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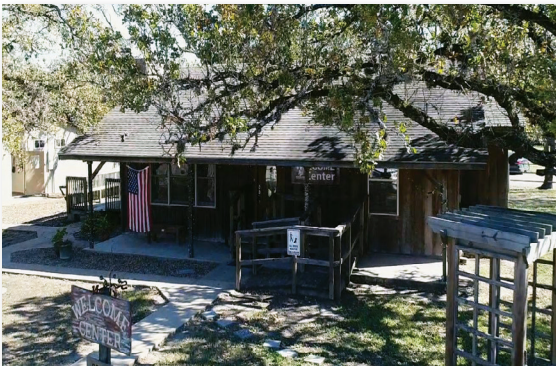
FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

You made 2017 a great year for Aggieland Humane Society! We were able to take major steps towards making our community a No-Kill Community. You know 2018 will be no different! Programs are already well underway, expanding our Mobile Spay/Neuter options to better serve our community and those around us. With your generous support, we will also be launching our first ever Feline Trap, Neuter, Return Program, or TNR.

Aggieland Humane is very grateful for a generous contribution from Cheryl and Randy French to initiate French's Feline TNR program! This new program will help reduce unplanned outdoor litters community-wide. It will reduce suffering and cat complaints. We are proud to work with many of our partners community-wide to make a real difference for outdoor community cats.

Every pet is precious. Your friendship and support of our mission to help homeless and pets in need is treasured.



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Did you know you can tour our property and kennels to learn a little bit more about Aggieland Humane? Call 979-775-5755 ext. 110 today to schedule your in-person tour!

Annual Report

At a Glance

To view our full fiscal year report, visit aggielandhumane.org/about-us/report-newsletter/

1,514

PETS
ADOPTED

728

PETS
FOSTERED

446

PETS REUNITED
WITH OWNER

10,626

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

Behind the Cover Photo

Meet Minnie, the Barn Cat! Minnie came to AgHS and was a little timid around the humans. She was evaluated and approved for our Barn Cat program which works to pair cats that are not suitable for life inside of a house with people who have land and space for the cat to roam!

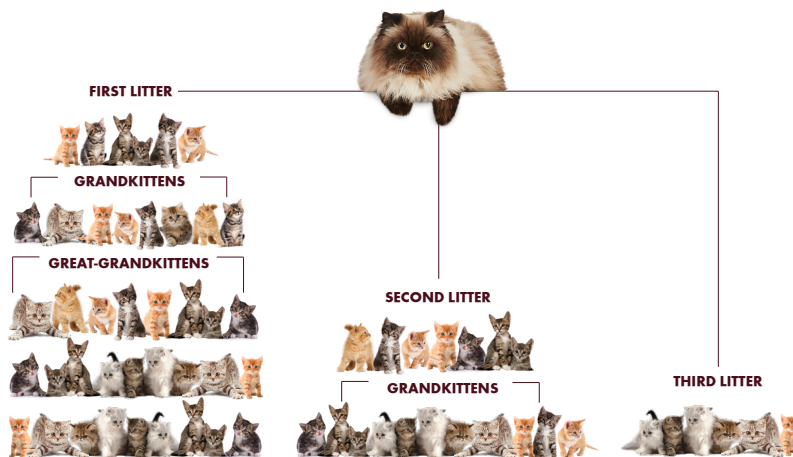
WHAT IS TNR?

For some, **TNR** is a brand new concept. **TNR** stands for Trap Neuter Return. **TNR** works with community members to identify colonies of feral cats and educate the citizens on how to properly trap and care for these cats.

Why is **TNR** needed? Glad you asked! Cats can begin to reproduce as early as four months old and can have up to 3 litters a year. This means before a cat even turns one, they stand the chance of becoming a great-grandmother. This cycle produces too many cats in such a short time. **TNR** steps in to humanely trap the cats and connect the trapper with local options to have the animals spayed or neutered.

IN A **SINGLE YEAR**, **PANCAKE'S** FAMILY CAN GROW BY **60**.

PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER.



TNR does not target friendly, owned cats. The program hopes to reduce the feral cat population. When a feral cat is sterilized, it has the tip of its ear removed to signal that it has been cared for and is part of a colony. Outdoor cats will be referred to as Community Cats and wild cats are referred to as Feral Cats.

Today, if you are feeding a feral cat or cat colony, you can rent a humane trap from AgHS and make an appointment to bring it to AgHS Spay Neuter service on Wednesdays. For more information on these programs, you can call us at 979-775-5755 or visit us in person at 5359 Leonard Rd.



Purchase a Pet Friendly license plate today! The money from this grant goes directly towards helping support the spay/neuter program at Aggieland Humane.

HEARTWORM HEALTH CHECK

WHAT ARE HEARTWORMS?

They are a series of foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in a pet's body.

HOW CAN MY PET GET HEARTWORMS?

Mosquitoes are the incubator for heartworms. If a mosquito bites an infected animal, it is then a carrier for the disease. All it takes is the mosquito biting your healthy pet to transfer the disease. It is important to note this is not an immediate infection. It will take up to 6 months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY PET FROM HEARTWORMS?

The best way to protect your pet from heartworms is prevention. The American Heartworm Society suggests you should get your pet tested every 12 months for heartworms and give your pet heartworm preventative 12 months a year. You should always consult your vet before giving your pet any sort of medication.

ARE PETS WITH HEARTWORMS ADOPTABLE?

Absoutlely! At Aggieland Humane Society, we adopt pets who are heartworm positive. We contribute funds toward the pet's treatment! We encourage all owners to be proactive about heartworms.

Heartworms can be scary and have deadly side effects - but with the right combination of treatment and regular vet check-ups, your pet's health will be smooth sailing!



Leave a Lasting Legacy.

Remember homeless pets in your estate plans—leave AgHS in your Will. Our Tax-ID is 74-2150288.

SUCCESS STORIES



Meet Madi and Lucy! Madi had been fostering Lucy and her 8 new pups. During the short time Lucy spent in Madi's home, Madi fell in love. The foster period ended and Lucy was brought back to the shelter because she had a first approved adopter. Within the next 24 hours, Lucy's first approved backed out, and the staff decided to surprise Madi with the adoption of Lucy as her own! There were tears shed when the pair greeted and the news was given that Lucy now belonged to Madi!

This is Mr. Loops! Mr. Loops had been selected to spend a few days with our local adoption partner PetSmart. With his big blue eyes, we had no doubt he would find his forever home quickly. Within just a few short hours of PetSmart being open Mr. Loops had found his forever home.



Have you adopted your furry friend from Aggieland Humane? We want to hear your story! Submit your adoption story and a photo to any of our social media pages or our website and you will be entered for a chance to win a prize!

ADOPT-A-KENNEL

The Adopt-a-Kennel program is a great way for individuals and businesses to show their support for the homeless pets who find their way to Aggieland Humane.

A minimum gift of \$1,000 adopts and names a kennel for one year.

"Adoption" includes a customized plaque placed on a dog or cat kennel (your choice!) and quarterly updates on pets who stayed in *your kennel*.

Adopt-a-Kennel provide resources for health care, high quality food, mental stimulation toys, socialization, exercise and relaxation for the pets at Aggieland Humane.

VOLUNTEERS & FOSTERS

Aggieland Humane Society has utilized volunteers since the very early days of its existence. We rely on our volunteers for **animal care** and **wellbeing, cleaning tasks**, and many, many **events!** Over the past year our volunteer program has evolved to better serve the shelter and offer more opportunities to our hard working volunteers!

One of the biggest additions to our program is more training for our volunteers. For our dogs and the volunteers that care for them we have added three levels of obedience and behavior classes. Several volunteers have graduated from these classes and we have already seen the benefit!



Our higher energy dogs now have an outlet for their energy and our adopters have noticed! *We've seen adopters more willing to take on an active dog when they see how positively and quickly the dogs respond to basic training.*



And we haven't forgotten about our feline friends! Our Kitten Kindergarten program has seen great success as well! This program, run by two veterinary students from Texas A&M, is meant to give our volunteers the skills they need to help our kittens transition well into home life. They learn how to acclimate kittens to real-life situations like loading into a crate, getting a nail trim, and being brushed. In the future, we hope to offer a similar program to adopters to continue the training at home with their new furry friend!

Having seen the positive effects of these programs, we hope to do even more moving forward! In the near future we will continue to make enrichment activities easily accessible to volunteers.

Want to volunteer with Aggieland Humane Society? Visit our website today at aggielandhumane.org/volunteer-program to register for an upcoming orientation!

Double your Impact.

Does your employer match your gifts or make a donation in honor of your volunteer time? Check with your company's HR Department to find out.

Upcoming Events

Let's Meet Up!

Every Wednesday is Community Spay Day

Every Wednesday the Mobile Spay/Neuter Team accepts appointments from residents in Brazos County currently receiving government assistance

April 14

College Station/Lincoln Center Mobile Spay Day

If you are a resident near the Lincoln Center in C.S. this day is for you! Call today to see if you qualify for a free spay/neuter!

April 26

Madisonville Mobile Spay Day

If you are a resident in Madison County, this day is for you! Call today to see if you qualify for a free spay/neuter!

June 1

Discount Microchip Day

Prepare for summer festivities by making sure your pet can always get back to you. \$15 microchips all day.

June 9

Sterling Subaru FEE-WAIVED Adoption Event

Fee-waived adoptions on cats, dogs, kittens and puppies! Join us 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sterling Subaru in Bryan

October 13 - 14

12th Annual Wiener Fest

Visit our website for more information about how to register!

Purrfect Pageant is a fundraiser where your cat can raise money for homeless pets, and a chance at the throne. This year's contest will run from April 16th to June 6th. The top 3 felines take the throne for the year, win a professional photoshoot, prize basket, and become spokes cats for AgHS pets! For more information, visit our website today!



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PURRFECT PAGEANT

BEGINS APRIL 19





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The Aggieland Humane Society provides humane care and placement for homeless and abandoned animals, promotes the human-animal bond and promotes responsible pet ownership to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in our community.

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