



Dust Bowl Animal Rescue, Inc. 2013 Annual Newsletter

What a Year!

2013 Milestones

- Founded – Jan 2013
- First Adoption – Mar 2013
- 501c3 status granted – May 2013
- First adoption event as Adoption Partner with Petsmart Charities – May 2013
- First grant received from Purina – Sept 2013
- Over 1,000 members on Facebook – Sept 2013

By the Numbers

- 17 animals saved this year through joint efforts with other rescue groups.
- 28 inspected foster homes across the Permian Basin
- 94 animals safe and in foster care waiting to be adopted
- **230 animals adopted this year - including 180+ with Petsmart Charities in Odessa!**
- Over \$40,000 in veterinary care provided to rescued animals for emergency care, vaccinations, and spay/neuter.

Who and what is DBAR?

Dust Bowl Animal Rescue or DBAR is a new 501c3 non-profit animal rescue group in Midland/Odessa. We take in animals from high-kill shelters, owners who can no longer care for them, and those found as strays to give them quality homes. We provide care while they are fostered in individual's homes until they are healthy and ready for adoption. The majority of the animals we help are domestic pets like cats and dogs - but we have also helped several horses, llamas, and even a pot-bellied pig! We also strive to serve as a resource to our community and all pet owners by providing education and information on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of spay/neuter, positive behavior training, and good nutrition.

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 of the community. The officers and board are so grateful and humbled by the support we have received this year. As a thank you for your support, we have included something for everyone including:

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Saving just one animal won't change the world, but it surely changes the world for that one animal.

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

Jamie Cockburn, President

Mesha Randolph, Vice President

Katherine Kirk, Treasurer/Secretary

2013 Board Members and Administrators

Tammy Lorenz Kath Baer Winter Hunt

Carly Underwood Lorrie Norris

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Success Stories – Your Donation Dollars in Action!

These are just a few of the hundreds of stories from 2013



Sweetie was our first livestock rescue. She was in very bad shape when we picked her up in late January with a history of cribbing. Just 5 months later she was beautiful, healthy, and adopted to the life she deserved with one of our members!

Rocky is a boxer/pit mix who was surrendered to us by his owner who was dying of cancer. A recent update from his owners - "He had a trip to Port Aransas and loved the ocean. He loves his new sister Samantha and she has lost weight and he has gained (which was the goal). He also is good with our 4 donkeys and sleeps every night like doughnut at my feet in bed, I couldn't love him more! Thanks so much for making the match!" She calls him the "Rock Star"!



Shiloh was found roaming the streets extremely emaciated. She is currently putting on weight and enjoying a warm home and soft bed in foster care. Once she is healthy she will be available for adoption!



Lady was dumped by her owner at a gas station in Midland before we took her into foster care. Less than 2 weeks later she gave birth to SEVEN puppies that are now all grown up like Zeko!



Fannie is a very special story. She was brought into the vet office by a good samaritan with a horrible injury exposing over half of her face. The doctors called us to ask if we could help. Their best guess is that she was attacked by another dog through a fence. This required immediate surgery and to complicate things she was obviously very pregnant and underweight. We reached out to our members and Fannie is our first viral success! We had thousands in donations from over 10 different states to allow us to give her the care she needed. She is currently nursing 5 adorable babies in foster care. While her injury was graphic and painful it should only be cosmetic giving her a permanent smile to match her loving personality long term.

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Helpful Pet Tips!



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 all 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 smack 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 or SPONSOR

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. As a 501c3 organization (Tax ID #46-1901826) all donations are tax deductible and none of our officers, board, fosters, or volunteers have ever received a paycheck.

You can donate in several ways:

PayPal 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

Donate **directly to our veterinary bills** at

Angel Veterinary Clinic 3412 W University Odessa 79764 432-381-0470

Tall City Veterinary 4604 W Wall Midland 79703 432-694-6658

You can also buy items from our **Amazon wish list** that ship directly to us for our fosters from our website!



ADOPT Rescue animals are not damaged - they are wonderful animals who deserve a loving home and know enough to appreciate it. We have animals of every size, breed, and age you can imagine. Fostered animals have been in homes, around other pets and children so we can help find the best fit for you. All of our animals are vaccinated (appropriate for age), tested, altered or come with a voucher worth half of the adoption fee for spay/neuter.

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.



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

We have a regular need for volunteers to clean and play with our cats at the Odessa Petsmart adoption center in their store in addition to volunteer opportunities helping 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! Thank you for your support!

