



Helping Animals in Need

- 🐾 Provide Care
- 🐾 Report Abuse and Neglect
- 🐾 Promote Spay and Neuter
- 🐾 Educate on Animal Welfare
- 🐾 Promote Adoption



PAWS IN THE PARK

We are changing things up this year. Paws in the Park will be at ARF Park on Saturday, May 3rd from Noon to 3 p.m. Our Jazz Brunch will move to October. We have multiple events planned including a Jack Russell racing exhibition, concessions and more.

Early paid registrants will receive a special edition

t-shirt and a bag of goodies. Early registration ends Monday, March 31st

Pam Case, the pet communicator, will be making a return visit to communicate with your companion animals. Appointments are \$25 for 15 minutes. You can bring your pet(s) or just a picture. If you have always wondered what your pet is trying to

tell you, now is the time to find out.



ADOPTION AND OCCUPANCY STATS

ARF Occupancy:

Felines: 29 + 1 in Foster
Canines: - 1

Adoptions to Date: 833

Spay/Neuter: 4,689

Felines: 2,706
Dogs: 1,983

December Adoptions:

Dogs—
Cats — Sugar Bear,
Chilly and Tori

January Adoptions:

Dogs—
Cats—

February Adoptions:

Dogs—
Cats— Polly & Becky,
Keifer & Katze, Tiara,
Andi & Randi, Lucas and
Sochi



TROOP 323



Colleen Springer and her Brownie/Jr. Girl Scouts came to visit the cats and kittens. They were accompanied by several mothers and little brothers. So many people to entertain and so little time. We hope the girls had as much fun as the cats!

IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO

Thanks to your generosity we raised \$1,695 for our Spay/Neuter Coupon Program. This money will provide almost 68 coupons. Thank you!!

8 MOST DANGEROUS PLANTS

Many common plants, both in the house and in the yard, can be toxic to our pets. Some plants only cause mild stomach upset, while others can be poisonous. And, some plants are safe for some species while deadly for others.

Rhododendrons, azaleas, laurels and Japanese pieris are highly toxic to all species and deserve extra caution.

Sago palms can cause liver failure and death in dogs and cats. All parts of the plant are toxic, with the seeds having the highest concentration of toxin. One seed can kill a dog within 24 hours.

Oleander, foxglove and lily of the valley can slow the heartbeat and even stop it. These plants are toxic to all species.

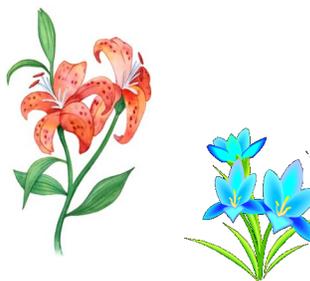
Japanese yew contains compounds that have a direct effect on the heart. The toxins can cause an irregular heartbeat or even stop the heart. All parts, except for the bright red berry, are toxic. Sudden death can result within hours of ingestion.

Castor beans contain ricin, which can be highly toxic. Ricin causes multiple organ failure. Ricin is found throughout the plant, but the highest level is found in the seeds. The seed coat must be damaged to release the toxins, so animals who swallow the seed whole may not get sick.

Autumn crocus contains chemotherapy-like compounds that attack rapidly dividing cells in the body. Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhea, weakness and possible death. Spring crocus is not toxic.

Hops are used in beer brewing. Ingestion of hops by dogs causes their body temperature to skyrocket. Signs can be seen within hours. Dogs become agitated and begin to pant. Their body temperature can get high enough to kill them.

Lilies: Easter lilies, tiger lilies rubrum or Japanese showy lilies and day lilies have been shown to cause kidney failure in cats. Even a few nibbles can cause kidney failure. Cats often vomit within a few hours and stop producing urine within 72 hours.



WISH LIST

Animal Rescue Foundation is supported by donations. We are always in need of supplies. Following is our "Wish List" for Animal House:

- ❄ **Volunteers**
- ❄ **Foster Homes for Dogs**
- ❄ **Sanctuary Donations**
- ❄ Purina One dry cat food
- ❄ Dog Food (any kind)
- ❄ Litter box Deodorizer
- ❄ Clorox Wipes
- ❄ Laundry Soap/Dryer Sheets (unscented — we have some cats that sneeze)
- ❄ Plastic Dog Houses (new or used) and straw.
- ❄ Paper Towels
- ❄ Forever Stamps
- ❄ Fancy Feast and Friskies canned cat food
- ❄ Hand Sanitizer
- ❄ AA , AAA & C Batteries
- ❄ Cash, Checks, Visa, Mastercard or Discover are always welcome!!!!

LOVE-A-PET WEEK

Ranch Heights School had Love-A-Pet Week during February and recently brought lots of paper towels, treats, hand sanitizer, wipes, and dry and canned dog and cat food to ARF. A great big thank you to the students and Judy Allen who delivered all the supplies.



Viewing our newsletter online can help ARF save printing/postage costs! Please e-mail us at arfok@sbcglobal.net to provide your e-mail address. You will be notified when our updated newsletter is available for viewing.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



SPAY/NEUTER OPTIONS

ARF's \$25 Spay/Neuter Coupons (limited) available at area Vet Clinics

4 the Animals, Sarah Gordon, DVM, low cost spay/neuter — call 918-815-9122

WCSPCA and Green Country Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (GCSNAP) - low cost spay/neuter services for dogs and cats to qualifying applicants— call 918-336-1577

Spay OK Clinic in Tulsa— low-income program. Cats \$30, Dogs \$40, www.spayok.org or call 918-728-3144.

NeuterSooner, Inc—low cost spay/neuter program — www.neutersooner.org or call 918-332-6341 for info.

PLASTIC DOG HOUSES

If you have a plastic dog house that is no longer being used, please call us at 918-766-0991 so we can put it to good use! There are many unfortunate dogs in our area that need help to survive the winter storms ahead. We recycle plastic dog houses to provide shelter to dogs in need. We also collect and distribute straw for dogs in need when available. If you see a dog with no shelter, please report the situation to Animal Control at 918-338-4001. If you don't have a plastic dog house to donate, but would like to donate to our ARF Dog House program, please send your donation to ARF at P.O. Box 3292, Bartlesville, OK 74006, with a "dog house" notation.

A LETTER TO ARF

Dear ARF friends,

My name is Tori. I think you already know a little bit about me—where I came from and how I was brought to ARF. That was back in October, and now I am six months old!

I am feeling very happy and grateful these days. My special Christmas gift was that I got a forever home and a new mom. Oh, and my very own Christmas stocking, too. (Actually, my mom says that I was *her* Christmas gift.) Anyway, I started the New Year with a whole new life—lots of people who love me (even godparents!), and four new kitty sisters. The oldest one is a calico who looks just like me! Another one is Josie—you may remember her from a couple years ago. She was rescued by ARF, too, with two broken legs. But she was very brave; and now she can run fast, as if there had never been a problem.

I have what they call a "problem" with my legs, too. My back ones forgot to grow paws on them; and the ones in the front tried to, but just couldn't finish. But my legs are strong; and I am very brave, just like Josie. So I can run fast, just like her. I can jump up a little ways on my hind legs, too. When Josie sits above me on the cat tree

I jump up and try to catch it. I can also chase the mousie toy that runs 'round in circles; and I really like to race after the red dot that the laser thing makes on the floor. Funny thing, though, I never seem to catch it. But I never try to jump up onto furniture because my legs just don't want me to do that. And I never try to climb on things because, well, I have only two claws—on each of my front minipaws. I mostly like to walk and run on the rugs and carpet. I can also get around on the tile floor, but one of my back legs doesn't work too well on that slippery stuff.

At night, I sleep in my cushy bed in the bathroom. During the day, I have a big pen filled with toys in the living room. I spend some time in there; but most of the time, my mom lets me explore my house. When I'm not exploring, I sometimes lie by my mom's feet while she sews or works on the computer. I sleep a little while I'm there, and I also nibble on her toes. I also like to just sit in my canvas cube and watch what goes on in my world. Believe me, I don't miss anything!

My mom says I'm a "perfect" little kitten. *Hmmmeow*, I do have to admit that I have the silk-

iest kitten fur, ever. And my eyes are the biggest kitten eyes, ever. My short, fluffy tail is the wiggliest kitten tail ever. And my sister Josie says that I am her most favorite little buddy, ever. So I guess maybe I am just about the most perfect little kitten. (Oh, I forgot to mention that I'm also very humble.)

I know for sure that I am one of the most lucky little kittens, ever, because I have so many friends who believe in me. So I thank you all—from the person who found me all alone and took me to the WCSPCA, to all of my ARF peeps (as far away as Ohio!) who have loved and supported me. Special thanks to Jayne and Howard, for letting me be their godkitten, and to my big sister Josie, who helps me every day to stay brave, humble—and mostly purrfect.

Love, Tori

p.s. My new pictures are on the next page.



My baby picture

OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS



Asia

Asia is an 8-9 month old flame point Siamese, spayed and current on shots



Sochi

Sochi is a 1-2 year old Russian Blue Manx. He has been adopted and lives in Kansas City.



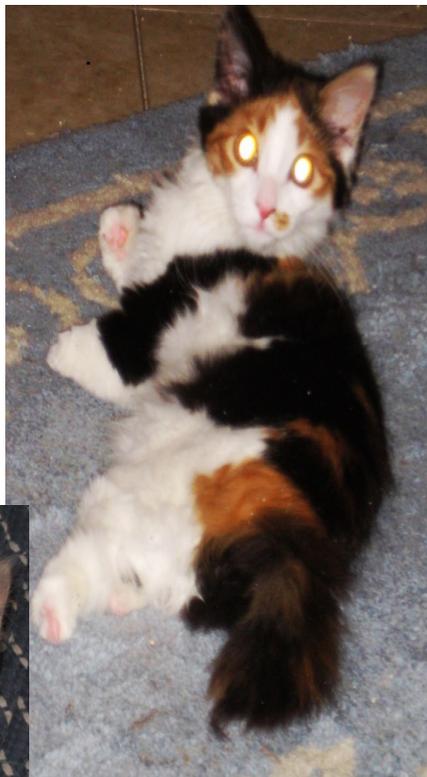
Ashleigh

Ashleigh is 4 months old. She has been spayed and is current on shots.

TORI'S NEW PICTURES



Little Miss "Bright Eyes"



Come and see me in action at this link:

<http://youtu.be7zZKg8FISl>



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NATIONAL
ANIMAL
FIGHTING
TIP LINE
877-TIP-HSUS

PUPPY MILL
TASK FORCE
877-MILL-
TIP

ASPCA
ANIMAL POISON
CONTROL
CENTER

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center operates a hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 888-426-4435 for a fee of \$45 per case. If you call, you should be prepared to provide the following information: name of the poison your animal was exposed to, the amount and how long ago; the species, breed, age, sex, and weight of your pet; and the symptoms the animal is displaying. You'll also be asked to provide your name, address phone number and credit card information.

EMERGENCY!

If you cannot reach a local vet:

Animal Emergency Center Inc.

7220 E 41st Street

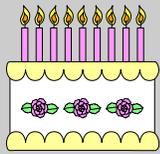
Tulsa, OK 74145

918-665-0508

Tulsa's only fully-staffed 24/7 emergency and trauma care center.

In Honor

Happy Birthday to
Joan Vandergriff
from
Margaret Humble



Christmas Honorees

Jetta Sue Murphy
from

Jimmie Lee Stark

~

Scott and Carla
Cohen,

Helane Cohen and
Tino, rescue dog

from

Jack and Gayle Fish

~

Cara Fish,

Worth Williams and
Anita Richardson and

their cats

from

Jack and Gayle Fish

ARF will be celebrating our 15th anniversary in June! Watch for details on our website and Facebook!

In Memorium

In Memory of

Tang

*Beloved cat of the
Pope Family*

In Memory of

Daisy

*Beloved dog of
Sherrylyn Malaby
- Candia Freeman*

In Memory of

Teensy

*Beloved dog of
Glenda Garrison
- Candia Freeman*

*In Memory of
Beauty & Snickers*

*Beloved pets of
Laura Hines
- Diana Kirkman*

*In Memory of
Kevin Cleary*

*Son of Ann Cleary
- Women's Network*

In Memory of

Ms. Priss

*Beloved cat of
JoAnn Payne
- Robert & Tracy Young*

In Memory of

Gidget

*Beloved dog of
Regina & Donnie Diamond
- Vicki Adams*

In Memory of

Glory

*-beloved Maltese of
Pete & Rosemary Schmitt*

In Memory of

Norma Jeanne Clark

- Jayne Ferguson
- Vicki Adams
- Kay Housman
- Laura Hines
- Jane Call
- Sheila Taylor
- Nova Jean Brown
- Judy Schrader
- Robert & Donna Clark
- Diana Kirkman
- JoAnn Payne
- Debbie & Jimmy Munsell
- Doug & Penny Quinn
- Larry & Patricia Cash
- Dana Baker
- S. D. Clark

In Memory of

Emily Jane

*Beloved friend of
Brooke Sewell
- Teresa Sewell*

In Memory of

Ch. Echo of Glory

- Dana Baker

In Memory of

Karen Sue Alexander

- Margaret Branch

In Memory of

Marian Houston

*Mother of
Marilyn Christensen
- Ralph & Lois Bergstad*

In Memory of

Maggie

*Beloved companion of
Larry & Linda Shoemaker*

In Memory of

Callie

*(Gingerbread, former
ARF cat)*

*Beloved companion of
Agnes Bennett
- Sheila Taylor*

In Memory of

Sadie

*12 year old Dachshund of
Tom and Linda Cochran
- Betty Jane Cummins*

In Memory of

Janet Hodges

*- Bartlesville Development
Corporation*

In Memory of

Jake

*Friend of
Pat & Jim Fluegel and
Jake's humans next door
- Betty Jane Cummins*

In Memory of

*Hoppy and Boomer,
Bran and Owain*

*Beloved pets of
Patty Phillips
- Lois Bergstad*

In Memory of

Stephen Huff

- Robert & Tracy Young

SNIPPETS

Remember to go to The Animal Rescue site (www.TheAnimalRescueSite.com) **every day** and go to Click to Give. Just click and you will provide bowls of food for animals in shelters. It costs absolutely nothing and helps so much!

Please note: Our recycler will not accept cat food cans, aluminum foil pans, aluminum foil or tin cans. Thank you!

And, please do not leave cans at our site on Hwy 60. We are not set up for collection there. Please bring them to 127 NE Washington behind our building.



THANKS



SPECIAL THANKS

ARF would like to say a great big Thank You to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions to ARF:

- ❄ Jackie Dover
- ❄ Leon Holbrook
- ❄ John McLaurin
- ❄ Delbert McCarter
- ❄ Bartlesville Print Shop
- ❄ Keith McDowell
- ❄ Tractor Supply Co
- ❄ Janis Blanton
- ❄ Ranch Heights School

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

Aluminum Cans

We continue to recycle aluminum cans to benefit the Spay/Neuter Program. **Your cans have helped save hundreds of lives.** Please keep them coming. Cans are collected in the kennel behind our building.

Cell Phones and Ink Jet Cartridges



We are still collecting these items to help fund the Animal Sanctuary. Drop them by (just inside the front door) during our regular business hours.

Staples Rewards

Remember when you shop at Staples to give them our phone number (918-766-0991). We have a rewards account. Your purchases can help our animals.



To Become a Volunteer, a Member, or Contribute to Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville

Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville is run by volunteers and completely funded by donations.

ARF is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are Tax Deductible! OK D.O.A. S 19

Membership:

- Regular \$20 Senior (55+) Student \$10
- Lifetime Pet \$10 Cat ___ Dog ___
- Other ___

I can Help with:

- Fund Raising Ideas/Committees
- Special Events
- Foster Home for Dogs
- Other (Please Specify) _____

I would like to contribute:

- Sanctuary Fund \$ _____
- Spay/Neuter Coupons \$ _____
- ARF Vet Bills \$ _____
- Food/Litter/Supplies \$ _____
- ARF Park \$ _____
- Memorial \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

I would like to sponsor _____

- Month (\$20 per) Year (\$200)

From: _____

ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION

127 NE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Mailing:

P.O. Box 3292
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Phone: 918-766-0991
E-mail: arfok@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.arfok.org

We accept Visa Discover MasterCard

Card # _____

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Signature _____

**Or, make checks payable to
Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)**

P.O. Box 3292

Bartlesville, OK 74006

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