

Angie's Friends

Aiding Neglected Dogs

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Spring 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

The Chili's fundraiser is April 9th. You will need to go to the AF website (angiesfriends.org) and print out the coupon found on the upcoming events page. The coupon is only good at the **Casa Linda Chili's** at 246 Casa Linda Plaza which is at the southeast corner of N. Buckner and Garland Roads. Just present your coupon when you pay for your meal and Angie's Friends will receive 10% of your total bill. It's a delicious way to help Angie and the babies.

Amanda will have some of Angie's kids that are available for adoption at the Easter in Lee Park and Pooch Parade Event at Lee Park on April 20th. easterinleepark.com

If you have never been to the **White Rock Local Market** you may want to try it out. Great local produce, a huge variety of other locally made foods, and arts and crafts. It is the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 8am-1pm at Northcliff and N. Buckner. Amanda often brings some of Angie's adoptables. whiterocklocalmarket.org

Goodbye Winter

Many thanks to Maria for providing many many bales of straw for Angie to put in the dog houses to help keep the dogs warm over the winter. Quite a few of the dogs brush the straw out of their houses when the weather gets warm and then when we have another cold spell Angie has to put fresh straw in the shelters. These temperature fluctuations happened often this past winter as you all will recall.

On December 7, 2013 we had icy roads. Angie tried to go out to feed the dogs she cares for in west Dallas but after her vehicle slid down a hill she decided to return home. She was very upset about not being able to get to the dogs and called as many of the owners as she could to ask them to feed and check on their dogs. The next day, she had help from Joey, one of the volunteers who helps out at adoption days. She discovered that none of the dogs had been fed. Joey is a young man and he was awestruck by how much our 70+ heroine does every day.

I filled in for Angie in January when she fell and hit her back on a large rock. She was in so much pain that she could not move. She called me and I told her we would have to call the paramedics. She would not do that until I arrived at the house where she was feeding Maxwell. The paramedics took her to the hospital. Thank goodness x-rays showed no broken bones and she was released from the hospital that afternoon. I was able to get all of the dogs fed except one who will not let anybody except Angie and her owner get close to her. Angie was back on her rounds the next day even though I offered to do the feeding for her. She was sore for several weeks but made her rounds as usual.

Adoptions

Three little ones were adopted in December. Lila (who is now Lily) went to live in east Dallas. She has new friends Jake and Ralph. Jake is a much larger dog than Lila, but they have become best friends.



Lily



Tillie



Mattie

Cindy (who is now Mattie) and Betty (who is now Tillie) were adopted by two ladies who live in Garland. We went to check on them shortly before Christmas and they are being thoroughly spoiled and loved.

Milo was seen at an adoption event in far north Dallas and his new owner, Chase, says that there was an immediate connection. Chase is excited to have a pal that he can exercise with. Chato was taken for a home visit in Ft. Worth but was returned to Angie because of friction with another dog in the house. Another man and his daughter had seen Chato at the adoption event at Highland Park Village in February and emailed just after Chato's home visit was scheduled. When Chato was returned, Angie was able to offer him to the man who was overjoyed. They live in a high-rise apartment and Chato has gotten used to riding in the elevator and loves his walks in uptown. He was so happy and content when we went to see him in early March.



Milo and Chase



Chato



Chato kisses Angie goodbye

Health Problems

Ernie, a Sharpei found on a busy street in west Dallas was almost blind due to a condition called entropion. The eyelids turn under and the eyelashes scratch the cornea of the eye. Ernie had surgery on January 18th to correct the condition and has been able to regain much eyesight, but he is still having difficulty and will need another surgery. He is a most handsome boy who is being fostered by a friend of Angie's.

Dino, one of the dogs that Angie feeds daily, appeared sick as he wouldn't eat and was very lethargic. I took him to City Vet on March 11th. We thought he might have an intestinal blockage because his owner had fed him chicken bones. (Angie always warns the owners not to feed the dogs any kind of bone but they don't always listen.) X-rays showed there was no blockage but Dr. Murphy could not find the problem. Dino was treated for an infection and did get better. He is doing well now.

Angie told me that she was going to go ahead and have Brody's left front leg amputated as it was beginning to turn under and get in his way. I got her to let me take him to my vet to see if there was any other course of action. Dr. Nelson found that it was an injury to the elbow and the major nerve was affected. There was nothing to be done and amputation would avoid any further complications of dragging the foot. Brody had the amputation on March 19. He did very well and is back with Angie recuperating. He is getting around well and is wearing a t-shirt to keep him from licking the wound as he did not react well to wearing an e-collar.



Dino



Brody before and after surgery.

Ernie

Thank you to Dr. Murphy and the staff at City Vet and to Dr. Nelson and the staff at Parkway Animal Hospital for your loving care of Dino and Brody.

The staff at City Vet tried to save another baby that Angie was given. Sweet little Jenny had a swollen bruised abdomen when she was given to Angie. It appears that she must have been kicked very hard and had a massive abdominal bleed. Once in surgery, it was determined that too much damage had been done to the abdominal wall and she could not be saved. One of the dogs that Angie has had since I met her is Girl. Girl stopped eating and began passing blood. It seems she had developed cancer so Angie and I said goodbye to her on 12-26-13.



Jenny



Jenny's bruised tummy



Sweet Girl

Follow-up

In the last newsletter I reported that Angie had climbed a fence to provide dog houses for some very skinny puppies that had no shelter. She continues to care for these babies and they are now healthy although still on chains and neglected by their owner. She has provided them with daily food and water and new collars. They probably would not have made it through the winter if not for Angie. We recently received an update on Henry who is now Ozzie. He was adopted a year ago by a lady who spends winters in Phoenix and summers in Lake Tahoe. Can we all be adopted by her? Ozzie is not showing as many naughty tendencies as he was at first but has matured and is loved “to bits”.



Ozzie



Ozzie—the life of Riley!

As you may have guessed, the vet bills have been substantial. All of us will appreciate any way that you can help—whether it is by having a meal at Chili’s on April 9th or sending a donation or adopting one of Angie’s adorable babies. Angie feeds 35+ dogs every day in west Dallas and almost as many foster dogs at her house every day. She also goes through two 16 pound bags of cat food each day. If you would like to make a donation of food, flea/tick meds, dog houses or other supplies you can contact us through the website or email me at nina.lynn@att.net.

Thank you ALL for your continued support.

Donations to: Angie’s Friends, 1208 Richland Oaks, Richardson, TX 75081 or by PayPal at <http://www.angiesfriends.org>.