Get Your Licks on Route 66
Special Adoption Event

(Visit this website for more information on the tour http://www.fidofriendly.com/blog/6th-annual-get-your-licks-on-rt-66-starts-sept-12-2014)

Fido Friendly magazine and other great sponsors are crossing the country to bring more awareness to animal adoptions. ARF will join with them again this year for the 6th Annual tour. Mark your calendars for the big event!

Sunday – September 28 – Noon until 4 p.m. – Woodland Hills Mall, Suite 225-B
We’ll have games, prizes, and adoptions for a $66 fee/donation during the event! We always have a grand time at the Get Your Licks on Route 66 event and we hope to do a record number of adoptions that day. So, please spread the word and be sure to attend.

Do you shop on Amazon?
Go to our website at www.arftulsa.org and click on the Amazon Smiles button to donate a percentage of what you spend on Amazon to ARF! It’s a great way to pay it forward.

If you live in Tulsa and have a dog or cat that is 6 months or older and is not spayed or neutered, then you are in violation of city ordinances and can be fined (unless you have a city authorized breeder’s license). ARF will not adopt to applicants who have unsterilized dogs or cats.

We’re on the radio!
Be sure to listen to “Wet Nose Wednesday” on KVOO radio 98.5 every week when we spotlight one of our adorable adoptable dogs!
The practice of chaining dogs outside is considered inhumane by ARF and other pet rescue groups such as The Humane Society of the United States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, it is allowed in Tulsa County if the pet is provided “adequate” shelter and has access to a food/water bowl.

Numerous studies show that chaining dogs to fences, posts, etc. causes a strain on the body, skin sores, rashes, and raw skin. The collar can also become embedded in the skin. Dogs, like humans, are susceptible to heat stroke and frost bite. And, like humans, as they age, they become more sensitive to hot and cold temperatures and can have heart attacks and strokes, brought on by stress and/or discomfort.

ARF believes that pets should be part of the family and live inside, going out for exercise and to relieve themselves. The Humane Society recommends that animals that are kept outside should be placed in a sizable pen with adequate food, water, and shelter.

The Oklahoma Alliance for Animals has an affiliate called Unchain OK. Volunteers assist in educating the public about alternatives to chaining and take further action if they deem that a dog is in jeopardy. Some people have the wrong impression that chaining a dog is more humane than crating it. Chaining, actually, can lead to aggression and other problem behavior, while crating (for most dogs) is a more natural condition because they are used to resting in “dens” or sheltered spaces.

The only county in Oklahoma that prohibits dog chaining is Lawton. (Let’s hear it for Lawton!) Last year, a chained dog in Bartlesville died because of the heat, even though authorities were notified. The animal control division could do nothing because there was no ordinance against chaining a dog out in the heat.

Would you like to change Tulsa County’s or even Oklahoma’s tolerance toward mistreating pets? You can! Get involved with Unchain OK via Facebook. Write your legislative representatives about the problem. Visit www.unchainok.org to see what else you can do.

Before temperatures drop to freezing, let’s make sure that people who own dogs in Tulsa aren’t allowed to treat them like lawn furniture!

**Success Stories**

Hello,

I wanted to thank you for what your organization does. I adopted McGill (now Miguel) a year ago while I was volunteering at PetSmart in Tulsa. It’s hard to believe how much a dog can change your life and become such a huge part of a family! Miguel is the perfect combination of sweet, playful, and downright hilarious at times!

He loves to watch TV and bark at the various dogs that come on or look out the window and bark at rabbits. He has also figured out that if he acts like his leg is hurt during a walk he will be swept up in the warm arms of whoever is walking him and be carried home. Upon his arrival into the house, Miguel is running around and happy as if nothing is wrong. He has done this numerous times in cold or rainy weather, but he’s smart enough to never do it to the same person twice!

A very special bond exists with rescue animals and I certainly have that with Miguel. You can be assured that this dog is extremely loved!

--Jenna Fleming

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Dear ARF:

Just wanted to drop a note to let you know Fox (now called “Opie,” like little orange-haired Opie Taylor from The Andy Griffith Show) loves his new home! He is getting lots of love and attention. He is a very sweet and playful kitten, and he purrs constantly. He’s the perfect companion.

--Kelsey Hewlett
Dear ARF:
My 15 year old terrier passed away in July 2013. I was crushed and had decided to not get another dog until I was ready. On April 19th my friend’s 15 year old daughter asked to be taken to PetSmart to sign up to volunteer for ARF, so while there I decided to play with the dogs.

From across the room I saw this little dog calmly resting in a kennel. The dog looked very familiar, like one I had seen on TV with a vet on the news, and upon closer inspection it was him. I remembered how sweet he seemed on TV so I asked to hold him. I snuggled him and that was it. He is perfect for us and we love him dearly.

Night One: he was cozied up in his bed in the laundry room with a treat.

Night Two: he jumped the laundry room baby gate and so slept on a bed on the floor of my room.

Night Three: he jumped up in bed with me and it has been that way ever since.

He loves his backyard, chasing squirrels, watching the birds, and basking in the sun. He alerts us anytime someone enters the house, is on the porch, or is outside of the house nearby. Yes he is spoiled, but in good ways.

We took about a week to rename him because we wanted to get to know him and for his name to fit him. We had a long list of name suggestions but the one that stuck was Buddy. It fits his personality. It seems as though he has always been with us.

We are family.
--Hillary Hamilton

Hi there!

Thanks ARF for making our home more complete with Marshall, our Lhasa Apso mix. Marshall’s training has been second to none. He can sit, stay, and come already. His favorite toys are his rope toy and squeaky bone. He’s a huge fan of Biscuit Acres and is no longer the timid guy at the park. He enjoys a little pampering from The Dog Dish every now and then and is always game for a quality walk.

Thank you, ARF, for giving us the perfect companion.
--Colin Sato & Elisabeth Baluh
Adoption is the loving option.

Honors & Memorials

Much gratitude goes to our wonderful supporters. Your generosity allows us to provide food, bedding, medical treatments, and other amenities to homeless pets looking for permanent homes. All of our animals are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped for identification, vaccinated, treated for parasites, and provided a thorough medical exam. The adoption fee doesn’t cover these expenses, so your donations are desperately needed.

Please join these generous and caring people by sending in a donation to ARF today:

- Tom P. Harris, Jr. on his 80th birthday from Millie Carter and family
- Dorothy Thayer from Phyllis and David Cleary
- Barney from John Peters and Andrea Kunkel
- Donna Colmar’s birthday from Tom and Dorothy Donaldson
- Lee Eliot from Todd Gaffney
- Joe Puckett from Patricia Puckett, Wes Wise and Steve Harlon, and Mark and Cheryl Kelley
- Gus Prather from Andrea Duke
- Peggy Hill from Beth Nichols, Vinson Process Controls, and John and Susan Huskinson
- Hunter Friedman from Linda Spiegelberg
- Sharon Hanson from North Tulsa Economic Development Initiative
- Valerie Eicher from Avnet, Injectronics, Portescap, and Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, Connie Aldridge
- Bentley from Cathy Sullins
- Bailey Rollins, the Wonder Dog from Lynn Rollins Price
- Paul Moffett from C.F. and Linda Childers
- Andy (Andre Pierre) from Kimberlee Richard

DOGS AND DONATIONS

What Your Dollars Buy

If you have a pet, you know how those veterinarian bills can mount up! ARF has the same problem — a hundredfold. We are dedicated to adopting out healthy animals. To do this, we don’t skimp on veterinary treatment and preventative measures, such as worming, flea/tick baths, and vaccinations.

Donations from ARF supporters keep our bills paid and our pets healthy. We urgently need your help! Look at the list below and help us defray the costs of caring for our homeless pets:

- $10 — Parasite Exam
- $15 — Vaccinations
- $25 — Heartworm test
- $50 — Spay or neuter
- $100 — Dental examination and teeth cleaning
- $250 — Heartworm treatment
- $500 — Treatment for puppy with parvo
- $1,000 — One week of ARF vet bills

YES! I want to help pay ARF’s veterinary bills. Please accept this tax deductible donation.

- Check enclosed
- Cashier’s check enclosed
- I will donate through the ARF website (www.arftulsa.org)

Send to: ARF, PO Box 471483, Tulsa, OK 74147

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Visit our website at www.arftulsa.org