



# ANIMAL TALK

Spring 2020



YOU CONTINUE  
TO SAVE LIVES  
OF LOCAL PETS.

**HELP MORE PETS TODAY!**

Announcing a \$10,000 Matching Challenge!



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**OUR MISSION**  
The Aggieldand 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.



# You save lives.

## Dear Friends,

You help save and place more dogs and cats in loving homes every day! Each of the last six years the percentage of dogs and cats saved has increased.

The total number of dogs and cats saved needs to reach 90% or more to be "NO KILL." Aggieldand Humane is steps away from reaching that goal! Many local cat advocates are helping with the most challenging group, feral outdoor cats and outdoor community cats.

The generous funding for Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) and cat spays and neuters is making an impact! You are moving AgHS and our community towards success. **THANK YOU!**

Over 2,000 cats have been spayed or neutered in two years! 100 fewer feral cats were euthanized each year for the last two years! Grants, including local government support and private gifts, enable our Spay Team to do feral or outdoor community cat spays and neuters with rabies vaccinations. **This is key to reaching the 90% save standard for "No Kill."**

**We are so proud of YOU for helping change and save precious lives.**

**THANK YOU!**

Kathy Bice  
Executive Director



Cover Dog: Graham, a Norwegian Elkhound mix, adopted from AgHS December 2019





With **YOU** we were able to save more pets than ever!

# ANNUAL NUMBERS

To see the Aggieland Humane Society 2018 - 2019 FY Annual Report, visit us online at [aggielandhumane.org/report-newsletter/](http://aggielandhumane.org/report-newsletter/)

A special **THANK YOU** to our donors, adopters, and volunteers for your continued support. Because of **YOU**, over **2,216 PETS** were placed through adoptions, transfers to other shelters nationwide, or returned to their owners.



**662**

DOGS ADOPTED

**748**

CATS ADOPTED

**539**

PETS RETURNED TO OWNERS

## HOMELESS PETS DEPEND ON YOU ALL YEAR ROUND.

Provide them with continuous care by making a monthly donation.

Your gift directly impacts the lives of local pets in need.

Visit [www.aggielandhumane.org/donate/make-a-donation](http://www.aggielandhumane.org/donate/make-a-donation) to start giving today.







**AGGIELAND**  
Humane Society  
Don't buy love. ADOPT IT!

# ORGANIC PEST CONTROL

*This is an excerpt from an article written in partnership with the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.*

“Some cats become a household icon, greeting everyone who comes to the barn, while others are rarely seen,” Dr. Elizabeth Jeter said. “Both cats are still working cats—they just have different attitudes.” Barn cats have the same basic needs as other pets, but Jeter says it’s important for owners to acknowledge that caring for barn cats looks a little different.

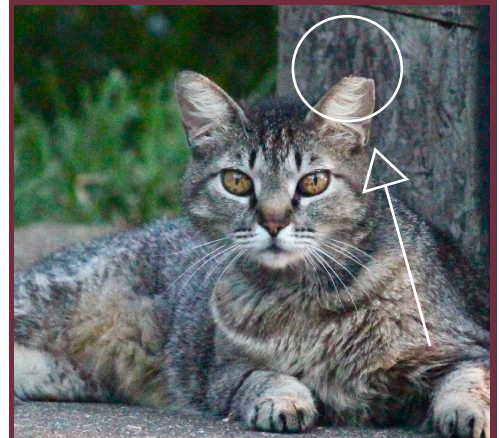
When owners bring a new barn cat home, they should be placed in a secure location, like a tack room or an indoor enclosure, where they cannot escape for the first three to four weeks. “This allows them to acclimate to their new environment and familiarize themselves with where they will be fed,” Jeter said.

As with any other pet, it is important to provide outdoor cats with protective medical care, including vaccinations and spaying/neutering. Jeter explained that long-term medical care is necessary, especially since barn cats are exposed to hazards such as wildlife more than your standard house pet. “It is most ideal to spay or neuter barn cats so they are not reproducing or displaying nuisance behavior, such as fighting or yowling,” Jeter said. “Spaying or neutering will also help them to do their job more effectively and make them more likely to stick around.”

“Sometimes the barn cat life chooses you, and other times there may already be outdoor cats established in your area,” Jeter said. “It’s important for prospective owners to be willing and able to provide care for their outdoor companions to help them live their best lives.”

*To read the full article visit [vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk/](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk/)*

These cats will be helping you keep down the rodent population, while you provide them a safe place to live!



## WHY IS THAT CAT'S EAR TIPPED?

An ear tip is an international sign that tells community members a feral cat has been spayed or neutered!

Learn more about Aggeland Humane Society's Barn Cat program now at [aggielandhumane.org/barn-cats](http://aggielandhumane.org/barn-cats)

# HELP SPAY AND NEUTER MORE PETS!



**Meet Robert!** Robert is a long-time cat man. He has been working to trap, neuter, and return a small community of feral cats for the last few years.

He remembers the first cat who showed up at his shop! He didn't know it at the time, but this one cat would quickly multiply and turn into over 15 outdoor kittens!

He has now officially spayed or neutered all the cats who live at his shop. They keep the mice away and he makes sure they are happy, healthy and no longer reproduce. It's a decent trade-off.

Robert is thankful for the community support of Aggield Humane's TNR program that has allowed him to save the lives of his neighborhood cats. **Help cat lovers like Robert continue to save the lives of outdoor cats.**

## MATCHING CHALLENGE!

Don't wait, double your donation today! From now until May 30th, your gift goes twice as far during this Matching Gift Challenge.

**Thank you for being such an important friend to the animals.**

## *Purrfect Pageant* FUNDRAISER 2020

Purrfect Pageant is Aggield Humane's annual feline fundraiser where cats compete for the crown and raise money for homeless pets - **pets who depend on YOU**. Since the first Purrfect Pageant in 2015, **your generous contributions have raised over \$15,000**, providing essential care and shelter for local pets in need. Make a difference today! Sign-up and show off your cat's royally exquisite purr-sonality and striking good looks! Your friends, family, and co-workers will be begging to help your furry friend reach victory for a great cause.

This fundraising contest is a beauty pageant with more cat-titude than you've ever seen! The three cats to raise the greatest total amount will receive the crowning titles of King/Queen, Prince/Princess, or Duke/Duchess. The cat with the highest number of individual donors to donate to its campaign will win the title of Mr/Miss Cat-geniality. These four winning cats are invited to a royal Crowning Ceremony and will be awarded a photoshoot, prize basket, and the prestigious position of Spokescats for Aggield Humane Society.



REGISTER NOW & VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
[AGGIELANDHUMANE.ORG/PURRFECTPAGEANT](https://aggieldhumane.org/purrfectpageant)



# WHY I VOLUNTEER



“My path to Aggieland Humane Society is unique. I was stressed and unhappy at work for many years and with my husband’s encouragement, I left. At 40 years old, my future was uncertain, but one thing was clear – **I wanted to work with animals.** As fate would have it, I saw a commercial about becoming a dog trainer; inspired, that’s exactly what I did!

My certification required I work with shelter dogs preparing them for adoption. Coincidentally, AgHS just started a program teaching volunteers to train dogs. The timing was perfect! **On May 29, 2018, I began volunteering my time at Aggieland Humane.**

I have filled many volunteer positions over the last two years. I started with walking dogs, then training dogs, and finally training new volunteers to train dogs! I’ve volunteered at adoption events and rarely miss a Dog Field Trip. Recently, I’ve started making follow-up calls to adopters. Plus, as a newly certified trainer, volunteering is a good opportunity to practice my skills alongside the knowledgeable staff of AgHS. They are patient and helpful whether I’m in the volunteer center, kennels, or the front office.

My favorite opportunity is the dog field trips. Volunteers meet the Aggieland Humane staff at local businesses and work on basic commands with adoptable dogs from the shelter. I get to educate people in the community about shelter pets. I love to see the dogs have time out of their kennels, interacting with people, and experiencing new things. **It makes my heart happy!**

The best part is meeting others who could talk about dogs all day long! Well, and getting an animal fix is pretty awesome too. But really, being around the staff has helped me more than they know. If I have a question or need something, every single one of them would stop to help me with a genuine smile. I feel included by a group of like-minded people who “get” my need (yes, need) to help animals. **That’s the best.”**

*- Jennifer Forbes-Watkins*

**Interested in being an Aggieland Humane Volunteer?**

Sign up today at [aggielandhumane.org/volunteer-program/](http://aggielandhumane.org/volunteer-program/)

# HAPPY TAILS FROM HAPPY FAMILIES

## Oliver the Kitten

“Oliver the kitten was adopted through a local PetSmart partnership program in October of 2019. It didn’t take him long at all to adjust to living with his new family. He loves having a sister to cuddle and watch late night TV with.”

- Rebecca



## Sid the Dog

“Sid certainly loves being the center of attention and we love getting to love on him! He is a big blessing to our family. He’s gained about a pound, his scar is starting to grow some hair around it and he loves going to the park on walks!”

- Emily

## Moon Pie the Pig

Moon Pie came to AgHS as a stray in the winter of 2019. After a few short weeks at Aggieland Humane, Moon Pie found his forever family!

They say he is doing amazing! He rolls over to be rubbed unless they have his stimulation treat ball full of fruits & veggies. Then he’s jumping around excited!



## SHARE YOUR STORY!

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!

**Make your birthday even more meaningful.**  
Create your own Facebook Fundraiser for homeless pets.





**NEW  
LOCATION!**

Saturday, October 31, 2020  
at AGGIELAND HUMANE SOCIETY

# WIENER FEST 2020

Go to [aggielandhumane.org](http://aggielandhumane.org) for registration information.



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