

# ANIMAL TALK



DON'T BUY LOVE. *Adopt* IT.

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## AGGIELAND HUMANE SOCIETY AWARDED \$15,470 GRANT

Aggieland Humane Society has been awarded a Texas Animal Friendly Grant totaling \$15,470! By purchasing an Animal Friendly License Plate, residents have enabled AgHS to create the “Aggieland Sterilization Campaign” for spaying and neutering Pit Bulls and Chows in five counties; Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Madison, and Robertson. Veterinarians will perform subsidized spay/neuter surgeries for Pit Bulls and Chows.

Spaying and neutering your pet is an important part of being a responsible pet owner. Unwanted litters create unnecessary stress on the pet, pet owner, and shelter. Our hope is that the “Aggieland Sterilization Campaign” will reduce the number of Pit Bulls and Chows in animal shelters in our region and promote spay/neuter education.



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## WIENER FEST October 24 2015

WOLF PEN CREEK | COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

*All Dogs Boot Camp October 23, 2015  
5-7pm to practice racing*



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## OUR MISSION

- Provide humane shelter, care, and placement for stray and unwanted animals
- Promote the human-animal bond,
- Promote responsible pet ownership to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in our community

## OUR VISION

To be a leader among animal welfare organizations in Texas

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From the  
Executive Director:

## *Dear Friends,*

Our mission at Aggieldand Humane is so important to me, that for years I have personally planned to leave support for Aggieldand Humane Society through both my estate planning, (Will and retirement) and life insurance that is paid up and owned by the Agency. Join me in planning for the future! Planned giving through your Will is addressed by our guest author, Peggy Sherman, later in this newsletter. It's a good read.

Include the pets at Aggieldand Humane Society in your plans. Take a few minutes to clarify your beneficiaries in your retirement and personal estate planning. I chose to use percentages.

Thank you for helping those who cannot speak for themselves.

*Kathy Bice*



## *Automate Your Love*

Years ago Dave (my husband,) and I started making small monthly gifts to Aggieldand Humane Society. Over time the amount of the monthly gift and overall support to Aggieldand Humane has grown. The reason we started giving was a love for animals, but the reason the gift has grown is due to the power of the recurring gift.

We made Aggieldand Humane a routine part of our monthly budget then automated the gift through online banking. It's easy and, as a result, has provided a steady stream of support for this wonderful organization with a heart for animals.



Automated giving also provided the means by which we could take part in the Inspiring Tails initiative. Increasing our recurring gift was just like paying a pledge, and that allowed us to participate as founding members!

Our goal in supporting Aggieldand Humane Society was to give financially until we could also volunteer. There are a myriad of ways to help, whether on a regular basis as a dog walker or at scheduled activities such as adoption events, Wiener Fest or driving animals to other animal welfare organizations to enhance their adoption opportunities. Now we aspire to become as consistent in volunteering our time as that recurring monthly gift!

# SUCCESS STORIES

I adopted my best friend, Checotah. She blossomed quickly into the playful, loyal, and sweet girl she is now. Her favorite spot went from hiding under the couch to on my lap in no time. Cotah was fearful of noises. With patience she gained courage in everything she tried. She now loves to play with her new doggie friends. She is best friends with her brother, my cat, Tommy. They do everything together; eat, play, even cuddle. Cotah's favorite activities include: long walks, car rides, swimming, and wrestling with Tommy!  
She brings joy and laughter to everyone she meets. Cotah is my world.



I met Zoe and her sisters at Aggieland Humane Society. Zoe had the sweetest eyes and an under bite that made her tongue stick out. When taken out, she was shy. Something about her sweet demeanor made me want to show her that she could trust, love, and have fun with people.  
Long walks, playing with puppy friends, and morning snuggles are now her routine. I am so thankful to Aggieland Humane Society for letting me adopt Zoe, (formerly named Ducky) and giving us both the opportunity to fall in love!

I adopted my sweet, sassy, silly Sadie girl in the summer of 2012 and she has been a bundle of joy since. I call her my little ninja bunny because she's black and is an escape artist. She is a goofy girl and I love her so much. Thank you so much AgHS for all that you do!



Dillon came to the shelter with burns on the back of his neck. He was friendly and brave. He needed medical care. His injury was cleaned and antibiotic salve was applied regularly. Donations to medical rescue funds at Aggieland Humane help us keep medical supplies on hand and send pets to a vet when they need specialized care.  
Dillon received the care he needed and was adopted during the "Clear the Shelter" event August 15. He loves his new family!

*Make a Difference.*  
*Donate now for medical rescue.*  
**GO TO [AGGIELANDHUMANE.ORG/DONATE/MEDICAL-RESCUE-DONATIONS/](http://AGGIELANDHUMANE.ORG/DONATE/MEDICAL-RESCUE-DONATIONS/)**





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# CAMP HUMANE



**Camp Humane of Summer 2015** was a huge success! The campers met a donkey, raptors, chickens, and so many more creatures! We can't wait to see them again next year!



**Our King, Princess, and Duchess, along with 8 other contestants** raised a Grand Total of \$2,935!



# *Purrfect Pageant*

# AGGIELAND HUMANE SOCIETY THANKS OUR SPONSORS

## *Best in Show*



**BRYAN  
BROADCASTING**

**Brazos Valley  
Veterinary  
Medical Association**

**Tahoka's  
Medical Rescue**



**The Eagle**



## *Best in Breed*





# VOLUNTEER

## *Betty West's Tender Touch*



Betty West started her volunteering journey almost two years ago, hoping to find peace after a tough loss.

“My long-time friend, a Corgi, passed away. I had been grieving for a while. I decided to volunteer at Aggieland Humane (Society), so I could still be around dogs,” she said.

Once at Aggieland Humane, Betty began working with dogs that needed to learn manners. The training has reaped benefits; dogs that needed a little more attention have found loving homes.

“My passion is seeing the dogs that I work with get adopted, especially those that have stayed in our facility a long time.”

The biggest lesson she has learned is that every animal that comes into the shelter is looking for a little love from humans.

“Some pit bulls have never experienced love. I see them cowering, with their tails down. After I spend a little time with them, walk them, and talk to them softly, they become a sweet animal. It is rewarding when I find them wagging their

tails, waiting for their walk.”

Volunteering benefits humans and animals, and Betty encourages everyone to volunteer.

“Walking dogs makes you healthier because you are walking with a partner! You return home happy and after it's walked, the dog is happy. This gives them a better chance of being adopted.”

## *Honor a Loved One*

Want a great way to honor or memorialize a loved one and do a good deed at the same time?

Adopt-a-Kennel at Aggieland Humane!

Lost pets and strays deserve a safe haven until they are back with their loving families or adopted into caring homes. By sponsoring a cat or dog kennel you can provide that safe haven while recognizing someone special. Whether the one you want to remember is four legged or two, sponsoring a kennel provides the shelter and care for scared, hungry animals yearning to feel secure and loved. Your gift of \$1,000 (\$83.34 a month) makes an impact! Contact Carolyn Young at 979-775-5755 ext 110 for more information or go to [aggielandhumane.org/donate/adopt-a-kennel-2/](http://aggielandhumane.org/donate/adopt-a-kennel-2/) to adopt your kennel today!



Want to become an Aggieland Humane Society Volunteer?

Visit: [AggielandHumane.org/Volunteer](http://AggielandHumane.org/Volunteer)

# GIVING TO SAVE

## *Remember Us in Your Will*

Many people who have supported charities with gifts during their lifetime also provide future gifts for their favorite charity or charities by including them in their Will. There are several options available that will allow you to ensure that your family and other loved ones are provided for and still include charity in your planning. If you are completing or updating your estate documents and would like to consider Aggieldand Humane Society in your Will, the following information may be helpful.

Below, are some common types of bequests and samples of how bequests may be worded in your Will or Trust. We always recommend you seek counsel from an estate attorney when preparing or updating your documents.

### **General Bequest:**

A general bequest provides that a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate or a certain piece of property is given to charity at the time of your death.

### **Percentage:**

I give, devise and bequest \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate, after taxes and debts have been satisfied to Aggieldand Humane Society, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Bryan, TX,

### **Specific Amount or Asset:**

I give, devise and bequest the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or a description of the specific asset) to Aggieldand Humane Society, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Bryan, TX,

### **Residuary Bequest:**

A residuary bequest designates that after you have provided for your family and other loved ones the remainder, or balance, of your estate goes to a charity or charities.

All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Aggieldand Humane Society, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Bryan, TX,

### **Contingent Bequest:**

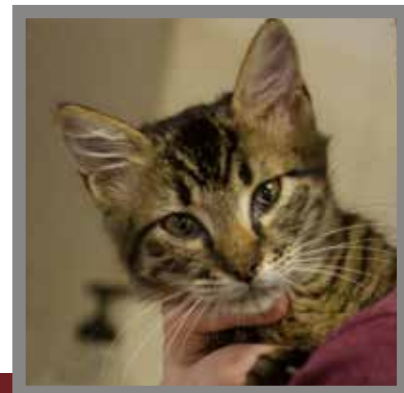
A contingent bequest allows you to leave apportion of your estate to a particular charity if your named beneficiaries do not survive you.

In the event my spouse and all of my children should die prior to the distribution of my estate without leaving descendants surviving such event, then, and in that event, the undistributed corpus of my estate shall be distributed to Aggieldand Humane Society, a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Bryan, TX,

Many charities, including Aggieldand Humane Society, like to keep a record of individuals who have included them in their Will, so they can keep these individuals updated on important issues and events within the organization. The following language is provided for your convenience if you would like to notify the charities you have included in your Will.

Dear Sir or Madame:

I/we wanted to inform you that I/we have included Aggieldand Humane Society in my/our estate planning as a beneficiary under my/our Will(s). We are pleased to be able to provide for you in this way.



Remember to leave the Aggieldand Humane Society in your Will and planned gifts.

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# Upcoming Events

Keep a lookout for more details on these upcoming events

<b>Bark Leaders</b>	Competition ends October 10 <i>Winners will be announced at Wiener Fest-Oct 24</i>
<b>Wiener Fest Boot Camp</b>	October 23 5-7 pm
<b>Wiener Fest 5K</b>	October 24 7 am <i>Register Online</i>
<b>Wiener Fest</b>	October 24
<b>Blessing of the Animals</b>	October 24 <i>Booth at Wiener Fest</i>
<b>Sterling Subaru Adoptions</b>	Free Adoptions November 21 10-4 pm
<b>12 Strays of Christmas</b>	<i>Select \$12 adoption pets</i> December 10-24 at Aggieland Humane
<b>Santa's Wonderland Adoptions</b>	December 5 3pm - Midnight



## Your dog could be the next BARK LEADER!

The competition for the 2015-16 year is going to be more intense than ever! The 2014 participants raised over \$11,000 to support the residents of Aggieland Humane!

Last year was a record breaker for Aggieland Humane! Create your fundraising page, share it with your friends on Facebook, via email or collect donations in person to help your dog win! The top three winners receive a professional photoshoot, prizes and the right to represent Aggieland Humane for the 2015-16 year. Winners are featured at WienerFest, Adopt-A-Thon, other official events and countless publications throughout the year.

Let your dog howl for the homeless! All proceeds benefit the homeless pets in the Brazos Valley who find their way to Aggieland Humane.

For more information, or to enter your dog in this year's Bark Leader competition, go to: <http://aggielandhumane.org/events/barkleaders/>.



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