



WCSPCA Mission

The Washington County SPCA provides shelter, protection and care for animals. We handle strays, provide for animal adoption....and we are recognized as the first contact for animal care and pet recovery. We serve the animals, citizens and communities of Green Country from our location on Highway 123 North of Bartlesville. We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

SPCA Breaks Monthly and Yearly Adoption Records

The SPCA has surpassed it's all time adoption record for a single month and year and the total keeps growing.

In June of this year we had a record setting 163 adoptions. Through Nov. 21 the total adoptions this year were 1,348 breaking our previous record of 1,261 adoptions in 2004.

Washington County SPCA would like to thank the community for supporting our mission to help the homeless pets by adopting from the shelter and donating for the care of the animals.

You can now find information on our adoptable animals at the following sites:

- wcpsca.org
- petfinder.com
- 1-800-save-a-pet.com
- pets911.com

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Boulder Trips

In 2006 179 dogs, puppies and kittens were given a second chance at being adopted by traveling to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley in Colorado. The shelter is in need of donations and drivers to save more pets by transporting them to Colorado. They are adopted there within a week or two instead of staying at our shelter for months.

Barn Cat Program

The SPCA has started a new program to save more cats. These cats would normally be euthanized because they do not make good house pets due to the fact they are not used to living indoors or being around people. They do make good barn cats and can live a happy life on a farm, ranch or as a shop cat. Potential adopters are screened to make sure the cats will have shelter and food. Donations are needed to spay or neuter the cats and give them a rabies vaccination. To donate for this program please mark your donations for the "Barn Cat Program".

Colonial Realty GMAC Supports the WCSPCA

Colonial Realty GMAC has partnered with WCSPCA to save more lives by donating funds for the Boulder transfer program. Contributions help pay for transportation costs to send the dogs, puppies and kittens to Boulder as well as vaccinations and care for the pets while they are at our shelter. This program has saved hundreds of lives. WCSPCA would like to thank Colonial Realty GMAC for their support of the homeless pets in our community.

Pet Night with Santa

Bring your pet to Washington Park Mall on December 5th or 14th & have their picture made with Santa. If you bring a donation for the SPCA you will receive a discount on your photo package

Statistics

	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Oct. 2006
Surrenders	216	263	237	214
Adoptions	123	108	106	149
Reclaims	19	14	35	27
Euthanasia	109	123	60	40

Ruth Steinberger Selected for ASPCA Humane Award

Ruth Steinberger of Bristow has been named the winner of the ASPCA's Henry Bergh Award which was presented at the 2006 Humane Awards luncheon on Thursday, November 2 at New York City's historic Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center. Ruth traveled to New York for the awards ceremony as a guest of the ASPCA.

Ruth was nominated for the award by the Oklahoma Humane Federation. To document the statements about Ruth's work in Oklahoma, some of the materials used were newsletters from some of the Oklahoma Humane Federation member organizations and news clippings about some of the OHF members as Ruth worked with them and contributed to their success in spay/neuter clinics.

The invitation to nominate a person for this award was open to people throughout the United States! And the award goes to our own Oklahoma nominee, Ruth Steinberger, who has accomplished so very much by way of enhancing opportunities for low income people of Oklahoma to have their pets spayed and neutered!

Ruth is originally from the state of New York, which is also the home of the ASPCA. Ruth says this about her childhood impressions of the ASPCA, "To me as a child, the ASPCA building was like a mecca, a sacred place." Ruth's sister and her aunt, both from New York attended the award ceremony with her.

Ruth was visiting on a camping trip to southern Oklahoma in 1998 when she noticed "a ton of stray dogs" hanging around a gas station and stopped to feed them from an emergency stash of dog biscuits she had with her. She was shaken by the number of dogs apparently without homes and without care. That led to further concern when her research revealed few shelters and clinics in the state.

"The decision was just about immediate that I would be going back east, selling my place and moving," Steinberger said. "I just said, "This place needs me more than where I am at." It turned out to be a good decision."

With help from the Humane Association of Lamar County in Paris, Texas, she won grants for animal programs in southern Oklahoma. That start has blossomed into about 14,000 spay or neuter surgeries each year for pets belonging to low-income families.

She co-founded Spay Oklahoma, helped start two mobile spay/neuter units for the state and organized clinics on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In southern Oklahoma, she developed a transport program for pet owners who can't get their animals to a clinic. She's done that with help from the Legislature, veterinarians and volunteers.

More needs to be done in Oklahoma, she said, including puppy mill legislation and local animal control laws. There also is a need for more educational programs for potential pet owners, she said.

"Irresponsible pet ownership becomes everybody's issue," she said.

We are very proud that Ruth was selected for a well deserved award by a major national organization.

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Ruth is the person who inspired me to make spay/neuter a priority. I met her at a spay/neuter conference in New Orleans in 2002 a few months after I became interim director of the WCSPCA. She is also the person who helped us organize our first mobile spay/neuter clinic and came to Bartlesville to help us with the clinic. She has devoted her life to helping homeless animals, and more importantly to helping prevent more of them from being born.

Attending that conference and meeting Ruth was a vital turning point for the WCSPCA and me. That is when I realized that building a new, big, expensive shelter to house more homeless animals was not the solution. The solution is to prevent all these animals from having to be sheltered by preventing their birth and helping people to keep their pets instead of giving them up.

Anita Stepp

A “Joy” for the Animals

Local realtor Joy Benedict of McAnaw and Company is a longtime supporter of the SPCA. Her monthly contributions enable color pet photos to be published in the Examiner-Enterprise TV Spotlight. This extra exposure allows more pets to be seen by the public and to be adopted. To sponsor a pet contact the SPCA at 336-1577 or akstepp@wcspca.org. The cost is \$50 per week.

Spay/Neuter Program Supported by Dr. Scott Cochran

A special thank-you to Dr. Scott Cochran for his support of the Green Country Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (GCSNAP) as well as his support for the SPCA. His donations enable low-income families to have their pets sterilized so no more unwanted animals will end up at the shelter. To donate to this much-needed program contact the SPCA.

ConocoPhillips Continues Support of WCSPCA

Each year ConocoPhillips awards a grant to WCSPCA to help care for the homeless pets in our community. This grant provides funds for maintenance and repairs to the facility as well as vaccines and other necessary items. The SPCA is very grateful for the continuing support of ConocoPhillips.

Special Thanks To:

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company for donating heavy-duty trash bags

Special Thanks To:

State Farm Insurance and their employees for their contributions to WCSPCA through the Good Neighbor Grant™ Program.

Special Thanks To:

D & Q Pest Control Services for treating our facilities each month

Special Thanks To:

Troop 11 Eagle Scouts for the Landscaping Project they did at our shelter

Donations to the SPCA IRA Charitable Rollovers & Planned Giving

Learn how you can use recent legislation to support your favorite charity. Make a real difference with the organizations you support. A special gift opportunity has just been made available to you. Congress passed legislation (H.R. 4 - IRA Rollover Bill) that simplifies gifts made from your IRA.

WCSPCA Receives Award

WCSPCA is the first recipient of the Brett Howard Member Organization Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Alliance for Animals. This award was presented "In grateful appreciation and recognition for working in unity with the Oklahoma Alliance for Animals and other organizations in your community and beyond."

Bartlesville Considers Setting Up "City Pound"

The City of Bartlesville is in the process of evaluating the cost of setting up their own "City Pound" instead of contracting with WCSPCA to house impounded animals. A committee was formed to research the options and has been meeting regularly. No decision has been made. Several options will be presented to the City Council for their evaluation and citizens will have an opportunity to voice their opinion.

We need a small travel trailer or storage building.

If anyone has one they no longer use & would like to donate it to us for storage it would be appreciated.

TV Spotlight: Sponsor a pet in the TV Spotlight ad for \$50.00

Animal Friendly License Plates:
applications are available in our office or at your local tag office

Very Best Pet Network:
Photos of WCSPCA adoptable pets are posted on a bulletin board
in the Pet Section at Wal-Mart

Recycling: We are collecting the following to raise money:

Inkjet & Toner Cartridges
Aluminum Cans
20 oz. Plastic Soda Bottles (Coke, Pepsi etc.)

Pet Therapy

Did you know pets help heal? Therapy dogs are dogs that are canine good citizens and are well trained and of a nature that is suitable for interaction with humans who are unwell. Studies have shown that interaction with pets and the special bonding it brings, helps the sick heal faster and trauma patients are known to come out of silence, grieving, or shock by interacting with pets.

An innovative program set up by Therapy Dogs International is "children reading to dogs." Handlers and their dogs visit libraries and schools regularly and interact with children who have trouble reading. The dogs make friends with children who are encouraged to read the dog a story. The friendship and bonding between the child and dog as well as the non judgmental attitude of the happy animal encourages the child to read aloud to the dog who sits with a smile on his face and a wag in his tail. The interaction instills confidence in the child as well as improved learning.

Therapy dogs also provide valuable relief during disasters by helping affected families and persons as also relief workers. The animals provide comfort and an understanding that is invaluable in sad situations. Petting and hugging or grooming the dogs provides release of anxiety and stress. Dogs help heal and overcome problems and grief. It is unbelievable the kind of understanding a dog can show. So, dogs regularly work at bombing sites, earthquake affected areas as well as places where flood or hurricanes have struck.

There are therapy dogs who regularly visit hospitals, old age homes, and nursing homes to help heal. The interaction with dogs brings a smile to face of patients and many dogs participate in physical therapy programs as well as in children's wards where there are many children fighting illnesses. The dogs instill a positive attitude in patients and many look forward to the visit each day. Patients are encouraged to talk to the dogs, pet them, or even groom them. Bonding with the dogs speeds up healing and brings happiness. Many of the dogs are natural clowns and perform tricks to entertain the sick.

To be a therapy dog both the handler and dog have to undergo special training, be of good health, be well groomed, and be dedicated to the cause. The dog must have a clear health certification and not be shedding his coat or have any allergies. The dog needs to be calm and obedient as he will have to take hospital activities and noise in his stride. The handler will need to devote time in training the dog, enjoy the work, and take insurance against unforeseen accidents. Owners interested in pet-therapy work will need to register with a group in the area where they live and find out from their dog club or trainer whether the dog they have is of a suitable nature and breed to be a good and successful therapy dog.
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Holiday Hazards For Pets

Don't forget your pet's routine during holiday festivities. Remember to take your dog for a walk or watch when your pets need to go out or you may find an accident on the carpet. If this does happen, don't punish your pets. It's your fault for not watching.	Don't let your pets escape when opening outside doors. Remind your visitors not to leave doors standing open while they "just run out to their car a sec." Make sure your animals are wearing current ID tags in case they do get out in spite of how careful you tried to be.
Candles can burn animals , and if candles are in the pet's reach, they can be knocked over and start a fire.	Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and can cause cardiac irregularities, seizures, and even death.
No turkey and/or chicken bones should be fed to your pets. They splinter easily and can become lodged in animals' throats or intestines.	Holly and mistletoe , if eaten by your pet, can cause nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, and diarrhea. To be on the safe side, keep ALL plants out of reach.
Anchor your Christmas tree either to the ceiling or wall with nylon filament line (being careful not to leave any line where the animals can choke on it). Leave the tree untrimmed for a few days if possible. This will give the animals a chance to satisfy their curiosity.	Hide the stand (tree preservatives and pine needles in tree-stand water can harm your pets) and any electric cords under a decorative tree skirt.
Avoid hanging breakable ornaments or ornaments with wire hooks on lower branches.	Ribbons, tinsel, and other like decorations can block or even perforate your pet's digestive track.

Christmas is a time of family, friends, and a renewed spirit of giving to family and friends, and sharing with others less fortunate. AND our pets. Make it a time of safety and joy for all.

Memorials & Pet Honorariums

Charles Foster Doornbos

From: D.B. & Mae Nigh, Guy & Claire Sutherland, Walter & Donna Allison, W.J. Kirberger, Sue Abbe, Mr. & Mrs. R.Y. Bandy, Jr. Joel L. Wohlgemuth, Jim & Debi Brim, Jerry & Beth Maddux, Henry K. Kane, Donald D. Doty, Donna L. Rogers, Richard Kane, The Clark Family, A.E. Basinger, Joe S. Seward, Clova & Lyle Abrahamson, James & Judy Arnold, Shelly Jo Oakley, Fred & Jo Secondine, Mr & Mrs D.W. Oakley, Yovene Vaughan, W.C. Southmayd, Thomas B. & Ann D. Preston, R.E. & Patty Lyons, J. Radcliffe & Mavis E. Smith, Thomas W. & Patsy V. Brown, Arthur P. Gorman, John M. & Dorsey Holliman, Mr & Mrs. Charles M. Kittrell II

James M. Stewart

From: Robert Doig, Rebecca Gifford, Mary Lou Harned, Harry Compton, Architect
Delma Wilson, Mary Ann & Milo Witter
Joe E. & Shelly Jo Oakley
Green Country Development Corp.

Joe Smith

From: Bill Carlton

Rich Johnson

From: Aletha & Glen Peterson

Marta J. Burnett

From: Clova & Lyle Abrahamson

"Muffin & Bogart"

O.E. & Catherine Ann Cherry

"Sadie"

Darrell & Mary Lee Ballard

In Honor of "Sarg" Adopted in April 2006

By Joe & Shelley Bassman

Memory of "Sassy" a beloved friend

Dick & Lil Leopold

"Patty Sue"

Charles & Marilee Scott

"Jake"

Ronnie G & Debora L. Wolverton

In Memory of Dolly

Phil & Gayle Blum's
Beloved 15 year old Dachshund
Donation to Green Country Spay/Neuter Assistance Program
From Carolyn Blum

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Therapy dogs show great patience, love, and understanding and the interaction is magical as even terminally ill patients are known to get better. Dogs boost morale, provide affiliation and touch, encourage love and communication, stimulate activity and exercise, help patients deal with depression, loss, and grief, and lower hypertension as well as blood sugar levels.

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Shelter Hours:

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Surrenders:

Tuesday through Friday
between 10:00—4:00 p.m.

(Please make an appointment)

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Location:

Highway 123 between Bartlesville and
Dewey



Calendar of Events

December 3

Bartlesville Christmas Parade

December 5th & 14th

Pet Night with Santa at the Mall

December 9

Dewey Christmas Parade

December 16th

Christmas Open House

February 28th

Spay Day USA

Washington County SPCA

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