



Paw Tails

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 The PAW TAILS staff recently spotted Rover, the Roving Reporter, strolling around the community with his cousin, Radar, the Watchdog for the MCPOA. Rover said he was looking for a job and we have now engaged him to write the quarterly column, Paw Tracks. We are excited to welcome Rover to the Easy Street Animal Shelter staff and hope you will enjoy his reporting! 

PAW TRACKS

By Rover, the Roving Reporter



Whew!! It's been quite a summer for the Easy Street Animal Shelter. Those so-called "lazy dog days of summer" proved to be a myth – no matter the high, hot temperatures, there was nothing lazy about the ESAS staff and volunteers as they were always working.

The past three months were busy days for those incredible, industrious volunteers and staff. Lots of folks around the neighborhood baked their favorite and best sweets and treats for five bake sales. Yep, FIVE bake sales! The ESAS thanks all those who organized, baked and worked with such dedication and those who purchased special goodies. It was great fun to see return customers. The word is out that ESAS has the best bakers around.

On July 4th, the ESAS and the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce held a 5K run. More than 50 runners registered to participate. Even the blazing heat of the day did not discourage those enthusiastic human volunteers and runners! Needless to say, bottles of H2O and fresh orange slices were greatly appreciated.

The 4th Annual Doggie Walk was Saturday, September 12th. A great turn-out of canines with their humans showed up for a leisurely stroll around town and the Square. ESAS' BFF, the Saint Jo Girl Scouts, organized the successful and enjoyable bake sale and a cake walk. If you didn't happen to win a

special treat at the cake walk, there was a yummy selection at the bake sale table. And, again, the ESAS could not have done it without the faithful Paw Pals! Just saying "Thank You!" seems to be inadequate to express appreciation to organizers, bakers, workers and attendees. YOU make the ESAS shine!

Also, in September, the Saint Jo Farm and Ranch Store partnered with the ESAS to sponsor a vaccination clinic. The ESAS mission is not only to shelter and care for homeless animals while working to match them with their own special forever homes, but to also offer educational programs for pet owners and to facilitate occasional clinics which assist owners with necessary health care services. THANKS, Saint Jo Farm and Ranch for your generous support!

The ESAS Board reports that they are continuing to run a full house. It makes this reporter a tail-wagging-jumping-up-and-down-happy dog to report that during the summer months and early fall, some friends found wonderful forever homes with loving humans that will be great companions. The only better news would be for the 18 currently staying at ESAS to find their special family, too. If you or someone you know is thinking of welcoming a new best friend into the family, please visit ESAS. There is a great selection of canines anxious to live happily with their own family. If adoption isn't an option at this time, please consider fostering one of our guests.

Looking down the road at the remainder of the year, the ESAS will be participating in the Saint Jo Christmas on the Square. There will be an extra-large dog house at the site waiting to be filled with towels, blankets, tough doggie toys, canine treats and other items needed by guests during their stay. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a complete listing of suggested Christmas gifts for those who will be at the shelter during the holidays. All gifts will be very much appreciated.

So, Paw Pals, please know the ESAS Board of Directors is thankful for your continuous and loyal support. YOU make it possible for homeless furry friends to have vitally necessary shelter, food and care. It could not happen without YOU! Enjoy the beautiful, colorful autumn and a wonderful, joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas. ESAS is excited to have YOU as 2015 slips into the annals of history and 2016 arrives with new possibilities of finding homes for all guests.

 Rover



Volunteer Spotlight

Chrisyon Lawler and her children Daimeon, Maggie and Aria!

This month the ESAS Volunteer Spotlights shines on Chrisyon Lawler and her children, Daimeon, Maggie, and Aria. Their service to the Shelter is invaluable. Whatever the weather, this family feeds our guests and ensures that their kennels are clean.

Chrisyon's mother was visiting relatives in Roseville, California, when Chrisyon insisted on making her debut into the world! Three days later, Chrisyon and her mother returned home to Muenster. The family home burned when she was in the 7th grade and the family moved to Saint Jo. As a senior, Chrisyon attended Denton High School and graduated. As a young child, Chrisyon's family lived in the country and stray dogs, as is typical, were always finding their way to their house so she grew-up being surrounded by animals, especially canines. There were many different breeds, including Dobermans, German Shepherds, and Cocker Spaniels along with "every combination one can imagine." She recalls the first dog she actually remembers as her special pet was a small, mixed "mutt" named Little Bit. Many happy hours were spent with Little Bit while Chrisyon mothered and loved the little critter. Early in life Chrisyon learned from her parents that animals were not merely animals – they were family.

At the age of 17, Chrisyon began helping at her stepmother's grooming business, the Pampered Pooch in Denton. At the time, she did not know she would find her "calling" but that is exactly what happened. Beginning with bathing dogs, Chrisyon was taught everything from properly handling dogs to how to groom many different breeds. She says, "I love helping animals in any way, even if it's just giving them a bath and a *new do*."

During the years Chrisyon groomed at the Pampered Pooch, she always debated about starting her own business. Finally, in 2008, she opened her grooming business in Saint Jo, working at home. The main focus she had when starting the business was "to provide affordable and accessible grooming services to my town and the surrounding area. I offered pick-up and delivery of dogs to pet owners who were not able to drive or had no way to get their pets to me." Chrisyon's love and compassion for dogs runs deep and is a main part of her life. Frequently she is seen taking stray and abused animals to her home. She often cares for pets while owners are away. Recently, she committed to caring for a large special needs dog. More often than not, she fosters dogs. Chrisyon says, "I've always treated and loved my client's pets, and those that I find, as if they were my own."

Volunteering at the ESAS around the Lawler household is a family affair. Daimeon is a recent honor graduate of Saint Jo High School and is currently attending NTCT. Daimeon's interest in dogs and all other animals is rooted in his young childhood years, growing up with dogs always around.

Maggie is a 5th grader at Saint Jo Elementary. She has been a 4H member for three years. In 2013, her Holland lop won Grand Champion. Maggie's goal is to learn about a different animal each year. She loves working with animals and can often be found at the shelter, feeding and caring for ESAS guests. Chrisyon says that she is pleased about the way Maggie shares her love and knowledge of animals with everyone she meets, inviting them to join the team of volunteers. "She unknowingly gives animals a voice, and for that, I am very proud of Maggie." Maggie's dream is to become a veterinarian and work with all kinds of animals.

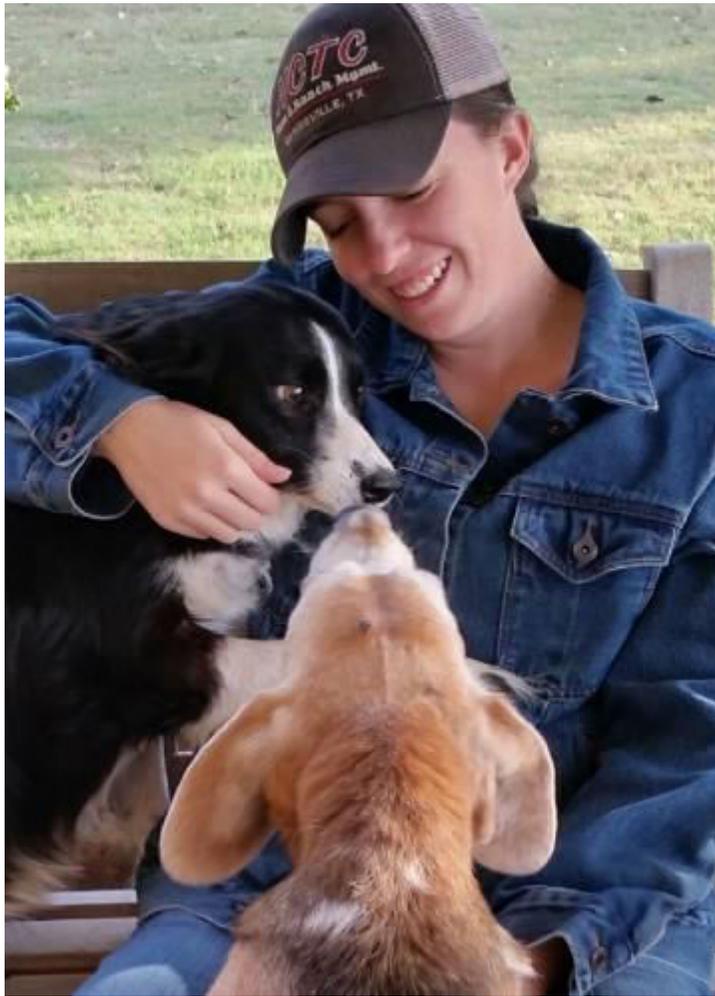
The youngest child in the Lawler house, Aria, is three years old, but she also volunteers in her own way. She has already learned how to do many tasks at the shelter and she understands why things are done in special ways. She, too, loves animals and has proved that she's really good at giving them hugs.

The ESAS is very fortunate to have Chrisyon and her children among our dedicated volunteers. Not only does she perform the usual duties, she also generously shares her grooming expertise in whatever manner is needed, including clipping nails, to keep our guests well groomed. She rounded up some of the best bakers around to donate delicious sweet treats for successful bake sales which contributed necessary funds for ESAS. Recently, Chrisyon began serving on the Board of Directors for ESAS, and is the secretary.

"I've always felt part of my life's journey was to be a voice for all animals and to share my knowledge, love and compassion of pets with everyone, especially our youth," she said, "They are the next generation of animal advocacy."

THANK YOU, Chrisyon, Daimeon, Maggie and Aria! We appreciate all you do for ESAS!! YOU make our guests happier and keep them looking their best! Our furry friends love you as much as we do!

Furever Friends



THE STORY OF MOLLY AND CHRISTY

In February of this year, a beautiful black and white furry friend with the most gorgeous brown eyes was brought to the Easy Street Animal Shelter. As most dogs who find the way to ESAS, the Border Collie mix was a stray. She was instantly a favorite of the volunteers, and they named her Molly as that name fit her sweet personality. Molly was an older girl with good manners and obedience training. As a guest of ESAS, she patiently waited for the right person to take her to her new home. She was more than ready to share life and love with a special companion.

Earlier in the month, Christy had arrived in Saint Jo after serving five years in the U. S. Army in Signals Intelligence. Christy's parents had relocated to the area while she was stationed in Hawaii. Her childhood dog, a 12 year old beagle, Biscuit, was happy to welcome Christy home, but no longer had the energy to run around the ranch. Christy was soon employed at a large horse ranch and was eager to find a partner to go to work with her each day. Christy knew that she wanted to provide a home for a shelter dog so she visited ESAS and met Molly –it was love at first sight!

Molly was welcomed to her new home by four other four-legged friends, but her favorite friend was her human, Christy. Starting on her first day in her new home, Molly went to work with Christy. Each morning, Molly happily hopped into the car and onto her special blanket in the back seat where she relaxed while Christy drove them to work. During the long days at the horse ranch, Molly would help supervise the events in the different barns. At the end of the day, she would take a nap on the drive back home, but would awaken when she sensed that they were near her place. Christy allows Molly to enjoy a favorite activity - sticking her head out the window, letting the wind blow through her fur and taking in the smells of home as they drive the quarter mile down the drive to the house.

Molly is such a personable girl that she easily makes friends wherever she and Christy go. She's collected friends from other parts of Texas when she and Christy participate in trail rides around the state. Molly is happiest when she and Christy meet others who love and enjoy special relationships with their horses and dogs. As expected, Molly always becomes the camp favorite. Who can resist those big brown eyes and that happy smile as she makes her way around the camp fire, checking in on fellow campers?

Christy's time at the horse ranch has ended and she is now starting her educational career at NCTC in farm and ranch management. Her plans after graduation will be to continue her education as a Vet Tech and Molly will go with her to school. For now, Molly spends her time at home with the other family canines and her human grandparents, going for walks around the ranch. In the afternoons, Molly sits on the porch, eagerly waiting Christy's return from classes. Molly knows that she and Christy will go out to the horses and "work", just a dog and her special human!



For Molly, leaving her past behind and finding a loving and caring forever home was her dream. For Christy, having such a faithful, loyal and loving companion during such a life change is a very welcomed bonus. Undoubtedly, Molly and Christy are happy and thankful that the Easy Street Animal Shelter was there during the transition time for both of them.

CHRISTMAS AT EASY STREET



Here is our wish list for Christmas! We'll love you forever!!

- Towels - Hand to bath size
- Hill's Science Diet Dog Treats
- Toys for Canines -- tough to destroy, Kongs. (None of those black tire chew toys)
- Dog Shampoo – Regular
- Bleach -- gallon size
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Trash bags – 13 or 45 gallon size
- Scouring pads
- Collars -- mostly for Medium to Large and Large to Extra Large
- Leashes - sturdy, long length
- Money to our Account at Saint Jo Farm and Ranch to help pay for food
- Large Dog House
- 4' x 6' Stall Mat
- Gift Cards to Home Depot, Tractor Supply, or Atwoods
- Roofing Metal – call for details

EASY STREET GUEST INTAKE AND ADOPTION COUNT - 2015

2015 MONTH	INTAKE DROP OFFS	SAINT JO DROP	RETURNED OWNER	ADULT ADOPTIONS	PUPPY ADOPTIONS	GUEST 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	2	1		2		22
AUGUST	1					21
SEPTEMBER	1	2	2	3		18
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE						



Old dogs can be

Just as cute as puppies

WINTERTIME PET CARE

Even as we currently continue to see the thermostat climb up to the high 80's and beyond, at some point Ole Man Winter will descend upon North Central Texas. Although our winters are usually mild, temperatures still dip to freezing levels. Our beloved animals are more susceptible to cold conditions than we realize. As responsible pet owners, we must ensure our fur family members are safe, comfortable and well nourished.

Keep pets indoors.

The best prescription for winter woes is to keep your pets inside. The happiest dogs are kept inside and are frequently taken outside for walks, exercise and some play time. Don't leave pets outdoors when temperatures drop. No matter what the thermometer says, wind chill can threaten life. Short-haired dogs may be more comfortable wearing a sweater. Dogs are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for hypothermia and frostbite. Exposed skin or noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and cause permanent damage.

Take precautions if your dog must spend a lot of time outdoors.

Keeping dogs inside on blistery days is best. However, if they spend a lot of time outside, they must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter large enough to allow him or her to comfortably sit or lie down, but small enough to hold body heat. The floor should be raised off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof fabric or plastic.

Give your pets plenty of food and water.

Pets that spend a lot of time outside during the cold winter need more food because keeping warm quickly depletes energy. Routinely check the water dish to make certain fresh water is always available and is unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls; your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

Protect paws from salt as well as extremely cold, frozen ground.

The salt and chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate your pet's paw pads. Be sure to wipe all paws with a damp cloth before your pet licks them and causes problems with the mouth. If your pet will be outside when snow and ice are on the ground, think about 'pet boots' to protect their paw pads.

Avoid antifreeze poisoning.

Antifreeze is a deadly poison! It has a sweet taste that may attract children and animals. Wipe up spills and keep antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family but should be kept safely stored away from animals and humans.

Be aware that cats and wildlife like warm vehicle engines.

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife that sometimes crawl underneath the hood. Before you get into your vehicle, be sure to knock on the hood several times. Before turning the key to start the engine, it can also be helpful to honk the horn several times. Between the noise from knocking on the hood and the horn, any creatures that

have sought warmth in your vehicle's engine should jump down and out of danger.

Help neighborhood outdoor cats.

If your yard hosts cats, either neighbor or community owned, remember they need food and water as well as protection from the elements, too. Small shelters are best for cats as body heat more easily helps maintain a warmer space. Placing straw, newspaper strips or cedar shavings in a shelter helps keep cats warm as they like to burrow. Replace whatever material you have put into the shelter sufficiently enough to provide a dry clean place for outdoor felines. Do not use blankets, towels or folded newspaper; they absorb body heat. Forego hay as it can irritate noses and cause allergic reactions.

Place food and water near the shelter. A good way to protect food and water is to place two box-like shelters – doorways facing each other – about two feet apart. Then create a canopy between the shelters by securing a wide board from one roof to the other. Food and water bowls placed under the canopy will be protected from moisture. A wide board covering one side of the open space between the shelters will provide even more protection from the elements.

Food bowls may be placed inside the shelter and if so, should be placed in a corner. Water bowls are often overturned and should never be inside shelters. Always check food and water bowls frequently to ensure availability of unfrozen and adequate food and water.

Speak out if you see a pet left in the cold.

If you encounter or observe a pet left in the cold, if possible, politely let the owner know you are concerned. If they don't respond well, document what you see (date, time, exact location, type of animal, temperature at the time plus notations of weather conditions, the condition of the animal, it's shelter or lack thereof, and any other details) that will assist an investigator. Video or photographic documentation (even from a cell phone) will help bolster your case. Then contact your local animal control agency, city law enforcement department or the sheriff's office to report the concern and submit your evidence. Additionally, take detailed notes of your conversation with law enforcement personal and keep all your documents for future reference. In a few days, check to see if the situation has been remedied. If not, follow-up with the agency and the person to whom you spoke.

Horse owners need to provide special care for their outdoor animals.

Horses need shelter, food and water as any other animal. In brief, horse owners have numerous resources available which provide information to assist in keeping their animals happy and comfortable during cold, frosty winter days.

Wintering with your pets is mostly common sense. If you're cold, your pet is most likely cold, too! Remember, your creatures enjoy creature comforts as much as you do! Paying special attention to your beloved animal's well-being during the winter season will ensure you both enjoy the season to the fullest.



Meet our Guests!

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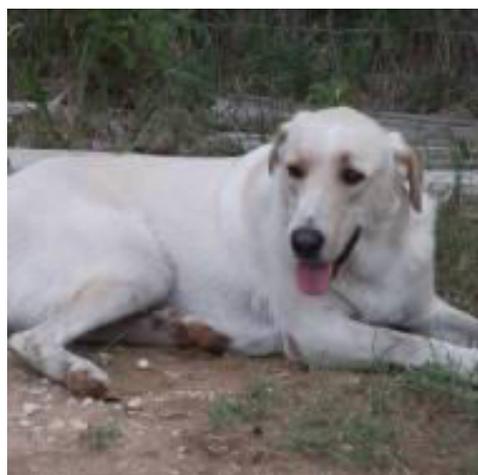
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Bobo is a young mixed breed male. He is the resident clown. He loves to play practical jokes on people.

Rex loves water from the hose and running and playing with the big dogs. He will be a medium size dog. Rex is a very young mixed breed male.



Mia is a 2-3 year old Lab Pryenees mix. She has been with us the longest. She is a sweet dog who LOVES to have her belly rubbed.

Pugsley is a Pug and is a handsome boy. He is around 2-3 years old. He gets along well with the other dogs and kids.

