



ANIMAL TALK

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ANNOUNCING A \$100,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE! DOUBLE YOUR GIFT.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Your friendship and support keep Aggieland Humane Society on track.

Long range program plans to help our local community become a “no kill community” are gaining momentum and resources! That means someday soon over 90 percent of all pets in local shelters will be placed with forever families. Public health and safety will always be part of our mission, so dangerous or untreatable contagious animals will be in the 10% at risk.

Our drive to earn “no kill” designation will happen because **YOU** care and support the mission!

We also are pleased to announce that Aggieland Humane just received a matching challenge from one of our dedicated board members! Every dollar given or pledged will be doubled until we reach \$100,000. WHOOP!

Have a grand fall and hope to see you at Wiener Fest at Wolf Pen Creek Park, Sunday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.!



Thanks for being there for the homeless pets in our community.

Kathy

Cover Dog is Koda, adopted from Aggieland Humane in January 2018.

Annual Report

At a Glance

To view our full fiscal year report, visit
aggielandhumane.org/about-us/report-newsletter/

1,514

PETS
ADOPTED

728

PETS
FOSTERED

446

PETS REUNITED
WITH OWNER

10,626

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

NO-KILL EQUATION

What does it take for a shelter to become No-Kill? Research notes eleven important steps to get there. We are well on our way to checking off all the boxes!

- RESCUE GROUP TRANSFERS**
- FOSTER CARE**
- COMPREHENSIVE ADOPTION PROGRAMS**
- PET RETENTION PROGRAMS**
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- VOLUNTEERS**
- PROACTIVE PET REDEMPTION**
- PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP**
- HIGH-VOLUME, LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER**
- MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATION**
- FERAL CAT TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE (TNR)**



KEEP YOUR SUPPORT LOCAL

Aggieland Humane is an independent animal welfare organization and is not affiliated with nor receives support from any other local, state or national animal welfare organization, including the Humane Society of the US or the ASPCA.

SUCCESS STORIES

"This is Charlotte (formerly Adele) adopted in November 2016. She is the sweetest cat I've ever had and my favorite little cat model. She's moved from an apartment to a house and loves chasing her brother up and down the hallways and cuddling with mom and dad!"

- Jenna, Charlotte's Mom



"We adopted all three of our babies from Aggieland. Khaleesi (formerly Layla, top) was the first but got lonely when we were at work. Then came Bruce Wayne (bottom) so named for his ears which some mean person did to him as a pup. Then, unexpectedly, because of a serious cuteness factor, we added Luna Lovegood (middle, formerly Vienna). They all love each other and spend their days playing and lying in bed watching Food Network."

- The Fitzsimon Family

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY!

Have you adopted your furry friend from Aggieland Humane? Submit your adoption story and a photo to any of our social media pages or to communications@aggielandhumane.org. You may just see your story featured in upcoming publications!



WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

It's never too early to think about it.

Legacy is defined as heritage or birthright or inheritance. As an inheritance, we generally think about a legacy in material or financial terms. As a birthright a legacy might mean your position in a line of succession. Or in terms of heritage it could mean the traditions or customs of your family. Legacy is also something for which someone is remembered.

For what will you be remembered? Being a fun Grandma or Grandpa? Being a caring parent? Being great at football or an excellent dancer?



What about being remembered for providing for the care of puppies or kittens that will be born in 50 or 75 years? Including Aggieland Humane Society in your Will and estate planning will leave a great legacy for these precious pets that can't provide for themselves. A monetary gift directly to Aggieland Humane; a gift to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley to benefit the pets at Aggieland Humane or a gift of stock will leave a wonderful legacy for the great pets who will find their way to Aggieland Humane in the future.



Leaving a legacy is meaningful in so many ways. Talk with your attorney or financial advisor about part of your legacy being the provision of care for lost and homeless pets in our community.

2018 LEGACY HEROES

Joyce Luster left her legacy to help the homeless pets at Aggieland Humane Society. She made Aggieland Humane the beneficiary of her IRA (Individual Retirement Account) at Vanguard.

Anita and Jean Donaho left their home to the Aggieland Humane Society and the Boys and Girls Club through their Will. Their beloved dogs and cat were part of their family! When there was an interesting article in the newspaper about animal shelter innovations Anita would clip it and mail it to Kathy Bice the Executive Director.

FIRST RESPONDER FOR PUPPIES!

Deborah Hamff has worked for College Station Fire Department for over 18 years. In the last five years, Deborah has also been one of our “First Responders” for puppies in need of a foster family. We are proud to announce that she has fostered over 100 pets. Her care has helped rehabilitate small dogs and raise puppies until they are old enough for adoption.

What was your most rewarding foster rescue?

“Dansby was a dog dumped at Lake Bryan. Dansby was pretty much wild. Volunteers worked to capture her. No one could handle her without using a towel. Six months after being at home with me, Dansby was still unsure of humans but she had formed a strong bond with my pets. It took my trip to California during the wildfires for Dansby to realize her true bond with me (the human). Dansby has now learned the joy of the belly scratch. My three dogs and I now have adopted her because she adopted us, too!”



“My favorite litter was the first litter I fostered! My dog Socks was in that litter.”

What advice do you offer to people thinking about fostering?



“Don’t be afraid you will adopt every pet you foster. If they are meant for you, you will know it. It is a rewarding experience you won’t get anywhere else. You can see puppies born or shy pups blossom into friendly ones. You can see the real dog underneath the shy one you picked up. When you are in the Adoption Ambassador program you also help find an adopter and introduce the pet to their forever family!”

*Remember homeless pets in your estate plans and leave AgHS in your Will.
Our Tax-ID is 74-2150288.*



AGGIELAND HUMANE SOCIETY
12TH ANNUAL
Wiener Fest

Come enjoy a full day of events including a costume contest, vendors, humanitarian and volunteer awards, food trucks, live entertainment, a kid zone and of course **The Famous Wiener Races!**
Not a Wiener? We'll have the Wanna-Be Wiener Races too!



Sunday , October 14, 2018 at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

See you at Wiener Fest!

Go to aggielandhumane.org for registration information.

Upcoming Events

Let's Meet Up!

Every Wednesday is Community Spay Day

The Mobile Spay/Neuter Team accepts appointments from residents in Brazos County currently receiving government assistance

October 13 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wiener Fest Boot Camp

Boot Camp is a night to test your dog on the race track before the big race! We invite you to stop by and get a practice run in.

October 14 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

12th Annual Wiener Fest

Visit our website for more information about how to register!

October 25

Madisonville Spay Day

If you are a resident in Madison County, this day is for you! Call today to see if you qualify for a free spay/neuter for your pet!

November 10

Sterling Subaru FEE-WAIVED Adoption Event

Fee-waived adoptions on cats, dogs, kittens and puppies! Join us 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sterling Subaru in Bryan.

December 10-22

12 Strays of Christmas

Join us for our annual 12 Strays of Christmas! We will have 12 pets available for adoption for only \$12 each! Follow us on social media for more information.

December 15

Santa's Wonderland Adoption Event

Cocoa for a Cause

Visit with adoptable pets at the magical Santa's Wonderland! We also encourage you to buy a cup of hot cocoa - proceeds support pets in need at Aggieldand Humane.

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The Eagle

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Kelly Burt Dozer

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The Aggieldand Humane Society provides humane care and placement for homeless and abandoned 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.

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