



Paw Tails

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Easy Street Animal Shelter

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YOU Did It!

YOUR donations of funds, volunteer hours, and supplies to our mission have all contributed to the success of our first year of operations. Our funding requirements for the remainder of 2015 are almost in hand. We could not have done it without **YOU!**

As a non-profit enterprise that depends solely on individual donations and fundraising events, the ESAS has been very fortunate and blessed. Although we were a "work in progress" for ten years, for the past six months **YOU** were the vital part of the ESAS's jump to the forefront of Saint Jo's community effort to provide temporary care and shelter for wonderful dogs.

YOU proved that Texas and Montague County is home to many generous and big hearted folks who share a common concern for our canine friends. **YOUR** generous support has enabled us to almost meet our 2015 budgeted expenses of \$15,000!!

THANKS also to those of **YOU** who volunteered **YOUR** time to care for shelter residents! **YOU** spent hundreds of hours feeding, medicating, caring, walking, and playing with our guests. **YOU** cleaned kennels, provided clean bedding and a loving environment to all who needed our concern while we searched for their furever homes. **YOU** were there every day, in the cold and the heat, rain or shine, or snow, **YOU** took care of the animals. **YOUR** dedication, compassion and support are deeply appreciated! The ESAS loves **YOU!**

YOUR kind support of our fundraising events was a major and vital part of our successes. Many of **YOU** sent generous donations which markedly increased funds for the remainder of the year. We hosted a number of events including; the April Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale (\$251.50) and donations of (\$191.00); the May Pay Pal donations (\$332.00); and June Highway 82 Garage Sale (\$451.50), Bake Sale

(\$291.50 and donations of (\$129.75)! Who says Saint Jo doesn't have a big heart! We say we've got the biggest heart in Texas!

WOW!! What a great first year! We are grateful for **YOUR** support! Whatever **YOU** did as an investment in the ESAS, we applaud **YOU!**

THANKS AGAIN! **YOU** insured our success in our mission! **YOU** are important to us and we look forward to an equally successful second year with **YOU** along for the ride!

YOU are the best **PAW PALS!**

Late Breaking News

Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation has awarded ESAS a \$1,000 grant for the electrical work at the shelter!





Volunteer Spotlight

Larry Coleman!

The Easy Street Animal Shelter (ESAS), as all other nonprofits, is dependent upon volunteers. We simply could not keep our doors open and accomplish our mission without those who so generously donate their time and efforts.

Our first Volunteer Spotlight features Larry Coleman.

Larry's life journey began in Los Angeles where he was born and lived through high school graduation. Leaving the West Coast for the East Coast, he attended Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, graduating with a BA in Biology and a minor in Art. At the time he was applying for a position at the California Fish and Game Department, he received a draft notice.

The U.S. Air Force was the next stop on his journey. Upon his arrival at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, he was assigned to the School of Aerospace Medicine and for the next six years participated in research on the physiological and psychological effects of nuclear radiation. The last two years at Brooks were on a contract basis.

The insurance industry garnered his professional interest and beginning with processing claims, Larry spent the next 33 years in manager and supervisor positions in claims mediation. When the company relocated from Dallas to Kansas, he opted to take early retirement.

It was during the last five years in the insurance business that Larry heeded the call to pastoral ministry. As he taught Bible studies and with his wife, Sharon, participated in the Kairos International prison ministry, and he enrolled and graduated from Perkins Theological Seminary at Southern Methodist University. Larry has served the last 15 years as pastor for the First Methodist Churches in Saint Jo and Montague.

The Red Cross was beneficiary of many hours of service from Larry and Sharon during their ten years of voluntary work. They answered disaster calls, serving in several flooded areas as well as places where hurricanes destroyed communities throughout the U.S. They responded to house fires, assisted families with immediate needs and canteened various fire departments fighting wild fires. The Red Cross recognized their hard, dedicated and exemplary efforts with the Presidential Lifetime Volunteer Award.

Larry says, "I've always loved to learn about nature and have been attracted to the creatures we share the world with." He says that as long as his memory can recall, he has loved dogs and cannot imagine life without at least one in his life. Neither can he understand how anyone could mistreat animals. Larry sees his work as "part of my calling as a Christian to care for this place and the creatures God put here."

In addition to serving as a volunteer, Larry is a new member of the ESAS Board of Directors. He considers the volunteer assistance at the shelter and serving as a Director as a way to also serve in our community.

Larry was one of the first of our volunteers who daily, rain, shine or snow, blazing hot or frigidly cold, feeds, walks, and cares for our furry guests. This is an invaluable service which greatly benefits the ESAS. We have been truly blessed with those who, like Larry, are concerned about the safety and well-being of our furry friends.

The love and concern for canines has been constantly apparent as Larry and Sharon rescued several dogs, including the latest adoption last year, Sadie, a puppy from our shelter. Sadie is very happy and spoiled in her forever home and is enjoying her paw mate Heddy. At one time, they housed 13 stray and lost dogs, an unfortunate 'benefit' of living in the country! How fortunate are those critters who find their way to the Coleman place!

Thank you, Larry, for your interest and service to ESAS. We deeply appreciate your dedication and value your participation. You make ESAS a much better organization! Our guests love you as much as we do!

EASY STREET

RESIDENT INTAKE AND ADOPTION COUNT - 2015

2015 MONTH	INTAKE DROP OFFS	INTAKE CITY OF SAINT JO	RETURNED OWNER	ADULT ADOPTIONS	PUPPY ADOPTIONS	RESIDENT POPULATION
BAL. FORWARD						18
JANUARY	1	1		1	2	17
FEBRUARY		1		3		15
MARCH	3			4		14
APRIL	3	2	1	2	5	14
MAY	1	8	4		1	18
JUNE	2	1				21
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE						



If you can't adopt - Foster
 If you can't Foster - Sponsor
 If you can't Sponsor - Volunteer
 If you can't Volunteer - Donate
 If you can't Donate:
 - Educate
 - Network
 - Cross-Post

EVERYONE
 can do
SOMETHING
 to help save a life.

Meet our Residents!



EASY STREET ANIMAL SHELTER'S OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

NAME - OFFICE

Cindy Castle, Director
Rev. Larry Coleman, Director
Chrisann Domingue, President
Sharon Gaston, DVM, Chairman Emeritus
Denise Landers, Director
Chrisyon Lawler, Director
Chandra Mason, Director
Bonnie McKee, Director
Robert McKee, Treasurer
Rodney Swirczynski, Director

SEE IT - REPORT IT STOP IT!

Texas has laws that punish mistreatment of animals. When cruelty, dumping, neglecting, or abandonment of animals is seen, it is OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT incidents to law enforcement officials.

If you witness abuse of any kind within the boundaries of a city or municipality, report the mistreatment to the local police department. If the incident occurs outside a city or municipality, the county Sheriff's Office should be informed.

If you witness an animal being dumped, and if you can safely do so, write down or use your cell phone to have a record of the license number. Make notes of the vehicle description which might be helpful with an investigation. Remember, do not pursue the driver! Use your cell phone to call 911 and report the incident immediately.

With YOUR help, those who are cruel to our furry friends can be punished and stopped.

It's Summer!



Grab your coat and head outside!

Sound crazy? It is just what your pets do everyday during the summer. How can you keep your pets safe from the heat this year? Here are some basic tips from the American Veterinary Medical Association:

- Never, ever leave your pets in the car;
- Make sure your pets have unlimited access to fresh water;
- Make sure your pets have access to shade when outside;
- Take dogs for walks during the cooler hours of the day;
- When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws;
- Make sure your pet has a means of cooling off;
- Keep your pets free of external parasites (fleas, ticks) and heartworms – consult your veterinarian about the best product for your pet;
- Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long coats (talk to your veterinarian first to see if it's appropriate for your pet), and apply sunscreen to your dog's skin if she or he has a thin coat.

With these simple steps you and your pet will have a much more enjoyable summer.

What is the State Dog of Texas?

The Lacy or Blue Lacy Dog! The dog is a breed of working dog that originated in Texas in the mid-19th century. The Blue Lacy was recognized in 2001 by the Texas Senate. In Senate Resolution No. 436, the 77th Legislature honored the Lacy as "a true Texas breed." In June 2005, Governor Rick Perry signed the legislation adopting the Blue Lacy as "the official



State Dog Breed of Texas". Lacy dogs are strong and fast, lightly built but proportional within the height-to-weight ratio. Height at the withers is from 17 to 22 inches. Dependent on height and general conditioning, weight should be approximately 25 to 45 lbs for females and 35 to 55 lbs for males.

Though they are often called "blue" Lacys, there are three permissible color varieties of the Lacy. "Blues" are any shade of gray from light silver to dark charcoal. "Reds" range from light cream to rust. The "Tri" combines a blue base with distinct red markings as appropriate for trim. The coat is short, smooth and tight. An excessively long or rough coat is a disqualification. Lacys shed, but require minimal grooming.

Lacys are intelligent, intense, active, and alert. Developed to be both hunting and herding dogs, they display great drive and determination to work with big game and control difficult livestock. Young dogs may have too much energy and drive for small children. They are easy to train, learning new skills quickly. The dogs are excellent when used to herd livestock, treeing game, or hunting wild hogs. They are sought after as a "lost" game hunter.

Lacys are generally very healthy dogs. Developed for generations to meet the requirements of ranchers and hunters, they are sturdy enough to withstand tough terrain, difficult working conditions, and both hot and cold weather by Texan standards.

I want to be a PAW PAL!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ \$1,200 – Sponsor Operations for One Month (or pledge of \$100.00 monthly)

_____ \$420 – Food for One Month for All Residents (or pledge of \$35.00 monthly)

_____ \$150 – Medical Expenses for One Animal accepted by ESAS (or pledge of \$12.50 monthly)

_____ \$25 – Food for One Month for One Animal

_____ OTHER - \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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