

# ANIMAL TALK

**FALL 2023** 

**YOU GIVE** PETS HOPE **FOR A BETTER TOMORROW** 

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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.



Howdy friends,

You are a part of a community making changes for pets, one that I am proud to join.

For those I haven't had a chance to meet, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Katrina Ross, Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2016. I joined Aggieland Humane in June as your new Executive Director. A lifelong animal advocate, I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside you in helping the lost and homeless pets of Aggieland.

My passions include animal behavior, dog playgroups and enrichment, feline Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), and accessibility to affordable veterinary care. Together, we can continue to elevate and innovate, saving more lives.

The Summer of 2023 was one for the record books! We faced unusually hot temperatures and overcrowded kennels like never before. **As our community grows, so does the number of pets needing our help.** But thankfully, when we asked for help, YOU saved the day! You are fueling our lifesaving efforts. THANK YOU!

Your continued dedication and commitment to our mission improves the lives of all pets in our community. I have big goals for the pets of Aggieland, and <u>YOU can make those dreams a reality.</u>

With gratitude,



Katrina Ross, MSc | Executive Director

## PETS BY THE NUMBERS

January 1, 2023 to June 31, 2023

# You are making THE difference! One pet at a time.







pets found loving homes

You have been hard at work saving lives. The number of pets in need has risen, but you have been there every step of the way! Thank you for every action you've taken, every gift you've made, and every moment you've spent advocating for the pets.

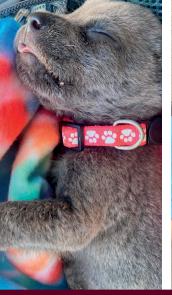
#### IS YOUR DOG THE NEXT HEAD BARK LEADER?

Find out during our **2023 BARK LEADER FUNDRAISER!** 

A fundraising competition where dogs raise funds for LOCAL lost and homeless pets!



Register or vote now: aggielandhumane.org/bark-leader-fundraiser







# Family Raising Families

Shannon and her family knew they were uniquely suited to make a difference.

A year later, they're continuing to save lives. **Because you care!** 

It was an ordinary day when **Shannon and her family made a remarkable decision that would impact their lives and dozens of pets.** Shannon saw our plea to help with a large influx of dogs. She knew she wanted to help, but how? She quickly realized they were the perfect family to foster nursing moms and their puppies.

You may be wondering why puppies, they're so much work, right? Well, that's exactly why! **Shannon's kids, Wendy and Carson, are homeschooled**, so their classroom does double duty. Shannon says caring for the puppies is the perfect break between lessons. **Not only are the kids learning, but the puppies are too!** 

"We do it as a team - walking, cleaning, feeding, and playing with the pups. It's an absolute joy to watch my kids learn, love, and care for these families!" - Shannon

Over thirty puppies and one year later, the family has fostering down to a science, but there was a learning curve. During their first lesson, they grew together as a family while caring for Ollie and his littermate. Ollie is the only puppy they've adopted since beginning to foster! Ollie is now a permanent fixture in their family and a daily reminder of their 'why.'

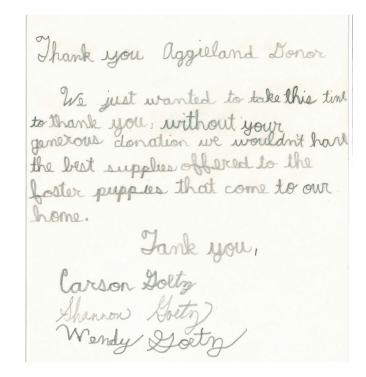


YOU ARE THEIR HERO!

Today, this foster family is still going strong. Their recent litter was 13 puppies, and they rose to the challenge without a second thought!

If there's one thing this incredible family wants you to know, it's that they cannot save lives without you!

"It fills my heart with so much warmth and love knowing their journey is just beginning. To all the donors and supporters, THANK YOU truly from the bottom of my heart." - Shannon



#### YOU are the reason pets can find refuge in foster.

Foster care is critical to saving the lives of pets.

Your generosity allows foster pets a safe place to heal and grow.

#### **FOSTER PUPPIES: YOUR IMPACT**

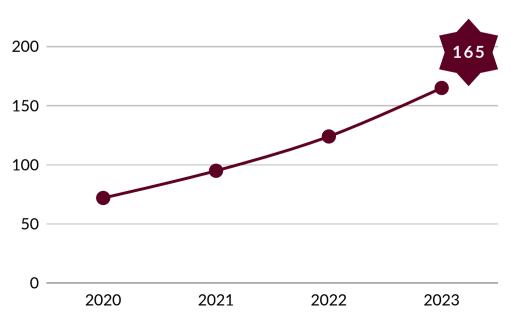
As the number of pets needing care increases, so does the need for your support.

Because of you, more puppies received lifesaving care so far this year.



Your gift helped Maui and his littermates get the care he needed!

### OVER THE YEARS Puppies in Foster Care (January 1 - August 1)





## At long last...

Mamas has a family to love and it's all thanks to **YOU!** 

After waiting patiently for her forever home for over SIX months, long-term resident Mamas finally found a family!

We couldn't believe Mamas was overlooked for so long! She was the whole package: dog, cat, AND kid-friendly. Mamas even attended a training program, so her manners were exceptional!





Seeing such a perfect pup wait so long to be adopted was heartbreaking. Plus, the longer she waited, the more her cost of basic daily care grew.

No matter how long a pet waits, your gift gives hope.

<u>Because of YOUR generosity</u>, Mamas received everything she needed and deserved until adoption, from monthly medications to daily nourishment and shelter!



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#### **Velcro** - adopted November 2020



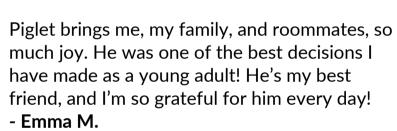
I immediately fell in love with Velcro! He saw me through some of the hardest times in my life and has been a faithful companion through everything. He was even so welcoming to his new big sister, Scout, who was also adopted from Aggieland Humane! - **Emma B.** 





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#### Piglet - adopted May 2022





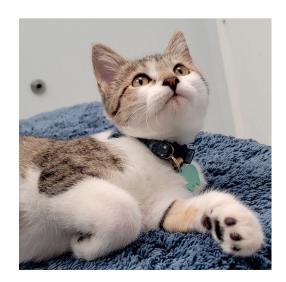


#### Rowan - adopted December 2022



Rowan loves to explore and climb on everything. His favorite things are to play in the bathtub, scratch his scratching post, and snuggle up at night. He loves to nibble on fingers, toes, and ears and take naps on his favorite fuzzy blanket. - **Sydney** 





Without your support, these pets would not have received the necessary care.

You can save even MORE lives by making a gift today!

# You can make miracles happen NOW. Please make your lifesaving gift today.

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