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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



October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month!

Help us celebrate by adopting a dog or puppy for only **\$50** during the month of **October 2020!**

Spay/Neuter, basic vaccines, microchip, flea/tick prevention, and dewormer is included!

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

PCPA's Annual "Pitchin' for Pets" Softball Tournament

October 24th, 2020 at Holland Lake Softball Field

The shelter will be offsite for Dog Adoptions from 10am to 3pm

All proceeds benefit animals in need, specifically heartworm positive dogs at WPCAS!

HOLLANDA PLAY?
3rd Annual PCPA Pitchin' for Pets Softball Tournament
10/24/20

Holland Lake Softball Fields
Weatherford, TX
Registration: Ricky Howell
817-901-5428 or
Erica Howell 817-901-8273
Registration Ends 10/19/20

Food Vendors

All regulation rules apply
Must have stamped bats and regulation balls
Men's & Women's Homerun Derby \$10 entry—winner takes ball
Homerun Bands \$10

Men's & Coed 250 Tournament—Double Elimination
\$300 Entry/Team—Includes Umpire Fees

Raffle Items

Costume Contest Categories
Children 0-5
Children 6-11
Teams

Event organized by Hartin Tree Service

Parker County Pets Alive is a local 501c supporting medical needs of animals at Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter and promotes responsible pet ownership. ALL proceeds benefit animals in need.

EVENT CALENDAR

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	Global cat 16 Days	17
18	19	20	Reptile 21 Awareness Days	Make a 22 Dog's Days	23	Make a 24 Difference Days
25	26	National 27 Black cat Days	28	National 29 cat Days	30	31

DOGTOBER
\$50 Dog adoptions all
October 2020

10/16 - Global Cat Day
\$10 Adoptions for Cats
10/16-17/2020

Check back for our
Thanksgiving Themed
Adoption Specials!

November 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cook for 1 your pet Days	2	3	Stress 4 Awareness Days	5	6	Canine 7 Lymphoma Awareness Days
8	9	10	Veteran's 11 Days	12	World 13 Kindness Days	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving 26 Shelter closed	Black 27 Friday Shelter closed	28
29	30					



Norman's Nook

by Emily Laszczak

Dear Norman,

With "Cook for Your Pet Day" coming up November 1st, what is your favorite home-made treat?

Sincerely,
Canine Boyardee

Dear Canine Boyardee,

My FAVORITE question!! Not to mention the perfect time to ask! November 1st is "Cook for your Pet Day." Here is the recipe to make my favorite treats.

Apple Carrot Treats

1 cup of whole wheat flour, brown rice flour, or gluten free flour

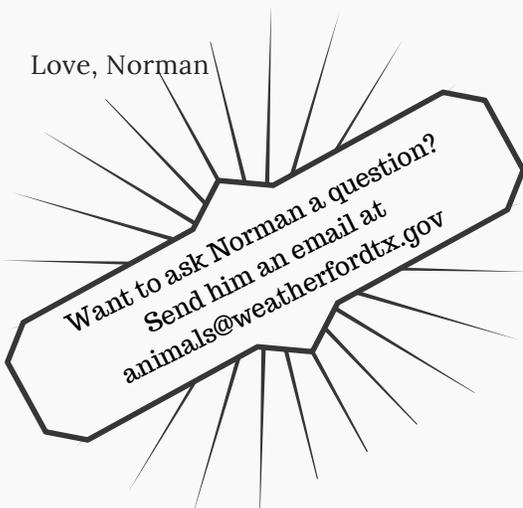
1 cup of grated carrots

1 egg

1/2 cup of unsweetened applesauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix ingredients together until dough forms. Roll dough into small balls and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Press dough down slightly so the biscuits are about 1/4 inch thick. Bake until golden brown and let cool on a wire rack.

Love, Norman





GIVING SECOND CHANCES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

by Eric Shumar

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!

Here are some updates:

Week of Oct 12 the epoxy floors will be complete in entire building. All cabinets are hung, counter tops in place. They all just need hardware (handles) and shelving installed. Lighting is all in. Heat and AC are up and running. Building is climate controlled with multiple thermostats. Tile in bathrooms and dog/cat rooms is complete. Just need floors done and then fixtures can be installed. Then bathrooms are finished. Medical equipment is arriving this week and next. As soon as a room is complete, we can start putting equipment in the room. Exterior is almost finished. Few small things like gutter downspouts, door canopies and soffit to be completed around building. We expect to be in the building by November 2020!



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!



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!

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

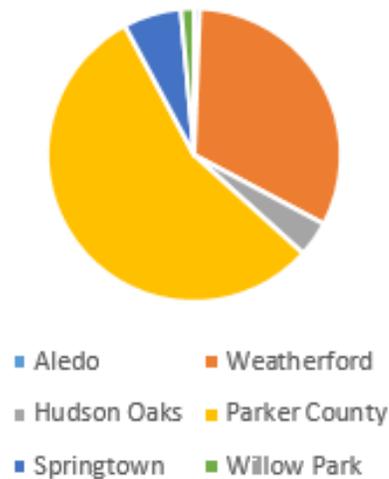
Back in June, our Director of Municipal Services, Dustin Deel, lost his senior Boxer, Roxie, to cancer.

She was a huge part of our shelter family, and we were all devastated. Then, in August, the cutest little girl came into the shelter as a stray. After waiting patiently for her stray hold to be up, Dustin went to meet Ripley, and quickly fell in love.

She has settled quite nicely into her new life, and is loved beyond measure. Dustin says she gives the best kisses, and knows no stranger. Welcome to the fam, Ripley! We all love you so much already.



Intake by Jurisdiction



OPERATIONS UPDATE

by Ashley Woolnough

During the month of September, we accomplished a Live Release Rate of 96% and were able to help a total of 566 animals (5,657 animals total for the year) and averaged a length of stay of 7.42 average days an animal is in the shelter. Our medical team provided a total of 337 spays and neuters for animals in our care, aiding in reducing the numbers of unwanted litters in our community.

The shelter is currently undergoing strategic planning to develop our 2020 goals for the year and beyond, however, our continued dedication to excellence for our community, citizens, pets and cities will continue to be held with our utmost regard. Our three main goals for Shelter Operations are:

1. Balance Public Safety with our Live Release Rate
2. Build a Cohesive Team
3. Improve Pet Ownership

Below are status updates on shelter operations:

- The shelter is still practicing 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

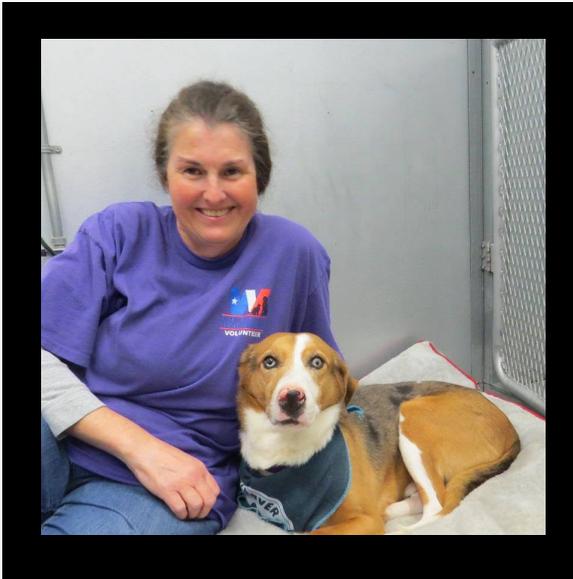
We are still limiting the number of visitors in our kennels and building at one time, and are currently providing most services via curbside

- 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/community cats brought in by the public will be sterilized and returned as a TNR cat. We will not accept feral/community 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.
- 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 Joan Goodkin!

This wonderful lady has been volunteering at our shelter for 9.5yrs! Joan came to the shelter after her “soul mate dog” had passed and while at the shelter she began talking to Barbara Pursley who talked her into volunteering. Her original plan was to come once a week but that only lasted for about 2 weeks before Joan gave in and graced us with her presence almost every day! She has worn many hats during her volunteer days including: photographer, vet assistant, office assistant, etc. Joan says her favorite part of volunteering at the shelter is the people she gets to work with and she loves helping in surgery! Thank you Joan for all the hours you have attributed to make this shelter great, we couldn't do it without you!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Kerri!

Kerri works in the MACs department covering Sanitation, Facilities Maintenance, Fleet, and the Animal Shelter. She is by far the sweetest person on this planet. She always puts a huge smile on our faces the second that she walks through the door. Not to mention that she is definitely Norman's favorite, because she brings treats for him! We sure do love our Kerri, and are so thankful for her!



CAT OF THE MONTH



Meet Meatball!

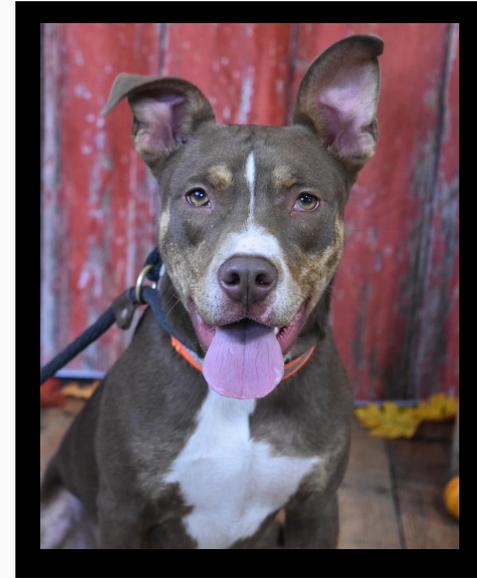
This gorgeous male is 6 years old, and has been at the shelter since September 24th. Are you the purr-fect home for Meatball?

DOG OF THE MONTH

Meet Buck!

Buck is a male, Pit Bull mix that has been at the shelter since September 11th! He is a heartworm negative, 42 lbs of LOVE!

Come meet him this week!



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

First Financial Bank spent their Columbus Day holiday making our pets' day here at the shelter. Our pets received more love, walks, cuddles and scratches than they could ever imagine from this wonderful group! We, along with our pets, want to give them a BIG round of applause for their help and love shared with our pets!

