

# ANIMAL TALK

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*YOU take  
lifesaving to  
the next level!*

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- For the love of Oates





Paisley & Ukelele - adopted in 2025

Howdy friends,

Thank you for supporting another year of tail wags, purrs, and lifesaving success at Aggieland Humane! **Your love inspires the mission and innovations that happen every day**, propelling the pets into loving arms.

**Last summer, lifesaving got a major upgrade with the addition of our new Shelter Medicine Veterinarian, Dr. Alex Pruett!**

Vulnerable pets who arrive at Aggieland Humane, like Jack, the adorable kitten on the cover of this issue, can now receive the specialized medical care they deserve. Thank YOU for making happy endings like his possible.

**Over 25,000 meals have been distributed** from our Community Pet Food Pantry since its doors opened last May! Hundreds of pets in the Brazos Valley have found comfort and nourishment because of your dedication.

In this issue, we're thrilled to show some of the miracles YOU create every day. Thank you for holding the pets of Aggieland near and dear to your hearts, now and forever!

With gratitude,

*Katrina*

Katrina Ross, MSc | Executive Director



Diploma - adopted in 2025



Flurry - adopted in 2025

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*Sugar Plum lives a beautiful life, because of you!*

# TAILS from HOME

Every tail has a story, and every story has YOU!



## **Woody** | *Adopted February 2025*

As soon as I got to his kennel, he pressed himself against it so I could pet him and I just knew he was my dog! The next morning I went and got my boy! **He is a love missile and now a 90-pound lap dog who loves toys, swimming, and cuddles.** Some may say he is too much but I'm so glad he is my too much! - Addisyn

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## **Aggie** | *Adopted September 2025*

She's perfect! **Screams HELLOOOO in the most valley girl voice.** Seems to like everyone in our family and isn't bothered by the sweet chaos of a busy family. She is out of her cage more than she is in, and has the BEST manners. -Valerie

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## **Leo & Poppy** | *Adopted 2024 & 2023*

**Leo has been having the most fun time with his big sister, Poppy,** who we also adopted from Aggieland Humane! We've moved to Dallas and Leo has been enjoying his new spoiled life, with lots of cuddles from his sister and human parents! - Cindy

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**Make happy endings possible all year long!**

Become a monthly donor: [aggielandhumane.org/make-a-monthly-gift/](https://aggielandhumane.org/make-a-monthly-gift/)



*YOU are  
Ilona's miracle!*

# MEDICAL RESCUE – TO THE RESCUE –

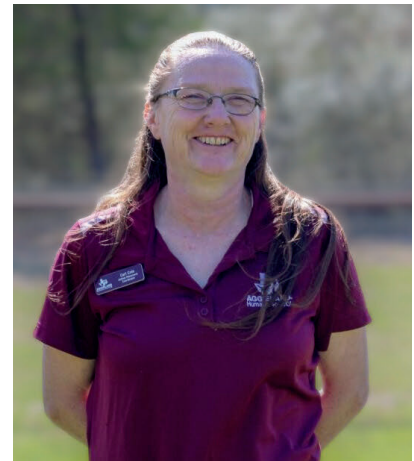
**YOU** are a superhero for  
the pets in need!

## 15 YEARS AND COUNTING, THANKS TO YOU

Flashback to 2011 - Cari Cole knew she wanted a **job helping pets in our community**. Her passion led her to Aggieland Humane with a desire to make a difference. **Little did she know how big a difference she would make.**

Today, Cari serves as our dedicated Animal Placement Manager, overseeing the Foster and Medical Rescue Programs and **helping thousands of pets heal** and find forever homes.

Whenever a pet needs a safe haven to recover and grow, Cari is there, often guiding them every step of the way. **“I love seeing the process go full circle. Watching a pet go from sick or injured, to recovering in a loving foster home, and then into a forever family.”**



*All smiles,  
thanks to you!*

## GENEROSITY SPARKED A LEGACY

Neptune's journey would go on to change lives far beyond his and Cari's. A senior dog who arrived at Aggieland Humane in 2016, Neptune faced multiple serious medical issues and severe complications.

In 2016, Aggieland Humane didn't have a Medical Rescue Fund. But Cari had a plan, and thanks to one generous donor who covered Neptune's care, everything changed.

Neptune's road to recovery took nearly a full year in foster care, specialized veterinary treatment, and lots of love.

On Day 399 of his journey with Aggieland Humane Society, Neptune finally found his forever home at one of our adoption events at Sterling Subaru!



**Neptune's story helped inspire the Medical Rescue Fund** that now saves countless lives every year - all because one person said YES!

## **TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVE MORE**

After 15 years, what keeps Cari motivated is simple: knowing that when a pet leaves our care, they're going home to a safe, loving family. **"If all I am remembered for is saving a bunch of cats and dogs, I am totally okay with that.** I cannot control what happens in the world, but I know I can make a difference for the pets that come to our shelter."

But Cari said, that's where you come in: "Donors are the only reason we're able to provide lifesaving medical care. Without them, pets wouldn't receive the treatment they need. **Your donations literally save lives every single day.**"

## **YOU can make "YES" happen for the next pet in crisis.**

Make a lifesaving gift online: [aggielandhumane.org/make-a-one-time-gift/](http://aggielandhumane.org/make-a-one-time-gift/)

### **THE MEDICAL RESCUE FUND - MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!**

Pets who come to Aggieland Humane sick, injured, or suffering receive a second chance at life. Your support helps provide:

- Critical surgeries and emergency care
- Heartworm treatment
- Diagnostics, medications, and recovery support

**Your generosity continues this legacy, giving hope and healing to pets in need!**



# Nearly a decade after Neptune, **YOUR lifesaving legacy continues...**

Neptune's impact lives on in every pet helped, and Oates' recovery is a direct result of that ongoing legacy. By giving to the pets, you ensure that Neptune's story continues, bringing hope and healing to pets like Oates every day.



*Scared, but finally safe*



*Surgery was a success!*



*Waiting for his family* ❤️

**Frozen with fear and visibly injured, Oates desperately needed help. Thankfully, Oates had you by his side - and Neptune's legacy guiding him.**

Rescued from a rural road in Brazos County, Oates had been living with an old, untreated injury to his front leg that healed in a painful position - he couldn't even put weight on it.

**Because of YOU, Oates was in the expert hands of Dr. Pruett, Aggieland Humane's new full-time Shelter Medicine Veterinarian, and that made all the difference. Dr. Pruett quickly stepped in, prescribing medications to manage his pain and infection. Oates slowly began to trust again, even wagging his tail for the first time.**



*YOU gave  
Oates a home!*

**Soon after, Dr. Pruett performed Aggieland Humane's very first on-site canine limb amputation to give Oates a pain-free, hopeful future.**

And it was a success! Oates was able to recover with a loving, experienced foster family until he was ready for adoption. At our Cocoa for a Cause event at Santa's Wonderland, Oates found his family - **another happy ending YOU made possible.**



# YOUR IMPACT

Based on our 24-25 Fiscal Year Report

## 2,745 PETS FOUND HAPPY FAMILIES, THANKS TO YOU!

Look at all the lives **YOU** changed with **YOUR** generosity!

**433**  
FAMILIES  
REUNITED



**4,561**  
PETS  
SPAYED OR  
NEUTERED



**12k+**  
MEALS  
PROVIDED



**1,643**  
PETS  
FOSTERED

## Purrfect Pageant

The crown is up for grabs.  
Will your cat take it?

The Purrfect Pageant is THE annual cat-to-cat fundraising competition to raise funds for LOCAL pets in need

REGISTER YOUR CAT OR VOTE NOW:  
[BIT.LY/PURRFECT\\_26](https://bit.ly/purrfect_26)



King Maui

Hope starts with YOU.  
Healing happens because YOU care!

## BARK LEADER 2025 WINNERS



**Camo**  
Head Bark Leader



**Zuri**  
Senior Bark Leader



**Midnight**  
Junior Bark Leader



**Darla**  
Fan Favorite

### 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.

Aggieland Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Our Tax ID Number is 74-215-0288.

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