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Who is to blame for the overpopulation of Dogs and Cats in Oklahoma?



Approximately **1.5 million** shelter animals are euthanized each year in the USA (**670,000** dogs and **860,000** cats).

Are city “kill shelters” to blame?

Open admission animal shelters are city or county shelters that are required to take in all strays and owner surrendered dogs and cats. These facilities have a limited number of kennels/cages and a set capacity of animals they can house. Most do everything in their power to adopt out, transport, and find the original owners of these animals. They are considered “kill shelters” because there is no other alternative when they are at full capacity than to euthanize animals to make space for the next days incoming animals. **They are not to blame.**

Are non profit Animal Rescue Organizations to blame?

Animal Rescue Organizations usually work alongside a city open admission animal shelter to try and find homes for unwanted animals. They typically pull animals from city shelters, take in strays, and/or take in owner surrenders. If a rescue fills up to capacity they just stop taking in animals. So, it’s easy for them to be “no kill”. **They are not to blame for the overpopulation.**

Are owners that either accidentally or on purpose allow their pets to have a litter of puppies or kittens to blame?

YES!

FUNDRAISING UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 ARF's annual Puttin' On The Leash fundraiser was canceled in 2020. Sadly the event is also canceled for 2021. This fundraiser is our largest of the year and we are saddened we have to cancel it for a second time.

We will be holding our **OPEN HOUSE** this year on December 12th. It will feature a variety of gift baskets that you can buy a chance to win.

NON-EVENT in February. This event features a contest between the **Cats and Dogs** to see who can raise the most money. The dogs have never won so we need all the dog lovers to step it up this year!

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS

Myth: Cats cause cat overpopulation.



Explanation: Cats are instinctual. While they are highly intelligent, they do not have the ability to rationalize. You cannot tell a cat like a teenager that you will ground it or take away it’s car keys if they have sex.

Truth: If a cat is not spayed or neutered they will mate and cat overpopulation will continue.

People are the only way a cat can be brought to a vet to be spayed or neutered. That is the truth about cats and that is a fact...

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ADOPTION & OCCUPANCY

2021 Adoptions

	Cats	Dogs
Jan	3	11
Feb	2	14
Mar	7	11
Apr	6	15
May	8	20
Jun	4	14
Jul	1	20
Aug	13	10

ARF Occupancy

Felines 25 Canines 23

In Foster Care

Felines 00 Canines 02

ADOPTIONS TO DATE:

1862



SHERMAN

Sherman was found as a stray in Nowata and was taken to the Nowata city pound. After the mandatory hold period he was transferred to ARF. During vetting it was discovered that he is heartworm positive. Sherman was skinny when he was found and is still having trouble gaining weight. He was fostered by a loving family, but Sherman and one of the family members did not get along very well. He is back at ARF still going thru heartworm treatment and appears to be having reactions to some of the medication. We are working with our veterinarian to try and figure out what is going on with him. He has even had to spend one night at the vet office on IV fluids. Once Sherman is medically stable he will be available for adoption. If you are looking for a large hairy, drooling, pussycat of a dog then Sherman is your man! Just leave room on the couch for him.

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Pascal

Pascal derives from the Latin paschalis or pashalis, which means "relating to Easter". Our original Pascal was born at ARF on Easter Sunday in 2018. We had rescued his Mom, Darcy from Tulsa Animal Welfare where she was very pregnant and lame in one back leg. She proceeded to give birth to 10 puppies. Pascal (now Barkley) the dog was adopted by one of our Volunteers, Jen who brings him to ARF several times a week. One day when they were leaving ARF Pascal (who now weighs in at about 90 lbs) pulled Jen over to the bushes in front of ARF and pointed out a very tiny grey kitten. So, Pascal now has a namesake. Tiny Pascal the kitten is looking for her forever home. Please fill out an application at the link below.



Pascal



Aurora

Aurora was found in a homeowner's flower bed during a heavy down pour of rain. When she was caught and taken to the vet it was discovered that she had 5 two day old kittens with her. One of the kittens sadly did not survive. Aurora and her remaining kittens are up for adoption. Golden & Arapaho are still looking for their forever homes at the time of this newsletter. Please check the site listed below if you are interested in adopting Aurora, Golden, or Arapaho.

The kittens are about 4 months old.



Golden



ARAPAHOE



Monster

Monster is a 2 year old Bull Mastiff / Boxer Mix. He is a 76 pound bobble head that loves to give kisses. He has a big ole head and big ole jowls to match. He gets along with dogs and kids. He does not like to be left at home for hours because he gets bored and lonely. He needs a big yard in order to exercise. Monster does know how to sit, but still needs some leash training.

View available pets and fill out an online application at Petlover.petstablished.com

ARF Open House

Our annual Open House will be Sunday, December 12 from 2pm—4pm. Come on down to enjoy snacks, soft drinks, and water. You will also have the opportunity to tour the building, pet some cats & dogs, and meet the volunteers. Starting now (see the insert with this newsletter) you can make a donation towards winning a gift basket valued well over \$100 each. The drawings will be held the day of the open house, but you do not need to be present to win. Please print information on the insert neatly so we can contact you if you are a winner.

Basket themes will be focused on Cats, Dogs, or a Gift Card Basket. Please check which one you are donating towards on the insert to this newsletter.



Pawsome Baskets

1 Chance for \$10

3 Chances for \$25

12 Chances for \$100



Non-Event EVENT

ARF's annual non-event will be held in February of 2022. Please watch for more upcoming information about this event in your mail.

Sponsor a Kennel

\$250

\$500

A sign will be displayed on your kennel showing that you are a proud sponsor.

Your sponsorship will buy winter covers for the Kuranda beds, new dog door flaps to keep out the cold wind and minor wall repairs where needed. The covers have elastic corners that stretch over the Kuranda bed frames and keep them in place.

You can include family, pet, or both in your pictures. There is room for a small quote if you would like to include one. If you purchase a kennel sponsorship with page 6 of this newsletter you can email your photos to ARFdogs74006@gmail.com

Is Animal Heartworm Medication (Ivermectin) Effective against COVID-19?

Throughout the pandemic, the anti-parasite drug ivermectin has attracted much attention, [particularly in Latin America](#), as a potential way to treat COVID-19. But scientists say that recent, [shocking revelations](#) of widespread flaws in the data of a preprint study reporting that the medication greatly reduces COVID-19 deaths dampens ivermectin's promise — and highlights the challenges of investigating drug efficacy during a pandemic.

"I was shocked, as everyone in the scientific community probably were," says Eduardo López-Medina, a paediatrician at the Centre for the Study of Paediatric Infections in Cali, Colombia, who was not involved with the study and who has investigated whether ivermectin can improve COVID-19 symptoms. "It was one of the first papers that led everyone to get into the idea ivermectin worked" in a clinical-trial setting, he adds.

Although the World Health Organization advises against taking ivermectin as a COVID-19 treatment outside clinical trials, the over-the-counter drug has become popular in some regions of the world. Some view it as a stopgap until vaccines become available in their areas, even though it has not yet been proven effective; scientists worry that it will also be seen as an alternative to vaccines, which are highly effective. (Nature Magazine August 2, 2021)

The [US Food and Drug Administration](#) has cautioned people against using ivermectin to treat Covid-19. Last Saturday the [FDA tweeted](#): "You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it." Calls to poison control centers have increased three-fold, compared to the number of calls about the drug before the pandemic, the CDC said. Some examples of these calls included an adult who wanted to prevent Covid-19 and had to be hospitalized for nine days after drinking a cattle formula. Another person who bought pills online to treat their Covid-19 infection was hospitalized after taking five tablets a day for five days. The CDC reminded doctors that ivermectin is not authorized or approved for use in Covid-19 patients. Doctors did investigate the possibility, but [clinical trials](#) of the drug "yielded insufficient evidence" to treat Covid-19. Scientists would need to [perform more](#) clinical trials to see if it actually worked to treat the disease. Overdoses of the drug can cause stomach problems, nerve damage, seizures, disorientation, coma and death. The CDC advisory reminded the public that vaccination rather than treatment "is the safest and most effective way to prevent getting sick and protect against severe disease and death" from Covid-19. (By [Jen Christensen](#), CNN Updated 10:54 PM ET, Thu August 26, 2021)

Here's What You Need to Know about Ivermectin

- FDA has not approved ivermectin for use in treating or preventing COVID-19 in humans. Ivermectin tablets are approved at very specific doses for some parasitic worms, and there are topical (on the skin) formulations for head lice and skin conditions like rosacea. Ivermectin is not an anti-viral (a drug for treating viruses).
- Taking large doses of this drug is dangerous and can cause serious harm.
- If you have a prescription for ivermectin for an FDA-approved use, get it from a legitimate source and take it exactly as prescribed.

Never use medications intended for animals on yourself. Ivermectin preparations for animals are very different from those approved for humans.

What is Ivermectin and How is it Used?

Ivermectin tablets are approved by the FDA to treat people with intestinal strongyloidiasis and onchocerciasis, two conditions caused by parasitic worms. In addition, some topical (on the skin) forms of ivermectin are approved to treat external parasites like head lice and for skin conditions such as rosacea. Some forms of ivermectin are used in animals to prevent heartworm disease and certain internal and external parasites. It's important to note that these products are different from the ones for people, and safe when used as prescribed for animals, only. (FDA.gov)



IN LOVING MEMORY

Melanie Carlburg - *Mark & Mary Peterson, Joe & Helen Lewis, Diana Guardiola-Akcelik, Lisa Knappe, Leola Gelken, and Charlotte Gasaway.*

Donna Boyer - *Vicki Godbehere*

Jack Clapp - *Sue Harris and Jimmy Baker*

Frances Morrison, Mother of
Yvonne James - *Jack Maddux, Vicki Adams, Patricia Keeley & Karen Driscoll, Susan James, Jim Grant, Patricia Hammond, Karole Cozby, and Lynda Myers.*

John Randall - *Howard & Jayne Ferguson*

Steve Snider - *Ralph & Lois Bergstad*

Vicki Funk-Koble and dogs Whisky, Sassy, Tiffany, Jax, Muffin, Henry, Tinkerbelle, Snitzel and Tyke - *Dr. Gary Funk, and Janie Rowbottom*

Charlene Herard - *Jean & Kenneth Rose*

Sharon Cotton, wife of Bob Cotton - *Howard & Jayne Ferguson*

Mary Ann & Milo Witter, Mother and Father of Dorothy Witter - *Dorothy Witter, Carolyn & Eldon Hanneman, Carl & Virginia Chew, Janice Mustain-Wood, Robin Kappel, Jerry & Lloyd Lay, Jack Dawson & Eileen Mustain, Vicki Adams, Dell Linsey, Frank & Christine Morton.*

Bill & Beverly Hines, Parents of Laura Hines - *Laura Hines*

Sue Willis Mother of Renee Baldwin - *JoAnn Payne*

Mary Erwin, a dear friend of Bobbe Hornback - *Ralph and Lois Bergstad*

Judy Maddux, wife of Jack Maddux - *Bob & Yvonne James*

Tami Boyd, daughter of Sandra & Tom Boyd - *Barbara Abney*

Dr. Joe Hardin - *Dr. Bob and Yvonne James*

Michelle Doyle - *Susan Eaton*

Mary Westbrook in honor of her neighbor

Leo Chiles
Howard and Jayne Ferguson

Lucy, beloved cat of Howard & Jayne Ferguson - *Howard & Jayne Ferguson, Kay Housman, and Vicki Adams*

Jade, beloved cat of Gary & Judy Kreps - *Kay Housman, and Vicki Adams*

Parker, beloved ARF cat gone too soon - *Kay Housman, and Vicki Adams*

Cheeto, beloved cat of Beth, Chris, Morgan, and Garrett Stark - *Jimmie Lee Stark*

Quincy, beloved ARF cat adopted by Michelle Spitzer - *Michelle Spitzer, and Amy Fran*

Whisky, beloved cat of Vicki Funk-Koble - *Dr. Gary Funk & Janie Rowbottom*

Saks, beloved cat of Jodi Korthase - *Bob and Carla Korthase*

Ike, Zimba, Kibana, and Saka, beloved dogs of Sandy Singleton

Juno, beloved dog of Dominic and Robin Walters - *James & Leona Hutchins*

Stephen, beloved ARF cat, who died of bone cancer - *Kay Housman, Vicki Adams*

Happy Holidays and in Honor of

Ed & Barbara Jenner - Joel Jenner & Connie Cox

Sheila Taylor - Jimmie Lee Stark

Jetta Sue Murphy - Jimmie Lee Stark

Robin Reeves & Claudia Aita - Janice & Thomas Reeves, Jr.

Cindy & Gary Spears - Kelly Fox
