



Permian Basin Animal Advocates

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A Few Words From Our President

Kelsey Kuhrt, President & Dog Coordinator

Permian Basin Animal Advocates came from humble beginnings in April of 2019 when three women decided to advocate for the unwanted cats and dogs in our community. We began as a small foster based rescue, providing our homes and personal funds to fully vet the animals in our care. We originally focused on helping animals in Midland County with the plan to grow into surrounding areas as the needs grew. It didn't take long for the community to notice the things we were doing, and the animals being saved. Because of the community's desire to help these "underdogs and cats," we rapidly grew and became better at what we do. Foster homes opened up and funds were donated towards vet care. We are now proud to say that we have saved dogs and cats from Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Stanton, and Lamesa! Thanks to you, our donors, all animals are fully vetted before adoption. Here we are a year and a half later and have over 20 foster homes in Midland and Odessa (for both cats and dogs). As of October 12th, 2020, we have saved 196 cats and 252 dogs. This number does not include the cats and kittens we have helped through our newly founded TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program. We have saved 448 animals saved in just 18 months, or on average 25 per month thanks to our amazing supporters!

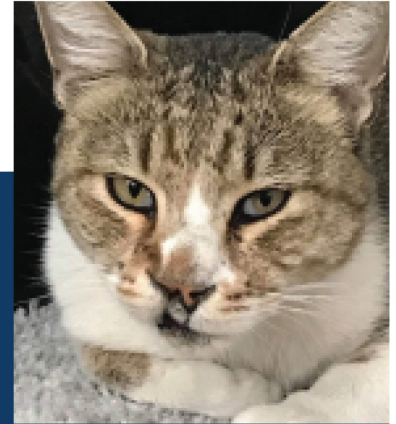
Typically, the animals we save are the broken, abused, scared, or injured ones that others cannot or will not help because of high cost and extra time needed in foster care. These animals usually require expensive vet care, not just the basic spay/neuter, vaccines. Because we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit rescue, we rely SOLELY on donations (and our personal funds) to save these animals lives. We are all volunteers and unpaid members of the rescue. Any donation you make goes directly into the care of the animals. We appreciate any donation, whether it's \$1, \$100 or pet food and supplies. We strive to update you on ALL of our animals from beginning to "forever" homes. You can add us on Facebook where we update daily at Permian Basin Animal Advocates. Please know that you are a blessing to us and each animal saved. We cannot do what we do without our supporters and fosters, and we are humbled by the community support. THANK YOU to our current PBAA family and please know we always welcome new donors and especially fosters! We are only as big as our network, so if you have ever considered (local) animal rescue, please reach out to us via FB Messenger or our website at pbanimaladvocates.com. We promise, you will NEVER regret saving a life!



Why Send Them Up North?

Brandy Garcia
VP & Cat Coordinator

One of the number one questions we get is, "why do you send your rescues out of state for adoption?" The simple answer is, "our area is overrun with strays and 'dumped' animals." Our local shelters remain at full capacity. Our friends and rescues up North have very strict spay/neuter laws, meaning that their shelters don't typically have adoptable animals. They actually have WAIT lists for people wanting to adopt and "save" an animal. These groups saw our urgent need in the Permian Basin and offered to take our unwanted animals and get them placed in "forever" homes. Typically, when our animals arrive at the Northern Rescues, they are already in a highly successful foster to adopt program. It is a true win-win for the animals and both communities. While the animals are here in West Texas being fully vetted and socialized by our fosters, the rescue coordinators up north are seeking homes that fit the personality of the animal (there is constant communication between the two rescues). Each animal is required to obtain a health certificate prior to transport, ensuring that they are fully healthy and vetted. This process does take more time and funds, but it literally saves lives and creates happiness for the animals and the new owners. How amazing is that?!



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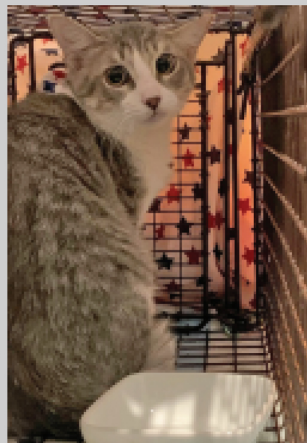
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How Do We Save Kitties Lives?

Danielle Piatt, Cat Coordinator

Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) is a relatively new program to West Texas. The program is designed to curb the population of community "feral" cats. Our objective is to educate the community on the importance of spay/neuter while slowing the population of feral cats. The TNR program is a proactive approach by working with local community members to locate colonies and not only get them spayed/neutered and vaccinated, but also returning them to the colony to discourage other cats from "moving in" and repopulating. Sterilization decreases the transmission of disease, prevents unwanted and neglected kittens, while slowly decreasing the population of outdoor colonies. We enter each colony, trap the cats in humane traps, get them vetted, let them recover (at our or our fosters homes) and release them back into the colony. After full vetting, each cat receives a left ear tip. Ear tipping is the universal and most easily recognized method of identifying a TNR cat. The cats are not relocated because they will do everything in their power to get back home (such as crossing busy streets, etc. putting them in danger). More than 1,300 cats were euthanized January through August 2020 at our local animal shelter. The majority of euthanized cats are deemed feral and unadoptable. This is not in any way the cat's fault and we need to do our part to reduce the populations in West Texas. Feral cats are excellent pest control agents by reducing snakes, mice, rats and bugs. Unfortunately, the life span of a feral cat is only three years, so we do our best to make those three years the best that we can.

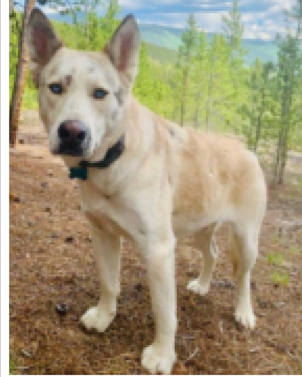
Up until recently the West Texas feral cats were voiceless and that's where we stepped in. We will be their voice by continuing to take in the kittens that we can and continuing the TNR program until we aren't needed anymore (what a blessing that would be)! Thanks to our excellent relationship with local veterinarians, we are able to get each cat totally vetted for approximately \$55 each. As with all of our other programs, the TNR program is 100% funded by our supporters and managed by our cat fosters and volunteers. If you are interested in helping us with the TNR program, please reach out to us via FB Messenger or our website at pbanimaladvocates.com. Together we can improve the quality of lives for thousands of cats!



Why Do We Rescue Dogs?

Deonne Presley, Dog Coordinator

Animal rescue...what exactly does that MEAN? To me and my family, it means time, love, care commitment and lots of tears (both happy and sad), plus heartache, exhaustion and frustration with humanity on some days. BUT we keep doing it because of sweet animals like Rango (now known as Delbert).



He came to my house as a foster the day he was to be euthanized. He had been in the shelter and passed over for six weeks. He was emaciated, had mange, had a horrendous skin infection and smelled terrible. BUT he had the sweetest disposition and that's what grabbed us (the "underdogs" are PBAA's specialty). As we pulled him from the shelter, a soldier stationed in Afghanistan saw his picture on a "death row" site and fell in love with him immediately. She contacted us through social media and asked if there was any way that we could keep him until she got back to the United States. As a veteran myself, how could I say "no?" We loved him back to health with medications and good food and the day after Thanksgiving 2019, we found him transport to his forever home in Colorado! BUT his story didn't just end there! Recently his mom decided it was time for him to have a friend and knew the need is great for rescue in Midland. She watched our page and fell in love with our little Lamesa "street dog," Ida. We ended up meeting Delbert and his family in Amarillo about a month ago and it was a match made in heaven! They have become quite the brother/sister duo and love to camp and hike together in Colorado! THIS is what animal rescue means to me...it means saving a life and seeing the dog thrive in an environment especially made for him. If it was not for rescue, Delbert would have been euthanized without anyone ever knowing his full potential to love and not ever having felt love himself.



Rescue is Love