

ANIMAL TALK



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September 2014

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WIENER FEST

OCTOBER 4TH 2014

WOLF PEN CREEK | COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

CALLING ALL DOGS!

Join me in...

- Wiener Races
- "Wanna Be Wiener" Races
- Costume Contest
- 5K Run/Walk
- Live Music
- Games for Kids
- Food, Vendors & More!



AggielandHumane.org/Wienerfest



FRIDAY NIGHT BOOT CAMP OCTOBER 3RD

Join us Friday night to practice on the track at Wolf Pen Creek before Saturday's Wiener Fest 2014!

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Monday-Friday 11am-6pm | Saturday 11am-3pm | Closed Sunday

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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,

Those of us who work for companion animals understand that educating people about the work of animal shelters and animal rescue organizations never stops. We appreciate all you can do to help advance the work of the Aggieland Humane Society. We do not want to be a “best kept secret”. We dream of being a leader among animal welfare organizations in Texas.

Our new “Lost and Found” page provides a first step to help pet owners who have lost their pet! The page has photographs of pets that have checked into the shelter and is available 24/7.

Active lost and found advocates also have created networks of animal lovers who work together to document animals “out of place” in our community and then try to find their owners through social networking. See Facebook: Brazos Lost and Found.

“Like” Aggieland Humane Society on Facebook. Share our adoption glamor make over photos on Facebook. “Bookmark” or “Favorite” our website and share it with other animal lovers. All of these efforts drive traffic to our site and help homeless pets find new homes.

We are grateful for the many ways this community engages in helping companion animals. This is especially true for our more than 100 volunteer foster families that help us take care of pets that, for many reasons, need time outside the shelter before they are adoptable.

Kathy Bice

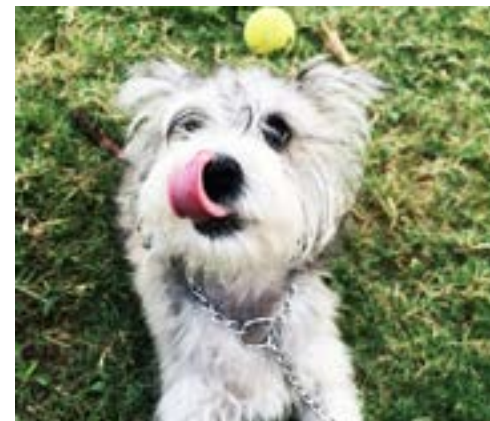


SUCCESS STORIES



Wilma, a more mature little lady, came to Aggieland Humane Society in January 2014 needing dental work. A routine blood test revealed a liver ailment that also needed attention. Thanks to Cookies Medical/Dental Fund and matched with funds from the Gray Muzzle Foundation, Wilma received all the needed medical procedures from Lovan Care Veterinary Clinic. In April the Mras family adopted a healthy Wilma, who they renamed LuLu. Now she spends her days playing with the Mras’ other dog, Lucky, and cuddling on the couch with her “dad”, Paul!

MIDNIGHT is a black Lab mix who had been a humane society resident since February 2014. Sometimes dogs hurt their adoption chances because of unruly behavior. Waggie Pet Zone offers a board and train program to teach select dogs basic obedience skills. Midnight was sent to Waggie Pet Zone for training in mid-June where he met Megan McCarthy, one of the trainers. She kept wondering why no one had adopted this sweet lovable boy. When his time at Waggie Pet Zone was up, Megan called her family in San Antonio. They didn’t have a dog, but they did have a big backyard! By mid-July, a well-behaved Midnight was home with his new forever family in San Antonio!



PEPPER was a 12-week-old Schnauzer mess when she came to Aggieland Humane Society in July – fleas, hair loss, eye discharge, and no microchip. Her outward appearance masked a more serious problem, an atrophied left back leg from an old injury. Veterinarians at Wellborn Road Animal Hospital replaced her hip. This now 16-week-old little lady healed and thrived under the care of foster parent Sarah Brien, a senior biomedical science major and volunteer at the humane society. Healthy and fiesty, this loving girl is rarin’ to go to a forever home!

A horrifying incident is working toward a happy ending thanks to quick action from a concerned citizen. In July, “Knight”, a black kitten, was thrown from a moving car on a busy College Station street. A young lady witnessed the act and immediately rescued the kitten, transporting her to Aggieland Humane Society. Veterinarians at Wellborn Road Animal Hospital determined that she had a compression fracture, which requires her cast to be changed every Friday. Humane Society staff member Amanda Hunt decided to foster Knight so that she could keep a closer watch on the little one’s recovery. Thanks to these caring adults, Knight will soon be healed and ready for her forever family to adopt her!



Your own success story could be waiting at the Aggieland Humane Society. Visit our website today AggielandHumane.org/Adopt



TARGET



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



Camp Humane gives campers three days of everything from hands on experience with exotic animals to learning basic animal care.



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From Scales to Feathers. Campers get to experience something new every day at Camp Humane.



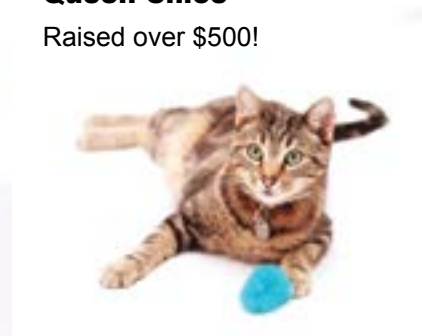
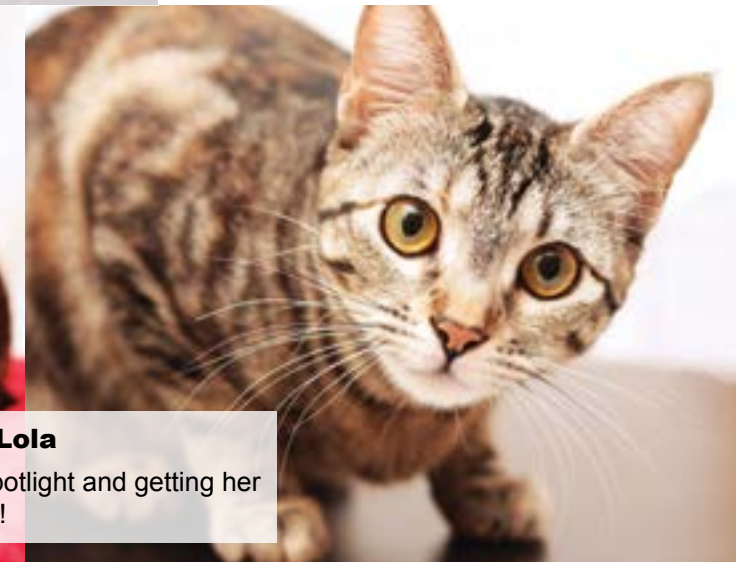
Reigning Queen Chloe and her subjects Princess Lola and Duchess Vera raised over \$1000 during our Purrfect Pageant fundraiser. A new AgHS fundraiser dedicated to raising money for the homeless pets of Brazos County.



This Years Top Three Fundraisers Won a photo shoot, prizes and the right to represent AgHS for the 2014-15 year!



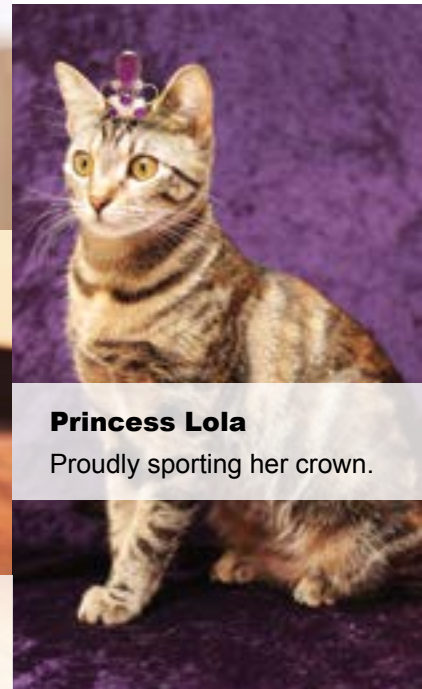
Princess Lola loved the spotlight and getting her photo taken!



Queen Chloe Raised over \$500!



Duchess Vera Vera snuck in at the last minute to claim her prize, raising just over \$200 securing her crown.



Princess Lola Proudly sporting her crown.

PURRFECT PAGEANT

VOLUNTEER STORY



PLANNED GIVING

Aggieland Humane Society gets paid when *Bob Gibbons volunteers*

When Bob and Pat Gibbons retired to lola from Houston in 2009, Bob worked part-time and wanted to spend his spare time volunteering. He found his niche at Aggieland Humane Society.

“For over 30 years, my wife and I have had dogs and cats as pets. We adopted the dogs and the cats adopted us!” said Gibbons, whose 40-year career included jobs with Texaco, ExxonMobil and TEK systems. “Pets are part of our life - loving them, enjoying them and caring for them.”

Volunteering at the humane society seemed like another way to enjoy more dogs beyond our own.”

Bob drives from lola to Aggieland Humane Society one morning a week. He usually walks dogs but says he'll do whatever the staff needs done, which might include cleaning kennels and washing dishes.

Bob also supports the humane society through ExxonMobil's Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP). This program encourages employees, retirees, and their families to volunteer for charitable, non-profit organizations in their community. For each 20 hours volunteered, ExxonMobil awards a \$500 grant up to a maximum of four grants for each volunteer during a calendar year.

But volunteer work can be “hazardous”.... In a good way!

“Pat and I also fostered a puppy in early 2013 and eventually adopted Molly,” He said. “We learned the ‘dangers’ of foster care --- you want to adopt them all!”



The Charitable Gift Annuity: The gift that keeps on giving – to you and to your charity

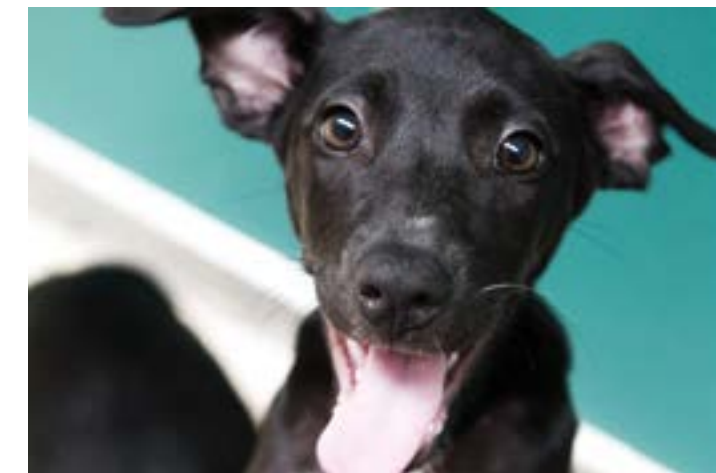
Wouldn't it be nice to receive guaranteed retirement income and make a gift to Aggieland Humane Society? You can with a charitable gift annuity.

A charitable gift annuity is one of the simplest and most popular of all the charitable gift planning vehicles. Gift annuities have been around for over 150 years and can benefit a wide range of donors, those with modest means as well as those with great wealth.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and the charity. The contract is easy to understand and create. You donate assets to the charity and in return the charity agrees to make regular fixed payments to you, or someone you name, for your lifetime with the remaining assets going to the charity. The annual return you receive is based on your age and statistical life expectancy. If you and your spouse create a gift annuity together, the rate is based on your combined statistical life expectancies. And, because the amount of return from the gift annuity is fixed and guaranteed, you don't have to be concerned with how it is invested.

Not only will you help a beloved charity, but you will also experience several tax benefits:

- An immediate income tax charitable deduction for a significant portion of the gift amount.
- Partially tax-free income: A portion of the annuity income is treated as a tax-free return of principal for your lifetime. This may help to reduce the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits and/or Medicare premiums.
- Reduces capital gains tax: If you gift highly appreciated stock you avoid paying tax on a portion of the gain equal to the deductible portion of the gift. The taxable portion of the gain would be spread over the balance of your life expectancy.
- May create estate tax savings.



With a little planning you can make meaningful and cost-effective gifts that provide real benefits to you as well as the receiving charity.

We hope you will consider Aggieland Humane Society in your charitable plans and are happy to provide more information to you and/or your advisors as you develop your charitable giving plan.

Want to become an Aggieland Humane Society Volunteer?

Visit: AggielandHumane.org/Volunteer

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

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Does Your Dog Have What it Takes?

To become the next AgHS Bark Leader?

There's still time to enter your dog for a chance to win a FREE photo shoot, prizes and the right to represent AgHS for the 2014-2015 year!

Visit AggielandHumane.org/BarkLeaders Today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wiener Fest

October 4

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October 31

Santa's Wonderland

December 6



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