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WELCOME

by Ashley Woolnough

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter would like to welcome you to read our monthly newsletter, the Woofington Post.

We hope you find this newsletter fun, informative and enjoyable. In this newsletter you will find: Happy Tails, Upcoming Events, Staff and Volunteer Spotlights, Norman's Nook, How YOU Can Help, Statistics for the Shelter, Opportunities to Volunteer, Operational Update, Pets of the Month, Recognition for Supporting the Shelter and more!

We hope you enjoy reading this as much as we have enjoyed putting it together!

*Remember: Give a Second Chance and Adopt,
Don't Shop!*

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Upcoming Events

June is ADOPT A CAT MONTH!

Special Days

June 16th through the 20th: Free Microchip Clinic

June 21st: Father's Day

July 4th: Independence Day

If you would like WPCAS to attend your event, please email animals@weatherfordtx.gov to discuss opportunities and availability.



NORMAN'S NOOK

by Emily Laszczak

Dear Norman,

I've noticed some fleas popping up on my dog recently... how do I help him??

Sincerely, Itching & Scratching & Scratching & Itching

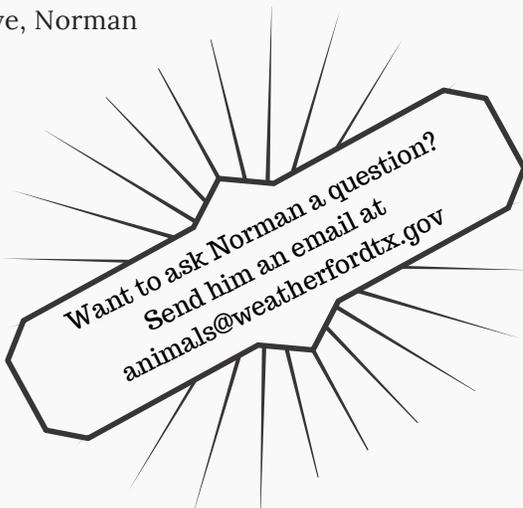
Dear Itching & Scratching & Scratching & Itching,

Oh no! While fleas and ticks are not uncommon, they are a problem! One female flea can lay up to 50 eggs a DAY and can live and continue breeding on your pet for up to 100 days! The eggs can then fall and land in your carpet, where they can lie dormant for up to 8 months.

Fleas can carry tapeworm larvae that your pet can end up ingesting. Ticks can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, to both you and your pet. Pets can also be allergic to fleabites, causing an allergic reaction, and when the skin is irritated or inflamed, it may also become infected.

Flea and tick prevention can come in pill form, as well as a topical treatment. Consult with your veterinarian to see what the best route for your animal is. Signs that your animal may have fleas include scratching, irritated skin, and tiny black dots, which might be flea dirt. To further flea proof your home, wash your pets bedding regularly, as well as their toys and towels that are used on them. Vacuuming your carpet, furniture, and floors on a regular basis also helps!

Love, Norman





GIVING SECOND CHANCES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

by Ashley Woolnough

We are so excited to see our new Medical Surgical Building taking shape! I hope you all are as excited as we are. We are antsy with excitement!

Construction of our new medical building, funded by the generosity of our community and supporters, is due to be substantially completed by July 2020. This building will help to grow the partnership between the City of Weatherford (the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter) and the Weatherford College Vet Assisting & Technician programs. We are excited to see the positive impact this building will have in our community upon completion. At this time, there are so many new things being started and completed, we can barely keep up! It amazes us to see all the moving parts and hard work the construction team is putting into this building that will impact so many lives. We have the wheelchair ramp almost finished, the stairs are underway, and spray foam is in! The roof should be going up soon and our HVAC system is in place! Check out the short video tour we have on the building! Go to: <https://youtu.be/qu86uhvasUY> ... you won't be disappointed!



Floor Plan and Digital sketch of what the building will look like.

WPCAS DONATION BRICK
Giving Second Chances
Give a Second Chance and Purchase an Engraved Brick or Paver starting at only \$100!

FOURTH OF JULY PET SAFETY!

by Ashley Woolnough

Find a safe and secure spot for your pet **INSIDE** your home during festivities.

Make sure your pet is wearing identification tags with **CURRENT** contact information and **MICROCHIP** your pet

DO NOT TAKE YOUR PET TO FIREWORKS DISPLAYS.

Turn on music or the TV to help drown out the outside noises.

Keep your pets SAFE this 4th of July!

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The Fourth of July is the day when most pets each year go missing due to fireworks. Please help us keep pets safe and at home for the Fourth.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

by Ashley Woolnough

Volunteers Are What Makes Us Great! The mission of the Weatherford Parker Animal Shelter (WPCAS) is to improve the bonds between humans and their animals through effective outreach and exceptional customer service to our community. We encourage the active involvement of volunteers at all levels of our agency.

Volunteers work in partnership with staff to improve the bonds between humans and animals, increase the number of animals with loving homes, keep the community safe, and offer a municipal service of excellence to our community.

The WPCAS Volunteer Program Volunteers are involved to help promote animal awareness within the community and to educate the public about responsible pet care, ownership and safety for and around animals. Volunteers also make it possible to provide opportunities for residents to interact with animals at WPCAS and help guide families through the adoption process. Because volunteers interact with animals in our care on a regular basis, they can offer meaningful insight into the personality and behavior of the animal, which helps the public make informed choices. Ultimately, volunteers help us find compatible homes for as many animals as possible. Volunteer Positions are Now Open We are currently recruiting for the following two positions:

1. Animal Care Team and
2. Customer Care Team

Anyone age 16 and older is welcome to apply! For as little as four hours a month, you can make a BIG difference in the life of an animal in need. Take this opportunity to invest in a cause you believe in!

Upcoming orientation Wednesday, June 24th! Due to precautions, space is limited.

GET STARTED IN FOUR EASY STEPS!

- Step 1: Complete your online application.*
- Step 2: Watch the 4 online training modules.*
- Step 3: Sign up and attend an In-Person Orientation*
- Step 4: Submit your background check
After that, we will help you get plugged in right away!*



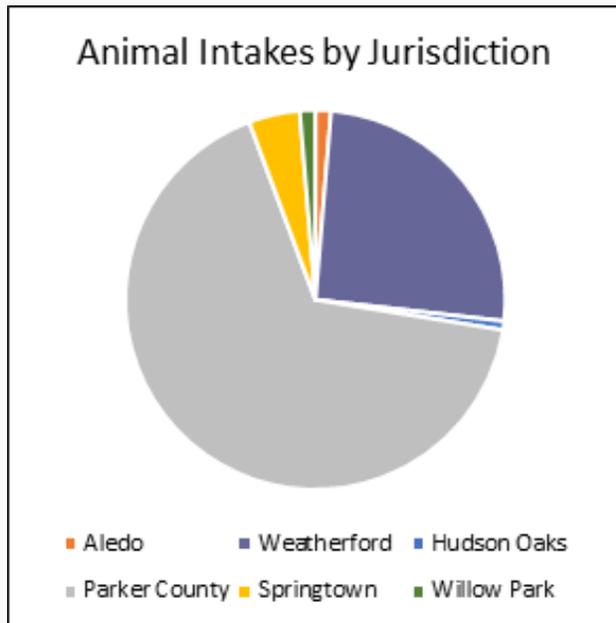
HAPPY TAILS

by Emily Laszczak

This sweet sweet baby came into the shelter all by herself in the beginning of May. She captured everyone's heart!

She got adopted by the most perfect family for her. A couple week later, her family brought us the cutest sign with a collage of pictures! Needless to say, Butters is now living the dream. Thank you for adopting!





OPERATIONS UPDATE

by Ashley Woolnough

During the month of May, we accomplished a Live Release Rate of 97% and were able to help a total of 530 animals (3,491 animals total for the year) including 103 owner surrenders, and averaged a length of stay of 9.7 average days an animal is in the shelter. Our medical team provided a total of 219 spays and neuters for animals in our care, aiding in reducing the numbers of unwanted litters in our community.

Although the shelter was closed from March 16th through May 4th, the shelter has not seen a significant decrease in animal intake or disposition numbers.

The shelter is still practicing precautionary measures to keep our staff, volunteers and our communities safe from COVID-19. The shelter is taking the following measures for the foreseeable future:

- The shelter has re-opened to the public, however, due to low staffing at this time, we have changed our hours to:
 - Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, we are currently no longer open until 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays
 - TNR surgeries on Wednesdays and Fridays only, drop off between 8:30 and 9:00 am
 - We are still limiting the number of visitors in our kennels and building at one time and are currently providing most services via curbside
- We have resumed normal Animal Control and Shelter Services
- We have opened our volunteer program back up and volunteers are welcome to help during scheduled time frames
- In following national recommendations in regards to precautions related to COVID-19, all feral cats brought in by the public in city limits will be sterilized and returned as a TNR cat. We will not accept feral cats unless the citizen agrees to TNR the cat. Our Barn Cat program will continue, we expect feral cats to enter this part of the shelter due to special situations.

During the week of June 16th through the 20th the WPCAS will be giving away FREE microchips to Parker County residents in hopes to mitigate the intake numbers after the Fourth of July.

We have currently pulled an animal control officer to assist with customers in the front office due to an open position we have not been able to fill.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Julie Moyer!!

"Shelter life is a second chance at life, love, and happiness."

Julie and her girls have been a great part of our team since October of 2019 and has, "loved every minute of it!" They frequently come up and walk the dogs, as well as play with the cats. Julie is one crafty gal, who spends most of her free time sewing, quilting, painting, and knitting. She also loves to read and go camping! She says that her favorite thing about the shelter is, "the feeling like I make the animals' day a little happier. Getting them out, letting them get exercise, and loving on them!" Julie never fails to brighten up the room as soon as she walks in. We are so thankful for you, Julie!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Debra!

"There's always something new to learn, and always a second chance to be given."

Let's talk about Debra Kasparek! Debra has been an Animal Care Technician here at WPCAS for going on four years now. Not only does she help out with the animals at the shelter, she also continues to help animals in her free time with rescue work, as well as bat rehabilitation! Deb is the best kind of friend and person to have in your life. She is dedicated, loyal, and just an amazing person to be around. We sure do love our Deb!



CAT OF THE MONTH



Meet Betty!

Miss Betty is this gorgeous senior female who has been at the shelter since May. Are you the purr-fect family for her?

DOG OF THE MONTH

Meet Huck!

He's the coolest dog around, don't ya know? He is a neutered, male, Pit Bull mix, that has been at the shelter since June 6th. Come meet him soon!!



Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter's adoption fees are \$100 for female dogs, \$90 for male dogs, and \$50 for cats. Animals 5 years and older, or labeled as special needs/urgent animals are only \$25 to adopt! Each adoption includes spay/neuter, core vaccinations, rabies, and a microchip. Please don't be sad if you find they have been adopted, there are many more animals here looking for their furever home and would love to be a part of your family!

RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT

We want to say Happy Birthday to our special friend Kambri! She just turned 5 yrs old and this year she asked for donations for the shelter instead of presents. And boy did she get some donations! Thank you Kambri, you are an amazing girl!

