



# ANIMAL TALK

Fall 2021

**YOU** make  
pets' dreams  
come true.



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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.



**AGGIELAND**  
**Humane Society**  
Don't buy love, ADOPT it

# Your impact is incredible. Howdy Friends,

You help save and place more dogs and cats in loving homes every day! As I sat down to write to you as the new **Executive Director** of Aggieland Humane Society, two significant things came to mind. One is **how genuinely thankful I am for you**. Over my first few months at Aggieland Humane, one thing has become abundantly clear; **YOU are the driving force** that makes our work with the pets possible. Another is how **I am looking forward to continuing Kathy Bice's legacy**; my predecessor has left big shoes to fill, and I am excited to follow in her footsteps.

**Like you, pets have a special place in my heart.** Even as a little girl, I always loved animals, so working with lost and homeless pets is a dream come true. I came to this community to become a Fightin' Texas Aggie, and quickly realized it was the place I wanted to call home. **For nearly a decade, I've had the privilege of serving Brazos County in the nonprofit sector.** Today, I am thrilled to serve you: the people and the pets of this incredible community. **Together, we can continue lifesaving work for years to come.**

I'd like to end this letter with a look towards the future of Aggieland Humane and a new beginning. While we close one chapter, I look forward to starting another with you by my side. **The future is bright, and with your help, we will continue to pursue a no-kill community.** I appreciate your kindness towards the pets.

**Thank you again.**

Jennifer Young  
Executive Director



## Behind the Cover Kitten

Ives and her sister came to Aggieland Humane Society in March at just one day old, so tiny that both could fit in the palm of your hand. After spending nearly two months with a foster growing big and strong, they were adopted together! **YOUR support means everything to pets like Ives and Gypsy.**



# PETS: By the Numbers

Jan 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021

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



## 865

PETS ADOPTED

## 183

PETS TRANSFERRED  
TO OTHER SHELTERS

## 302

PETS RETURNED TO OWNERS

Your generosity made a difference for each of these lost and homeless pets.

## THANK YOU!

## Will your dog lead the pack?

2021

# BARK LEADER

fundraiser

Registration Dates: August 12 - September 16

Fundraising Dates: September 17 - November 5

Register your dog online now at  
[aggielandhumane.org/events/barkleaders/](http://aggielandhumane.org/events/barkleaders/)





# 1 Dachshund & 200 Kittens

*Meet a unique foster family saving lives*

**Annually, more than one thousand cats and kittens find themselves at Aggieland Humane searching for their second chance at forever families.**

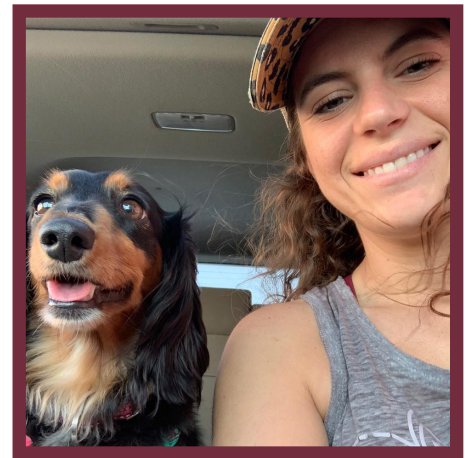
Some of these kittens are motherless and need bottle-feeding to survive. Sometimes, a cat is injured and needs a lifesaving procedure. All pets arrive with different needs, but they have one thing in common - no place to call home. Enter Kaitlin Raley and her best friend Sarah, a dachshund who has a knack for helping her feline friends.

**YOU are the hero. Fosters and donors provide the necessary lifesaving resources and safe places for these pets to grow and heal.**

Over seven years ago, Kaitlin, Aggieland Humane Administrative Coordinator, was inspired to foster when she saw the “heartbreaking number of kittens” needing foster homes. After raising her first litter, she knew this was her calling; unbeknownst to Kaitlin, it was her rescue dog Sarah’s calling too!

Kaitlin and Sarah have fostered nearly 200 pets to date! We asked Kaitlin if any pets had made an impact on her and while she said, “so many” she recalled one pet in particular.

“I recently fostered a kitten named Shorty after leg amputation surgery. Sarah comforted Shorty during the initial recovery, but the moment Shorty was ready to play, Sarah was too. They were constantly sliding across the house - one giant blur of dog, kitten, and toys.”



According to Kaitlin, **this dynamic duo is on a mission to save as many pets as possible.** And when asked, she said you should go for it too! “Through the years, the need for fosters and funds has only grown!”

## Thoughts from Sarah's kennel...



“That’s me with my friend, Shorty. Thanks for letting me get to know her!

**Without you, I wouldn’t have all my kitten friends.  
THANK YOU!”**

Hey, there! **My name is Sarah Raley**, and I love kittens.

When my mom first said we would be “fostering” little tiny baby kitties, I was a little concerned. I am a dog! I didn’t know anything about raising kittens.

**But let me tell you, I had nothing to worry about. Nothing at all!**

**Kittens are awesome.** They cuddle with you, they let you lick their little faces... and sometimes they even play with you.

**One time we fostered a kitten named Lilo.** Lilo was so much fun. Mom went to work on our first day together, and **Lilo busted out of her kennel to hang out with me!** We were best friends after that. I taught her how to help mom in the garden (I dug holes, Lilo sat in a flower pot) and how to burrow under the covers in mom’s bed at night. **We took lots of great naps together** while mom was at work. And Lilo always brought her toys to me when she wanted to play.

Sometimes I miss Lilo, but then I remember I trained her to be a good kitten. And now she’s living the best life ever with her new family! **I am one proud pup.**

# Kaitlin and Sarah have YOU to thank for taking action.

Thanks to you, foster pets have a place to call home.

Temporary foster families provide love and a safe place for cats and kittens to heal or grow, Learn more about becoming a foster online at [aggielandhumane.org/foster-care](http://aggielandhumane.org/foster-care)



# VOLUNTEERS ARE BACK!

When COVID-19 first shut down our world, we had to temporarily say goodbye to our volunteers. We missed seeing these daily helpers, but our pets missed them even more! Volunteers enhance the lives of pets by giving extra walks, training, cuddles, and helping staff in the offices, too. The services volunteers provide are priceless.

After several long months, we were able to reopen our Volunteer Program in May 2021. Since then, we have welcomed back over 100 volunteers!

**THANK YOU** to all our dedicated volunteers for making an incredible difference in the lives of pets.



**"I volunteer in honor of my late dog Coco.** I loved every minute of life with her until cancer took her in 2020. My heart needed healing. Spending time at Aggieland Humane allows me to share the love I have for animals and to help take care of them until they find their forever homes...just like someone did for Coco. The dogs are amazing animals and I love spending time with them!" - *Jessica*



## & OTHER WAYS TO HELP

### **Can't volunteer but still want to help?**

As a nonprofit, we depend on donations, both monetary and supplies, to save the lives of pets. If you would like to donate items, check out our Wish Lists on Chewy and Amazon!

#### **Some of our most needed items:**

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| Dog Treats   | Cat Treats     |
| Dog Toys     | Cat Toys       |
| Kuranda Beds | Kitten Formula |

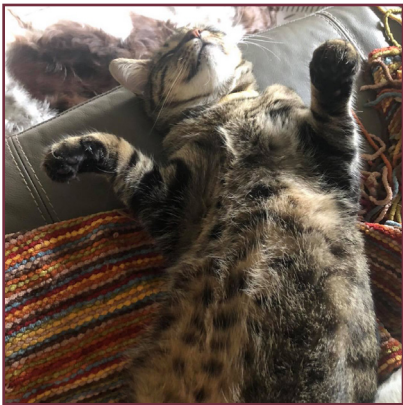
*For the pets' full wishlist, visit [aggielandhumane.org/wishlist/](https://aggielandhumane.org/wishlist/)*

# HAPPY TAILS FROM HAPPY FAMILIES

All of these pets received over \$500 worth of medical care that helped place them in their forever family homes. Without your support, these pets would have not received this necessary care.

## Tiny

"Tiny has been great and has adapted well to our family! He is large for his name, but he is the gentlest big guy. We are so glad we adopted Tiny. He has brought us all the love and drool we hoped for!" - **Starr**



## Franklin

"This is Franklin! He's the most chill, lovable dog-cat ever. He's doing great and is stuck to his dog sisters like glue. Thanks for the great family addition and the excellent foundation he got with his foster!" - **Stephanie**



## Creme Brulee

"This is Creme Brulee, also known as Benjamin. He is the sweetest boy and is doing so well! He and my other rabbit have bonded and he loves to explore and jump up on the couch." - **Ashley**

## Giving monthly helps daily!

Monthly giving is a convenient way to make a significant impact in the lives of homeless and lost pets. When you sign up to give a monthly gift, you are providing essential lifesaving care for thousands of pets across the Brazos Valley. **Help pets by making a monthly gift today:**  
[aggielandhumane.org/monthly-giving/](http://aggielandhumane.org/monthly-giving/)

# 2021 Purrfect Pageant Cats

These cats helped raise over \$6,000 for pets in need!



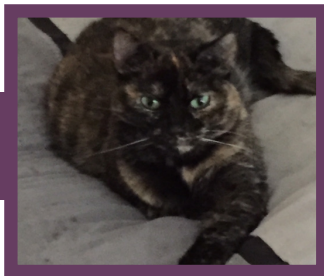
Queen Whiskers  
raised \$1,205



Princess Chloe  
raised \$1,000



Prince Pretzel  
raised \$1,000



Duchess Sadie  
raised \$900



Cat-geniality Trixie  
raised \$559

## THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors!

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