

# ANIMAL TALK

Spring 2021

**You make forever  
families possible!**

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# YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

## Dear Friends,

**YOU** are making an incredible impact on local pets with your generosity and loyal support. The no-kill equation, when fully implemented, makes the lifesaving difference! You are addressing the problems, instead of treating the symptoms, of pet overpopulation. **THANK YOU.**

Many years ago, I compared our situation to being in a rowboat and bailing out buckets of water to keep afloat with a leak in the bottom of the boat. Well, now you are working on fixing the leak!

Today, our Animal Care team is meeting and often exceeding the shelter's adoption and return-to-owner goals. Critical programs like animal transfers, in which Aggieland Humane collaborates with other successful shelters across the US to increase pet adoptions, are many pets' saving grace.

**YOU** are making the magic happen.  
**Thank you! Happy New Year, and stay safe as we face the continuing challenges of 2021.**



## Our Board of Directors

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## Our Mission

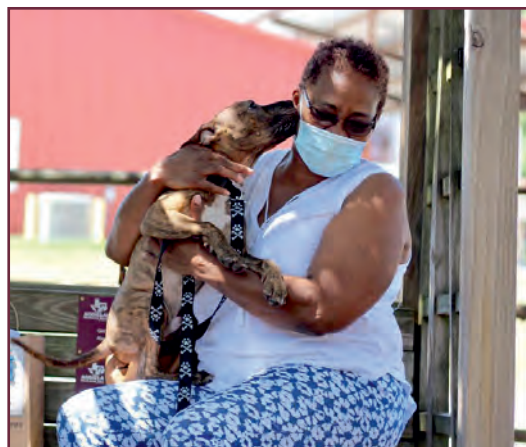
The Aggieland Humane Society provides humane care and placement for homeless and abandoned animals, promotes the human-animal bond and promotes responsible pet ownership to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in our community.

**Our Cover Dog:** Lieutenant at 1 month old, Cardigan Welsh Corgi/Beagle mix, adopted Jan 2021



# ANNUAL NUMBERS

To see the Aggieland Humane Society 2019 - 2020 Annual Report, visit us online at [aggielandhumane.org/report-newsletter/](http://aggielandhumane.org/report-newsletter/)



## 714

DOGS ADOPTED



## 827

CATS ADOPTED



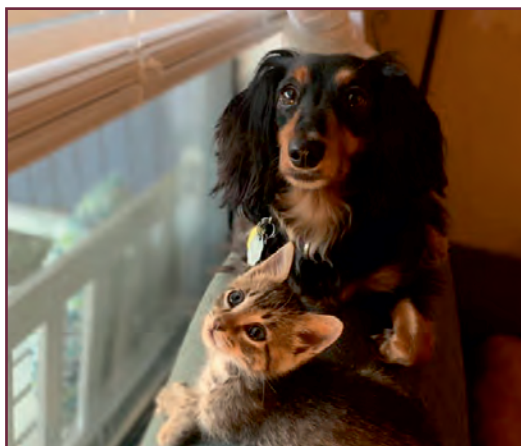
## 426

PETS RETURNED TO OWNERS



## 3,567

PETS SPAYED OR NEUTERED



## 815

PETS FOSTERED



## 236

PETS TRANSFERED

## 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.aggieandhumane.org/donate/make-a-donation](http://www.aggieandhumane.org/donate/make-a-donation) to start giving today.



# Leaving A Legacy

*No Pet Left Behind*

**JW Elliot's Story**

In the early 1930s, JW's life changed forever. He was a young boy living in rural Oklahoma when the Dust Bowl occurred. During this tragic time, severe dust storms forced tens of thousands of families, including JW's, to abandon their livelihood. When the family was piling into the car with as many belongings as they could take with them, JW asked, "Where are the pets?" His parents responded, "They have to stay behind." It was a moment JW would never forget.

Later in life JW met Emma, another true animal lover; they fell in love and married. During their retirement, they doted on their pets. They had many pets, including a beautiful pure white German Shepherd mix named Charlie. Emma also fed outdoor and feral cats, including Kit and Sophia.



*Toby, 2018*

**Their love for cats thrived over the years.** JW even modified the garden shed for the outdoor cats' sleeping and eating quarters! Not only that, but every room in their home had cat-themed decor, in addition to the regular cat toys for the feline member of the household who resided indoors.

When the time came to get another cat, Emma and JW called the Aggieldand Humane Society. Although Emma was originally looking for a red tabby, another cat caught her eye. During the visit, a black oriental breed kitten cuddled in Emma's lap as if the cat was choosing her. It was meant to be! **They named the short-haired, long-tailed kitten Toby.**





Emma Elliot, 1957

Toby and Emma enjoyed each other, and JW ensured they had everything they needed. **Even when Emma was sick in bed, Toby would bring her a purple mouse toy and comfort her.**

Sadly, Emma passed away after a hospital visit in 2019. Today, JW lives alongside his friend Toby, the black cat who chose Emma.

**Each moment a pet entered his life has led JW to the decision of leaving a legacy to pets in need.**

To carry on Emma's memory and ensure no pet is left behind, JW designated Aggieland Humane Society as his beneficiary on two retirement investment accounts. He also made arrangements through Aggieland Humane's Peace of Mind program to ensure that the shelter is notified and cares for Toby and his other cats, if he should pre-decease his current pets, making certain that **"no pet is left behind"**.

## What is Charitable Planned Giving?

Charitable planned giving refers to the process of making a charitable gift of estate assets to one or more nonprofit organizations. This gift requires consideration and planning in light of the donor's overall estate plan. The most effective way of making a charitable gift is to plan the gift so it achieves as many personal objectives as possible.

**Join the Inspiring Legacies Circle – Let us know we are in your Will or Estate Plan!**

Visit [aggielandhumane.org/donate/planned-giving](https://aggielandhumane.org/donate/planned-giving)

**For more information on Leaving a Legacy or making a Peace of Mind agreement with Aggieland Humane contact:**

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# Operations Manager Shares Sheltering Success

Aggieland Humane's Operations Manager, Leiha White, has devoted over 15 years to animal welfare, with 13 of those dedicated to helping the pets and people right here in Aggieland. During this time, she has seen animal welfare evolve nationally and locally.

According to Leiha, Aggieland Humane's growth and ability to make a difference is made possible by our generous community. Through the resources made available, she has helped develop a spay and neuter program for low-income members of our community, expand our transfer partner network nationwide, and has been a driving force behind saving pets' lives and helping us reach no-kill status.

Leiha has seen thousands of pets move through the shelter, but some in particular have made a lasting impression. One was a cat named Frog.

Before the shelter had a fully operational Foster/Medical Care Program, a cat named Frog came in as a stray. At first, the team thought Frog wasn't going to live much longer. He appeared to be very sick.

A staff member generously opened her home to Frog. Over time and by process of elimination, it was discovered Frog wasn't dying, but had polyps that prevented him from meowing. He could only croak! Frog was adopted shortly after this discovery by the very staff member who had fostered him.

Leiha believes the future for Aggieland Humane Society is getting brighter every day, "Since 1983, our organization has been driven by the needs of our community. We would not be where we are today without community members' dedication and support. As we move forward, we will continue to rely on their input, needs, and support to serve our growing community."



Queen Tiger Lilly raised \$1,253.34 in 2020 for pets in need

## Purrfect Pageant 2021

Cats compete for the crown all while raising funds for homeless pets in the Brazos Valley!

Does your cat have what it takes?  
Official Registration: Feb 25th - Mar. 18th

Vote for your favorite feline.  
Official Voting Period: Mar 19th - Apr 23rd

Learn more at [aggielandhumane.org/purrfectpageant/](https://aggielandhumane.org/purrfectpageant/)

# Tails of Success

made possible by you!



## Major

Major and his 4 brothers were born at Aggieland Humane on November 11th, 2020. **THANKS TO YOU**, they all found their forever families in January of 2021!

## Gwyneth Poultry

Gwyneth Poultry (white) came to us as a stray chicken on November 10. **BECAUSE OF YOU**, our staff was able to care for her until she found her new family on November 28.



## Malek

Malek was adopted in June 2019 as a tiny kitten. At Aggieland Humane, he received the medical care he needed to grow into the healthy adult cat his mom Rebecca loves today. **THANK YOU!**

Each of these pets received basic medical care, food, and shelter - care that is valued at over \$500 per pet. Your donations allow for thousands of pets every year to find their forever families. **Please help make more tails of success possible by donating today.**



# The 2020 Bark Leaders



Hunter, raised \$1,180



Zuri, raised \$1,160



Kora, raised \$701



Percy, raised \$505

A round of “appaws” for the 2020 Bark Leader winners!  
**THANK YOU** for raising more than **\$6,190** for pets in need.

Look for the 2021 competition coming this fall!

## THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors!

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