



Animal Rescue Foundation

**ARF**

Fall 2019

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## Catio Construction Projects

The Catio has been completed and the cats love being able to enjoy the great outdoors. In fact they love it so much it has become a challenge for the volunteers to round up the cats each evening and bring them back indoors.



## HERDING CATS:

“A futile attempt to control that which is inherently uncontrollable”



**BSNAP**

Bartlesville Spay/Neuter Assistance Programs

YEAR TO DATE

**808**

**dogs & cats have been sterilized at ARF's Spay/Neuter Clinics**

Our on site Spay/Neuter clinics have been filling up fast. The next clinic is September 28th. You must register and prepay in cash to hold a spot. This is our last clinic in 2019.

Dog surgery includes rabies shot if needed

less than 39 lbs	\$60
40 - 89 lbs	\$70
90 lbs on up	\$80

Cat surgery includes rabies shot if needed \$45  
There may be added costs such as if the females are in heat, already pregnant, or if other shots are requested.

Call 918-766-0991 for more info

## 2019 Adoptions

	Cats	Dogs
Jan	1	18
Feb	1	17
Mar	1	28
Apr	2	10
May	2	14
June	3	10
July	9	21
Aug	6	19

Year to Date Adoptions

Cats	Dogs
28	148

## Adoption & Occupancy

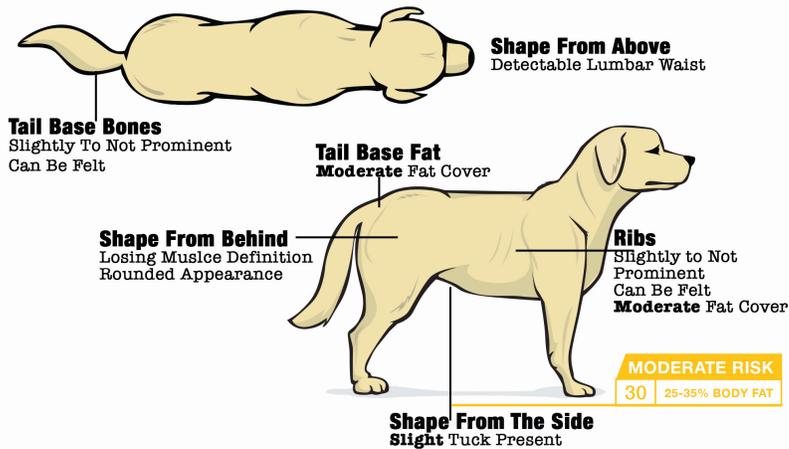
### ARF Occupancy

Felines: 35	Canines: 23
In Foster Care	
Felines: 0	Canines: 5

Adoptions to Date:

**1405**

Just As Little As 5 Extra Pounds Can Put Your Dog At Risk For A Number Of Preventable Diseases

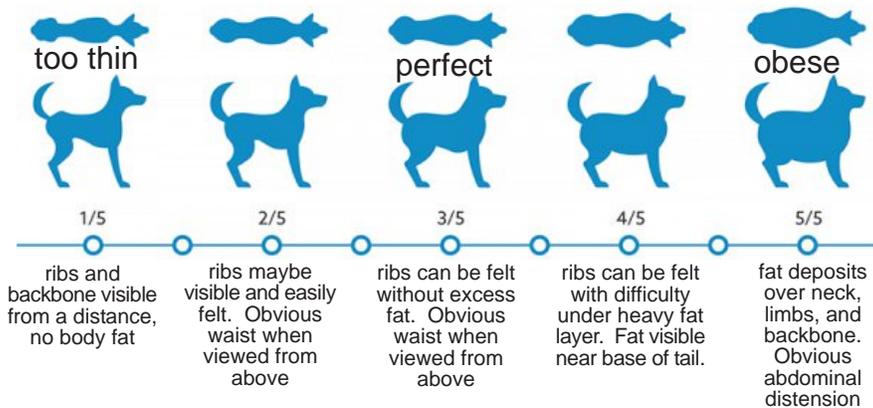


According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention “an estimated 52.6% of US dogs and 57.6% of US cats are overweight or obese.”

The Association identifies the following diseases/disorders that most commonly result from obesity:

- 1 Osteoarthritis
- 1 Insulin Resistance and Type 2 Diabetes
- 1 High Blood Pressure
- 1 Heart and Respiratory Disease
- 1 Cranial Cruciate Ligament Injury
- 1 Kidney Disease
- 1 Many Forms of Cancer
- 1 Decreased life expectancy (up to 2.5 years)

**Body Condition Scoring Chart**



If your pet is overweight please talk to your Veterinarian

Written by, Lisa Daxer who studied animal behavior as part of a psychology degree.

“Abuse? Not really. I would call it “negligence” more than anything else, maybe “neglect” if the cause of your pet’s weight had something to do with untreated medical issues and/or your unwillingness to spend time with the pet, walking a dog or playing with a cat, rather than just shoving food at it and pretending that food is the same thing as attention.

Mild to moderate obesity in a pet is common and isn’t really an indication of this type of neglect, though. Many perfectly responsible pet owners end up with overweight pets. They free-feed kibble, and the animal happens to have the tendency to overeat a bit, and it gradually gets bigger over the years. Or they just love the overjoyed reaction that the pet has when they give it treats, so they give too many. Moderately overweight pets are not usually being abused or neglected; they just need high-quality food in appropriate amounts and a bit of playtime.

There are a few owners who do let their pets get extremely fat. In those cases, the owner usually lacks insight into the pet’s condition and the damage it can do. When a cat or a dog is extremely obese, to the point of mobility impairment, the owner is usually unable to resist giving the animal as much food as it will eat because the owners themselves have issues related to food. We often project onto our pets, and sometimes the “food=love” issues that are so easy to acquire in our modern weight-obsessed culture transfer to pets, too.

I call this “negligence” rather than “abuse” because the person in question is just not thinking about their animal’s welfare. It’s like feeding human food to your dog because “he likes it so much”, or not locking up your guns when there’s a small child in the house, or any number of stupid, thoughtless things you could do.

Mild to moderate obesity in pets is usually something that sneaks up on otherwise responsible owners. Severe obesity of the type mentioned is generally due to negligence, shortsightedness, or emotional problems in the owner. Sometimes they can be persuaded to take better care of their pet; but sometimes they really shouldn’t have a pet to begin with.”

# Heartfelt Dog Stories



## Phoenix

Phoenix is a 6 year old Pug mix that came to ARF January 30, 2019 from a Tulsa shelter with a very high euthanasia rate. We named him Phoenix because he needed to rise from the ashes, literally. Every bone in his body was visible and he had a horrible case of kennel cough. After 3 months of antibiotics and a good diet he is a happy go lucky guy.

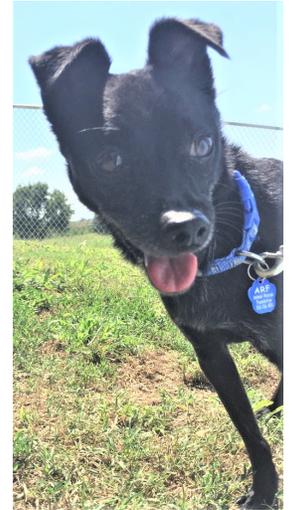
He weighs 18 lbs now compared to 10 lbs when he arrived. He gets along great with people and dogs. His hold up in being adopted is that he is definitely not housebroken. He is now comfortable wearing a doggy diaper when he is in the office.



## Maverick

Maverick is a 8-9 year old Schipperke mix. He weighs about 11 lbs and is a sweet little guy. He is a bit shy at first, but warms up to you quickly and then would be a snuggle buddy. He needs a quiet atmosphere which means calm dogs and calm children. His favorite thing at ARF is to sit out on his patio and watch over the field and pond behind ARF.

Maverick came to ARF because his family was moving out of state and did not want to take him along



## Delilah

Delilah is a 2 year old Husky/Boxer mix. She is super sweet and gets along with all people and most dogs. She is very playful and is a little too pushy for some dogs. She loves puppies and other playful dogs. She is already housebroken and is ready for a new home. How can you say no to those gorgeous blue eyes?



Dog adoption fees are \$150 which includes spay/neuter, heartworm testing, and all basic shots. It also includes a free 1 year membership to our onsite 5 Acre ARF Park.

Dogs have been diagnosed with heartworm disease in every state in the U.S. Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes, so any area of the country that has mosquitoes—even just a few of them—can also have heartworm disease. Dogs don't just need prevention during warm-weather months. Heartworm preventives work by treating heartworms that already infected the pet within the past month or longer; meanwhile, preventives need to be given on time, every time to be effective. That's why the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round heartworm prevention for pets.

Save ARF printing & postage costs by viewing our newsletter online at [ARFOK.org](http://ARFOK.org). Email us at [ARFOK@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ARFOK@sbcglobal.net) if you wish to opt out of mailings!

# Heartfelt Cat Stories



## Chandler

It was a very humid day in Florida when a little 6 week old kitten was seeking shelter from the heat. He crawled into what looked like a safe place and went to sleep. He was jarred awake by the sudden movement of his safe place and immediately realized he was traveling down a highway. The little kitten held on to whatever was close and started meowing. After what seemed like forever the movement stopped and there was lots of talking going on around him. Too terrified to move, he kept quiet. Soon the RV was on the move again. He watched the road rush past him and the heat was almost unbearable. Again he started meowing thinking that this time if he heard people he would go to them. However he was wedged so tightly in his space that he couldn't move. When the RV finally stopped he yelled even louder and soon the seat above him was removed and he was free. The people were very nice and fed him and gave him some much needed water. The couple named him Chandler, after the town that helped rescue him, and they then made their way to Bartlesville where he ended up at ARF. He shows no sign of his travels and is a very sweet and loving kitten.

Tux originally came to ARF 6 years ago along with his Mom and 2 siblings. His whole family has been adopted. Tux and his sister were adopted into the same home. Tux came back when he developed major medical issues. ARF has taken him to 6 different vets and the best diagnosis is Irritable Bowel Syndrome. Despite trying different medications it's still very painful when he goes to the restroom.

Tux is now at a specialist in Tulsa where he stayed the night. Tomorrow he is scheduled for a colonoscopy. His total vet costs this visit will be over \$2,000. So we are asking for some help with these costs. He is such a great cat and deserves a better quality of life. Once we get his medical figured out he will be adoptable....we hope.



## Tux



## Spring

Spring is a senior Siamese mix born in 2007. She was originally taken to the WCSPCA as an owner surrender. She was soon adopted but the new owner had 2 cats who picked on Spring to the point that she hid all the time. The owner checked with the SPCA to return the cat, but they were full. She was then brought to ARF. She was recently diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. She needs 1/2 pill twice a day for the rest of her life. Other than that, Spring is very affectionate and loves to be petted. She would prefer to be an only cat and she would love to have her own home to live out her life.



Cat adoptions are \$60 This includes spay/neuter, feline leukemia testing, and all shots being up to date.

Contrary to what its name implies, feline leukemia (abbreviated as FeLV or sometimes referred to as "feleuk") is not a blood cancer – although it can cause cancer affecting the blood. Instead, it is a viral infection that can set up shop anywhere in a cat's body. Once a cat contracts the virus, it cannot be cured, but keeping a cat current on his vaccinations will prevent disease associated with FeLV. Though it is not a core vaccine, it is recommended for cats at risk for exposure to this dangerous disease.



# Puttin' on the Leash

Animal Rescue Foundation

You are invited to a casual evening to benefit Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) of Bartlesville. Friday, November 15, 6pm - 9pm at Father Lynch Hall, 8th and Keeler, east side of St. John School.

YappyHour (cash bar), Appetizers, & Dinner catered by Hilton Hotel Live Auction hosted by Roger Skelly, Silent Auction, and Wine/Beer Pull Cost \$65 per person. RSVP by November 7th (918) 766-0991. You can also purchase your tickets online at [www.arfok.org](http://www.arfok.org)

**Reservations must be confirmed with payment prior to event.  
Seating is limited so make your reservations today!**

2 of the Live Auction Items



## Mark Spencer

The owner of the Painted Horse Bar & Grille is donating a night of hospitality along with a delicious home cooked meal, for 6 couples, at his Wolf Creek Ranch. This will be an opportunity to get to know Mark and Kelly and learn the history of this ranch that provides local beef to the Painted Horse.

Joseph Micallef from Portland, Oregon is coming to Bartlesville on Saturday, March 28th to offer a class and tasting of various whiskeys from around the world. We will be auctioning off this event for 7 couples to attend. Attendees will leave with a gift.

## Joe Micallef

Joseph V. Micallef is a historian, best-selling author, keynote speaker and commentator on wine and spirits. He is a member of the National Speakers Association and has also appeared on a variety of broadcast venues including, CNN, Fox News and Fox News Radio. He has frequently spoken on the history of food, wine and spirits. He holds the Diploma in Wine and Spirits and the Professional Certificate in Spirits (with Distinction) from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust (London). He is a certified wine judge for the California State Fair Wine Competition and also a judge for the International Wines and Spirits Competition (IWSC) Among his recent books are), Scotch Whiskey: Its History, Production and Appreciation (2015). A new book, The Whisky Isles, is forthcoming.



Joyce Blevins  
Dr. Bob & Yvonne James

Dr. Dennis McClary  
Dr. Bob & Yvonne James

Peggy Kuhn  
Laurie Smith

Dana Barnett  
Diana Kirkman

Pat Tucker, mother of  
Regina Diamond  
Howard & Jayne Ferguson,  
Vicki Adams, Clova Abrahamson,  
and Jo Ann Payne

Jim Brim  
Dr. Bob & Yvonne James  
and Betsy Colvard

JoAnne Karlson  
Ralph & Lois Bergstad

Emma, beloved dog of  
L.W. & Linda Shoemaker

Shamus, beloved dog of  
Steve & Cindy Smith  
Glenda Garrison

Toby, beloved dog of  
Carolyn Oakley  
Dr. Bob & Yvonne James

Renee, beloved cat of  
Carolyn Brinkmeyer  
Ralph & Lois Bergstad

Mighty Dog, beloved dog  
of Helen Bresson  
JoAnn Payne

Maggie, beloved Jack Russell  
of Jeff & Kim Harris  
Sheila Harris Taylor

Bocelli, beloved cat of  
Vicki Adams  
Laura Hines, Howard & Jayne  
Ferguson, Sheila Harris Taylor,  
Diana Kirkman, Kay Housman,  
and Vicki Adams

Barry, beloved ARF dog  
"Humanity's true moral test,  
its fundamental test...consists  
of its attitude towards those  
who are at its mercy: animals."  
Milan Kundera

Annie, beloved cat  
of Vicki Adams  
Howard & Jayne Ferguson,  
Sheila Harris Taylor,  
Kay Housman, and Vicki Adams

Gary & Judy Kreps'  
animals  
Laura Hines and  
Sheila Harris Taylor

Gizzy, beloved dog  
of Ellen Holtsclaw

# To Become a Volunteer, Member, or Contribute to ARF of Bartlesville

Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville is run by volunteers and completely funded by donations  
 ARF is a 501 (c) (3) organization and donations are Tax Deductible! OK D.O.A. S 19

## Membership:

- Regular \$20      Senior (55+) Student \$10
- Lifetime Pet \$10      Cat \_\_\_\_\_ Dog \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## I can Help with:

- Fund Raising ideas/committees
- Special Events
- Foster Home for Dogs
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## I would like to contribute:

- Sanctuary Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Spay/Neuter Clinics \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ARF Vet bills \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Food/Litter/Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ARF Park \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Memorial \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior Partners \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

- Month (\$20 per)
- Year (\$200)

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Bring your cans to the  
 "Can Kennel" at ARF. It's located  
 on the east side of our driveway.  
 399519 US Highway 60



We are now accepting applications for dog  
 volunteers. This may include cleaning dog  
 runs, walking dogs, training basic commands,  
 and taking groups to run at the



## Employer Contributions

Many employers such as ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66 will match their employees or retirees contributions. Please check with your employer to see if they match contributions.

Many employers such as Walmart contribute to non profit organizations on behalf of their associates volunteer hours. Please check with your employer.



## SPECIAL THANKS

All of our Vounteers

### Wish List

- Paper towels
- AA & AAA batteries
- Clorox Wipes
- Litterbox deodorizer
- Dog Food
- Cat Food
- Plastic Dog Houses
- Dog Volunteers



Arrowhead Vet Clinic for organizing the  
 Doggie Dash each year with the  
 profits going to ARF & WCSPCA

Sparklight for bvc project

Cadet Odden for tending our trees

David Hazelwood for brush hogging  
 & baling the pasture

