

Save a Life,
Adopt a
Homeless Pet

Bulverde Area Humane Society



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Special points of interest:

- The Case for Mutts
- The Cost of Rescue
- Success Stories
- Please Donate

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Give Mutts a Chance

Adopting a rescued animal, usually a mixed breed, has become a fashionable trend. Even some movie stars have adopted rescues instead of expensive pure breeds.

Of course, pure bred dogs and cats can be rescues, too. If you're interested in a particular breed, check with that breed's local rescue group.

The common, everyday mixed breed has a lot going for it. He may not have a fancy name or official papers, but here are some facts about mixed breeds that might give you some new-found respect for them:

- ♥ Mixed breeds tend to be healthier.
- ♥ Mixed breeds tend to be more flexible and adaptable.
- ♥ Mixed breeds come in all sizes, shapes, and temperaments.
- ♥ Mixed breeds are more likely to be homeless, so you're helping an animal that might not otherwise survive.

See what I mean? So give a mutt a chance!

Cassie Wedding
Newsletter Editor



Mutts like Milo make great pets.

Look on our website for help with these common issues:

- Being the top dog (meaning you)
- Housetraining
- Chewing
- Children and dogs
- Territorial marking
- ...and more

Adoption Events:

Every 1st Saturday of the Month at Petsmart:

Where: Hwy 281 and Evans Rd.

Dates: June 4, July 2, August 6

Time: 12-4 p.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month at My Place Bar & Grille

Where: 29094 Hwy 281 North

Dates: June 12, July 10, August 14

Time: 12-4 p.m.

Plus any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 10-1 at BAHS.

HOURS OF OPERATION : The Shelter is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10AM - 1PM at 3563 Kingsnake Road, Bulverde, Texas 78163, (830) 980-2247.

PLEASE ADOPT ME!



Half Pint is a small terrier mix.

Half Pint, age two, is a small terrier mix with long skinny legs. His name may be Half Pint, but he has gallons of personality. He is a lively and curious little fellow. His favorite thing is to explore the grounds of the shelter on a leash. Half Pint is easily trained, outgoing, and doesn't seem to have any issues.

He and his buddy, a much larger dog, were found roaming around together. They seemed inseparable. We named them Big Bear and Half Pint. Sadly, Big Bear succumbed to distemper not long after they were found. Half Pint lost his friend, but he is lucky he didn't catch that often-fatal disease from him.

So Half Pint is still here, waiting for a home where he can be everybody's friend.

Harriet is a boxer/harrier mix about 3 years old. She was found abandoned near Fiesta Texas. As you can see, she is quite a looker. Harriet has been at BAHS longer than any other dog. We're not sure why. She's sweet, playful, and she behaves well with correction. Plus she loves kids. Check her out in the "You've Got a Friend in Me" video on our website. She's the one who hams it up to the camera, as if saying, "Aw, gee, how can you resist me?"

Harriet gets along well with other dogs but considers any other animal to be fair game for chasing and hunting down. So she would not be good in a household with any other pets besides dogs. What else can you expect? Hunting is in her genes.

Right now, she's just hunting for a good home.



Harriet is a beauty.



Heidi looking alert.

Heidi was abandoned in the parking lot of a veterinarian's office. She is a two-year-old shepherd/lab mix. You can see the shepherd part of her heritage in her intelligent, alert face. She knows her basic commands and is ready for you to teach her more. She is friendly and sweet and well-mannered. She gets along well with other dogs. She's also easy to walk and responds quickly to direction.

Another plus is that Heidi is at least partially housebroken. She waits until she is taken outside her pen to relieve herself.

Heidi is about 45 pounds of pure love. She is ready for that special someone to come along and give her the home she deserves.

Heidi looking thoughtful.



What It Costs to Rescue

	<u>PER DOG</u>	<u>PER CAT</u>
Neuter/spay	\$ 40.00/60.00	\$ 30.00/40.00
Heartworm test (dogs)	20.00	
AIDS/leukemia test (cats)		40.00
De-worm (in-house)	2.00	5.00
Rabies/DHLPP vaccinations	19.00	18.00
Flea/tick/heartworm preventive (3 months)	51.00	43.50
Pet food	30.00	26.00
TOTAL for 3 months—male	\$162.00	\$162.50
TOTAL for 3 months— female	\$182.00	\$172.50
ADOPTION FEE	\$95.00	\$65.00



Anastasia is being treated for heartworms.

The expenses listed above do not include the costs of treating common conditions like mange, heartworms, and various diseases and infections. Heartworm treatment alone can cost \$300 or more, depending on the size of the dog.

As you can see, the adoption fees don't cover our costs. We depend on donations to cover expenses.

What Do You Get When You Adopt?

The most important thing you get is a new pet, one that, with love, patience, and proper care, will bring you years of companionship and joy.

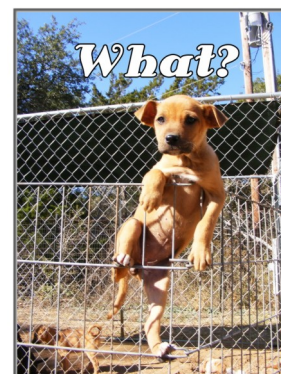
Your new pet will be vaccinated (rabies and DHLPP), neutered or spayed, treated for parasites, tested for heartworms (or feline leukemia), and microchipped.

Plus, you will receive an adoption packet that contains the following:

- 30 days of free pet insurance
- Free exam from The Animal Hospital of Smithson Valley
- Free exam from Bulverde Animal Hospital

- Three free days of doggy daycare at Camp Bow Wow in San Antonio
- 1/2 Price bath and brush at PetsPaw
- Tips for Adjusting to Your Dog, including information on common issues like housebreaking, escaping, separation anxiety, chewing and other destructive behaviors.
- Discount coupon for Hale Pet Door

All the above offers are provided by businesses that are not affiliated with BAHS.



A friend for life like Gracie is the best thing you get.

The Kitty Corner



BAHS and Animal Connections Share New Monthly Adoption Event
(with emphasis on cats, but we'll let a few dogs participate, too)

Bulverde Adoptions

Adopt-A-Lovebug & SAVE 2 LIVES

(the one YOU adopt and the one we now have space to take in)

No adoption fees for older animals and special needs
(donations for the rescue work are gratefully accepted.)

2nd Sunday Every Month 

12:00 - 4:00 PM

“MY PLACE” Restaurant (courtyard)

29094 US Hwy 281N., Bulverde TX

Healthy, spayed/neutered and vaccinated
DOGS - PUPPIES - CATS - KITTENS



*Beethoven, a shy Dachshund-mix; Hutch, the lovable terrier-mix;
Harley, “Mr Personality Plus”; and Black Velvet, “The Purr-Machine”.*

Meet these and other pets just longing to have new homes

at Bulverde Area Humane Society (830-980-2247) or Animal Rescue Connections (830-438-0398)

HAPPY ENDINGS!

Here are a just a couple of great adoption stories...

Chaca was a stray picked up off the streets by Animal Control Services in San Antonio. The folks at ACS thought she deserved a second chance at life and called us. Chaca has a sweet, gentle nature, but she was a little older and most people want a young dog. So she patiently waited. And waited.

Finally one day a family with two little girls came in. They had never had a dog before. Chaca was the first dog they were shown, but they weren't sold on her right away. She was rather aloof when they walked her. But one of the young daughters liked her calm nature. They finally decided to make Chaca their first family dog. They couldn't be happier with her!

Dad wrote, "I think her initial aloofness was just her way of not getting her hopes up....When we took her home you could see her eyes light up and she was full of energy." He said she couldn't stop wagging her tail.

Chaca seldom barks or makes a fuss about anything, but she checks on all family members at night. One night she barked to alert the family of a scorpion walking across the bedroom floor. So she's a watch-dog of sorts, too.

The whole family feels as if they and Chaca were meant to discover each other.

Chaca is happy with her new family and vice versa.



Zeauxy with new "brother" Remy.

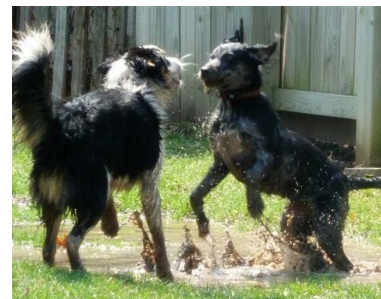
owner Brandi on her four-mile run every day. She loves water, too, and will dive for rocks on the bottom of a creek bed. Her new buddy is Remy, a dog her owners already had. As you can see, they enjoy getting into trouble together, doing things like playing in the mud.

What a wonderful life for a dog: creeks to splash in, walks and dog parks, and, best of all, owners who came all the way from Kansas just for her.

Bluebonnet's new owners came all the way from Kansas to adopt her after seeing her on Petfinder. (She's a Catahoula mix, the spotted gal in the photos.) They renamed her "Zeauxy" (pronounced "Zoey") in keeping with her Louisiana tradition.

Her owners report, "She is doing fantastic, and [we] couldn't have asked for a better dog!"

Zeauxy was a rambunctious puppy before being adopted, but she has calmed down quite a bit. It helps that she accompanies



Zeauxy and Remy playing in mud.

*"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."
Ben Williams*

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Powered by Volunteers



WE NEED PET FOOD—CAN YOU HELP?

In these hard economic times, we are no longer receiving pet food from a corporate donor.

So we need dog and cat food. Would you like to help out by donating pet food?

If so, please donate **ONLY** the brands listed below:

PEDIGREE ADULT DOG FOOD
PURINA ONE FOR CATS
PURINA PUPPY CHOW
PURINA KITTEN CHOW

Why? Pets need to stay on a regular diet of the same food to prevent stomach upsets. Pedigree and Purina make good quality food that isn't too expensive.

Please bring the pet food to our shelter or to any adoption event.



Help! We need food!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are always looking for adults or students to help out at the shelter or at adoption events.

We offer a safe place for kids to take part in group projects, earn community service hours, or just spend a few hours learning empathy and kindness.

Please look on our website for volunteer information and application. Show up with application in hand any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday at 10 a.m. for orientation.

EVEN A FEW HOURS A MONTH HELPS!

Thank you to Local Businesses

Please support the following businesses that have been so kind to us:

- HEB
- Petsmart
- Tractor Supply
- Cragg's Do It Best
- Bulverde Community News
- The Hill Country Times (web paper)
- The Animal Hospital of Smithson Valley
- Bulverde Animal Hospital
- Texas Veterinary Hospital
- A&C Health Service
- Mumme's
- Picadillo Mexican Restaurant
- Petspaw
- Pedernales Electric Coop
- Schering-Plough
- Frost Bank
- Canine Comforts
- K9 Country Club
- Camp Bow Wow
- Bird Dog & Cat Fish Shop
- A Better Dog Training
- Centerpiece Graphics

Plus all the businesses that collect donations for us with the BAHS coin boxes:

- Bulverde-Bexar Veterinary Clinic
- Country Hills Veterinary Clinic
- Exxon at Hwy 281 and FM 46
- Carry On Shell
- China King Restaurant
- Pappagallo's Restaurant
- Cool Beans Coffee Shop
- Enjoy Café
- Mumme's
- RavenHome Gifts
- Texas Wines & Spirits
- Don's & Ben's
- Texas Soil & Stone
- Ranger Cleaners
- Doggy Dooz Grooming
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Liz's on the Square
- Sears Hometown Store, Blanco
- Town & Country Cleaners, Blanco
- The Spring Branch Store
- Lone Star Spirits on FM 306

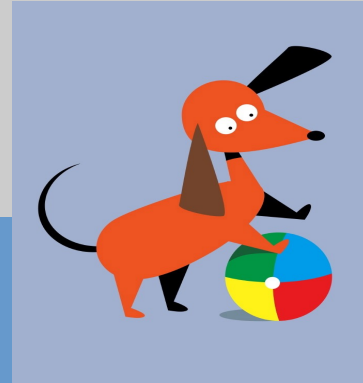
Please Help the Animals!

OUR MISSION is to provide a no-kill shelter for homeless dogs and cats. Our goal is to find permanent, loving homes for them. To that end, we provide food and shelter, medical care, and lots of TLC to help them become the kind of pet you would want to adopt as your own.

What can you do?

VOLUNTEER, ADOPT or FOSTER, DONATE PET FOOD, or MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION.

Please fill out and mail in the form below or donate on our website: www.bulverdeareahumanesociety.com.



Yes, I Want to Help!

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Please charge my credit card for \$ _____

Credit Card Type: MC Visa Disc Amex

Card No.: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Your gift is tax deductible.

Tribute Gift:

I would like to send my gift in memory of _____ OR in honor of _____.

If you wish to tell us why this pet or person is special to you, please use the space below:

Yes, you have my permission to publish this tribute in a future newsletter.

Thank you for giving to BAHS!