



AGGIELAND
Humane Society
Don't buy love, ADOPT it

ANIMAL TALK

SPRING 2019

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THANKS TO YOU

**ANNOUNCING THE 2019 PETCO FOUNDATION
SPAY/NEUTER GRANT OF \$20,000**

From Our Director

Dear Friends,

You are advocates for pets in need in our community. You give a **voice to those who cannot speak for themselves**. You “speak” for these pets through your actions: adopting, fostering, volunteering, and donating to facilitate the front-line response to rescue pets at Aggieland Humane.

You helped a malnourished horse regain strength in January. You brought a starving dog on the brink of death back to life in February. You provided comfort to a pregnant dog who gave birth to ten puppies. You made four days a week of spay and neuter surgeries possible, instead of three! You shared the message about pets in need with friends and neighbors.

We are also excited to announce the 2019 Petco Foundation Grant of \$20,000. The Petco Foundation investment will help spay and neuter outdoor community cats and pets of low-income families on government assistance. For more information on this program, you can visit our website at aggielandhumane.org.

Thank you for being on this important journey. Every life is important. Thank you for paying it forward!



Annual Report At a Glance

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

1,446

PETS
ADOPTED

562

PETS
FOSTERED

469

PETS REUNITED
WITH OWNER

8,740

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

Cover Photo Story

Meet Buddy! Buddy came to AgHS as a stray cat. Buddy was a shelter favorite because of his loving personality and his photogenic angles. Buddy is now living the good life in his new home with his forever family.

Tails of Success



As soon as the McCord family laid eyes on Frosty, they knew he was the one. Brought in as a stray, Frosty didn't have to spend too long waiting for his forever family to find him. For the McCord's, it was love at first sight. **A little girl and a big dog had an instant bond.** Now Frosty has a new home, and the McCord's have a new best friend!

Cain was about as timid and nervous as a cat could be. Brought in as a stray, he spent some time in foster care before he was adopted. When Cain came back from foster care, he was a changed cat. **Now a social butterfly, Cain was no longer afraid of humans.** When a college student came in looking for a companion, he found Cain, and it was an instant match. Cain's story goes to show that a little bit of love and care can go a long way!



Cheddar is a small dog with a whole lot of personality. He loves bathtime and getting lots of love and attention. Little did Cheddar know **there was a family out there searching for a dog just like him!** It was not long before Cheddar was united with his new family. **Now he spends his days playing with his new brother and enjoying doggy bathtime with a pal.**

Keep your support local.

Aggieland Humane Society is an independent animal welfare organization. We receive no operational support from the ASPCA or the Humane Society of the United States. Help needy pets here in your community.

2 Months Over 90%

Seven years of goal setting leads to success! The Aggieland Humane Society has a board of directors that set a strategic path toward life-saving programs that focus on solutions, rather than the symptoms of community animal welfare issues.

Aggieland Humane set a goal to save 90% of adoptable and treatable pets. The community stepped up with the support to reach this goal. Medical rescue is an integral part of our budget and operations.

Next, we set a goal to reach a 90% “save rate” for every dog and cat that came into our care, reflecting the nationally recognized number to be considered a “no kill” facility. In both December 2018, and January 2019, we reached this goal for the **first time ever!** This accomplishment gives us hope and confidence that we are making a difference through our new mobile spay/neuter unit and community cat programs (specifically addressing the significant feral cat population in our community). We could not have done it without you!



Month		2016	2017	2018	2019
January	Live Release Rate Adoptable/Treatable	94.3%	92.4%	99.2%	100.0%
	Live Release Rate	73.4%	78.7%	85.8%	93.9%
December	Live Release Rate Adoptable/Treatable	96.15%	98.79%	100.00%	
	Live Release Rate	81.30%	83.59%	90.00%	

Top %: Live Release Rate - Healthy/Treatable Dogs & Cats

Bottom %: Live Release Rate - All Dogs & Cats
(includes dangerous dogs and feral cats)

If you are interested in learning more about our monthly accomplishments and statistics, visit our website at aggielandhumane.org/about/. Here you will see our steady progress over the last four years in helping adoptable/treatable pets find their special forever home.

PUTTING MORE PENNIES TOWARD PET CARE

Last year, we sent over 4,500 thank you letters to generous donors. This year, Aggieland Humane will begin sending thank you letters by email so more funds will go straight to rescuing pets in need.

Please let us know your preference for receiving thank you letters from our pets on the attached remit slip – check either “USPS thank you” or “email thank you” and provide your email address. Yes, the emails and letters will include great stories of the pets you’ve impacted!

Cat Yoga

A Social Party for Humans & Kittens

The Cat Adoption Building is typically a quiet place. Adorable cats and kittens often snooze the day away. However, one day, things in the cat building got a little wild. A local yoga instructor, who loves Aggield Humane almost as much as she adores cats, had a paw-sitively great idea! Thanks to her creation, a new fur-event called Cat Yoga came to Aggield Humane.

Cat Yoga is an hour-long session of regular yoga – with a purr-fect twist. Around 30 cats and kittens of various colors and sizes zoom in and around legs and pounce between mats. Cat Yoga is a great opportunity for community members to interact with adoptable pets in an unique way. Outside of their kennels, this free-roaming group of lovable cats are full of non-stop purrs.



For the cats, Cat Yoga is much more than time to stretch. This hour of enriching activity gives cats the opportunity to interact with other cats and humans outside the typical limitations of shelter life. This time helps the cats become more comfortable around humans and provides a high level of mental stimulation. A time when cats would typically be found napping is now full of lively laughter and cuddles for all.

For information on upcoming Cat Yoga classes, keep an eye on our website at aggielandhumane.org.

Purrfect Pageant 2019

February 23 - June 14, 2019

Does your cat act like royalty? Let them gain all the admiration they deserve and raise money to rescue homeless pets while competing in Purrfect Pageant! This feline face-off is sure to be a fundraising contest with more cat-titude than you've ever seen before. The top 3 cat-testants will win the crown for one year, a professional photoshoot, prize basket, and become a Spokes Cat for AgHS pets! For more information, visit aggielandhumane.org/purrfectpageant



How to Help a Found Pet

Being an Advocate is easier than you think!

At Aggieland Humane Society, we see roughly 3,000 pets a year. Many of these come in through local community members who find these pets as strays and are unable to locate an owner. Whether you find the pet or are helping a friend with a found pet, we want you to be able to advocate for found pets! Here are a few tips for helping found pets get back home!

1. If the pet has a Brazos County Tag, call the 24/7 Tagged Pet Hot-line number: 979-775-6094.
2. If the pet has a Rabies/Vet tag call the vet's office and read them the tag number. They can either give you the owner's contact information or call the owners to give them your contact information.
3. Have the pet scanned for a microchip. All the local vets and animal shelters have microchip scanners. They will be happy to check a pet for a microchip at no cost to you! If the pet is microchipped and the contact information is up to date, you should be able to contact the owner.
4. Call Aggieland Humane Society at 979-775-5755 to file a "Found Pet Report."
5. Make a flier! Include a photo and complete description of the pet and how, when, and where it was found. Also, be sure to include your contact information. Post fliers at intersections within the 2-mile area of where the pet was found.
6. Ask neighbors and postal workers if they recognize the pet and give them a copy of the flier.
7. Online Resources: Post the same information you included in the flier online. Be sure to post in local Facebook groups such as Brazos Lost and Found Pets. Some neighborhoods have email listings or apps that can be used to spread the word. Keep posting updates with news or concerns.

If you decide to bring the pet to Aggieland Humane Society or the Bryan Animal Center, take time to get the word out regarding the found pet's new location. Your post or flier can say the pet was taken to a specific shelter, or you can ask them to contact you for details. To be certain those claiming to be the owners are truly the pet's legal owners, do not publicize a full description. Leave one or two key identifiers that the owner can tell you. Or, you can ask the owners to provide a picture of the pet. Even if you find a pet that you are unable to catch, any information you can post and distribute about found pet sightings can be of great value to the pet's owner.

Leave Aggieland Humane Society in your Will! AgHS Tax ID number is 74-2150288

Resources:

If the pet is found in **College Station or Brazos County**, please call the **Aggieland Humane Society** at **979-775-5755**

If the pet is found in the **City of Bryan**, please call the **Bryan Animal Center** at 979-209-5260

College Station Animal Control: 979-764-3600

Bryan Animal Control: 979-361-3888

Brazos County Sheriff Animal Control: 979-361-4923

WISH LIST

Dog Training Treats

Dog Toys that can be washed/sterilized

(no Beanie babies please)

Cat Toys

PetAg Kitten Powdered Milk Replacer

To see a full listing of all our current Wish List items, visit us online now at aggielandhumane.org/wishlist

NEEDED DONATIONS

- \$30 to vaccinate a precious litter of puppies and kittens
- \$83.34 to prepare one loving pet for adoption
- \$150 to provide medicine and veterinary care for a pet in need
- \$250 to provide lifesaving heartworm treatment for one furry friend
- \$500 to provide orthopedic surgery for injured pets in need of a joint replacement

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

March 9

Sterling Subaru FEE-WAIVED Adoption Event

Fee-waived adoptions on cats, dogs, kittens and puppies! Join us 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Sterling Subaru in Bryan.



October 4 - 5

14th Annual Wiener Fest

Visit our website for more information about how to register!

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The Aggieland 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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Please remember to always consult your vet before making any changes to your pet's health routine. Aggieland Humane Society is an independent entity and the services it provides have not been authorized, sponsored or otherwise approved by Texas A&M University.