

In this issue—

- The Big Freeze
- Tippy Gets Adopted!
- New Partnership
- Meet a Volunteer
- Featured Pet
- Success Stories
- East Texas Giving Day
- Other Ways to Give
- Our Wish List
- Upcoming Events

The Big Freeze

Our early February at the animal shelter was one of busy preparation, as we readied our shelter facility for bad weather. Preparations included moving all the big dogs inside into large crates, stocking up on fresh water, sending up prayers that our electricity remained on, and letting all of our faucets trickle so we didn't have broken pipes. After a few harrowing trips on icy roads, the decision was made to have one of our dedicated kennel techs stay on site, so all the animals would have fresh food, water and exercise daily. Despite rolling blackouts in the area, the shelter never once lost power. Much thanks to all those volunteers and employees who helped us "weather the storm".



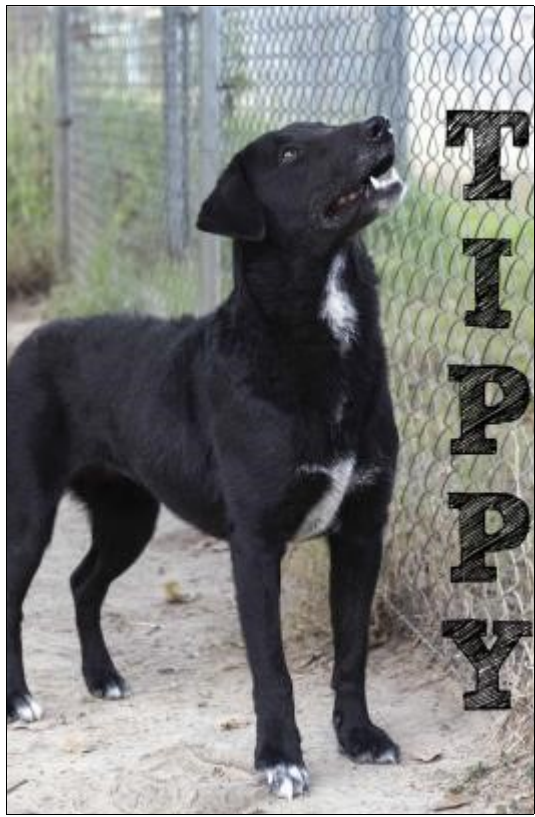
Volunteers and staff ready the shelter for the winter storm in February 2021



Giant icicle from the shelter roof and the view from our lobby door during the winter storm in February

Long Term Shelter Resident Finds Forever Home!

Tippy, the second longest resident of the animals we currently have at APET's animal shelter, found her forever home this quarter! This lovely black and white Lab mix was adopted and given a permanent home after spending one year and nine months with us. We love getting all our animals into loving homes, but the days the "long timers" get adopted are the best days of all!



APET and HUMANE TOMORROW

APET is excited to announce a new partnership with Humane Tomorrow, a Texas based, non-profit, all volunteer organization, dedicated to the rescue and placement of unwanted and abused animals all through the north Texas region. They sponsor a program called Love on Wheels, whose mission it is to move dogs from overcrowded Texas shelters and transport them to areas where demand for adoptable dogs exceeds supply.

Humane Tomorrow partners with Helping Hounds Dog Rescue in DeWitt, NY. A dog selected by APET and Humane Tomorrow goes into foster care for two weeks, to assess behavior issues and see if there are any health issues which may preclude making the long trip from Texas to New York..

Due to this wonderful opportunity, APET is currently seeking dedicated volunteers who would be interested in fostering for a short, two week period. If you would be interested in fostering for these short time spans, please call the shelter at 903-638-6902 and speak to the shelter director.

Meet A Volunteer!

It is a fact that APET could not do all that it does to help neglected and abandoned animals without the help of its dedicated volunteers.

With that in mind, we thought it might be nice for our members to meet some of them. Macka McMillen first came to our attention when she brought a large donation of dog beds and cash to our shelter. Asked if she would like to volunteer, Macka readily agreed.

Macka has a life-long love of animals and it shows in all she does. She walks all the dogs when she volunteers at the shelter, taking time to brush each one, or massage our office cat, Gidget.

Macka gives her mother credit for instilling in her respect for all animals. She practices a vegetarian lifestyle and moderation in all things except love of our furry friends. Macka herself says “coming to the shelter is therapeutic for me! It gives me an emotional lift. I get so attached I can’t come out every week or I would probably take them all home!”

Macka has truly been a blessing to us and all the animals at the shelter. Always ready to assist, in any way she can, Macka hates to have her photo taken, so instead we agreed to publish a photo of her hands. In those hands lies what we call “Macka magic”. Join us in saluting this wonderful volunteer!



Macka massaging Gidget

Featured Pet of the Quarter

Our featured pet this quarter is the dignified and beautiful KANE. This Lab/Golden Retriever mix is quite the “looker”! Beautiful golden eyes complement his golden and oh so soft fur! Kane is a big boy, weighing in at 56 pounds. He is four years old, sweet and docile. He walks well on a leash. When you stop he stops. He knows the commands “sit” and “down”. Kane does fine around older children, but it is unknown how he acts with cats. He does not like other dogs, so he will need to be the only dog in the home. Kane can jump over a tall fence, so he needs to be in a home where someone will leash walk him and let him stay in the house, or where he will have an outdoor run with a top on it so that he cannot escape. Playful and loving, Kane is up to date on all vaccines, neutered and microchipped. Won’t you give this handsome fella a chance?

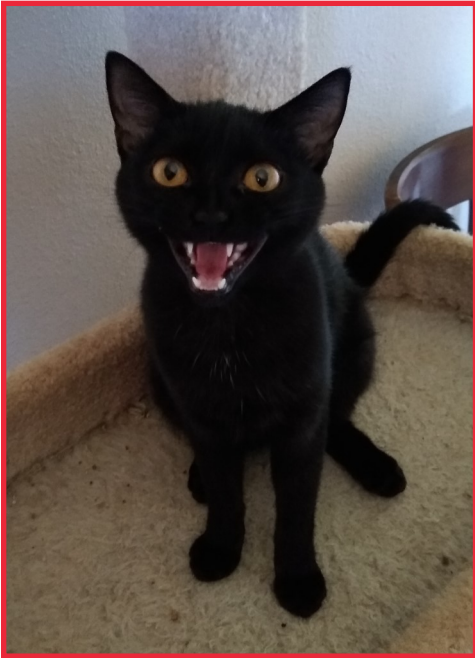
For more info on Kane or any of our other adoptable animals, please call the shelter at 903-638-6902.



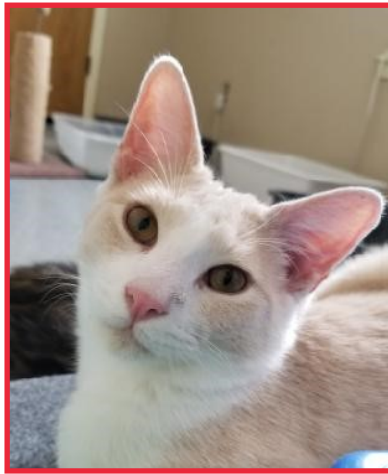
Gorgeous KANE!

Success Stories

Just Some of the Animals your Support has Made Possible a Forever Home



Mercury



Prince



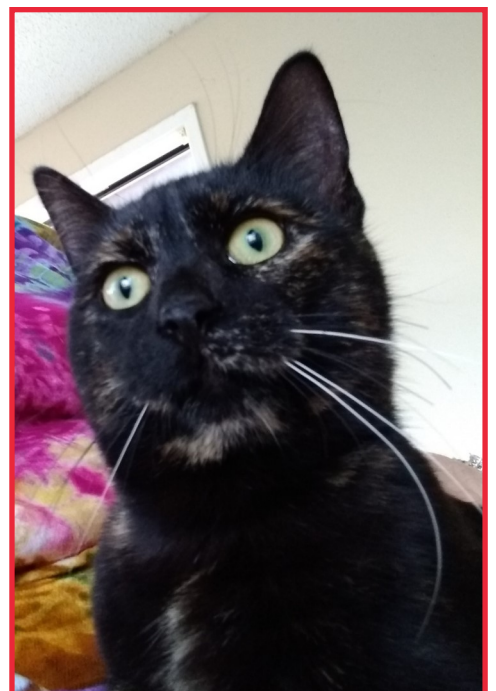
Buddy



Chief

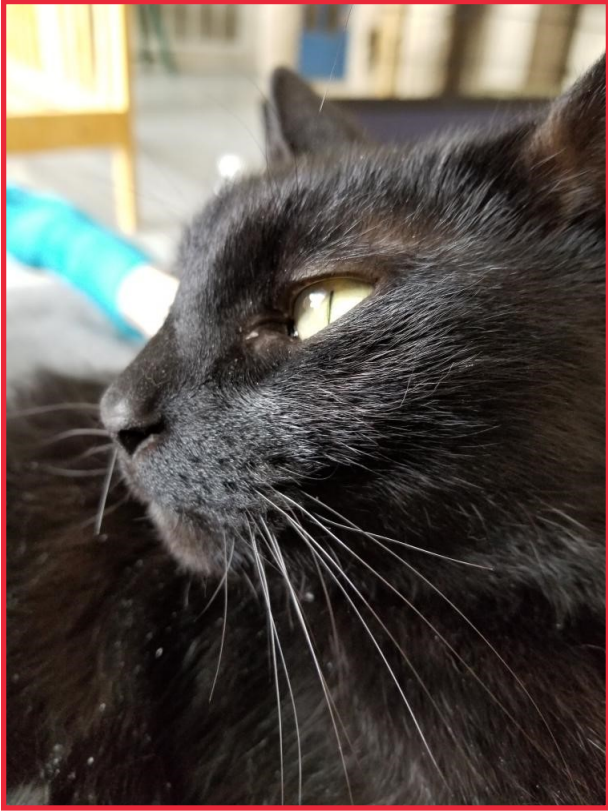


Maggie



Patches

More Success Stories



Timon



Copper



Nan



Bess



Max



EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



It's that time of year again! Time for the East Texas Giving Day, sponsored by the East Texas Communities Foundation. This event brings the region together as one community, raising money and awareness for local non-profits. This event is designed to inspire people to give generously of both their time and treasure to help make our region stronger, creating a thriving community for all.

COVID impacted APET's operating funds which impacted the number of animals we could help in the past year. But we remain committed to only adopting out fully vaccinated animals that have been spayed or neutered, and are heartworm negative. Further, currently we are unable to accept very young puppies and kittens because we do not have the proper isolation facilities to keep them safe from diseases until they can be vaccinated. We would like to change that by adding a nursery to our facility. Won't you please help us continue our mission to assist our community and the animals of Wood County by giving generously and/or becoming a member?

Best of all, you don't have to wait until April 27th to make an impact. You can give right now, today. Simply click on the East Texas Giving Day logo above or click [here](#) to be taken directly to APET's page on the ETCF's site. And a very warm "Thank you" in advance!

Other Ways to Give



When you shop at Amazon Smile, and you list APET-SPCA as your designated charity, we receive a small donation from every purchase. The more you spend, the more we earn. It's an easy way to support the animals we all love, and it costs you nothing extra. So remember to go to Amazon Smile next time you need to shop, and select us as your charity of choice. We thank you, the dogs thank you, and the cats thank you **(which is a lot coming from the cats)!**



Also, if you shop at chewy.com, please designate APET-SPCA as your shelter of choice. We make it easy for you to give by providing a “wish-list” of items that we always need at our shelter. If you are a new Chewy customer and you designate us, we will receive a \$15 credit to use on the website. It’s a win for everyone. Thanks in advance!

BECOME A MEMBER

Our membership program is one of our principle avenues to capture funding for our operating initiatives. We so appreciate each and every one of you members who make so much of what we do possible. Our current focus is on offering animals of Wood County a second chance. In light of these efforts, if you would like to give a gift membership for family or friends, or if you know someone who may like to become a member of our organization, please call the shelter and give us your name and address, and we will send you a membership application. We have several different levels of membership available. Please call 903-638-6902 and we will send that application right away. Thank you!



Spring Tip for our Furry Friends

Keep Easter lilies and chocolate bunnies in check! Those yummy treats are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies are toxic and can be fatal if ingested by cats. Azaleas as well can be highly toxic if ingested. Also, cats and dogs both are notorious for eating the colorful plastic grass of Easter baskets, which can lead to an obstructed bowel, vomiting, and dehydration. Be careful with the chemicals used in your spring cleaning routine as well, as many of these are harmful to our furry friends.

OUR WISH LIST

Things we can always use

- Kitty Litter
- Dry dog food
- Harnesses
- Bleach
- Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toys
- Dog Treats
- Warm Blankets
- Litter Boxes



LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER

If you live in Wood County and are in need of a low cost spay or neuter for your pets, please call **903-760-SNAP**. This is **SNAP** (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) and it is available for all residents of Wood County. If you are outside of Wood County, please call *Animal Protection League* at 903-439-2953 for low cost spay/neuter and vaccines.



***Please don't litter,
Fix your critter!***

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 2nd - Petsense in Lindale. APET will have the adoption RV at the big Petsense event. There will be treats for kids and pets alike, provided by Petsense. Come out and join the fun from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

Friday, May 7th. & Saturday, May 8th - Mineola Spring Market, held at the Mineola Civic Center, 1150 N. Newsom Street. APET will be there from 10:00AM to 4:00PM both days with plenty of adoptable pets! Be there or be square!

Spring is nature's
way of saying...

Let's Party!!

Robin Williams

