



Washington County

**SPCA**

**Spring Newsletter 2021**



## Upcoming Events

### WCSPCA 50/50 Raffle

Online Event. Tickets on sale now.

**Drawing is May 28th at 6:00 pm**

Check out our Facebook page for details.

### Sunfest, June 4th - 6th

Visit our booth at our 1st off site adoption event of 2021.

### Woolaroc Kids Fest, June 26th & 27th

Stop by our adoption booth and meet your new best friend.

### Shelter Pets Have Talent

Coming July 2021

Stay tuned for more details.

### WCSPCA Bingo Bash

Coming Summer 2021

## Local Groomer Donates Skills to Help Shelter Dogs

The arrival of a new shelter animal can be heartbreaking at times. We see malnourishment, lack of grooming, and poor health. It's our goal to improve the situation of each animal that comes into our care, and we couldn't do it without the help of our community members. Rita Lowry, owner of Happy Tailz Grooming Salon, always answers our call for help. She continuously manages to squeeze us in, even when she is overbooked. She provides dogs like Sophie (pictured) a much deserved spa day and a better opportunity to get adopted. Sophie gave Happy Tailz a four paw approval. Please support local businesses that support Washington County SPCA and our mission. Happy Tailz is located at 209 S. Comanche, Bartlesville, OK. To make an appointment, call 918-338-9993. 🐾🐾🐾🐾



## Meet Chad, Our New Board President



Originally from Plano Texas, Chad graduated from Plano Senior High School and went on to attend Oklahoma State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Business. Chad began his career in sales, eventually becoming the top producing General Manager in his region at Fastenal. In 2016, he and his family relocated from Bartlesville to Dallas and Chad moved into the veterinary field as the Executive Vice President of PETVET Management Consultants. There, he led the team at PVMC to grow the business from one location and one mobile clinic in Texas to 11 locations across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas and 3 mobile clinics. After a successful buyout by Petco in 2019 and more than enough time in Dallas, Chad and his family were ready to return to Bartlesville. Chad is a Commercial Banker for Arvest Bank.

Chad has been married to his wife, Brooke, for 18 years. Brooke owns Florascape Designs, a landscape design company in Bartlesville. They have a daughter, Parker (15), and a son, Wyatt (11). In his spare time he enjoys watching Parker play tennis for the Bruin Varsity Tennis Team, Wyatt play football and golf, and watching OSU football and basketball. The Cox family includes 2 furry members, Stella, an 85 lb. boxer mix that thinks she's a lap dog, and Ruger, a stubborn pug mix who's lucky he's cute.

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## Foster Mom Helps Sick and Depressed Dog Recover

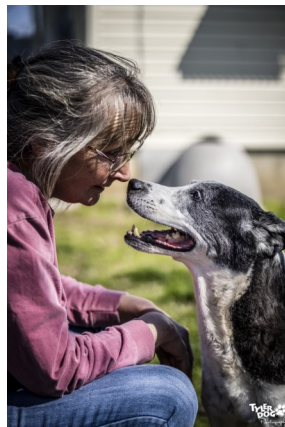
Sasha was a well-cared-for and loved dog who tragically lost her sibling and owner. She was discovered when one of the neighbors called the local police requesting a wellness check. Her owner was found deceased and Sasha was discovered in a crate lying on her recently passed sibling. She went weeks without food or water and couldn't stand without assistance.

Many community members rallied around Sasha and donated to her medical care. Helen Bresson, Sasha's foster mom, went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure she had everything she needed to recover. She took her to vet appointments, hand fed small portions, gave her medicine, and provided the love and compassion Sasha needed to heal physically and mentally. Sasha quickly gained weight and began to walk on her own, but she was depressed and mourning the

loss of her owner and sibling.

It took weeks for Sasha to begin to trust her foster mom, but Helen was patient and persistent. She would watch Helen petting and playing with her own dogs and eventually she decided to come out on her own and join the pack. Sasha's determination and will to live helped to pull her out of her deep depression. She loves canine companionship, playing outside, and has gained a healthy 22 pounds.

Sasha's story garnered the attention from former Bartlesville resident, Mitch Oppy. He arranged to meet Sasha when he came to town and they had an instant connection. Sasha was adopted by Mitch and his family and is now happily living with her canine siblings in Tennessee.





## Seeking Citizens' Help to Head Off "Kitten Season"

The Washington County SPCA (WCSPCA) is making a special effort to encourage locals to get their animals spayed or neutered, especially female cats. Last year, the Washington County SPCA took in over 600 unwanted kittens from community members. "These kittens often come to us in rough shape. They are very sick because their mothers weren't healthy themselves," says Tonya Pete, CEO of WCSPCA. There is a high mortality rate among kittens brought to the shelter. Their mothers are often in poor health, so when they get pregnant and give birth, their kittens are fighting an uphill battle to survive. Even if the kittens aren't sick, they require around-the-clock care and feeding. If they are brought to the shelter without their mothers, and before they are weaned, they must be syringe-fed every two hours by a trained caregiver. That is why litters of kittens place such a strain on the organization and its volunteers. "It is very difficult to find fosters who are willing and able to take care of the kittens we receive," stated Pete. One foster, Meg Greenwood, has taken care of thousands of kittens for the WCSPCA over the years. "It's not an easy task, but fostering these kittens is very rewarding, especially when they get adopted and go to their new families," remarked Greenwood.

Only about 17% of the over 1800 animals the WCSPCA took in in 2020 were already spayed or neutered. That's a very low percentage and explains why the shelter sees such huge numbers of unwanted animals, especially kittens. "More education needs to be done. We need citizens to take responsibility for their animals and take advantage of the help that is out there to have their animals spayed or neutered. It's the right thing to do for the animals' health, as well as the burden that litters of unwanted kittens and puppies place on the community," added Pete.

Thankfully, the WCSPCA and its partners offer a variety of ways to help citizens have their pet fixed. Vouchers are available at the shelter for low-income individuals and are redeemable at one of the shelter's local veterinarian partners listed on the WCSPCA's website at [wcspca.org/spay--neuter](https://wcspca.org/spay--neuter). In addition to the voucher program, the WCSPCA works with other organizations to offer spay/neuter clinics. These clinics

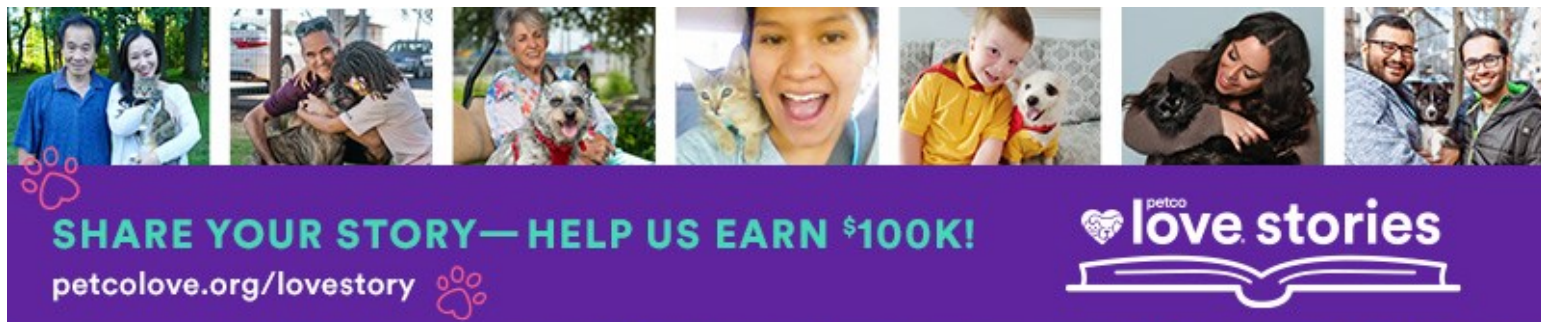
offer reduced cost surgeries for owners and often also offer rabies vaccinations and microchipping. The clinics are often marketed on the shelter's Facebook page.



Pete asks that anyone interested in fostering kittens reach out to the WCSPCA to be trained and added to the foster contact list in advance of "kitten season" which takes place from late spring and through summer. "600 kittens is a lot, but 2020 was actually a light year for us. We usually expect to see more than 800 kittens a year. We expect to see that higher number again this year, with activities starting to return to normal thanks to the COVID vaccine," stated Pete. She continued, "We want to be prepared to receive those animals and give them their best chance. That's why we are pushing for more fosters to help us handle the influx."

Pete also wants to remind the community to not "cat-nap the kittens." It is much easier to assure kittens' survival if they are brought to the shelter with their lactating mother. Mother cats will often leave their babies for long stretches. If a litter of kittens is found, it is important not to automatically assume they have been orphaned. Keep an eye out for mom for a while before rescuing the kittens, and try to do whatever you can to bring the kittens to the shelter along with their mother.

If you can't foster, but would like to support the WCSPCA another way, you can always donate on their website, [wcspca.org](https://wcspca.org). They are also always in need of in-kind donations of paper towels, Kitten Milk Replacement powder, and other supplies to get through kitten season. A list of high-demand items is also available on the shelter's website.



**Has the love of your adopted pet changed your life?  
Share your #PetcoLoveStory to help us earn \$100,000!**

[Petco Love](https://petcolove.org/lovestory), in partnership with [BOBS from Skechers](https://www.skechers.com/BOBS), is celebrating the love we share for our adopted pets! Share your Love Story for a chance to earn a grant award for **Washington County SPCA**. Winning Love Stories will earn grant awards of up to \$100,000 PLUS winning adopters will receive a Petco shopping spree and BOBS from Skechers shoes!

**Submit your #PetcoLoveStory by noon CT on Sept. 20!**

If you've adopted a pet from **Washington County SPCA**, share how your pet has changed your life by Sept. 20.

Love Stories should focus on the ways your pet has changed your life for the better. Each submission is limited to 500 words or less and must include four supporting photos: one photo of your pet by him/herself, one photo of you or your family with your pet and two additional photos that help illustrate your story. You may also submit an optional video to further illustrate your Love Story.

Visit [petcolove.org/lovestory](https://petcolove.org/lovestory) to read winning entries from prior years for inspiration. Remember, good stories will show how the love of your pet has changed YOUR life!

When completing your application, be sure to select **Washington County SPCA** from the drop-down menu so that we can verify your adoption and your Love Story can qualify for a grant award. You can find us by searching for our name or Tax ID number in the drop-down menu on the application.

Below is all of the information you'll need from us to complete your application:

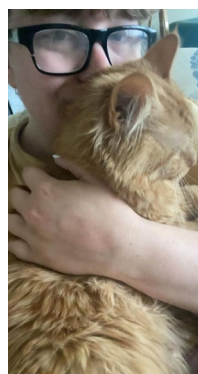
- Washington County SPCA
- Tax ID—73-6107239
- tonya.pete@wcspca.org
- 918-336-1577

Winning Love Stories will be announced during the holiday season. Finalists will receive a Petco shopping spree up to \$1,000 and BOBS from Skechers shoes and the organization they adopted from will receive a grant award up to \$100,000! For more information, visit [petcolove.org/lovestory](https://petcolove.org/lovestory) and join the conversation on social media using #PetcoLoveStory.

## Adoption Update: Leo

Leo was recently adopted from Petsmart in Tulsa Hills. He is loving his new home. He loves to sit in the sunlight and cuddle all day. He has quickly made friends with his new canine sibling.

We love adoption updates! Please send us pictures and an update of your adopted pet to [info@wcspca.org](mailto:info@wcspca.org).







WASHINGTON COUNTY SPCA

# 50/50 Raffle

50% OF THE JACKPOT FOR THE WINNER.

50% OF THE JACKPOT FOR THE SHELTER ANIMALS.

**100% WORTH IT**

DRAWING FRIDAY MAY 28TH, 2021 @ 6PM

**1 TICKET= \$10**

**6 TICKETS = \$50**

**13 TICKETS FOR \$100**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE: [WCSPCA.ORG](https://wcspca.org)**

TOTAL PRIZE VALUE BASED ON 50% OF TICKETS SALES.

THIS IS A VIRTUAL EVENT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN



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### Washington County SPCA Hours of Operation:

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm (Reclaims only)

Tuesday - Friday: 1 pm to 6 pm

Saturday 11 am to 4 pm

**Closed Sunday**

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## Donating is easy!

- Send a check
- Text "Donate" to 918-203-6807
- Scan the QR Code
- Pay online at [wcspca.org/donate](http://wcspca.org/donate)

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**Together, we DO make a difference!**



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