

Angie's Friends

Aiding Neglected and Abused Dogs

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Fall 2013 Newsletter

We got an amazing response from so many of you for the North Texas Giving Day on September 19th. This was our first year to be a part of the Donor Bridge program that adds a bonus on top of what you all contribute. We also added about eight new contributors to our wonderful supporters. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Our Chili's fundraiser is planned for next spring. I will keep you posted. It's a fun way to treat yourself or family to a good meal and help raise money for the doggies.

FOLLOWUP:

I want to bring you up-to-date on some of the babies mentioned in the last letter. Little Jack who had to have one eye removed was adopted in June. Nurca is doing well and is still looking for her forever home. German shepherd mix, Sampson was adopted in May. Trampus has found a wonderful home. He received his heartworm treatment and is doing great. Crystal was taken in at Operation Kindness. Shadow has had some difficulties in his young life. He had to have hip surgery in an effort to save his left hip. He feels so good that he wants to run and chase squirrels with the other dogs, but he has to be on leash for the 8-10 week recovery period. He will go for follow-up x-rays just before Thanksgiving. He has turned into a handsome little boy.



Sampson



Trampus



Shadow

We have heard from Henry's mom and Frankie's parents and the lady who adopted Cola months ago. Henry gets to spend his summers in Lake Tahoe and the winter in Phoenix! Frankie has moved to North Carolina and Cola has moved to California. Cola's mom says, "Cola may have started out hiding behind a coca cola machine...but she is a full blown princess now".



Frankie lounging



Frankie in his Celtic's jersey



Cola having sweet dreams

MORE ADOPTIONS

Thanks to Amanda and her crew of volunteers who take nine or so of Angie's adoptables to adoption events almost every Saturday and the first Thursday of the month there have been quite a few adoptions. Tigger Tigger was adopted in August. Osa found her forever home with a family in east Dallas. Rebel went to live with his new family at the end of September.



Tigger Tigger

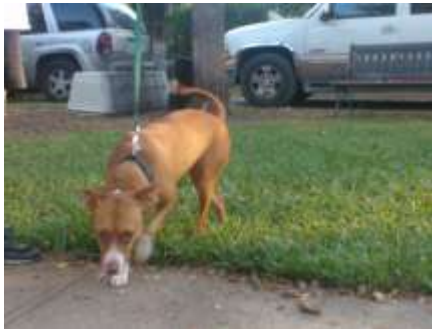


Osa



Rebel

October saw several adoptions as well. Tiny who is now Cinnamon went to live with her new doggie companion Coco and a family in Richardson. We hear all is going well. Blade was adopted and there were problems with acceptance by the other dog in the family, but a trainer has been called in for assistance as Blade's new parents really want him to be a member of the family. He was recently featured on the AF website as the "Special of the Month". He is a distinctive little guy because of the burn scar on his back. Juan Pablo, aka JP was adopted. Cute little Chihuahua, Sabrina, was adopted in November. Her family was so excited to get her.



Tiny



Cinnamon and Coco



Sabrina



Blade

SPOT and STRAYS

Spot is a stray that Angie began feeding in the last few months. He was very sociable and would run to Angie and give her kisses when he saw her arrive at the park where he hung out. Finally, one day he had his paws on the back end of the SUV so Angie helped him get in. He started crying so she let him out. Later that day she went back to check on him and when he was helped into the truck; he seemed happy and willing to go with Angie. He is about two years old, has been neutered and micro chipped and is ready for a loving home. Angie says he gets along well with her other dogs.

Spot was caught during a very busy week for Angie. Besides Spot, she rescued 4 other dogs that week. Two of the dogs went to another rescue. A German shepherd puppy was very sick and was taken to the city shelter. A small Chihuahua mix that Angie named Oscar was adopted thanks to his appearance at the White Rock Market on Nov. 9th.



Spot



Stray mama dog

For some reason, Angie has had many calls for help recently. The week of November 11th when we had that cold weather blow in for a couple of days, Angie received a call from a lady who was worried about some dogs in the yard next to her. The owner had not provided shelter for the dogs and they were very skinny. Angie worked until past 7pm and climbed a fence to get the dogs houses to stay warm. She also provided straw for the houses. On November 14th we were contacted via the website about two strays in the Inwood Road/Irving Blvd area. Some workers at a business nearby had seen the extremely emaciated dogs hanging around and had given them some food and water. When they reported the dogs to the city, they were told that Dallas Animal Services is not picking up loose dogs but logs locations of reports and does a sweep of an area to pick up strays. The dogs were said to be very friendly, the female had obviously had pups recently, and the male was missing an ear. Angie went to location even though it was late in the day and she really wanted to go home. She could not find any puppies but was able to get the two dogs to go with her. We don't know what their fate will be at Dallas Animal Services, but at least they are not starving on the street. Angie really wants to start getting home earlier in the day to give her dogs more attention. She stays tired from all that she does and worries about.



Stray missing an ear



Angie and Elsie say Hi!

She is always telling me about things she would like to do (go to the zoo, see the Perot museum, tour Cowboy's stadium) but she never finds time to do them. We went to the state fair several years ago and she had such a good time. Every year since she has said she wanted to go but never found or made the time. This past run of the fair she again indicated a desire to go. We made plans for the last Thursday of the fair and the weekend before she said, "I don't think I can go. I have too much to do". I offered to come out and help her feed so she could get done early and she said no because I would have to go back home to check on Shadow who had had hip surgery and then return to pick up Angie to go to the fair. I told her I was going to go whether she went or not so she said, "OK! I'll get out early to feed so we can go". It was a beautiful day to be at the fair. She didn't eat nearly as much of the bad food as I thought she wanted to. I'm always glad when she takes some time for herself and it is rare that she does so.

Angie lost three babies—two that she fed daily and one that she has had for adoption for several years. Ramey was the sweetest tiniest little baby. She died due to owner neglect as did Sheba. Sheba was a rather rambunctious little girl who liked to jump on anyone that got close. She probably would have calmed down if her owner had spent any time at all with her. Ginger received serious bite wounds in a dog fight with the worst being a puncture of the trachea. It was determined that if she could be saved, it would be a lengthy and painful recovery. Angie made the difficult decision to release Ginger from her pain. Ginger's appearance probably kept her from being adopted all these years that she was with Angie which is sad because she was a sweet,

loving little girl. Beverly found this quote that is a very sweet thought and seems appropriate here, "It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life, gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."



Ramey



Sheba



Ginger

CHICKENS and CATS

Angie has usually been associated with rescuing and caring for abused and neglected dogs. We feel we must let you know that she finds it impossible to not care for any animal that she sees in need. There are a bunch of free roaming chickens near a house where she feeds 3 dogs. Angie gives them some cat food and makes sure they have water to drink. She has also seen many stray cats. She has been able to capture some of them and with the help of a rescue group she has gotten them neutered/spayed. Some of the cats have been elusive so there continue to be unwanted babies. Angie gives them mostly dry cat food but a few get canned food, too, if she has it. There are just so many hungry babies out there and the area that Angie covers is really a very small part of west Dallas. Below are just a few—



Angie and I got straw in all of the dog's houses Monday, November 11th before the cold weather arrived. Thank you MM for the bales of straw!

Blessings to you all and Happy Holidays! When you give your four legged babies a kiss or scratch or pat, say a little prayer and remember the babies that are starving, cold, mistreated or in pain. Thank you to all who help Angie!!!!

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