



Dust Bowl Animal Rescue, Inc.

2014 Annual Newsletter

Growing & Changing!

2014 Milestones

- Spay & Neuter voucher program replaced by alters done before adoption.
- 300 spays & neuters were performed in 2014 preventing thousands of puppies and kittens.
- Additional officers brought on board to help handle administrative work.
- Several new foster homes have been added to our group along with some great Kitty Krew volunteers.

By the Numbers

- 16 animals were saved through transfers or joint efforts with other rescue groups.
- On average over 80 animals are safe in DBAR foster homes at any given time. We have new intakes of approximately 45 animals each month!
- **358 animals adopted in 2014 bringing our total in less than two years to 625 adoptions!**
- Over \$77,000 in veterinary care provided in 2014 with your support and donations.

Another one in the books!

For DBAR, 2014 was a big year. After months of work getting everything formed and setup in 2013, we were able to really sit back and focus on our goals for 2014 and beyond. In February 2014, we began to spay and neuter all animals before they leave our rescue. Previously, we had used contracts and prepaid alter vouchers for puppies and kittens under 6 months of age. This change has been a wonderful success with less paperwork for us to chase and adopters knowing they are adopting a 100% vetted animal ready for loving. We also have the peace of mind that a DBAR baby will never make more babies!

We want to give a special thank you to the James A “Buddy” Davidson Foundation for their generous grant in 2014! It allowed us to purchase some badly needed supplies that will be used for years to come.

You are receiving a copy of our annual newsletter as a friend, donor, or supporter because we know we could not have accomplished any of these milestones without the help and support of the community. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support through 2014 and beyond! We have tried to include something for everyone here including:

Success Stories (p2)

Helpful Pet Tips (p3)

How You Can Help & How Donations are Spent (p4)

Thank you again for your support, YOU make this all possible!

Mesha Randolph, President
Carly Underwood, Vice President
Katherine Kirk, Treasurer
Aimee Neusch, Secretary



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Success Stories – Your Donation Dollars in Action!

Prima is a stunning girl who was found roaming the countryside while pregnant. She gave birth to 8 beautiful lab/husky mix puppies. Everyone was vaccinated and altered before being adopted out.



Emory was found by a dumpster with visible head trauma that we suspect was from being hit by a car. In addition to her injuries this pretty girl was also pregnant!

Just these two girls became a total of 13 animals with their babies - Please Spay & Neuter!!



Hara was found with a horrible injury to her back where the skin was peeled off in a 3-4” wide area from her hips up to her neck. Despite being in immense pain, she only greeted us with tail wags and kisses when found. After several months of surgery, recovery, and TLC this beautiful girl is fully recovered and waiting to find her forever family. Other than a thin scar on her back and a story she has no other remnants of her original injury!



We were contacted about Lizzy late in the evening after her littermate passed away from parvo earlier that day. Her owners couldn't provide her the care she needed and surrendered her to our rescue. In a whirlwind few hours a volunteer picked her up from her owner and got her to the emergency vet that same evening. Lizzy not only had parvo, but also a mycoplasma infection! She is currently available for adoption along with dozens of others so please consider adopting a rescue to help complete their happy ever after stories!

Parvo and many other dangerous diseases for dogs and cats can be prevented with basic vaccinations!

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Helpful Pet Tips are back!



Fall and Cold Weather Adjustments

In order to generate body heat, pets that exercise heavily outdoors, or who live outdoors, should be given more food during colder seasons. Make sure horses and other outdoor animals have access to clean, fresh water that is not frozen.

Days will be getting shorter. Consider purchasing a reflective leash, collar, or vest for evening and early morning walks with your dog for visibility.

Using metal water dishes outside in winter may be a risk, because your pet's tongue could stick to the frozen metal. In the summer, metal bowls can get very hot and burn your dog.

Look beyond the leaves. Fallen leaves that coat the ground can blanket sharp pebbles, burs, allergens and other substances you want your cat or dog to avoid. Keep a close eye on your pet for any signs of discomfort- especially after playing in a pile of fall foliage!

Fall weather can bring about a whole new set of allergies for pets too. Ragweed and mold are two big aggravates, along with grass and dust. Look for signs like scratching, biting, chewing, sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, and hives or rashes.

Panting can be a sign of sickness

Dogs pant up to 300 times a minute to cool off, but if you see your cat panting it may be a medical emergency. While sometimes it can just be from extreme anxiety, it can also be a sign of respiratory or cardiovascular problems, warranting an immediate call to the veterinarian.

Accidents in the house

If you have a puppy that pees on your carpet - After soaking up most of the mess with a paper towel - sprinkle a generous amount of baking soda over the area and leave it to absorb both the traces of urine and the odor.



**Consistent training
helps your pet
know what they
need to do and not
do to be part of a
healthy and happy
family!**

Catching your dog that has gotten out

If your dog runs away from you and you finally catch up to it, no matter how angry you are at the dog, do not yell or strike it - or your dog will never come to you when called for fear of being punished. Make coming home and coming back to you a positive experience so they want to come home if they get out again.

Basic Training

There is nothing inherently wrong with telling your dog "no," except that it doesn't give him enough information.

Instead of telling your dog "no," tell him what you want him to do. Dogs don't generalize well, so if your dog jumps up on someone to say hello and you say no, he may jump higher or he may jump to the left side instead of the right. A better alternative would be to ask him to "sit." Tell him what you want him to do in order to avoid confusion.

Above all be consistent with the same signals and command words to help your pet learn what you want them to do (or not do).

Dangerous Foods

Any of the following can make your pet sick or kill them. Also animals can get sick from too much "people food" so food and treats designed for them is always best.

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Any kind of fruit seed or nut
- Avocados
- Chocolate
- Any caffeine
- Garlic
- Grapes & Raisins
- Yeast dough
- Small bones
- Sage



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How You Can Help!

DONATE

We are a non-profit animal rescue. Our adoption fees rarely cover the cost of the medical care that animals coming to our group need and we rely on donations and fundraisers to bridge that gap. As a 501c3 organization all donations are tax deductible.

You can donate in several ways:

PayPal, Debit, or Credit Card - www.dustbowlanimalrescue.com and select the Donate button

Check or Money Order – Mail to us at PO Box 62104 Midland, TX 79711

You can also buy items from our **Amazon wish list** that ship directly to us for our fosters from our website as well as support us through **Amazon Smile**, **PetTagg's Tagg it Forward** program, **Pet Rescue RX**, and other programs that are described on our website.

HOW IS MY DONATION USED? We know that donations are something our supporters choose to give, and we do our very best to be good stewards of that choice. **In 2014 we had 89% of our expenses go directly to animal care** including food, supplies, crates, and veterinary care. Veterinary costs alone were 76% of our total expenses for the year. Only 5% of expenses was spent on fundraisers in 2014 – and those fundraisers raised enough money to double each dollar we spent. The remaining 6% of expenses went to administrative costs such as our website, transport costs, legal and accounting fees, office supplies, and all of the behind the scenes pieces required to keep the business side of DBAR running smoothly. No officers, fosters, or volunteers receive any paychecks or compensation for their time.

If you can't Donate or Adopt – FOSTER

Fosters are the bridge between the pound or street and a loving forever home. We cover all veterinary costs and can help with food and other supplies. Fosters also have the first opportunity to adopt the animals they have cared for if they fall in love. You tell us how many, of what size, and age you are comfortable with and we work together to find a foster animal that fits your situation. We commonly start new fosters off with a fully vetted animal we have had that is awaiting adoption to start with.



If you can't Foster – VOLUNTEER, TRANSPORT, and NETWORK

Even though we are foster based with no central shelter location, we do have a regular need for volunteers! Our DBAR Kitty Krew goes by the Odessa Petsmart adoption center in their store to clean and play with our cats and kittens there on a regular basis. We also have periodic needs for volunteers to help with transport, adoption events, and fundraisers. Contact us at dustbowlanimalrescue@gmail.com

for more information on getting involved.

Find us on Facebook! We have events, animals in need, pet tips, and funny stories that we need your help to share. Tell your friends, family, or co-workers about us so we can help them find the perfect pet! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dustbowlanimalrescue/>



*Everyone can do something to help save a life.
Please remember to spay, neuter, and vaccinate and
THANK YOU so much for your support!*