworm treatment and adoption support fund started in 1993 in memory of her beloved Samoyed, Tahoka. Henderson also started Dillon's Angel Memorial Fund, which supports medical rescues as well.

The Dillon Memorial fund covers the cost for surgeries and other medical procedures for injured animals, such as Romeo, a young male Chihuahua who came to the shelter with a broken hip. Through Dillon's Fund, we paid for his treatment, nurtured him through recovery then celebrated when he was adopted!

All gifts targeting medical rescues are added to the life saving fund. **It's easy to give online at aggielandhumane.org/donate/medical-rescue-donations/.**

PIT BULL WELLNESS PACKAGE

Pit bull terriers are rapidly filling animal shelters. Housing and insurance issues with breed specific exclusions and dog aggression in some pit bulls make them difficult to place. To help increase responsible pet ownership and heighten public safety, Aggieland Humane Society is offering a Pit Bull Target Spay/Neuter Program.

Beginning in January the first 25 pit bull owners who micro chip their dog with the humane society (\$25) and apply can have a FREE wellness package that includes a rabies vaccination, Brazos County Pet License, spay/neuter surgery, and heartworm test. Owners have through March to schedule these services for their dogs.

Spayed and neutered animals are less likely to become surplus homeless pets or exhibit aggressive behavior, which enhances public safety.

Humane society officials are working with animal control officers to target neighborhoods that need assistance to improve responsible pet ownership.



Remember to leave the Aggieland Humane Society in your will and planned gifts.
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2013



VOLUNTEER OF THE Year

Darby Roberts

Volunteer of the Year works to create happy endings

If you've visited the Aggieland Humane Society or attended a humane society event, chances are you talked to Darby Roberts. Roberts spends most Saturdays working at the shelter or serving as a counselor at adoption events. A volunteer since 1997, it allows her to blend her passion for serving with her love for animals.

"It's also very different from my day job, so it gives me balance and a different perspective," said Roberts, whose day job is director of Student Life Studies in the Division of Student Affairs at Texas A&M University.

Robert's service, which also includes secretary on the humane society Board of Directors, earned her recognition as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

She is passionate about improving an animal's chance of finding their forever home.

"It's so important to understand different breeds and needs, so one can match their lifestyle to the right animal. It creates a better chance to a happily ever after story."

Adopt-A-Thon is one her favorite events because so many shelter animals find homes and numerous community organizations unite to help.

"I just love seeing people fall in love with a new family member. I also am so happy to see lost animals get returned to their owners. Lots of my friends have adopted from Aggieland Humane Society so I get to see the animals that have found wonderful homes."



Darby adopted a Catahoula/cocker spaniel mix puppy from the shelter in 1994. She named her Z. Z. (short for Zig Zag, which was the pattern she liked to sniff in). She lived to 16.5 years and was a two-time cancer survivor.

Want to become an Aggieland Humane Society Volunteer?
Visit: AggielandHumane.org/Volunteer

FINANCIAL REPORT

2013 Financial Report:

We completed our annual audit and are proud to report that we are in sound financial condition. As you can see, we rely on donations, both monetary and in-kind, to do much of our work to help the lost and homeless pets in Aggieland. Because of this strong community support, we are able to accomplish our mission. Our tax return (IRS 990) and the annual audit are available on our Web site: www.aggielandhumane.org/About-Us

Public Support Revenue:

Mail campaigns, unsolicited public support, memorial and tribute donations, donations through our Web site, grants from foundations, gifts from estates and life insurance, donor advised funds in the Brazos Valley Community Foundation and two events: Wienerfest and Barkleaders.

Program Services Revenue:

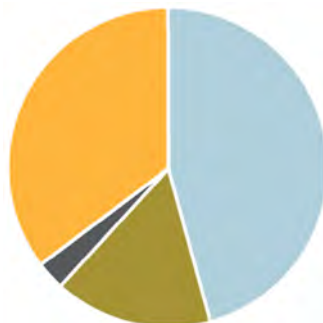
Adoption revenue, return to owner fees, surrender fees, microchip and Brazos County tag revenue, the City of College Station and Brazos County shelter fees for services, volunteer orientation fees, and t-shirt and merchandise sales.

Other Revenue:

Investment gains, oil and gas revenue, and other.

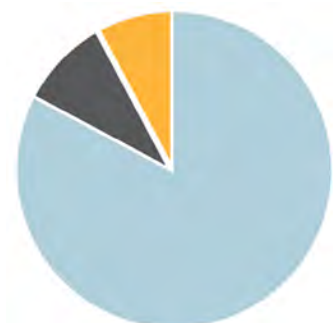


TOTAL INCOME
\$1,411,653



■ Fees for Services ■ Contributions
■ Other ■ In-Kind

TOTAL EXPENSE
\$1,357,426



■ Animal Care ■ Fundraising
■ Administration

2013

AT A GLANCE

1,807

SAVED AND PLACED

Adopted, Returned to Owner,
Adoption Transferred

125

ACTIVE FOSTER FAMILIES

Total Number of Animals Fostered: 404

489

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

8988 Hours Served

132

TAGGED & MICROCHIPPED PETS

Returned to Owners

1012

**LOST AND FOUND
CALLS LOGGED**



2013 INTAKE



	DOG	CAT	RABBIT	DUCK	TOTAL
OWNER SURRENDER	176	118	12	0	311
PUBLIC DROP OFF/STRAY	539	416	4	2	961
ANIMAL CONTROL INTAKE	841	544	22	103	1510
RETURNED ADOPTION	61	42	1	0	104
BORN IN AGHS CARE	53	40	0	0	93
TRANSFER IN	1	12	12	0	25
*TOTAL	1671	1172	51	105	2999

*5% Variance in numbers due to information technology issues that have been resolved

2013 OUTGOING



	DOG	CAT	RABBIT	DUCK	TOTAL
ADOPTIONS	661	541	41	0	1243
RETURN TO OWNER	406	50	1	0	457
TRANSFER OUT	93	6	8	0	107
EUTHANIZED	455	537	6	88	1086
DIED	29	25	0	7	61
TOTAL	1644	1159	56	95	2954

Our goal is to place every adoptable, healthy, social, pet.

Euthanasia numbers include owner surrender euthanasia requests, rabies testing, dangerous or feral animals, or sick and injured pets without foster homes.

The Aggieland Humane Society does rabies control authority duties for public health and safety of College Station and Brazos County which impacts our numbers.



Pajama Party

Sheila Lequerica knows about caring for animals and wanted to be sure her children did too. When then seven-year-old Lilly and younger brother Joe Bob asked for an indoor dog, they had to prove they were responsible by caring for the two outdoor dogs and two barn cats living with the family's 40 horses on a ranch outside of Bryan/College Station. "After that, we decided that her eighth birthday was a good time to get the puppy they had been asking for," said Lequerica.

She didn't have to go far. Neighbors Molly and George Georgiades were fostering a litter of 10 Catahoula/border collie mix puppies for the Aggieland Humane Society. They are among the 125 foster parents who cared for more than 400 animals in 2013.

When the puppies were old enough to adopt, Sheila took the Lilly and Joe Bob to get "the pick of the litter" they named Annie.

They set up Annie's kennel and assorted dog toys in the playroom with Lily and Joe Bob in sleeping bags on either side of their new puppy. On the second morning, Sheila found Lily, Joe Bob and Annie all snuggled together and fast asleep, inside the kennel! After that, the three became inseparable sleeping companions, whether the kennel, the kids' tent, or their beds!

Annie found her forever home as a foster puppy in Molly and George Georgiades' care. Molly says they have served in this role for the past five years, focusing on medical rescues and female dogs and cats with very young litters.

"As with any foster, it is often the only chance these animals have to get well and grow strong enough to find their forever homes," said Molly.



Tell us about your Aggieland Humane success

email: Info@AggielandHumane.org or send us a facebook message [Facebook.com/AggielandHumane](https://www.facebook.com/AggielandHumane)

BRAZOS COUNTY LICENSE

it's the law for all dogs, cats & ferrets



ask your vet
today or purchase
online at
petdata.com

Why Tag Your Pets?

24 hour Lost & Found phone number on the tag.

Extended impoundment while the owner is located.

Emergency ride to vet for injured tagged pets.

Decreased impoundment fee.

Up to \$500 trauma support for injured tagged and lost pets

Licensing helps Animal Services identify family pets, should an animal become lost. The fees from licensing are used to care for animals in both local shelters, among other services. Other goals of animal licensing are to promote responsible pet ownership and to reduce the tragedies associated with lost pets and pet overpopulation.

Visit: AggielandHumane.org/Services/BCTag for a complete list of Brazos County vets selling tags.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep a lookout for more details on these upcoming events on our website: AggielandHumane.org



Purrfect Pageant

February 1- April 21

Love FurrEver

February 14-15

Name Your Own Price

We're not joking! April 1

Adopt-A-Thon

May 3

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