

Why WCSPCA Matters

One cold evening in November at 7:30 pm a lab mix was hit by a car in Bartlesville. Police Officer Steven Silver responded to the report of an injured dog on Frank Phillips that appeared to have two broken legs and was unable to move. Officer Silver rescued the dog and put her in his patrol car to keep her safe and proceeded to take her to the SPCA. A relative of Officer Silver contacted the SPCA about the injured dog that seemed to be in quite a bit of pain. A board member and staff member went to the SPCA after hours and arranged to sedate the dog so it would not suffer through the night. The next day the dog was taken to a local vet to be examined. After xrays and an exam, it was determined that the dog (now called "Silver" after Officer Silver) had a broken pelvis, however with rest and medication is expected to recover. Silver was moved into foster care and is being kept safe and warm until her owners come for her or she can be adopted out.

This is why we matter, we are the only open access shelter in Washington County. We take in all cats and dogs regardless of health, age, or breed. Even though WCSPCA takes in a few thousand animals each year - every cat and dog - like Silver is important and needs the best chance possible for a good life.



'Twas the night before Christmas,
and all through the town,
our shelter is full - we are lost but not found.
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
we hope every minute that someone will care.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears,
our friends filled with emptiness, worry and fear.
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at your inn,
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year,
can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat and help
us get something special to eat.

- Anonymous

Did you know?



WCSPCA has extended the reclaim hours and are now open Monday mornings from 8am to 12pm to pick up your pets that may have been lost over the weekend. We want to help you reunite with your pet sooner!



The reclaim rate on dogs is only 10% and is just 1% on cats. That means that the WCSPCA is tasked with finding new homes for 90% of all dogs and 99% of all cats that enter our doors. Many of these animals are not spayed or neutered, which means we have to cover this cost, too.



Bartlesville has a spay or neuter ordinance in effect that requires city cats and dogs to be altered except those with intact permits. Enforcement of this ordinance would help with the pet overpopulation problem. Consider discussing this issue with your City council representative.

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16630 State Hwy. 123
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Every donation helps make a
difference in the lives of animals.



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2016 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

Our Mission

Washington County SPCA provides donors, advocates & volunteers the organization they require to care for our community's stray, abandoned & surrendered cats and dogs by:

- Providing shelter and medical care;
- Actively promoting suitable adoptions and transports; and
- Collaborating with other animal assistance groups.

The WCSPCA shelter has lived up to its mission by taking in more than 2300 stray, abandoned, and surrendered cats and dogs and facilitating over 1035 adoptions and 244 transports, rehoming as many animals as we can that have come into our care in the past 11 months.

In addition, our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly collaborating with local groups like ARF to provide monthly low cost spay and neuter clinics, The Price Tower Art Council, Bark Park Buddies, PetSmart and the Pumpkin Patch for local adoption events, as well as various licensed shelters and rescues across the country to safely transport and adopt out our animals.

Even with all of this effort, the shelter is still on the verge of being over capacity. We are an open access shelter, which means that we never turn an animal away, no matter if we are full or not. This can result in the need to euthanize animals who have been in the shelter longer due to a lack of space. However, thanks to you, our donors, volunteers and advocates, the WCSPCA has not had to do this since 2009, although the possibility is still very real and something we work with relentless determination to prevent. How can we end this cycle?

The only realistic solution is spaying and neutering our animals. All of them. Sterilizing even one cat or dog can prevent thousands more from being born. Without spaying, one female dog



Charles Aubrey - Bartlesville Animal Control Officer

and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in six years. One unaltered female cat and her descendants can lead to an unbelievable 370,000 cats in only seven years. Male animals contribute to and impact the overpopulation crisis even more than females do, and one can impregnate dozens of females, creating hundreds of offspring. (www.hsus.org)

The WCSPCA's Own Spay and Neuter Clinic

In February, 2016, we performed our first spay and neuter surgeries on our own shelter animals in our new clinic. With the help of the shelter's long-time veterinarian Dr. Craig Spence and our trained caring volunteer staff, we now perform weekly sterilizations on our own animals, saving the shelter thousands of dollars annually by speeding up the adoption process and getting animals into their new homes quicker. It also saves our staff's and volunteers' time, travel costs and vehicle wear driving to and from Stillwater and other lower cost spay/neuter facilities. It is also much less stressful on the animals.

Another way we have managed to keep the shelter below capacity, especially during March through November during the height of puppy and kitten season: Our Foster and Foster2Adopt programs. If you'd like to learn more, or to become a volunteer, please call us at 918.440.1303.

In the Community



DECEMBER 3
Open House & Adoption
Event at the Shelter 11-2pm

WCSPCA Volunteer Training
11-2pm

Bartlesville Christmas
Parade
5:30 pm Downtown Bartlesville

DECEMBER 16
Bartlesville Young
Professionals Pub Crawl
7pm Hilton Hotel Downtown
Bartlesville

(Proceeds to benefit the WCSPCA)

DECEMBER 17
Lowe's Adoption Event
11-2pm

DECEMBER 25
Merry Christmas!

It's our annual Shelter
Open House & Adoption Event!

Saturday, December 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Washington County SPCA
16620 State Hwy. 123, Bartlesville, OK

Come visit, play with animals,
have some treats and
bring a donation
for a chance to
win an iPad.

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WCSPCA is committed to finding a home for each of our adoptable cats and dogs. We will be offering two-for-one adoptions on all cats and \$25 off on all dog adoptions during the open house. Pet ID tags will also be available for purchase. All adoptable animals have been vaccinated, spayed/neutered and microchipped.

Want to know what to buy that special animal lover on your list? A donation to help the homeless animals at the WCSPCA!

You provide the name and address of the person you'd like to honor at the time of your donation, and we will provide the gift recipient with a note card letting them know a donation in their name has been made to us. (We're a 501c3, so your gift may be eligible for a tax break, too.)

In addition to cash donations, the shelter is always in need of the following:

- Gravy Train or other canned food (supplements diet and helps put weight on mal-nourished animals)
- Canned cat food
- Pill pockets
- Cat and dog treats
- Kitten Milk Replacement
- Nursing bottles (kittens)
- Toys
- Heating pads
- Kuranda Beds
- Pet taxis: all sizes
- Cleaning supplies: paper towels, liquid laundry soap, hand sanitizer
- Office supplies: copy paper, pens, Sharpies, PostIt notes, etc.

Also, if you shop Amazon, instead go to www.smile.amazon.com and enter Washington County SPCA as your charity of choice to help animals while you shop for everything you normally buy on Amazon! You can also purchase items from the wish list for WCSPCA on Amazon and have it sent directly to the shelter without ever leaving your home!



“The cold has arrived. Time for sweaters and snuggles. Please remember that not all have a warm place to call home, especially our most loyal and loving companions, our furry friends. If you are not ready to make the commitment of adopting an animal, please don't forget that fostering is also life-saving and rewarding. 'Tis the season for giving, so go to the WCSPCA and give yourself and an animal the gift of love, life, and friendship.”

*Kaylin Fischer
WCSPCA Foster mom*



ADOPTED!

The Edgar Winter Dog



Coco and Button



Misty Freeman & her dog, Babe



ADOPTION SUCCESS:

A tale about our annual “Clear the Shelter” event, as told by our compassionate and dedicated cat foster and shelter volunteer, Meg Greenwood:

43 and Me

That was the final count.....43 adopted Saturday!!! That's 1 more kitty than Clear the Shelter day placed last year, the final adoption was practically a miracle to have happened as little Benedict had only been there about 30 minutes! He had been gleefully adopted through PetSmart in Tulsa, unfortunately his Sand Springs family found their young boys developed allergic reactions a few days later. The disappointed family drove the little orange tabby back here about 3:15 pm. The new family was amazed that they were able to adopt this slightly confused though purringly playful kitten. The other 42 pairings all had their sprinkling of serendipity in getting to their new homes after being selected from the dozens of candidates who had been gathered.

In the 6 hours I was there, those of us in the kitty area found ourselves wishing we knew more about these guys and how they got there. We were able to find small bits about them from paperwork, a few had known backgrounds to tell the families who had come 'looking for paws' that day. As a foster, I was able to fill in history on several there and particularly enjoyed the fulfilling task of locating just the right one or seeing that a kitty had somehow chosen a particular family and that was just how it was going to be! There was a double adoption, both were very large cats, the adopter was not only certain both these cats were the Right Ones, she knew they were going to get along well together and even if they didn't at first, she was ready for the challenge.

Conversations were mostly about changing food, new homes, weather challenges, declaw issues, health topics and veterinarian care all accomplished with a lot of laughing and learning. Next year I will ASK to be part of the Clear the Shelter Day....and then I thought how amazing it would be if we didn't have to have one.....that IS a challenging goal I am ready for.

Meg Greenwood