



PAULS VALLEY
ANIMAL
WELFARE
SOCIETY

300 E. Airport Industrial Road
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
Phone: 405-238-1303

PAWS

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The Pauls Valley Animal Shelter is located at 300 East Airport Industrial Road. The Shelter is open Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed for weekends and holidays.

Adoption Fees:

Dog

\$65.00 INCLUDES spay/neuter & vacc. as current as can be at time of adoption.

Cat

\$50.00 INCLUDES spay/neuter & vacc. as current as can be at time of adoption.

NEW PAWS MEETING LOCATION

The Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society meets Jan., April, July, Oct., on the 4th Tuesday of that month. **PAWS meets at the AFLAC building at 7 p.m.. Located next to Williamsburg Small Animal Hospital.** Members and the interested public are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your annual PAWS membership. These memberships run from July to July of the next year. Your membership dues to PAWS help in providing for the animals and the shelter facility. See the back page for membership information. Thank you for your support



DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR P.A.W.S. MEMBERSHIP

Please clip and mail,
Thank You!

YES, I want to join the Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society.

Please print the following:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Select a membership level:

___ Single member household \$35.00

___ Family, per household \$50.00

___ Junior (18 and younger) \$15.00

___ Senior (60 or over) \$15.00

___ Patron \$500.00

Additional contribution \$ _____

Please Detach and Mail with Check to
Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society
300 East Airport Industrial Road
Pauls Valley, OK 73075

PAWS Email: PaulsValleyPaws@gmail.com.

P.A.W.S. PRINTS

President's Message



Dear Members,

As another year closes, the Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society is reminded of how dependent we are on the community support and volunteers both financially and in man hours donated to the shelter. We also realize how much our community depends on this organization to provide for the local pet food pantry and spay/neuter program in addition to the housing of the abandoned and homeless animals in this area. However, the community sometimes has difficulty in understanding the relationship between PAWS and the shelter.

The shelter is a city entity regulated by and under the control of the Pauls Valley Police Department. The shelter is required to follow policies and ordinances set in place by the city of Pauls Valley. The intake of animals into the shelter is totally regulated by the city ordinances. Because the shelter is a city property, animals admitted to the shelter must be from within the city limits due to the limited space in the shelter. The city payroll supports three staff salaries: The animal control officer and two shelter employees. However, over the last year, we have never had all three positions filled at one time due to lack of qualified applicants. The city struggles with filling these positions and retaining these employees. Currently we have two dedicated ladies, Jasmine Jadali ACO and Hannah Owens, who work tirelessly to keep our shelter open.

PAWS supports the shelter by meeting all medical needs of these homeless babies. The needs include vaccines, medical tests, spay/neuter procedures, medical needs of injured or sick animals, fostering animals, and rescue/transport programs in order to get these precious lives out of the shelter and into loving homes. Shar Meyhew, one of the new board members, and Sherry Carter work endless hours with rescue groups to find places for these animals and then spend hours traveling across the country with them to their new homes. Otherwise, these fur babies would have to be euthanized as we cannot find enough homes for them locally. Other volunteers like Timmie Clark work long hours

cleaning and caring for these animals while they are at the shelter being housed until they leave on a transport.

Marilyn Goodban donates many hours a week working the front desk to answer the phone and maintain animal records, while Marjie Little totes shelter laundry to her home to help keep the shelter stocked in clean bedding. Margie also helps in the shelter office and serves as the PAWS treasurer. Timmie, Margie, and Mae Bowden collect, sack, and distribute food for our monthly food pantry. Mae and Sherry donate many of her evening hours trapping stray cats in our community for the trap and release program. Billie Hayes donates several hours a week at the shelter helping in the office and with other shelter duties. Cathy Agee and several of our board members and PAWS members help with the spay/neuter clinic sign ups each month. Our newest board member, Lee Tincher, is an experienced grant writer. She is spending many of her retirement hours at home seeking out and applying for grants that will benefit the shelter. We are hoping to reap from her efforts which she is dedicating to PAWS. We will keep you updated on her efforts and any monies received. We owe a gratitude of thanks to Howard Kelley who donates his time and supplies to publish this newsletter every year. We also have several foster families that allow us to keep many animals in a home situation out of the shelter while they wait to find their forever home. Again, I want to give a shout out this year to Dr. Katie Ervay and my staff that help treat shelter animals, nursing them back to health, and devote their work on Tuesdays to the spaying and neutering of shelter animals. Each of these people are a vital piece of this army marching daily to keep the shelter doors open and saving lives. Because of all these people and their hard work, our euthanasia rate has remained extremely low this year at only 10 animals.

Due to the economy and inflation, we are currently seeing an uptick in abandoned animals dumped on roadsides, at the park, and on the shelter grounds. Many animals have been left at my hospital because people simply cannot afford to treat their health problems or give them basic care. Therefore, our work and efforts continue to be extremely vital and our work more important than ever before.

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President's Message (cont.)

Our food pantry and spay/neuter clinic help alleviate this issue to some extent, but some people are so desperate they just get rid of their pets instead of seeking help. For this reason, community support and donations continue to be vital to meet the needs of these abandoned animals. We greatly appreciate each of our members that donate time, money, and supplies at the shelter. We could not carry out all this work without a strong loyal PAWS membership and the support they provide.

The work we do is a calling and a passion. I remind myself daily that all I have belongs to God and I am here on earth to be a good steward with what He has entrusted to me. This includes all the animals in my care; my personal pets, including our cows, my patients, and then all the shelter animals. I am blessed by being chosen by Him to provide care for each of them and placed in a profession where I have been given the opportunity to spend everyday of my life doing His work by caring for these wonderful animals He created.

What could be more gratifying than a career

or mission where you can snuggle daily with a furry friend, look into eyes full of compassion, love and gratefulness of a rescued animal friend, look into eyes full of compassion, love and gratefulness of a rescued animal,

I'm amazed at God's creation when I watch the herd of cows and calves behind my hospital at daylight magically pair up for breakfast by bawling. All the "bawling", sounds the same to me, but each cow and calf answer one another's call and pair up without any confusion.....just one of God's many miracles. He has "called" all of us to be the advocates for the homeless and has entrusted us with their care. What a blessing to live a life where we can experience the miracles of His creation. The shelter's success is made possible by all the volunteers and gracious donors as we answer God's call.

As a result, our small but mighty army can be good stewards of all God's precious creatures both at the shelter and in this community. This work will someday be praised with "well done my good and faithful servants". Proverbs 12:10 tells us a good man is concerned for the welfare of his animals. I thank each of you for being a part of this awesome army!

Dr. Carolyn Williams, D.V.M. 🐾

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

"I care not for a man's religion if his dog or cat is not the better for it" - Anon

A memorial donation to PAWS is an excellent and loving way to honor the life, death or accomplishments of a family member, friend or loving companion. If you chose to do so, please mail your memorial to : PAWS, 300 East Airport Rd., Pauls Valley, OK 73075 or leave it at Williamsburg Small Animal Hospital. A dignified notification of your memorial will be sent to the family and you will also be notified. Please let us know if you want your donation to be used in any special area: General Shelter needs, (food and supplies), medication, Spay Neuter Program, Pet Food Pantry or our Transport/Rescue Program.

Darla Hamilton: Mike Elliott, Cathy & Terry Cash, Aaron & Sara Underwood

Aseha Huddleston: Marjie Little, Phyllis & Larry Boone

Buddy Mackey: Marjie Little, Phyllis & Larry Boone, Timmie & Tom Clark

Melinda McElroy Keeley: Phyllis & Larry Boone

Jimmy Blalock: Phyllis & Larry Boone

Austin Willingham: Pamela, Stoney and Lawson Popejoy

Sherry Wimberly: The Whitebead Methodist Church

Helen Deloris Schmidt: Kelli Bruce, Michael & Charlene Watry

Buddy Underwood: Marie & Gary Yeiser

Laura Gibson: Earl Gibson

Jan Lawson: Phyllis & Larry Boone

Nancy Campbell: Phyllis & Larry Boone

Teresa Stephens: Kyle Readnour & the Legacy Acct. Staff, Phyllis & Larry Boone

Dr. Stephanie Husen: Burns Densmore, Marjie Little, Timmie & Tom Clark, Nancy & Kent Scoggins

Pat Hobgood: Sharon & David Swint

Earl Gibson: Lou Hall

David Jones: Alpha Elkins

Nevada Blankenship: Neva, Depree, Duffus and Murphy

Marsha Miller: Marjie Little, Timmie Clark

Dr. Susan Jones: Debra & Myron Ely

PET MEMORIALS

Honoring the lives and companionship of our beloved pets

“Everyone is taught that angels have wings, but the lucky ones of us find out that they often have paws.”-Anon

“The best place to bury a beloved pet is in the heart of its’ master”- Anon

Robbie: Beloved companion of Kristy Schrader

Boo Grimmatt: Beloved companion of Mickie & Brent Grimmatt. Given by Marjie Little, Phyllis & Larry Boone

Lucy Stewart: Beloved companion of Jenny Rodgers, given by Nancy & Kent Scoggins

Frankie the Shelter Cat: Beloved companion of Shelter employees & Volunteers. Given by Olga Killinsworth

Lola Murphy: Beloved Companion of Carrie, Scott & Elliott Murphy. Given by Timmie & Tom Clark

Gusteau, O’Keefe & Bachelor Williams: Beloved companions of Angela Williams. Given by Marjie Little

Chip: Beloved Companion of Kristy Schrader

Yana: Birthday Celebration/donation for beloved companion of Lee & Art Tincer

Daisy: Beloved companion of Billy Hays, Robin & James. Given by Timmie Clark

Tootsie Lou: Beloved companion of Helen Hartley.

“Lord, let me be the person my dog thinks I am”

-Anon-

Thanks to Marilyn Goodban; coordinator, and her group of volunteers for monthly sign-up for this clinic each month: Peggy Patton, Charmaine Wallace, and Cathy Agee. Thanks to Wendy Boger for filling in at sign-up at a moment’s notice. Thanks also to those processing the animals on Spay/Neuter Clinic Day. These volunteers are: Larry Boone, Danny & Dixie Williams, Patrick, Faith and Annie Campbell. Each month, any resident can sign up their dogs and cats for a low cost Spay/Neuter Clinic offered by PAWS and the OK Humane Spay/

puppies and \$27 for cats or kittens. Rabies shots (if needed) are an additional \$10. Anyone is welcome to participate. In addition, all on fixed income or unemployment can have a lowered price by providing proof of income. A sliding scale is used and the remaining cost of the surgery is subsidized by PAWS from a special Spay/Neuter Account. Call the shelter at 405-238-1303 for sign-up and clinic dates each month. 🐾 Please spay or neuter your pets to prevent overpopulation. 🐾



Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society

🐾 Just a group of animal loving people volunteering their time and efforts towards helping save homeless and abandoned animals forced into an overcrowded shelter system.

🐾 Always in need of funds to feed, vaccinate, medicate, spay and neuter.

🐾 Always in need of more hands to help clean kennels and pet cats.

🐾 Always in need of those willing and able to transport shelter animals to safety, rescues, foster homes, etc.

🐾 Always in need of foster homes. A day, a weekend or a week.

Our desperate cry is for them to have at least one second chance. Everyone deserves that!!!!

Sherry Carter, PAWS Volunteer/Board Member

THE PAWS BOARD IS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO WELCOME THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS. THEY ARE: SHERRY CARTER, SHAR MAYHEW, LEE TINCHER & CATHY AGEE. 🐾

MONTHLY PET FOOD PANTRY

“Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions and pass no criticisms.” George Elliott

Our Pet Food Pantry is 12 years old & held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the shelter from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The August food pantry

food. This is an all-time record. This program, provided by PAWS, was set up to supplement food to those having a difficult time providing food for their pets. Any brand of puppy or dog food or cat and kitten food is accepted if anyone is interested in donating. A huge thanks to Mae Bowden for bagging the dog and cat food each month and to Marjie Little, Timmie Clark and Danny Williams for running the monthly food pantry.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not already done so, **please renew your membership.** Memberships run from July to July and your dues contribute to our ability to provide a better environment for the animals, purchase necessary medical supplies and supplement our programs.

Thank you for your support of the Animals & the Shelter.

SPECIAL DONATIONS OF SHELTER SUPPLIES, FOOD

Girl Scout Troop 814, WW, OK
Becky Higgins 5th Grade Whitebead Class
Walmart Distribution Center
Local Walmart Store
Tractor Supply
AMCOR employees
Ashlee & Kevin Spears
Alicia Groves
Kristy Schrader
Glenda Logan
Bill & Renee McAngus
Bethany Higgins
Brenda Reswieg/Diamond R Ranch
Jennifer Hill
Nancy Prater
Zinda Coffey
Sharon Whitaker
Karen Koonce
Vicki Rennie
Sue Horton
Alena Sterling
Heather Hanneman
Denise Martin
Amber Carter
Edna Weingartner
Steven Erkenbeck

Janet Busby
Dawn Tillison
Georgia Myers
Kallie & Gina Mengwasser
Samantha Flannigan
Lee & Art Tincher
Jodi High & Chris Buxton
Aliyah Wood & Johnny Summers
Mary Sherrill
Jamie Pulis
Banc First, Stratford
Brenda Higgins
Dena Son
Cherye Davis

Olga Killinsworth
Dori Walker
Virginia Freeman-George
LaDonna Edwards/ Church of the Ekklesia
Debra Hudson
Pauls Valley Presbyterian Church
Katherine Johnson
Matthew Zail

WELCOME TO HANNAH OWENS

"A dog is the only creature who loves you more than he loves himself" - John Billings

We would like to welcome our newest shelter employee, Miss Hannah Owens! This delightful and animal loving young woman is 24 yrs. old, a lifelong resident of Pauls Valley and a graduate from Pauls Valley High School. Hannah was actually a shelter volunteer when she was very young. When asked why she had applied for the Kennel Attendant/Backup ACO position, she stated that she had always had and loved animals. She was anxious to be a part of the rescue, care and placement of dogs and cats in homes and was pleased to finally be working at the Pauls Valley Shelter. She is loved and respected by all of the volunteers and her employers as well as the animals. Hannah is an incredibly hard worker and committed to her chosen profession. Come meet her.



DONATIONS HONORING OTHERS/SPECIAL GIFTS FOR SHELTER

- Donation honoring Bob & Judy Rodgers: Pamela Watts
Donation honoring Diana Pruitt, Holly & Joy: Phyllis & Larry Boone
Donation/"Cat Project": Brenda & Charles Wooster
Donation/"Cat Project:" Kevin Stark
Donation honoring Dr. Carolyn Williams: Angie Stolper
Donation of funds from "Cars & Coffee":Michael Jones
Donation of funds for "Bruno": Sara Walkup
Donation of Gift Bags / Sponsorship of Spring Silent Auction: First United Bank
Donation of Industrial Washer & Dryer: Mark Jacobson/Sooner Furnishings
Donation of a room filled with shelter/animal supplies: Employees of local AMCOR
Donation of National AMCOR GRANT
Donation of Van for Transport/Adoption: Martha Hardwick Blake
Donation of Van for Transport/Adoption: Chasing Miracles Rescue
Donation to Emergency Shelter Needs: Pamela Fields
_____ Iowa Rescue, placing many of our dogs in homes
Large Donation from McAndrew B. Cash : Shelter Needs
Several Donations from "Charities Aid Foundation"
Several Donations from "Network For Good"
Donation of Memorial Plaque for "Frankie": Olga Killinsworth/foster partner
Donation from "The Cuddley Group"
Donation for Shelter Animals: Amy & Peter Ferriola
Donation of shelving and many articles of improvement to the shelter: Lee & Art Tincher
Donation of outside tarps: Edwards Canvas
*A special thanks to Judge Dick McClain and his daughter, Laura McClain, for their time and musical talent. They performed at "The Vault" during the Pauls Valley July ArtWalk and raised funds for our shelter. This is just another gift from our longtime PAWS members.

GOODBYE TO AWESOME SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

"Women and cats do as they please and dogs and men should relax and get used to it"- Robert Heinlein "Dogs come when they are called, cats take a number and get back to you. - Mary Bly

Although many are excited that schools are beginning, those of us at the shelter will miss our young summer volunteers and the amazing help they have been to our shelter. The Teen volunteers from the First United Methodist Youth Group, supervised by Savannah Bolin, are: Gracie Ammons,

Avery Thompson and James Samford. Other young volunteers are: Macey Elliott, Julie Elliott, Kinsley Cozad, Shelby Pulis and Riley Bashaw.

We'd like to welcome our newest weekly volunteer, Vicky Shiemann.

Our other weekly and often exhausted volunteers are: Mae Bowden, Sherry Carter, Timmie Clark, Marilyn Goodban, Billie Hays, Marjie Little, Shar Mayhew and, of course, our be-



MORE UNBELIEVABLE SUPPORT FROM OUR INCREDIBLE PAWS MEMBERS

"It matters less about the size of your gift as it does the size of your heart behind the gift"-
Anon

Recently, we were forced to reach out to a number of our PAWS supporters because we were facing a dire financial crisis and the real possibility of parting ways with the city. If PAWS no longer finances our shelter, it will return to being what it was 25 years ago where most animals picked up have little, if any chance of survival. Reaching our goal as a "no-kill" shelter has been a dream realized. In the past year, we have adopted and or transported for adoption over 1,000 animals.

However, we are now faced with a shelter constantly filled with animals needing food, medical care, and surgeries in order to get them prepared for Transport/Adoption. Our beloved van, purchased by PAWS donations, finally wore out in the middle of Kansas in zero degree weather. On board during this trip were two volunteers and 18 dogs. This has not kept our transport volunteers from driving 1700 miles, multiple times, to Iowa in a borrowed van, while transporting 18-27 dogs to other "no-kill adoption rescues. We have now resorted to using our personal cars carrying smaller numbers of cats and dogs, because renting vans is not an option we can afford and with the exorbitant cost of gas, every transport is costly. One of our other solutions has been fostering as many as 17 animals in what we like to call our Canine & Feline Witness Protection Program in order to keep our shelter numbers down.

The commitment we made, when we became a "no-kill", was to never again euthanize literally hours daily contacting rescues where they know our animals will be adopted. We recently had 35 kittens and 7 adult cats awaiting medical procedures in order for us to transport them to an awesome "Cat Café" in Joplin, MO. This is the name of another "no-kill" rescue.

PAWS has been the voice for those who cannot speak for 30 years. None of us want to digress from being a nationally recognized shelter and return to being a city dog pound. The tremendous news is that you, our PAWS family has already begun to respond with incredible monetary support. If you cannot help us financially, please keep us in your hearts and prayers. There have already been many tears of joy realizing how wonderful and generous you are and how much you love the homeless, abandoned, helpless and voiceless. Bless you.

PRINCESS OWLET & MAGGIE THE ROYAL GUARDPRINCESS OWLET & MAGGIE THE ROYAL GUARD
A SUCCESS STORY

PAWS has many success stories. I wanted to take a moment and tell you about a success story that I heard of recently. A PAWS member rescued these two animals. She then took them to Dr. Carolyn Williams to treat issues that both had. The member then gave them both a forever home. This picture happened one morning preparing to go to work. She caught the perfect moment of this little "odd couple" Members, friends of Paws, this is the perfect ending for Maggie and Owlet. This is what we work unending hours for, this is why we drive to other states, give freely of our own time in all conditions. This is what PAWS IS ALL ABOUT!!! Bringing good animals and people together. All who are involved, **BE PROUD!!!!**

*Below is a list of those who have responded quickly or support our shelter often

Dr. Carolyn & John Williams	Judy & Bob Rodgers
Karla Barnes	First United Bank
Neva Blankenship	Janie & Bob Odom
Brenda Reiswig	Amber & Dewey Guthrie
Lee and Art Tincher	Renee & Bill McAngus
Brenda & Charlie Wooster	Charmaine Wallace
Jenne Richardson	Linda & David Coffey
Mickie & Brent Grimmatt	Jack & Linda Justice
Timmie & Tom Clark	Megan Paulus
Marjie Little	Timmy & Boyce Montgomery
Dr. Jay and Tammy Ward	Sheri & Brent Kuehny
Diane & Paul Conlon	Janet Drummond
Dr. Anna Clark Gibson	Mary Berger
Shannon & Donnie Sharp	Debbie Whitson
Marie Rankin	Donna Campbell
Williamsburg Small Animal Hospital	Alpha Elkins
Ed Perry	Mary Ann Agee
Marie & Gary Yeiser	Sherry & Paul Zellner
Kristy O'Bryant	Judy & Allon Willis
Carolyn Tompkins	Kimberly & Chris Poole
Diamond R Ranch	Leta Rae & Dick McClain
Larry & Phyllis Boone	Jeanne & Charles Weeks
Peggy & Ronnie Patton	Sherry & Danny Carter
Nancy & Kent Scoggin	Bonnie Johnson
Carrie & Scott Murphy	Mae Bowden
Melanie & Kyle Readnour	Legacy Accounting
Carolyn Wilkerson	Susan Henderson

*As you can see, there has been so much shelter support this past year and we hope we haven't missed anyone who has shown financial support or donated supplies.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Our most perfect companions never have less than four feet" - Colette

MEMORIALS GIVEN HONORING BETTY WHITE

Tina & Lenny Brumley
Sherry & Paul Zellner
Nancy & Kent Scoggin
Judy & Allon Willis
Aaron Wallace
Mary Berger
Greg White
Hilari Hoose

GO FUND ME (emergency funds for shelter)

Amanda Lawrence
Heather McGough
Della Wilson
Sherry Carter
Teresa Fisher
Amy Dore
Carey Arias
Shari Freeland
Tammy Ward
Helen Harrison
Kimberly Pool