



Dust Bowl Animal Rescue, Inc.

2016 Annual Newsletter

New Adventures!

2016 Milestones

Despite adjusting to the economic downturn we still were able to see several huge milestones during 2016!

- We adopted out 135 animals in 2016 and have now placed 1,046 DBAR animals in their forever homes since 2013! Onto 2,000!!
- With transfers to other no-kill organizations we have transferred 114 animals since 2013 and developed some wonderful partnerships and friendships along the way!
- We average 20 new animals per month, with as many as 43 in one month during the spring “litter” season – SPAY & NEUTER!
- At any given time we have an average of 86 animals in foster homes across Midland and Odessa

What a crazy year!

Another year in the books and DBAR is still finding new adventures! In 2016 we expanded our adoption event locations to several new places including Music City Mall, Basin Subaru, Midland Farmer’s Market, Permian Basin Fair, and more. We have loved meeting new people, informing others about the benefits of local rescues, and celebrating new adoptions!

We were able to also experience some amazing public events. Puppy Paws (pool tournament) was a great success with over \$2,000 raised in one afternoon. With help from an ASPCA grant through Subaru’s Share the Love program we had our first public microchip clinic. We learned a lot and look forward to having more public events for pets already in loving homes in the future

We also have to say a huge thank you to the James A. Buddy Davidson Foundation. They awarded us a grant for supplies that helped us get through a very lean 2016 while the local economy is still getting back on it’s feet. Their grant has helped us replace many crates and exercise pens, buy food, potty pads, cleaning supplies and all of the other items that caring for animals requires. We are humbled and grateful for their support of our organization!

The officers are hard at work planning more exciting events for 2017, and ways to continue helping get animals of the Permian Basin vetted and adopted into wonderful loving homes. Please enjoy our newsletter as we welcome the start of 2017! We have tried to include something for everyone including:

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

Mesha Randolph, President
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Success Stories – How your donations add up!

George was found hit by a car in the street. He suffered from brain swelling, a shattered leg and lots of bumps and bruises. We all waited and prayed that he would pull through and he did! The leg was so badly injured that it required amputation, but after healing up George found his forever family and was adopted. He is now loving life as a happy spoiled tripod! **Keeping your pets secure in your home and yard can prevent painful and sometimes deadly injuries. Most animals hit by a car do not have a happy ending!**



Bingo came into our rescue as an adorable 7 week old puppy. She was found and taken to the emergency vet who called to see if we could help. What initially looked to be an infected wound on her neck, turned out to be a completely broken jaw! Bingo had to have her jaw wired shut until the bones healed and special feeding by her foster. After a rough start to life, this heeler mix pup has done great and was also adopted in 2016!

Wolfie came from a home where unaltered dogs had been breeding and inbreeding repeatedly. The owners didn't have the funds to adequately feed let alone provide veterinary care. He was too weak and underweight to eat or drink unless from a syringe which had to be done around the clock for weeks.

After fighting so hard to save him, his fosters couldn't imagine anyone else loving him more. He was adopted as a "foster fail" and now lives a spoiled life as Beans with his own Facebook page!



4 months in foster

Lulu is one that will stand out in our minds and hearts for years to come. She was initially found in terrible shape which left us stunned and heartbroken for her. She was starved, weak, and covered in porcupine quills. She tried to run in fear at first, but her ankles were so weak they buckled under her. Once we got her to the vet, examinations showed she had been shot – TWICE. Her injured body was also fighting two types of tick fever infections and Lyme disease. Her body has taken almost a year to heal from everything she has suffered. Her heart and mind are still learning to trust.

Please NEVER leave an animal to survive alone!!

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Tips to create a better furry family!



Spaying and neutering is a huge benefit to your pet!

Obviously an altered pet prevents future unwanted litters. But there are many more health benefits! It prevents painful mammary tumors in females and other cancer types too. It reduces the urge to escape and roam, can help with male dogs marking, and eliminates pyometra from ever occurring in females. Your female cat won't meow all hours of the day and night, and your male cat is less likely to mark too.

Help your dog grow his social network!

Dogs are pack animals, they do best when they have an active social life! Walks help exercise both of your bodies and their mind. Visits to a dog park or pet friendly business to meet new people and pets can help them learn and maintain good manners. Being left alone all day your pup can get bored and rarely finds entertainment you would want them to choose! Don't be afraid to take a training class no matter the age of your pup. You and your dog can always learn some new tricks.



Pets like their toys just like people

Ever have a favorite tv show or toy? Pets are no different! Cats love chasing and climbing, dogs get a thrill out of chasing, running, and chewing. Help your pet love you even more by making sure they have fun and safe things to interact with. They are happier, and you will be happier too when they choose their toys over your furniture or shoes!



Which food is right for my pet?

When shopping, most of us look to the price tag first. When choosing a food for your pet taking the time to look at the labels is even more important. Ingredients are always listed by the most common first, so looking for quality ingredients is a great place to start. But, don't forget to also look at the servings. One food may only cost \$20 for a bag, but you need to feed 2 cups a day. Another better quality food may cost \$30 a bag – but it lasts twice as long by only needing to feed 1 cup a day. So the cheaper bag could end up costing you more because it's gone twice as fast. A better quality food also absorbs better which results in less poop –and that's always a good thing!

Protect the babies!

Most pediatricians advise not taking newborn babies out in public the first few weeks until their immune system is stronger. Young puppies and kittens are no different! Until your furry baby has had at least two of the booster vaccination sets please keep them at home. Public places like parks, streets, and businesses have a huge exposure chance for germs. Just like we can get the flu from a shopping cart at the store – your puppy could get parvo from the grass at the dog park. We all love to take our pets on trips, but wait until you know they have the resources in their immune system to stay safe – and save you from unnecessary vet bills.

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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We can't do it without YOU!

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 supporting us through **Amazon Smile** 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 2016 we had 81% of our expenses go directly to animal care** including food, supplies, crates, and veterinary care. We spent approximately 6% of expenses on fundraising events, and for every \$1 spent we raised \$1.90 almost doubling our money. The remaining 13% of expenses went to administrative costs such as our website, transport costs, fees, insurance, 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 compensation for their time to maximize funds for the animals in our care!**

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 animals, what size, breed, and/or age you are comfortable with and we work together to find a foster animal that fits your situation. You can find out more and send in an application at our website

www.dustbowlanimalrescue.com under “Foster & Volunteer”.



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! We have regular adoption events and fundraisers where you can help with a wide range of duties. Payment in loveable furry kisses is always available! 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, vaccinate and
THANK YOU so much for your support!*