



Stone County Humane Society

Paw Prints

January 2021

Presidents Message

Tina Holmlund, SCHS President



2020 was a difficult year but it proved how resilient we can be – together. I cannot adequately express how thankful I am for your support and understanding during these trying times. Some of the new protocols were frustrating but the Board, staff, adopters and community complied so we have been able to continue operating during Covid-19 safely. We closed the shelter to everyone except a few essential workers. Adoptions were done outside with staff and clients wearing masks. We miss having people in the shelter to walk dogs, socialize cats and tour the facility, but we must stay safe.

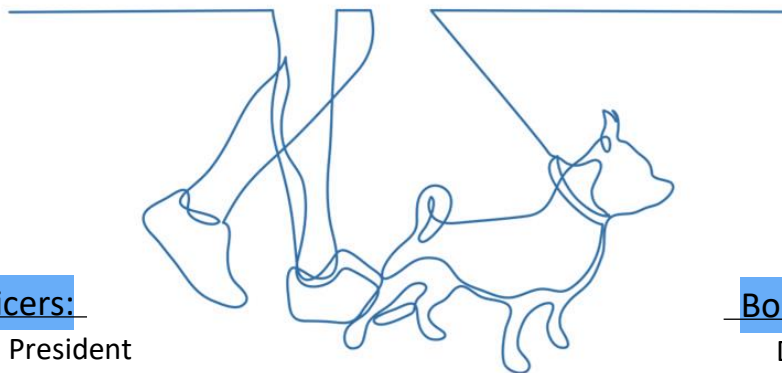
In spite of the obstacles presented by Covid-19 we have had more animal adoptions than any previous year (see adoption chart on page 2). It is apparent that as we socially distance, quarantine and wear masks, animals bring us comfort and joy. They do so much for us- we need to give back. We are not sure what 2021 will bring but we are ready to step up to any challenge, with you beside us, as we continue to improve the lives of Stone County's animals.

-Best wishes for a peaceful 2021-

To our dedicated volunteers who are eager to come help walk dogs and play with the kitties:

We will reopen our doors as soon as it is safe. We cannot risk anyone coming into the building and possibly getting the staff sick. If we get sick, there is no one to take care of the animals.

-We appreciate your patience and understanding-



SCHS Officers:

Tina Holmlund, President
Jerry Weber, Vice President
Deanna Benson, Recording Secretary
Bonnie Dumas, Treasurer
Linda Peters, Assistant Treasurer

Board Members:

Debbie Devito
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Carole Weber

The Corona Virus caused us to do things a little differently this year. We encouraged everyone to get online to view our animals and fill out an adoption application for any animals they wanted to meet. Our adoption coordinator then contacted them to set an appointment. All adoptions took place outside with everyone wearing masks.

This system continues to work great as we head into 2021 and will continue for as long as necessary.

The total number of dogs surrendered to us in 2020 equaled the number we found homes for, which is 151. We also found good homes for 78 cats. Although the number of unwanted animals in the community saddens us, we love when it feels like a revolving door at the shelter because that means we are finding homes for all of these orphans.

Adoption Stats:

Dogs	2020	2019
Adopted	137	93
Transported	14	8
Total Adopted/Transported	151	101
Surrendered	151	109
Returned to Owners	33	23
Cats	2020	2019
Adopted	78	58
Surrendered	87	66
Returned to Owner	3	0

Please Send Us Updates!

We tend to become attached to the animals that pass through our shelter. Opportunities to see them happy in their forever homes is the rewarding part.

Please, PLEASE send us updates.

Most adopters stop updating us after a week or so, but we would love to hear from everyone, even if it has been a year or more.

You can message us on Facebook, email us at schs@yelcot.net or text the person you were in contact with when you adopted your pet.

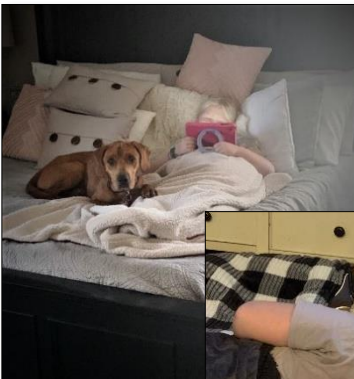
-Thank You in Advance-

**Bear**

was adopted long before the pandemic, but his owner became ill and could no longer care for him. He was brought back to the shelter and it broke our hearts. Bear deserved to be in a stable, loving home in his old age. It is difficult to find someone willing to adopt a senior dog, not to mention a 90 pound one! One day an amazing woman came to take Bear on a walk...the rest is history. She fell in love with the gentle giant and Bear was taken to Rosebud to live out his days with his forever friends and family.

**Brodie**

arrived at the shelter with an injured salivary gland. After numerous unsuccessful attempts to treat it, the poor boy had to undergo expensive surgery (special thanks to everyone who donated to help pay for that). By the time his neck healed, Brodie's six siblings had already been adopted. He was the last to go, but boy did he hit the jackpot! He was adopted by a family with young boys to play with and a huge farm to run around!

**Peyton**

was afraid of anyone he did not know. One family took him home but had to bring him back because their dog rejected him. They sent him back with a letter detailing how wonderful he was. We showed this letter to a man interested in Peyton and he decided to give it a try. The picture to the left of Peyton cuddled up in blankets was his first night there...in his forever home with his lovely family. They cannot get enough of him and as you can see, he is spoiled (and deserves it!)

Haley

came to our shelter as a 4-month-old who had an overwhelming fear of strangers. Several adopters appeared interested, but once they saw how afraid she was, they didn't want to put in the effort to gain her trust. Haley lived in our shelter for over a year until a lady called and declared she wanted Haley! She had researched the Vizsla breed and understood it would take time for Haley to become comfortable with her family. It only took Haley a few days to adjust and now she lives a happy life with her loving family.

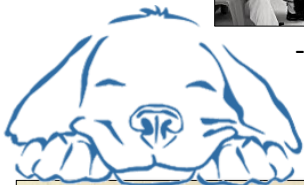




The Paws in Prison program was able to continue during the pandemic as well. The PIP trainer, Sandy Olivera, communicated weekly with the inmates via written questionnaires and training exercises.



-22 SCHS Dogs were adopted from the PIP Program in 2020-



Forever Homes



Frankie & Eddie



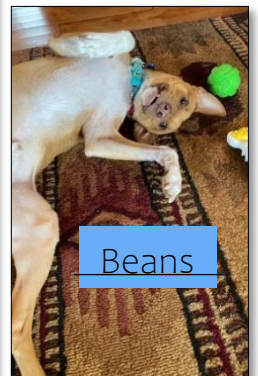
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Alfie



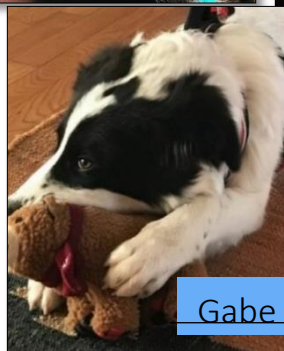
Alex



Beans



Dalton



Gabe



Skittles



Luna



Ethel



The Second Chance Resale Shop is our "thrift store" located at 210 W Main Street on the square. The shop is operated by volunteers and all proceeds go towards care for our animals. Please check out Janet Kirch's Marketplace on Facebook where store items are listed. And be sure and stop by, we would love to see you!

RESALE SHOP

**Your donations are what keep this store alive.
Please bring any donations to the store or the shelter **



Low Cost Spay/Neuter

Once a month, SCHS holds a Spay/Neuter Clinic at Nixon's Animal Hospital for low-income residents. This clinic is available to Stone County residents only.

Clients pay \$30 for their pet to be fixed and SCHS pays the remaining \$45. Appointments can be made by calling SCHS at (870) 269-5200.

Spay/Neuter	2020	2019
Dogs	183	182
Cats	182	154
Total Animals S/N	365	336
Total Paid to Dr. Nixon for S/N	\$18,285	\$16,840

This chart shows the number of animals altered through SCHS.
(NOT including Spay Arkansas clinics)

Spay Arkansas

SCHS proudly partnered with Spay Arkansas to offer high quality and affordable spay/neuter services. These clinics are available to Stone and its surrounding 6 counties. **The total animals altered in 2020 with Spay Arkansas was 546.** Our July clinic was done "drive-by" style; the clients drove up, masks on, animals already in crates. Masked volunteers outside took the animals and handed them off to the masked vet techs and veterinarians inside. Very new and interesting experience for all involved.

The clients paid \$15 per cat and \$25 per dog. This low price also included rabies shots, annual shots, flea/tick meds if needed and Ehrlichia (the tick disease) tests for the dogs. The Ehrlichia positive dogs even got sent home with medication to treat their disease.

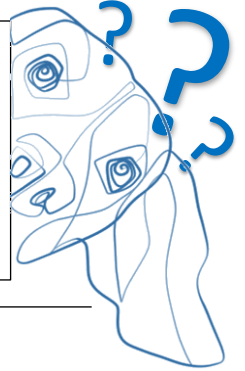
LOW COST
Spay/Neuter
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Did You Know...



Your dog can get **HEARTWORMS** from a tiny mosquito bite?!
 Or **EHRlichia** (the tick disease) from a single tick?!
 Or **FLEAS** from your best friend's dog?



The Best Treatment is Prevention!

Prevention is easy and less expensive than treating any issues those bugs create for your pets.
 Just give your pet medicine each month to keep those pesky bugs off of them.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

P.S... Pets can get fleas from your best friend's dog that always comes over or your neighbor's pet that likes to visit your home. Fleas can come from the least expected source.
 All of your animals (indoor AND outdoor) should be treated with flea/tick preventative.

Over the Rainbow Bridge

Donations Made in Memory of Pets That Have Passed on ...

"Freckles" Alexander
Tina Holmlund

"Ginie" Alexander
Tina Holmlund
Ed/Pam Alexander

"Bella Moon" Badgley
Tina Holmlund

"Scarlet" Brackin
Dr. Kenny/Lynne Wyatt

"Brody" Crymes
Kenneth/Connie
Crymes

"Bob" & "Rosie" Devito
Debbie Devito

"Foxy" Harp
Tina Holmlund
Ed/Pam Alexander
Suzanne Harrison
Linda Peters

"Coach" Hinkle
Freda Lancaster

"Bear" Hurt
Ed/Pam Alexander

"Cleo" Jolly
Ed/Pam Alexander

"Gabby" Kluthe
Paula Dunham

"Bernie" Malloy
Tina Holmlund

"Maggie" McClung
Tina Holmlund

"Gladdie" Newberry
Debra/Ronnie
Newberry
Tina Holmlund

**"Pepper Jean" and
"Mac" Nicholson**
Bonnie Dumas
Tina Holmlund

"Coco" Peters
Linda Peters
Tina Holmlund

"Whiskey" Pierce
Tina Holmlund

"Bella" Smith
Leslie Klemme

"Penny" Weber
Jane Malloy

"Gabe" White
John/Kay Thomas

"Oreo" Wyatt
Ed/Pam Alexander

"Achillies" Zini
Freda Lancaster

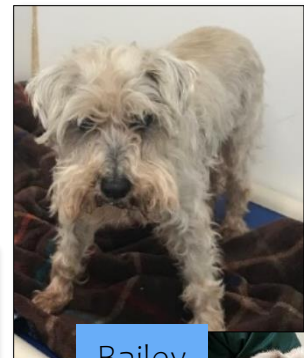


I crossed the Rainbow Bridge knowing that I was loved!

Before and After



Whiskers



Bailey



Sophie



Quinn



In Loving Memory

Donations Made in Memory of Family and Friends ...



Frank Banker:
Shirley Cleveland

Lelaine Cleaves:
Bonnie Dumas

Dwain Freeze:
Carrie Reading
Cheri Nelson

L.C. Gammill:
Paula Dunham
Tina Holmlund

Ruth Bader Ginsburg:
Maureen Brock

Arnold Hearn:
Kay Thomas

Brenda Hunter:
Maureen Brock
Tina Holmlund
Linda Peters
Charles/Mary Pfister

Sherlyn Irvine:
Beverly Larson

Ginger Lancaster:
Linda Peters

Charlotte Lawrence:
Sharon Rosa

Roger Lee:
Tina Holmlund

Huey P. Long:
Barry/Beverly Pierce

David S. Palmer:
Linda Peters

Helen Parsons:
Sharon Rosa

Jim Perkins:
Bonnie Dumas

Julie Snow:
Sharon Rosa

Ginger Lancaster:
Linda Peters

Myrtle Weber:
Tina Holmlund
Pam Alexander
Linda Peters

Bill Whitten:
Paula Dunham
Bonnie Dumas
First United
Methodist Church Choir
Nancy Fowlkes
Tina Holmlund
Linda Peters
Robin Whitten

Vivian Willis:
Jane Moring
Tina Holmlund



SCHS would like to acknowledge and thank these generous donors from our community:

Ed/Pam Alexander

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Dickie/Judy Bishop

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Lorraine Bradshaw

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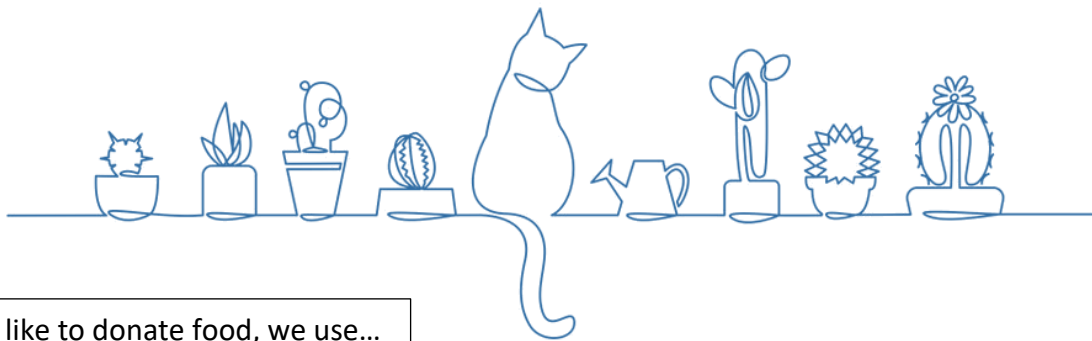
Dr. Eric Spann

Kay Thomas

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Cynthia/Thomas Wise



If you would like to donate food, we use...



We also accept any and every kind of unwanted cat/dog food. Anything we don't use is given to those in the community struggling to feed their animals.

**MEMBERS
MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE!**

Your annual membership dues support daily operations, which include kennel staff salaries and all aspects of animal care (food, meds, vet services, etc).

**Membership:**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about becoming a member

Existing Members, please click [HERE](#) to renew/pay annual dues

If you would just like to make a donation without becoming a member, click [HERE](#)

If you prefer to write a check please include the form as well.

Membership Form

☐ Family - \$40
☐ Single Adult - \$25
☐ Senior Citizen (over 65) - \$15
☐ Corporate - \$200

ADDED DONATION:

Name

Address

City & State Zip

Phone No. E-Mail

☐ I would like to receive future newsletters via e-mail.

Thank You for Your Support!

Checks can be made out to SCHS (Stone County Humane Society)
and mailed to: Stone County Humane Society
17379 Hwy 9
Mountain View, AR 72560

Meet Lucy!



Lucy has been at the shelter for a total of 580 days (as of 2/8/2021).

The reason Lucy has not found her forever home yet is because she is very shy and takes time to trust people. Once she feels comfortable around you, she is a fun gal. Lucy loves playing catch and to run wild with other dogs in the play yard. She is aggressive towards other female dogs and some males, so a home without other animals, or with a male dog she gets along with, would be ideal.

Lucy needs a special someone to take her home and give her time to adjust and settle in. If you would like to give this sweet girl a chance, please call the Stone County Humane Society at 870-269-5200

Will you be Lucy's special someone?

