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Dear DAWGS Family and Friends,

We are so glad summer is finally over and the cooler days of fall are finally here. The summer was filled with really hot days and lots of summer storms that came through the area during the night leaving a wake of water everywhere. The most common attire at the shelter, as in years past, is shorts and tall boots--quite a look! Everyone is doing great and we are now getting ready for a big change in weather: winter!



During the summer we had great help from Cal Farley's Boys and Girls Ranch. This was a wonderful experience for everyone; the children had such empathy for the dogs and the dogs thrived on all the extra attention. The initial group was twenty, but , before it was over, there were fifty children and their dedicated chaperons. There was one young man who refused to enter the shelter as he was absolutely terrified of animals. He and his counselor stood outside the gate for over an hour. Finally the young man cautiously entered just as a small boxer, Millie, came bursting through the crowd and ran towards them. Once she reached them, she threw herself on the ground at his feet and wiggled and wiggled, trying to get him to pet her. Finally, the young man petted the dog and ended up holding the young boxer in his arms. Everyone watched in amazement, relief and then delight. At the group home, he was unable to enter any facilities that had animals in them so his acceptance and affection for Millie really was so extraordinary. Because of your support, moments like these are made possible. Thank you!



We also participated in the rescue of 89 dogs and puppies and 27 cats and kittens from a nearby animal control. The animals were all



destined to be euthanized and through the help of some concerned citizens we were able to save them and effectively made the town a No-Kill city for five weeks. We are currently helping them work on organizing a foster program and a spay/neuter community project to address the problems and we are grateful for the opportunity to help save these precious lives.



We have a new webmaster, Barb, and she has done a great job of updating our website ([www.dawgsntexas.com](http://www.dawgsntexas.com)). One of the new attractions is our Virtual Adoption pages. These are dogs and cats that are either special needs, older or have been with us for a long time. We understand not everyone can take home a dog or cat. Sponsoring a special animal, whose story or picture has touched your heart, is an alternative to adoption. The bond through sponsorship is one that will provide you a connection to your special friend and will give you the unique opportunity to be part their lives. You can sponsor all of them or just one. Your sponsorship would also make a great gift or tribute to a loved one. This is just one more way to help us make a difference in the lives of the animals in our care. Thank you so much for your help and support.



**KELSEY**

**KELSEY** is one of our Virtual Adoption Dogs. She has been with us for two years. Kelsey was found wandering on the the northside of our town. She had been a stray in the area for over two years and had delivered three litters of puppies. During the winter, a kind person saw Kelsey trying to find food from a dumpster and worried she would fall in. She was hugely pregnant, soaking wet and was teetering on the edge of the large dumpster. The woman coaxed her down and gave her some food and called us to help. We immediately responded, dried her off and placed her on some warm blankets and gave her some nutritional food. Within two days she gave birth to four healthy puppies and was happy and content. Kelsey's puppies were quickly adopted and are in wonderful homes, but Kelsey, now spayed, is still at the shelter and waiting for her forever home. She has developed a skin condition that we are treating and hope to have her available again for adoption soon. In the meantime, she would love to have someone sponsor her.

**JINX** is our first Virtual Adoption Cat. He has been with us for over a year and came from a young man who could not keep him any longer. Jinx was originally found abandoned and hiding beside the railroad tracks on the edge of town. The young man had found him and took him home and then, when he went to college, Jinx went along too. Things went well for several years and then the young man had to move back home while he looked for a job. Unfortunately his family had several large dogs that did not like cats (even friendly ones like Jinx) and he had to find a place for Jinx right away...so he came to DAWGS and has been with us since then. Jinx, now six years old and neutered, would love to find a family of his own. But until that lucky day comes he would be so happy to have a sponsor.



**JINX**



This is our sweet **TOBY**. Now about three years old and neutered, he was dumped at the shelter after being severely beaten. He had suffered a severe trauma to his back and was temporarily unable to walk. After several months he regained his mobility and was getting ready for adoption, when he suffered a





**TOBY**

prolapse and had to be hospitalized for a month. Once he came back to the shelter, he suffered a relapse and once again was returned to the hospital. Today his is doing really well, but he will need to be on a special diet for the rest of his life. So Toby will require a very caring home. Toby loves to go on long walks, and loves to cuddle in your lap, not realizing that a 50-pound heeler-mix can be a little heavy! He also loves tummy rubs and basking in the sun. Toby may require a little extra care, but will be so grateful and will give you so much love in return. If you can't adopt him, perhaps you would want to share your heart with him by becoming his sponsor.

This is **HOOCH**. He came to us seven years ago after having been used as a bait dog in a pit-bull fighting ring. Hooch should have been a very angry and non-trusting dog, but instead he is so sweet and loves everyone and everything. When he came to the shelter, he was just a few months old and had a terrible tear on his nose and mouth. Today all that remains is a small scar and he has no long term health issues. Hooch has a girlfriend named Cheyenne whom he dearly loves (of course he's neutered and she's spayed). When he first came to the shelter, Cheyenne would lick his face and ears and fuss over him all day long. Once he was mended, he and Cheyenne would take long runs, frolicking in the open field inside the shelter. He loves snacks and will wait patiently for his turn, always letting Cheyenne have her treat first. He is the perfect gentleman.



**HOOCH**



**CHEYENNE**

**CHEYENNE** was an owner surrender who came in with her eight fuzzy puppies. She had recently lost her tail when she was hit by a car, but otherwise she was very healthy. However, she was very depressed and then she met Hooch and instantly fell in love. They both were overcoming difficult times and their love helped them both to recover. Today they are inseparable, but have lots of love to share with others. They would greatly appreciate a home that has room for two and, in the meantime, they would love a sponsor to share their lives and their love.

Here are some of our other great virtual adoption animals. Please check out their stories on our website, or please write us and we will send them to you. Thank you for always being so very special in the lives of the animals at DAWGS.



All our support comes from private donors, like you, who share our love for animals. Your continued generosity, kindness and caring saves the lives of these precious animals. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Love, Mark and Diane and everyone from DAWGS