

Meet January's Featured Volunteer:



Deb with Tinkerbell. An early MAC Trip.

Deborah “Deb” Stanley has been a Tulsa SPCA volunteer for 4 ½ years and has been a big part in our success. She started volunteering on the Mobile Adoption Center (MAC). She was a quick study and worked her way up to MAC driver, taking our waiting pets out into the Tulsa area to find them their forever families. She didn’t stop there; she helped us redefine the foster program and is a great example of a foster parent. She doesn’t just take a dog home; she spends time with her fosters – evaluating and helping them develop into wonderful pets for other families to enjoy. Every dog she has taken into



Deb with her first foster, Abby.

foster care has had a 100% adoption rate and become a wonderful furry family member. With her educational background and role of librarian for the Tulsa Public Schools, she helps with writing the bios of the waiting pets on our website. She helped us get things together for the first year we brought the Bingo Bash back and that event was a great success for the volunteers. She does a lot of small things to help the organization too, such as collecting

aluminum cans at her school and printer cartridges from several schools for the recycling programs the volunteers maintain. The other day, she went to Disney Elementary to collect about 50 ink cartridges AND they threw in a bag of towels!



Deb with Kate and Abby at a Tulsa SPCA fundraiser.

Deb says: “It took me a long time to have enough courage to volunteer. I had to think about it for a long time because I was afraid I would want to take all the animals home and cry every time I left the shelter. But I finally realized that in order to help more than just the few animals I have in my home, I had to face my fears! I think most people don’t volunteer because it is too upsetting to leave the animals behind. Although Tulsa SPCA is a good temporary home sometimes it can be difficult to leave your favorite at the shelter. It’s better to be doing something for the animals than nothing! And since I can’t take them all to my house, I volunteer!”

Deb is an outstanding volunteer. She’s not afraid to roll up her sleeves to help the staff when called upon. Along with many other volunteers, Deb makes Tulsa SPCA successful.