

SUMMER 2004

**SPAY  
NEUTER  
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**ANIMAL  
WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**NEWS**

## Clinic Helps Rescued Dogs

**T**he HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center in Dallas provided spay and neuter services to more than 120 dogs seized by the SPCA of Texas from a raid at an alleged puppy mill this June.

On June 2, The SPCA, in conjunction with Van Zandt County authorities, seized 301 animals from a large-scale dog breeding facility or alleged "puppy mill," in Wills Point, Texas, after the sheriff's department issued a warrant. In addition to 275 dogs (mostly small-breed), 17 cats, eight birds, and one horse were also rescued. Twenty-six puppies, one dog, and one horse were found dead on the property, according to the SPCA.

The animals were confiscated under Texas civil law, and cruelty charges are pending. At a hearing, a Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace awarded the SPCA custody of the surviving animals, and the shelter staff began readying the dogs for adoption.

"Partnerships like this help us to rescue and save more animals," said



SPCA of Texas

*Many of the breeding dogs rescued in Wills Point, Texas, had lived in crowded conditions like this for years. Below, three of the rescued dogs have been spayed, and Clinic staff are sending them on their way to adoption.*

Jan Gordon, director of The HSUS Clinic. "At the Wills Point facility, hundreds of dogs were housed together in filthy conditions, in cages no larger than a rabbit hutch. The HSUS and SPCA are dedicated to helping rescue animals from similarly deplorable conditions at other facilities until these types of large-scale



breeding facilities are shut down for good."

The animals were available for adoption during a three-day adoption event in which all of the rescued dogs found new, permanent homes. The Clinic was pleased to play a part in bettering the lives of these animals.

## Welcome Interns!

**T**his past fall the Clinic hosted its first veterinary student intern:

Christina Clark from the University of Wisconsin Veterinary College. Christina took part in a two-week program in which she was exposed to the fast-pace of Clinic surgery and the demands and rewards of working with clients in the Wellness Center. The intern program is a win-win for the Clinic and students, as we gain a pair of helpful hands for a couple of weeks, and the student learns the value to the community of such a program. Our goal is to have an intern visiting each month by the end of this year.

If you are a veterinary student and your college has an intern program, give us a call for more information, or have your school request a package from Jan Gordon at 214-372-7171.



*Intern Christina Clark (left) assists Clinic veterinarian Kelly Bruner.*



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## We Need You

**W**e love our volunteers! We are now offering ongoing volunteer orientations on the last Saturday of each month. Volunteers are able to choose from different jobs at the Clinic and Wellness Center. They receive eight to 10 hours of training in the area they choose, helping them to be comfortable when they start their jobs.

Listed below are responsibilities for which volunteers are needed.

- Perform customer service in the Clinic or Wellness Center
- Greet clients in the Wellness Center
- Provide post-surgery care
- Schedule and confirm surgery appointments
- Prepare vaccination reminder cards for mailing
- Assist the behavior counselor
- Work from home on fund-raisers
- Coordinate volunteer appreciation
- Assist the surgery or wellness technicians with animal care
- And more!

We appreciate the dedication and expertise provided by our volunteers. Please consider joining our team. Call, stop by, or e-mail [jgordon@hsus.org](mailto:jgordon@hsus.org) for a volunteer package.

## Finding Max

**M**ax's family was facing troubled times. They had to leave the Dallas-area apartment they called home and return to their home state of Maine. They planned to fly from Dallas to Boston, where they would take a bus the rest of the way. The only problem was that dogs are not allowed on buses. Max's family left him with a neighbor they trusted. They also left Max's health certificate and \$200 to cover the airfare to Boston. The understanding was that the neighbor would ship Max within a few days. His family had arranged to borrow a vehicle to drive down from Maine to pick Max up at the Boston airport. With the travel arrangements completed, the family left Texas without their beloved Max, but with confidence that they would soon be reunited.

But Max never made it to the airport. Instead, it seemed he had been taken to a local shelter. Upon calling several shelters without success, Max's family contacted Lou Guyton, director of the HSUS Southwest Regional Office, for help in locating Max. With the help of The HSUS staff, Max was finally found at the home of the apartment complex's maintenance man. When he learned that Max was to be taken to a shelter, he took the dog home instead.

Max's family was ecstatic when they heard he had been found. However, one rather large problem remained. How could they transport Max to New England without a health certificate or airfare? That's when the Clinic became involved, covering the medical expenses and providing the health certificate. The HSUS Southwest Regional Office and The HSUS New England Regional Office split the airfare. Lou Guyton picked Max up from his foster home and drove the little guy to the airport. Finally, he was going home to his family. The Clinic staff are happy that they could play a small part in his happy reunion.



*Max with some friends who helped The HSUS find him and reunite him with his family in Maine.*

## Clinic Benefits from Woman's Kindness

The Clinic wishes to thank the family of Zora Simmons Meagher for making a very generous donation to the Clinic in their aunt's memory. Because Ms. Meagher had a lifelong love of animals, her family wanted the money to go to an animal organization, and the Clinic was honored to be chosen.



## YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP THE HSUS CLINIC SAVE LIVES!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help fund The HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center's efforts to prevent animal suffering and provide low-cost veterinary services to those in need.

My check, payable to The Humane Society of the United States, is enclosed.

Please charge my  VISA  MasterCard  American Express (check one). Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (month/year)

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form and your check in the envelope provided. Contributions to The HSUS are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your check is your receipt for contributions of less than \$10 unless one is specifically requested. Thank you!

# Teaching the Children

The HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic is not just a wonderful animal medical facility that helps those in need; it also provides humane education to all our clients. In the Animal Wellness Center you can always find the VCR running an educational video, entertaining the clients as they wait to see the doctor. Children receive "KIND News," The HSUS's student newspaper that focuses on our animal friends, and coloring books about animal care to take home with them. All our new clients get a welcome package full of HSUS animal care and training information. We also offer animal



*Kodiak and his owner, Tara Miller, sometimes join Clinic staff in visiting schools and bringing humane education materials to them.*

behavior consultations. We hope to add a community room behind the Clinic so we can conduct ongoing training classes and humane education.

The Clinic is now distributing more than 300 subscriptions of "KIND News" to five Oak Cliff area elementary schools. The goal is to provide this very popular publication to 1,000 classrooms by 2005, and to give four school presentations each month. Since this past January, Clinic staff have taught more than 15 hours of humane education sessions at one of the local schools, Johnston Elementary. Much of the credit for this goes to teacher Jan Rivins, who strongly believes in compassion for all life and works hard to teach the children the same. We're happy to join her effort!

The Clinic is also collaborating on an educational program with Learning for Life, a group that supports organizations preparing young people for adulthood by enhancing their self-confidence, motivation, and self-worth. The Learning for Life program will train older students to go into the schools and teach humane education. The program is a boon for all involved: Younger students can associate with someone close to their age, student teachers gain self-confidence, and all learn compassion for all forms of life.

You can be on our team. If you are an educator or would just like to be a part of our educational program, please contact Jan Gordon at 214-372-7171.



## Clinic, Feral Friends Help Cats

Feral Friends, the Dallas Metroplex's largest charitable organization dedicated to the care and management of feral cats, has joined forces with the HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center to provide expanded low-cost veterinary care for feral cats in need. By teaming up with the Clinic, Feral Friends more than triples the capacity of its existing veterinary network and significantly expands its ability to help feral cats and their caregivers. Studies indicate that there are about 350,000 feral cats in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Feral Friends's innovative spay/neuter program provides low-cost or no-cost sterilizations and rabies vaccinations, as well as support and advice for feral caregivers. The group's humane trapping and sterilization program, Race To Reduce Litters, recently celebrated its two-year anniversary, having helped more than 2,000 feral cats. Through its work with our Clinic and other programs, Feral Friends supports a network of feral caregivers throughout Dallas/Fort Worth that provides assistance to feral cats who rely on such care for their survival.

"We are really happy to be working with Feral Friends; they are a professional and caring organization," said Jan Gordon, director of The HSUS Clinic.

If you need help with feral cats in Oak Cliff or Dallas/Fort Worth, please call Feral Friends at 972-671-0429, or you can go to the Web site at [www.feralfriends.org](http://www.feralfriends.org).

### CANINE TRAINING AREA/COMMUNITY ROOM

The HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center is hoping this year to add a small building with a fenced yard where we will be able to offer year-round canine training classes and behavior modification sessions. The room will also serve double duty as a place for community functions and humane education sessions. If you or someone you know would like to donate materials, labor, or funds toward this project, please contact the Clinic. Thank you!

### SHOP AT KROGER

Kroger cares! Get a Kroger shopping card to benefit the Spay Neuter Clinic. Each time you shop at Kroger, have the card scanned and 3 percent of your purchase will automatically be donated to help the Clinic save lives! Call 214-372-9999, or stop by the Clinic to get your card.

# Thank You Park Cities Ford!

The HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center would like to thank Park Cities Ford and James Ludwig at Auto Accent for repainting our van. It was a lot of work, and we can't thank you enough. The van now serves as a moving billboard, helping us to reach out to the community to let people know about the Clinic and its services.

## While we're speaking of cars ...

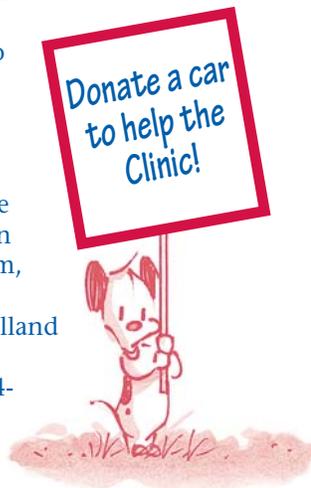
You can help the Clinic and lower your taxes! How? The HSUS Spay Neuter Clinic and Animal Wellness Center is now one of the charitable organizations participating in the Charity Motors Car Donation Program. People can donate a car they no longer want or need, get a tax deduction, and have The HSUS Clinic



The Clinic van is now a moving billboard, thanks to Park Cities Ford and James Ludwig at Auto Accent.

receive the proceeds from the sale of the unwanted vehicle! Last year, three caring people donated their cars to help save lives at the Clinic. You can too!

If you are interested in this program, please call Jennifer Holland at Charity Motors, 214-630-0044.



# Help Us Save Lives

Your financial support is what keeps the Clinic open. Your donation to sponsor any of the item(s) listed below will help us save more lives and prevent the birth of unwanted companion animals.



- Veterinarian for a Day program—\$400 will pay a vet for one full day of surgery (up to 50 spays and neuters) or a day in the Wellness Center.
- 15 instrument packs to spay dogs, \$165 each
- 15 instrument packs to spay cats, \$125 each
- Industrial clothes washer and dryer, \$2,600 each set (2 sets needed)
- Suture material: one-month supply, \$1,185; three-month supply, \$3,550; six-month supply, \$7,100; one-year supply, \$14,200

## Wish List Items

- Detergent and bleach
- Copy paper
- Garbage bags
- Books about dog and cat breeds, training, or pet care
- Animal magazines
- Animal art for our Wellness Center exam rooms
- Hanging plants for exam rooms
- Clean towels for kennels
- Paper towels
- More volunteers!

# LETTERS

Thank you for caring for me and my cat, Meow, when I brought her in to be spayed. I raised her from a week old (her eyes were not yet opened), so she is like a child to me. I was a little anxious, but my fears were quickly eased.

Gail, I am sorry you were not up front when I left so I could say thank you. Like you, your co-workers are compassionate. I know Meow was treated with the same respect and kindness I received.

—Amy Trione

Thank you for taking such good care of our Chihuahua, Tiny. Everyone is always very professional and nice when we come in. It is good to have a great place like The HSUS Clinic for our animals' needs.

—Sonya Turner and Family

Thanks so much for our tour of the Spay Neuter Clinic. We are now eager to see the animals you're planning to bring to our assembly program.

—Jan Rivins, Johnston Elementary

Thank you for your support and time in explaining to me what my dog was going through with parvovirus. I was not sure she was going to make it, but she pulled through, and we couldn't have done it without you. Callie and I thank you so much; you are all special in our book.

—Constance Dally and Callie Girl

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