

# ANIMAL TALK

SPRING 2023

40 YEARS OF  
LIFESAVING CARE,  
*THANKS TO YOU!*

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## OUR MISSION

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 of our community.



**THANK YOU  
FOR 40 YEARS  
OF SAVING PETS!**

Friends,

I am honored to celebrate this incredible milestone with you. After all, it is **because of you thousands of pets could receive care for an incredible four decades.**

Since I joined this organization in 2005, I have seen firsthand what we can accomplish together. Most recently, we reached **a historic milestone of 20,000 spay and neuter surgeries** since our mobile unit's start in September 2017. This success decreases pet overpopulation in our community. You helped make this possible!

Looking back at how far we have come, **we must also look ahead to continue our lifesaving momentum.** There is still a long way to go to solve pet overpopulation, which becomes acutely apparent during puppy and kitten season. Last spring, hundreds of kittens arrived, each needing special care. Thanks to you, the 2022 season was successful! With you as a vital part of this community, I am optimistic about this year and future endeavors.

Aggieland Humane Society has overcome challenges and achieved lifesaving victories throughout the last four decades. **Together, we can continue saving pets' lives for many years to come.**

Thankful for you,

Leiha White

Interim Executive Director





# ANNUAL IMPACT

## BECAUSE OF YOU!



Based on our 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Annual Report



2,005

NEW FAMILIES MADE



1,018

PETS FOSTERED



481

FAMILIES REUNITED



6,678

HOURS VOLUNTEERED



4,389

PETS SPAYED/NEUTERED



212

PETS TRANSFERRED

## *Thanks to you, we were there for them.*

Aggieland Humane Society is your LOCAL, nonprofit animal welfare charity. We do not receive operational funding from national organizations. Your generosity makes this possible!





# YOU HELPED ACHIEVE 40 YEARS OF SAVING PETS LIVES

## MONUMENTAL MILESTONES

These history-making moments paved the way for pets in our community, and you made it happen!

**1981:** Brazos Animal Shelter incorporated as a nonprofit organization.

**1983:** Facility officially opened its doors on Finfeather Road as Brazos Animal Shelter.

**1995:** Lifesaving efforts expand as fosters take pets into their homes for the first time.

**2011:** Our team packed up and moved to our current facility on Leonard Road

**2012:** To represent our region, Brazos Animal Shelter changed our name to Aggieland Humane Society

**2017:** Launched our Mobile Spay and Neuter Unit

**2019:** Attained a "No-Kill" Status for the first time.




**2023:** Our Mobile Spay and Neuter Unit hit 20,000 spay and neuter surgeries!





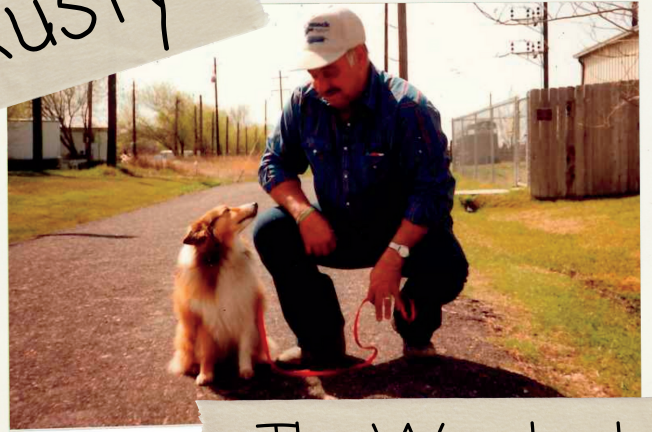
# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## UNFORGETTABLE FACTS

-  You won't believe the most exotic pet we've had in our 40 years: **An African Lion.**
-  In 1989, **Reba McEntire** made a radio PSA about our shelter and responsible pet care!
-  **Emus were a hot commodity** in the '90s. "Robert" the Emu came into our care after wandering off looking for snacks, probably blackberries!



Rusty



The Wonderdog

In 1987, Rusty, a Sheltie, was adopted by his new humans, Kenneth and Shirley. He was an ordinary family dog, happily living in his new home.

But then, **the family's life turned upside-down**: their home caught fire, and Kenneth's hearing aid was destroyed in the blaze.

Here's where Rusty's story goes from ordinary to extraordinary. Instead of replacing his hearing aid, **Rusty went through specialized training and became Kenneth's hearing-ear dog!**

You never know how a shelter pet may fulfill your life, but it's safe to say Rusty was more than just a companion to his new family!

## TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY!

You can sustain this mission for years to come. Make your monthly gift today: [aggielandhumane.org/make-a-monthly-gift/](https://aggielandhumane.org/make-a-monthly-gift/)



# It's raining cats & kittens!



## SO, WHAT IS KITTEN SEASON?

Spring and summer are breeding seasons for many animals, especially cats. As the weather warms up, shelters experience an influx of kittens, many motherless. Caring for hundreds of kittens is a considerable undertaking; one that is only possible with your support.

Foster parents are crucial to bottle-feed orphaned kittens around the clock and require a large stockpile of supplies to ensure proper care.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES



- **DONATE:** Monetary donations provide tiny kittens medical care, food, and shelter.
- **SHOP:** Our Amazon and Chewy wishlists deliver kitten supplies directly to our door.
- **FOSTER:** Help care for kittens as they grow.

## *Is your cat ready for a battle royale?*



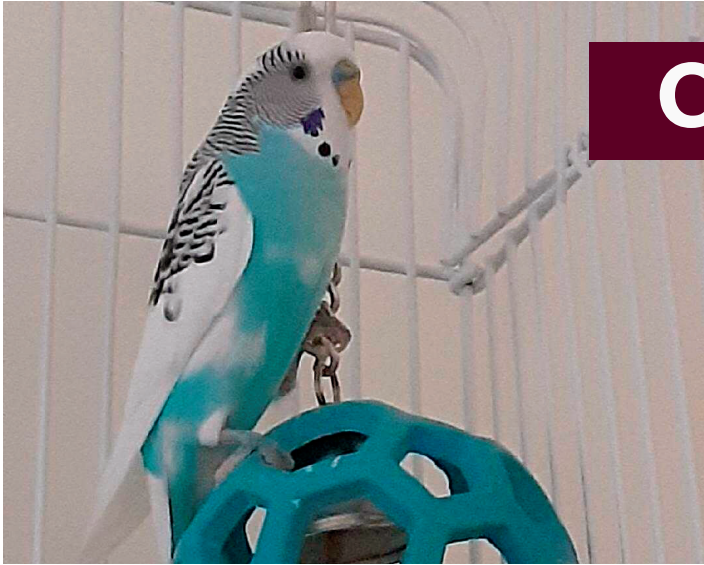
**The Purrfect Pageant Fundraiser:**  
where cats raise funds for local lost and homeless pets!

Sign up today at  
[aggielandhumane.org/purrfect-pageant-fundraiser/](http://aggielandhumane.org/purrfect-pageant-fundraiser/)



# HAPPY *FUR-EVER* AFTERS

MEET JUST A FEW OF THE COUNTLESS PETS YOU IMPACTED!

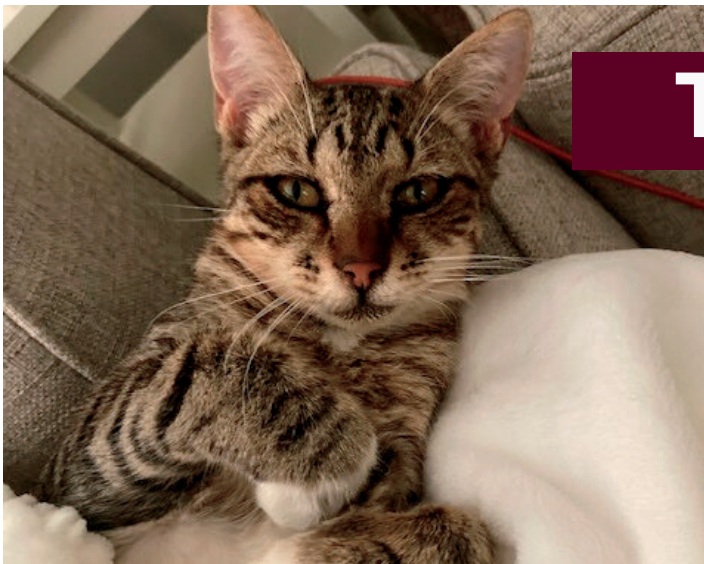


**Coconut** *adopted in July 2022*

"Coconut makes a wonderful addition to my flock! I love his voice and how active he is." -Claire

**Cricket** *adopted in October 2022*

"She's just such a sweet and loving dog! She is also a little goofy, which both my significant other and I love about her! Just wanted to say how thankful I am for you guys bringing her to us! She's made our home so happy and fulfilling!" -Anna



**Taco** *adopted in September 2022*

"He's so quirky, makes me laugh all the time! He is amazing. I am so in love with him, and I think he feels the same way about me. I'm so thankful I adopted him." -Natalie

Make MORE dreams come true by making a gift today!



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# Your 2022 Bark Leaders

### Head Bark Leader



Aspen

### Senior Bark Leader



Zuri

### Junior Bark Leader



Rudy

### Fan Favorite



Carmen Jane

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