

Fall 2011

Hi, all! Hope you are enjoying this cooler weather. I know Angie and the pups are glad to be done with 100+ temperatures for a while. During the heat spell, Angie was diligent about trying to keep all of the dogs as cool as possible. Besides providing plenty of water some days she would put ice in their water, wet down the ground for them and even wet down some of the dogs who seemed to like it.

Good news first: Not sure why but there have been more adoptions than usual recently. Bosky went to live with a friend of Angie's. Gray was adopted by a family with 3 girls and another wonderful dog. Wilhelmina found a home in the country where she has lots of room to run and enjoys watching cows. Honey has been adopted into a great home, too. Samantha was adopted by Beverly, our treasurer. She has made a good playmate for Wally. At last report, I was fostering Suzi, but she is now a permanent member of the family. She loves to play with Opie who was also a foster at one time. It's pretty cute to watch them because there is a huge size difference!



Bosky



Wilhelmina



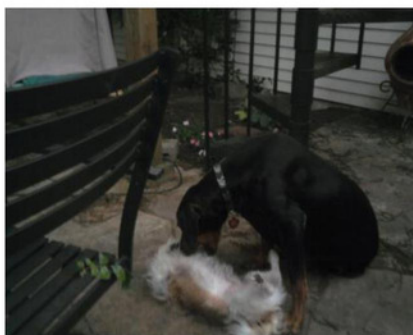
Gray



Honey



Opie and Suzi enjoying some play time.



Samantha

Unfortunately there is sad news, too: One of the dogs that Angie fed daily escaped during a thunderstorm. He was picked up by Dallas Animal Services in very bad shape. It appeared that he had been in a fight and his injuries were so bad that Angie and the owner took him to be put to sleep. Another dog that Angie cared for was let loose by his owner and ran off. We went to look for him at DAS, but he was not there. He has not been found. One of Angie's personal dogs, Jason, developed a cancer in his chest that was inoperable. Jason used to ride with Angie on her rounds and is sorely missed.



Dear sweet Jason watching Angie

On Labor Day, Angie was making her rounds and noticed a loose guard dog outside a manufacturing business in west Dallas. There was no one around because of the holiday. The dog, a huge Rottweiler, looked hungry and thirsty. Angie was reluctant to get out of her car because she did not know how aggressive the dog might be. However, she did stop and in the process of getting water for the dog saw that someone had left the padlock on the gate to the business unlocked. She was able to get the dog back inside without getting hurt, leaving food and water for it. Beverly reported this to me and wondered who but Angie would take the chance to care for this dog and how many people had driven by and seen it and not stopped or cared to help?

Angie is well known in the neighborhoods where she goes each day to help animals. While she helps chained and neglected animals – she also helps other pets whose owners seek her out when they see her on her daily rounds. She gets requests from people that do not have the resources or interest to take their pet to a veterinarian but who will approach Angie to ask for advice or assistance. Sometimes the owners need shelter for their pet and Angie may be able to provide a used dog house that someone has given her. Some need vaccinations for their dogs and Angie can give anything except rabies [which by law must be administered by a vet]. She can worm pups and give their first set of shots. She tries to determine if an animal is suffering to the point that it must be seen by a veterinarian or if it may be okay with other remedies that she suggests.

Angie is instrumental in getting animals in the West Dallas area spayed or neutered through a free program for people in low income areas. Though it is free, the program does require that an appointment be made and paperwork filled out and signed by the owner. The pet must be picked up very early at its home and transported to a clinic by 7:00 a.m. the day of surgery - then picked up from the clinic late that afternoon to be returned home after surgery. As the spay or neuter would not happen if she did not see to it – Angie is the one that handles all of the above. She does not need more kittens and puppies to take care of and though there is always a steady supply of them, without her efforts it would be even worse.

People at the vet clinics and at Dallas Animal Services see what Angie does – what she is up against and the animals she helps – and they frequently express how much they appreciate her and her work. We appreciate so much the help that supporters send to Angie’s Friends because this enables Angie to continue to help these deserving animals.

The Angie’s Friends website has not received the attention it needs. A lady has offered to assist in keeping it more current but thus far no changes have been made. I guess I need to get some lessons from my nephew and make an attempt to do this. I’m sure it would help with adoptions. I have done these newsletters to try to keep our faithful contributors aware of what’s going on with Angie and efforts to care for and find homes for strays. It seems like there is always so much sad news, but I don’t report nearly as much as I could. Angie deals with horrible situations all of the time. If you have suggestions for how I can make this more appealing or helpful to you, feel free to email me at nina.lynn@att.net or write to the address on the envelope.

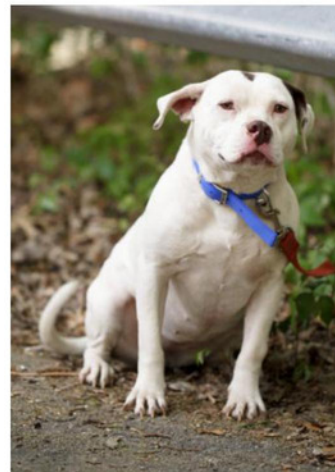
Angie faces so many obstacles and atrocities on a weekly basis. As Beverly recently said, “I am just so proud to even know her.” We truly appreciate all of the contributions that keep Angie’s Friends going.

We almost lost our dear Angie recently. She was standing next to her car with the back door open to get food for one of the dogs and someone hit the open door just barely missing her. The car was in the shop for 3 weeks for repairs and the man that hit her had no insurance or driver’s license. Angie’s guardian angel was looking out for her!

As always, there is a hefty vet bill still. Your gifts will continue to allow Angie to buy food and medicine for the babies, and this winter she will be able to buy straw to put in dog houses. Just can’t say thank you enough. The need never ends.



There were inquiries made by two families about Walter (on the left), but he remains available for adoption. In the middle is Scooter who still needs a loving home. There was some interest in Frankie (on the right) but he continues to wait for his forever home. All three of these guys are sweet playful babies who would just love a chance to show you what great companions they can be.



Birdie, a three-year-old Retriever mix and Peaches, a two-year-old terrier mix are very affectionate and also need good homes. Peaches is a much happier dog than she appears in the picture.

Donations to: Angie's Friends, 1208 Richland Oaks, Richardson, TX 75081
www.angiesfriends.org

May you all be blessed.