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Preventing Homelessness

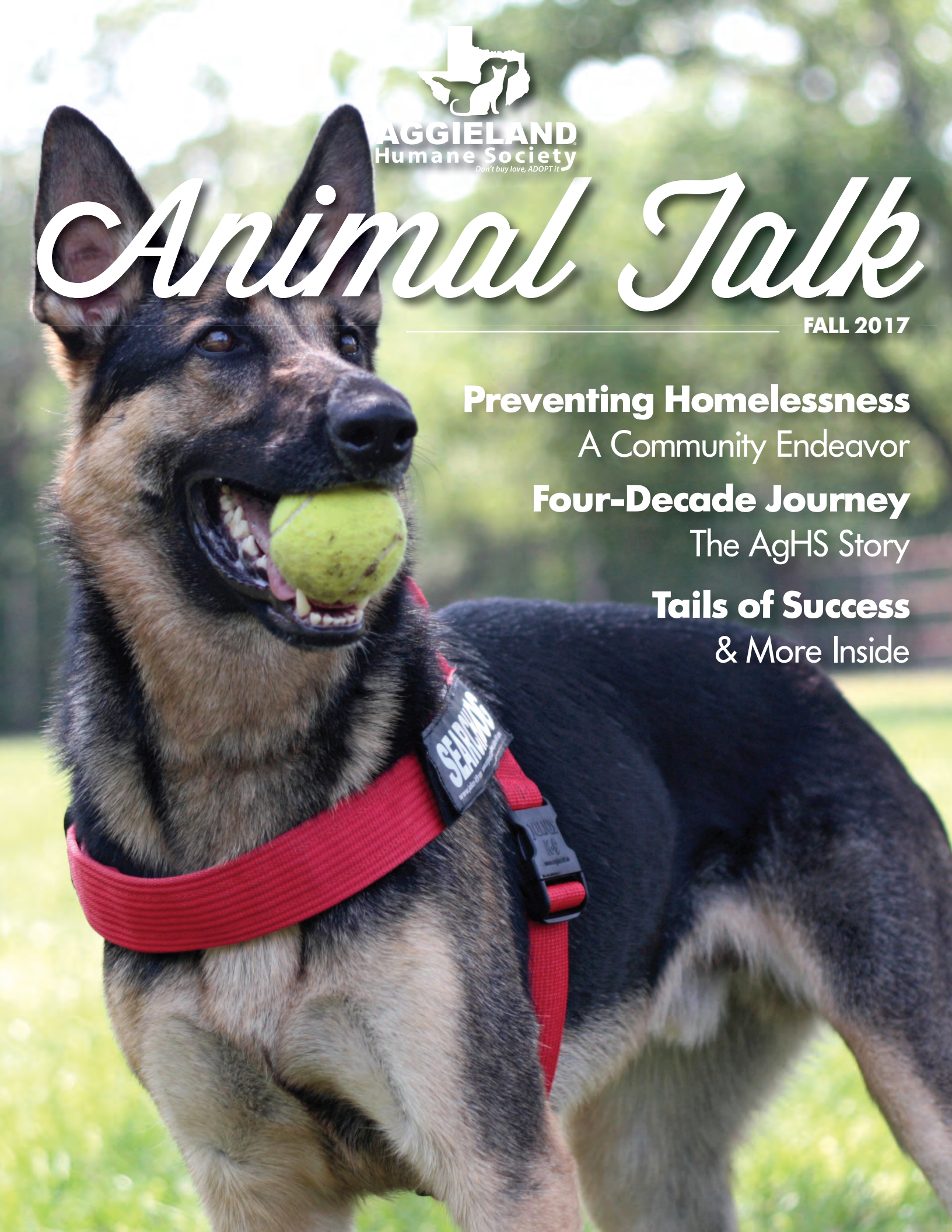
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From Our Director

Dear Friends,

You helped make the magic happen. It is exciting to add a new department and program to Aggieland Humane. Low cost spay neuter for shelters, rescues, feral cats, and low income families with pets is the goal! The problems we will address are:

- Need to spay and neuter every pet adopted before it goes home
- Length of stay issues at shelters
- Shortening wait time for spay neuter surgeries
- Reducing crowding in shelters that causes health issues
- Cats breeding during our long summers: kitties out on the streets having three litters back to back
- Growing pressure on local veterinarians to provide spay-neuter surgeries to shelter animals in addition to their own clients

Our goal is 5000 spays and neuters a year for the shelters and the under-served.

When Hurricane Harvey hit, you called, you checked on Aggieland Humane, you offered support. We were on “stand by” for a week for our CEOC during their coordination and rescue efforts.

We were set up and ready. The disaster did not turn into an evacuation to B/CS as anticipated. AgHS volunteers made three trips to Houston and surrounding communities with almost 40,000 pounds of pet food and countless items for pet care. 27 puppies and kittens from Hurricane Harvey have come in for adoption.

Thank you for your offer of help.



A handwritten signature of Kathy Bice in black ink.

Kathy Bice
Executive Director

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Donald A. Adam Family Foundation
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For their donation of a Mobile Spay/ Neuter Surgery Suite to help us move towards a “No Kill” community.



Tails of Success

AgHS Pets find Happy Endings



Dixie, a 2 year old Cur mix, arrived at AgHS one summer day. She was found wandering the streets alone, as a **stray**. Dixie quickly **became a staff favorite** due to her **gentle and sweet demeanor**. Despite this, **she kept getting looked over**. Dixie needed **three months of healing** before her adoption day would come. One day, **a young family came to visit and Dixie caught their eye**. She would be meeting her forever family that day. **A year later, Dixie is thriving in her new home**. Here you can see her lounging with her **best friend**, whose **first word** just happened to be “Dixie!”



Wren was in **rough shape** when she found herself at Aggieland Humane. She had a **dislocated shoulder on her front right leg and extensive nerve damage**. After assessing her condition, a veterinarian decided **amputation was the best option**. But **three legs wouldn't slow Wren down**. While recovering in foster, her foster mom recounted **how much better Wren got around** without an injured leg. She was an **Olympic level climber and sprinter**, and even **kept up with the canines**. Once healed, Wren returned to the shelter for her **final challenge, finding her forever home**. Spoiler- **she aced it!**



Jethro was a **small, lost puppy** when he was brought to the shelter by animal control. To add to his situation, his **muzzle** had been bound with a rubber band and was **swollen and injured**. Jethro swiftly **went into foster care** where he could **heal and learn how to be a confident puppy again**. After his return, his **new mom** would hear his story and fall in love with him and his **steadfast personality**. Jethro was **adopted** into his forever home where he could **live without fear**. Fast forward a year, and Jethro is **now a working Search and Rescue dog** (not to mention a news-letter cover star).

Campaign your dog for Bark Leaders 2017!

Put your dog's spirit to the test while giving back to pets in need. Winners receive an awesome prize package and become spokesdogs for the year! Enter for free at aggielandhumane.org/barkleaders



Stop Homelessness Before it Begins

Working Toward Community Spay/Neuter Program • By Leanne South

Mobile clinic expands spay-neuter services for pets, feral cats

Spaying or neutering pets for adoption has been a long-standing practice at Aggieldand Humane Society for managing the pet population.

Locally, since 1983, the Brazos Valley Veterinary Medical Association has partnered with Aggieldand Humane to subsidize spay-neuter procedures for all adopted pets.

More recently, Aggieldand Humane used grants and funds from the Texas Animal Friendly license plate program to provide funding for spay-neuter procedures targeting Pit Bulls and Chows. More than 300 Pit Bulls in a five-county region have been spayed or neutered through the Animal Friendly license plate program.

High-quality, mobile surgeries now possible

Recent community developments and the addition of Aggieldand Humane's state-of-the-art mobile spay-neuter clinic will enhance spay-neuter efforts.

Beginning in September, most pre-adoption and adopted animals at Aggieldand Humane will be spayed or neutered in the mobile clinic. In October, the service will extend to the Bryan Animal Center with the goal to provide 2400 (1200 each) shelter spay-neuter surgeries annually.

Also beginning in October, the mobile clinic will offer spay-neuter services to low income families through a variety of grant programs and local funding sources.

Leave a lasting legacy.

Did you know you can leave AgHS pets in your will? Our Tax ID number is 74-2150288.

New city ordinance helps control feral cat population

The Bryan City Council took steps to control its feral cat population through a trap-neuter-return (TNR) ordinance passed in 2015. Research shows that TNR is effective in controlling feral cat populations as opposed to catching and euthanizing stray cats. The later leaves a vacuum in an area that is soon filled by a new herd of feral cats.

The ordinance allows Bryan citizens to trap stray cats humanely then work with the mobile clinic or a local vet to get the cat spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, ear notched (for tracking purposes) and returned to its habitat. Brazos County and the City of College

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Station have also funded matching amounts for low income family’s pets and feral cat spay neuter programs.

The feral cat trap-neuter-return program and the high volume/low cost spay-neuter program are two more ways Aggieland Humane Society is working with community partners to become a “no-kill” animal community. And as the City of Bryan’s action shows, this is not just an animal shelter endeavor, it’s a community endeavor.

Wiener Fest 2017

Brazos Valley’s Canine Celebration • By Judy LeUnes

The best sporting event of the fall is happening again for the 11th year! This sporting event in the Brazos Valley attracts thousands of participants and observers as people and pets descend on Wiener Fest, benefiting the Aggieland Humane Society. October 22, 2017, a Sunday, will be the 11th Annual event at Wolf Pen Creek, College Station, TX.

There will be a “Wiener Boot Camp” from 5 – 7 pm on Saturday, October 21, 2017 to give the dogs and pet parents a time to practice on the race track set up at Wolf Pen Creek. Remember that **your dog doesn’t have to be a Wiener Dog to participate**. We have the “Wanna Be a Wiener” Races as well, which are based on the dog’s weight.

Many pet parents love the costume contests that feature 4 categories: “Most Creative”, “Couples”, “Owner Dog Look Alike”, and “Formal Wear”.

There will be vendors with wares and food, music, a kids zone, and much fun for the whole family.

To enter a contest or become a vendor, please visit aggielandhumane.org/wienerfest. All proceeds go to help homeless pets find forever homes. Have questions about the races? Call Judy at 979-492-2889. For questions on the Costume Contest or becoming a vendor, call Carolyn at 979-775-5755 ext. 110. See you there!



Every gift makes a difference. Go to aggielandhumane.org, click the Donate tab and YOU can make a difference today for a pet in need.



A Four-Decade Journey • By Leanne South

The work to create an animal welfare facility locally began in the 1970s, when a core group of local citizens raised funds and worked with city leaders on an inter-local agreement that created the Brazos Animal Shelter.

The animal shelter incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in 1981. Kathy Bice was hired as the first director and in January of 1983, the 40-kennel facility opened at 2207 Finfeather Road in Bryan. The shelter accepted animals from the Cities of College Station and Bryan, as well as Brazos and surrounding counties.

Growing Pains

With rapid population growth came challenging times during the 1990s and early 2000s. The shelter had outgrown the Finfeather location, but a 2001 feasibility study discouraged a formal capital campaign. It did lead to creation of a community board to help enhance the shelter's mission among community leaders. Shelter staff and dedicated volunteers then spent the next decade raising monies that led to the purchase of 17 acres on Leonard Road next to the Brazos Expo Center.

New Location, New Name, Same Goal

On July 1, 2011, Brazos Animal Shelter opened its doors at **5359 Leonard Road**, accepting stray animals from the City of College Station and areas served by the Brazos County Sheriff's department. The contract with the City of Bryan ended on August 31, 2011. All animals found within the city limits of Bryan are now taken to the Bryan Animal Center on Finfeather Road. That same year, shelter officials drafted a new business model to save the lives of healthy pets by working with community partners to complete 11 programmatic steps to earn designation as a "no-kill" community.

In 2012, the shelter legally changed its name to **Aggieland Humane Society** to clarify its mission as a local, independent nonprofit, like all humane societies. To date, Aggieland Humane Society and its community partners have satisfied 10 of the 11 steps toward "no-kill" status and is planning to someday build a larger facility to meet animal welfare needs for a community that has grown from slightly more than 80,000 in 1980 to over 195,000 residents in 2016.

Gifts of stock are a great way to rescue pets in need! For details check with Kathy Bice at kbice@aggielandhumane.org or 979-775-5755 ext 103 or Carolyn Young at cyoung@aggielandhumane.org or 979-775-5755 ext 110.

And The Winners Are...

Purrfect Pageant 2017

This year, AgHS's original cat pageant raised over \$1000 for pets in need, while promoting the human-animal bond. This special pet-to-pet fundraiser gives happy cats the chance to give back. Pictured below are our court of winners. These special felines won a professional photoshoot, prizes, and get to become spokescats for the year.



King Yoda



Prince Ziggy



Duchess Echo

Upcoming Events: Let's Meet Up!

October 11

Bark Leaders Ends

The last day to vote for the coming year's spokesdogs!
Be a part of one of our biggest community fundraisers.

October 22

Wiener Fest

Beginning at 10am, meet us at Wolf Pen Creek for Wiener Races, Wanna Be Races, & Costume Contest!

November 18

Subaru Fee-Waived Adoption Event

Dogs, cats, puppies and kittens available to adopt for FREE at Sterling Subaru 10am-4pm. Join the fun!

December 2

Santa's Wonderland Adoption Event

Get in the holiday spirit with us at Santa's Wonderland. Our team is there with cheer and adoptable pets.

December 12

12 Strays of Christmas

12 select pets available to adopt for just \$12 through Christmas. Give the gift of a forever home.



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