



# ARFhouse Happenings

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We thought you'd want to see a happy face on "Cowboy." He was on the front page of our past newsletter, on a chain all his life, and ignored most of that time. So much ignored that he was very unsocialized when he arrived here at ARFhouse. He's still afraid of cars (moving or sitting still), ceiling fans, TV programs, and anything that is "active." But he loves to romp and play in his big back yard and to receive love and attention from his #1 fan, Sue Miklos-Champion. As you can see, he's very happy now.

YeeHaw!! This here is Cowboy with my new mom. My new home is really pretty neat. We have a big fenced yard with lots of dog toys and trees. It's just all so new to me. I'm learning how to play. I can run all around and bark and watch my dog sister Scooter and my four cat sisters and brother. My dad and mom take me and Scooter for a walk every evening too. What a dog's life! I'm still skittish of lots of things, so much is new to me. Ceiling fans, TV, doors to be opened and closed for me. I stick close to mom most of the time if I can. I can tell she loves me cause she even wipes my feet dry when I come in the house with dew on my paws. And then, I get a biscuit. Yumm. Just wanted to let all y'all know that I am loved by a great family who say they were just waiting for me to come along.



—COWBOY CHAMPION

(Right) South side of our senior building with new shade canopies. These are also on the north side (not shown). Thank you, **JOYCE DENNEHY** for funding this great addition to our building. We also appreciate the work **Curt Sauer** did erecting them, as well as the kennels you see in the picture.

## *Appeal from Martha Hovers*

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT....**

We are planning to replace all of our old "yards" along both sides of the 350' drive which leads into ARFhouse property. There are 29 large tree-lined yards giving the dogs plenty of room to run and play. However, the 15 year old fence and gates are in ill repair. Gates are rusting; some of the fence has become loose; some of the original posts are wood; and several of the areas are unusable because dogs can crawl underneath the aging wire. We will have chain link installed throughout the property once this is done. It is a huge project and will require a crew to remove the existing posts and wire. One of our supporters has pledged a "challenge grant" and will match your donations toward the project, dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. Joyce Dennehy immediately offered \$7,500 toward this project (against this "challenge grant"). Please help us make ARFhouse a better place for the animals who are spending their lives here, as well as for the newcomers who hope to be adopted, but need a "stop gap" until that happens.



# THANK YOU

THANK YOU to **Suzen Dennis** for sponsoring a silent auction to announce the grand opening of your new facility at **Tailwaggers Country Inn** in Van Alstyne.

We're very grateful to the following people (or businesses) who contributed gifts for this event:

- **Roger Staubach** for an auto-graphed NFL Football
- **Sue Miklos-Champion – Red Caboose Quilting Company** for the beautiful dog theme quilt
- **Renfro Foods** for 6 Salsa Packs
- **Ruth Wanasek** for the hand-made afghan
- **Suzen Dennis** for gift certificates to be used for pets to be boarded at her facility
- **Ronda Krauss-Rehder – Southern Charm Store** for hand crafted jewelry
- **Judie Joseph – Red Door Spa** in Plano donated 2 gift certificates
- **Ellen Borlenghi** for 2 pet portraits
- **Max Theode** – wrought iron art pieces for practical uses

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# THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEER

Thanks to **TOM HEENEY** the dog yards are being maintained around fence lines and the pasture is mowed. Tom comes twice a week to work 4-5 hours each day, weed eating, mowing, repairing water lines, and whatever else we require a hunk with muscles to do. And he does the work with a glad heart. He's committed to the animals and to helping them. We're fortunate to have this great volunteer. (Unfortunately, he's camera shy.)



An ARFhouse supporter (who asked to remain anonymous) donated a brand new golfcart. No one drives it but Sammie. Here she is with part of her "crew." Doesn't she look smart behind the wheel of this fine machine? We're grateful to our friend for this gift.

## \*\*WISH LIST\*\*

Dogloos

White Paint

Paint Supplies

Medium Size  
Dog Crates



Four dachshund puppies and mama were left at ARFhouse one Saturday night.



"Dolly" was a stray rescued by ARFhouse. We figured she'd be here for life, but as you can see, she found a wonderful home in Chicago. We're told that Dolly has perfect manners and is queen of the house.



# NEWCOMERS



My name is “Bonnie.” I don’t remember where I was when an ARFhouse lady found me, but I’m sure glad to be here. My ears don’t normally look like this, but I was twirling around when I heard the words “lights, camera!” I love having my picture taken. I’m hoping to find a home soon. I’m so tired of living in a puppy pen, but I guess since I’m so small, these people think I should be happy in here. But I want to run and play and twirl some more!!! They’re afraid I’d get trampled by the big dogs running to the pond. But I’m not afraid of anyone.



Hi there. I’m “Simon.” I appeared at Sammie’s house and she brought me over to ARFhouse. I have a friend with me (“Bonnie”), but what I really want is a human being to love. I’m not that big, and I am very “house friendly,” so I hope someone will want to take me home with them soon.

Hello. My name is “Honey.” My master had me tied up at an RV park and she got in her RV one morning and left me tied to a post. Not a very nice thing to do. The ladies at ARFhouse felt sorry for me (and the man at the RV park had done some favors for ARFhouse, heheh), so I got to come here to live. They don’t think I’m very “adoptable” because I dig. But digging isn’t a bad thing. It’s a FUN thing!



“Allie” and “Tyson” came together. They were left in a yard when some folks moved out of a rent house. One of ARFhouse’s supporters was a neighbor to these people and fed the dogs for several weeks, thinking they would return for their dogs. But they never did. Tyson is 10 yrs old and Allie is 8 yrs old. They have a nice yard here at ARFhouse and love the treats Sammie and Bo feed them at the back of their pen. (Their house backs up to the dogs’ yard.)



“Chuckie” and “Sugar” were found by ARFhouse friends in separate areas, but both are strays. Sugar had terrible flea allergies, but Chuckie is in good condition. They’ll be going to Chicago in October.

# Thanks

## TO THE PEOPLE WHO HELP OUR DOGS

Louis & Fay Elrod  
Tom Thumb Distribution Center  
Sherman Wal-Mart  
Denison Wal-Mart  
Danny & Dr. John Brakebill  
Stacey & Dr. Clay Morris  
Brakebill Veterinary Clinic Staff  
ORECK  
Niemann Publications  
Susan Khammash  
Nall's Sharpening Service



**Sammie and Bo Kershaw**

Sammie is our Operations Manager, and her husband, Bo, is a willing volunteer; he'll pick up dog food, dig up a water line, deliver a dog to the vet, or whatever else we might need. We're fortunate to have them living here and helping us care for ARFhouse.

## —GRANTS—

### *Thanks go out to the following:*

**The Ahimsa Foundation** made a grant of \$3,000 to be used for operations.

**The Virginia & Robert Hobbs Charitable Trust** made a grant of \$2,500 to be used for operations.



“Dewey” and “Sam” take a moment to relax.



“I thought there was something in this box besides one of my friends.”

## THANKS FOR ITEMS DONATED:

**Linda Robertson** donated 100 Beanie Babies to be offered at adoption events and auction for donations.

**Wanda Hutchison** donated blankets and many grooming products. Her mother was a professional groomer, and the items received have been put to good use.



## NEWSLETTER



This is our small fall version. Our Christmas newsletter will have lots of exciting HAPPENINGS, so watch for it the first week of December!

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## Brakebill Veterinary Hospital Made The Following "In Memory" Donations

"Cookie"  
Mr. & Mrs. Hulen Chandler, Jr.

"Mater"  
Dairius Shelton

"Annie"  
Dr. & Mrs. John Shoemaker & Family

"JR"  
Mr. & Mrs. Benny Myers

"Whitney"  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chenault

"Sarah"  
Dedra Turner

"Brandy"  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sheffield

"Alfie"  
Dr. & Mrs. G.R. Stephens

"Kitten"  
Christy Quassa

"Sammy"  
Jonell Gray

"Duke"  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bartlett

"Conan"  
Cheryl Leslie

"Sassy"  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Whaley

"Pickens"  
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Miller

"Rex"  
Christina Richardson

"Smokey"  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Syler & Family

"Alex"  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gentry

"Skigger"  
Amy Bruno

"Laiki"  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Whitmire

"Ginger"  
Lori Carlson

"Spooky"  
William Windlow

"Kaylar"  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Shirley

"Momma Cat"  
Ricky & Cathy Holt

"Janie"  
Mrs. Olga Martin

"Little Girl"  
Shawn Wierck

"Zsa Zsa"  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williams

"Nilla"  
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Waw

"Lucky"  
Wanda Catalan

"Teddy"  
Katrina Orman

"Noah"  
Arnold Flores

"Mickey"  
Hazel DeFrance

"Shadow"  
Linda Uphouse

"Winston"  
Kim Ring

"Bud"  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker

"Popeye"  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Williams

"Jake"  
Mike Whitworth

"Heidi"  
Mrs. Shirley Smith

"Charley" & "Trouble"  
Cliff Nickerson

"Henry"  
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Hill

"Oscar"  
Dr. & Mrs. Brett Ringger

### *Memorials for Animal Lovers*

Viola Nelson  
Mother of Tena Goedecke  
by: Karlo & George Smith

Eleanor Love  
by: John & Sherri Baer

Helen Underwood  
by: Dixie Vickrey

Bonnie White  
Kellye Crawford's Mother  
by: Ted & LuRuth Taylor

### *Donations In Memory of Beloved Pets*

Thank you to those of you who thought of ARFhouse and our animals  
in your time of sorrow.

"Sugar"  
Cindy & James Kent

"Alfie"  
"Sweet kitty dear to the hearts of  
Ray & Betty Stephens"  
Charles & Darlene Schweizer

The beloved kitty of  
Jerry & Susie Chapman  
Charles & Darlene Schweizer

"Junior"  
"Our pet cat, our sweet, lovable  
& special cat for 15 years"  
Benny & Billye Myers  
"In memory of our beloved 'Molly,'  
and to celebrate the arrival of 'Eva' "  
John & Tina Cambis

"Gabby"  
"A very special Jack Russel who  
will live in our hearts forever"  
Lived with Della & John Sherkis  
by: Drew Anderson

"Shepler" & "Winnie"  
Kathi Robertson

"Fae" & "Allie"  
by: Jane Crout

"Our very close friends, Mark, Stacie,  
Marissa & Allison Dodd recently  
lost their loved dog, 'Kiva,' after  
having her as a part of their family  
for 18 years"  
by: Richard, Susan, Blake, Conrad  
& Garret Vilven and  
Dick & Betty Vilven

### *In Honor*

Andy Williams  
by: Joseph Reedy



**We appreciate your continued support of ARFhouse.**

***Be an ARFhouse Supporter!***

ARFhouse needs and welcomes your donation in any denomination. Every dollar counts and is used for day-to-day operations, care of our animals, and assistance to animals in the community. Your donation is tax deductible. Please send your gift to ARFhouse, 3377 Spalding Rd., Sherman, TX 75092.

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***Thank You!***



## Mission Statement

Animal Refuge Foundation (ARFhouse) is a care-for-life, no-kill sanctuary in a rural setting and is home to 340+ dogs. Dedicated to improving the lives of animals through rescue and rehabilitation, spay/neuter and placing animals into homes with loving guardians, ARFhouse also assists animals whose owners are unable to pay for the sterilization of their animals, particularly elderly people who are on fixed incomes. The Foundation will also provide financial assistance for any stray animal found who requires emergency medical attention. One of our major goals is to relieve suffering and to provide contentment and happiness to any dog who crosses our threshold.

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