

FALL 2010

# Rescue the Animals, SPCA

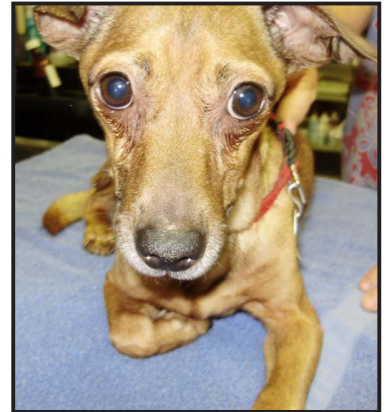


## From Emergencies to Abuse, We are the First to Get the Call!

When an Abilene man was recently found dead in his home, our phone rang. The man had been dead for an extended time and two animals were in the home. The cat, kept inside the house, was in good shape, while the Dachshund, left in the hot garage with no food and no water was on death's door.

We rushed the dog to Dr. Allen Bolt. The poor dog's muscles were twitching across his skeletal frame from extreme dehydration. After 24 hours of intravenous fluids, we began to see improvement. The dog is being fed slowly and is improving. The cat is already asking where his new home will be.

Whether it's an animal emergency or a case of abuse or neglect, we are the ones to call from Eastland to Colorado City and from Brownwood to Throckmorton. We are the only agency in the entire Big Country that is always ready to deal with animal emergencies. For that reason, this fall we are launching a new program to fight animal abuse and neglect over our entire area, and we need your help to succeed. See the inside pages for details.



### Dachshund Races Grand Champion was a Rescued Dog!

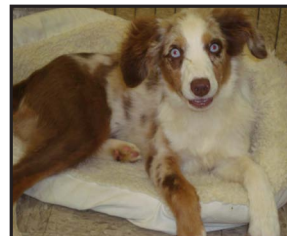
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Lance and Kristen Johnson adopted Low-Rider from us some time ago. Last year he raced but failed to win his heat. This year Ace (his new and faster name) won the really big trophy as our Grand Champion!

After rain turned the parking at Perini Ranch into a mess, we re-scheduled the Dachshund Races at the Festival Garden across from the Abilene Zoo. We had a huge turnout for our First ever Rescued Dog Reunion and Beauty Pageant and the races. Visit our website (RescueTheAnimals.com) and see just how much fun everyone had. Thanks to all our sponsors, judges, racers, and most of all to Rudy Fernandez from KEAN radio who showed his Disk Jockey Hall of Fame style in announcing the races.

### Our Auditors Examine the Tiniest Details From Here to Australia!

Each year our outside auditors spend a week or more at Rescue the Animals SPCA checking our books and preparing our yearly Form 990 for the I.R.S. This year they found just what they were looking for. Carolyn McLane fell in love with Lacy, an Australian Shepherd puppy, and Shawna Proffitt could not resist Tiny the orphan kitten who just happened to be sharing the room used by the auditors. Merritt, McLane, Hamby, Tiny, & Lacy may be the new firm name. Note: Both auditors paid all the regular adoption fees that we normally charge in a truly paws-length transaction. No free fleas were thrown in on the deal.



### Boom Went the Thunder! Crash Went the Car!

Can a dog take himself to the ER? We think so. Gus was sitting on our front step one morning with a hole the size of a baseball in his posterior. We rushed him to Dr. Allen Bolt for stitches. A few days later his owner Betty Mullins dropped by looking for her dog that had disappeared three weeks earlier during a storm, and there was Gus who is now safely home and should soon be able to sit down again.

Cash the Yorkie got out after a car smashed the fence around his yard. Ms. Sam Wilson brought him to us when he showed up at her house. We ran an ad and soon had Cash headed home with his owner, young Dawson Bell (shown here with dad Rodney Bell).

Adoption Center...5933 South First, Abilene, Texas • 325-698-7722

# \$1000 Reward!

We are joining the John and Michelle Gallagher family in offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the conviction of the people who threw their Sheltie out of a moving pickup on Abilene's north side. On a Friday night, Pepper got out of the yard. While the family was searching, a white truck drove down the alley, and Pepper was thrown out right in front of the Gallagher's oldest son. Pepper has had surgery to both front legs and is still suffering.



## Owner Leaves, Dogs Starve, APD on the Case

One morning a lady brought this starving young dog to our office with a very terrible tale. The dog, its siblings, and mother had been left in an apartment when the owner went out of town. Someone was "checking" on the dogs, but not providing food. We sent the lady and the puppy to Animal Services for investigation. We are told the other dogs were in even worse shape. The puppy died. The owner is being investigated by APD.



## Growing Kids Need New Clothes... Collars

Lori at the Corrine T. Smith Animal Shelter in Brownwood called us early on a Monday morning about Lucky. He was found dragging a chain and tangled up in brush in a park in Brownwood. The collar was too tight and his skin had started growing over it. Within 90 minutes of our approval she arrived in Abilene with the dog. Dr. Allen Bolt had to surgically remove the collar, leaving Lucky looking like his throat had been slashed, 360 degrees! He is healing quickly and needs a home.



## Chihuahua Case Arrests!

Two arrests have finally been made in the 46 Chihuahuas from Merkel case. Last October we rescued the little guys from super bad conditions in an empty house. A long investigation and hard work by the Taylor County Sheriff's department and folks in Merkel finally paid off with the arrests in June.



## Bottle Rocket Tied to Kitten

Oh, the Glorious 4th! Bang, Bang, go the firecrackers, and whoosh go the rockets. Rocket the kitten was super lucky. Somehow he escaped before the bottle rocket attached to his body could be ignited. A wonderful lady brought him to us after detaching the rocket.



## Early Man Jailed for Animal Cruelty

Early, Texas, police recently arrested a man whose Poodle and two German Shepherds were not being watered or fed properly and were in very bad shape. The newspaper story said, "One German Shepherd will have to be put down because of heartworms." We immediately called the Corinne T. Smith Animal Shelter in Brownwood, and they brought the dog to our Adoption Center for Treatment.



## Low Life Stoops to Kick Corgi

Pick on someone your own size! An Abilene man abused his Corgi and then abandoned the dog. After a neighbor's call, we picked up Lilly and took her to Dr. Allen Bolt. She had chipped teeth, blood in her eye, and swelling. We can't find the former owner, but Lilly is fine and enjoyed the Dachshund Races with her new family.



## Let's Take the Family Shopping....

A very concerned couple spotted a homemade dog trailer one Saturday at the Mall of Abilene. The trailer had very small vents, and the day was extremely hot. After calling the Abilene Police, she also called us. When Animal Services arrived, the dogs had been in the trailer for well over an hour in the heat. The owner was issued citations when he emerged from the air-conditioned Mall.



## Owl Slick in West Texas?

Workers at an old power station outside Sweetwater found a young owl sitting in oil in an abandoned tank. We called Shawn Scott, Sweetwater ACO, who crawled out into the tank and lifted the owl out with his catch pole. David Rutledge, one of the contractors gave the owl a ride to Trent where we took over and raced the owl to the Abilene Zoo. Despite the very best efforts of the Zoo staff, Olive died a few days later from absorbing too much oil through her skin. Our thanks to the Abilene Zoo for a valiant effort.



## Dominoes & Checkers Play the Races

Dominoes & Checkers, Dachshunds rescued by Sheriff Ed Miller from an abandoned house in Albany, had a great day at the Dachshund Races. Their owner went to jail, and they are living the good life with a great new family.



**Spay/Neuter Cats: \$30 & up Dogs: \$40 & up Call 698-SPCA  
Vaccinations \$19.99 Every Wed. 1:00 to 3:30!**

# JOIN THE POSSE!

## Our Campaign to Stop Animal Abuse and Neglect!

The first puppy was beaten to death. The next one was drowned. The third was doused with gasoline. The family called us to take the gasoline-soaked dog after their son had killed two previous dogs. The dog survived, but we have never known about the young boy.

Recently, we received a call about a young puppy that was killed by a boyfriend. A relative of the girl involved feared for the woman's safety and called us. In another domestic dispute, a Yorkie was thrown from the second story window of the home. Many domestic abusers start by attacking the family pets, while most serial killers start by torturing and killing cats!

*The U.S. Department of Justice found that women who report that their partners have abused animals are six times more likely to be the victims of domestic violence. Animal abusers are four times more likely to be prosecuted for violent behavior and five times more likely to be prosecuted for crimes against property. Early identification of animal abusers can save both animal and human lives.*

This fall we are opening a campaign to build a network of agencies across all of West Texas to investigate and prosecute animal abuse and neglect. Here is how our program will work.

- 1. Public Awareness:** We will encourage the public to report every case of abuse and neglect. This will also build public pressure for better enforcement of the law.
- 2. A Network of Agencies:** We will recruit Animal Control Officers, police, and sheriff's department personnel in towns all across West Texas to cooperate with us in investigating and prosecuting cases.
- 3. Training Seminars:** We will offer training seminars led by experts in animal abuse and neglect investigations for all towns and cities in our area. In many small towns, the person handling animal problems wears a lot of other hats as well and has access to very little training.
- 4. Support Services:** We will help local agencies with everything they need from providing consulting veterinarians and legal advice to taking custody of the animals they seize. Most counties in our area do not have any place to put dogs, cats, and horses that they seize, much less a budget for food and medical care.



Recently, we worked with a small town police department that was dealing with a neglected horse. We put them in touch with a vet to offer advice on the animal's medical condition. We put them in touch with a legal expert on how to handle animal seizures. With the threat of seizure, the animal's owner worked with the police to surrender the animal and place it in a better home.

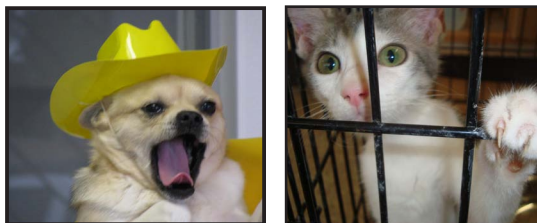
## HELP US ENLIST EVERYONE IN WEST TEXAS TO FIGHT ANIMAL ABUSE!

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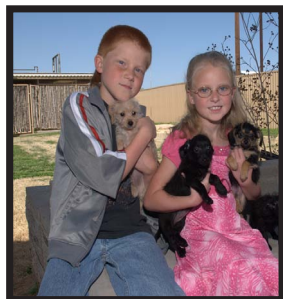
## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Join the Posse! Help us fight Animal Abuse!**

## Pam's Pets Provides Place for Pigs

Pam's Pets came to the rescue when we had to find a place for 12 Guinea Pigs (some of them were pregnant). The entire crew was dumped at the pound and their future was not looking very bright. A quick call to Pam, and an entire Guinea Pig city was assembled to provide separate housing for the pregnant girls and everyone. Presto! The little guys all found new homes. Thanks Pam!



## Phone Book

At 2:00 pm one afternoon we received a call from the local Area-Wide Phone Book office. Could we find some kids, some puppies, and a great photographer to do a photo shoot for the new phone book cover they asked. Of course, we said. Oh, by the way, the finished pictures need to be emailed by 4:00 pm this afternoon they said! Well, Abilene photographer Doug Hodel made it happen, dropping everything and rushing to our Adoption Center to get shots of Hunter and Aspen Donnelly with puppies. Look for the RTA kids on the cover of the new Area Wide Phone Book!

## Monster Calico Cat Has a Close Shave

Maddie was almost too big to fit into one of the cat cages at the pound. The poor girl was the most matted cat we have ever seen with mats the size of softballs all over her body, thick, tough solid mats. Supposedly she had spent her entire life living under a barn. The mats were so bad she had trouble moving her legs and using the bathroom. Lisa at Dr. Bolt's office shaved her down and a new cat emerged. The next morning, Courtney Bolt arrived for work and asked why there was a cat in the middle of the floor. There wasn't. Maddie's coat was so tough it was cut off in one piece and looked like a big cat on its own. Maddie loves her freedom and her new home.



## Bony Babe Has Big Batch of Bodacious Puppies

Shelby was the most miserable looking dog in the pound. Heavily pregnant, but skin and bones with her backbone standing out like a miniature mountain range, we worried that her puppies might be too big for her to have them. However, as soon as Dr. Allen Bolt finished her X-ray, she went into labor. We crossed our fingers and presto she produced EIGHT beautiful puppies. The puppies will be ready in mid-September, and you can make a reservation now. Call JoAnn at 677-0005 at our "puppy and kitten" office.

## PetSmart Groomers Make our Dogs Glow

The entire grooming staff at PetSmart pitches in (for free!) when we have dirty, matted dogs that need help. Snow was one of the dogs recently transformed into a smiling beauty by this talented crew. Thanks PetSmart. Remember, our cats are at PetSmart seven days a week, waiting for homes.



## Lt. Lands 3,000 Pound Load on Our Runway

With help from the Phoenix Rising Council, air traffic, and weather personnel, Lt. Paul Cummings from Dyess AFB organized a dog food drive at the Dyess Commissary and delivered over 3,000 pounds of top quality food to our doorstep! A1C Lance Wallerstedt who created a great sign for the food drive, also painted a huge photo backdrop for the Dachshund Races that you can see on our website.

**Bring us your Aluminum Cans!**