

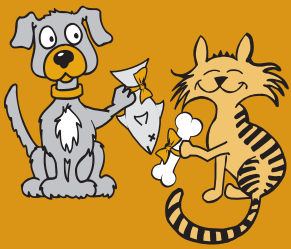


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Kindness to Animals
Is Contagious!
Happy Holidays
To Our Best Friends,
Love,
the TSPCA Gang

Sweet Survivors *A Year of Rescues ~ From One To Dozens*



Above: Faith soon after her arrival.

Left: Happy offers a wag during his recovery.

It's been a record-setting year for large numbers of rescued dogs, cats, puppies, kittens. In the last few weeks, we've added more than 130 pets to the 70-plus already under our roof.

Here are some of their stories, where they came from, what happened, and a bit about the personalities of these sweet survivors.

Homeless Pups from Homeless Man - It was early on a summer morning when clinic manager Julie saw a man standing at the still-closed front gate. He said he'd lost his job, had a car wreck, was living in his battered red Mustang. He didn't have a shirt to wear, but he did have a dog friend. And she'd had babies.

He handed over three wiggling 6-week-old sick puppies from the car...thin, filled with worms, covered with parasites. He cried and said he couldn't keep them.

During their two-month quarantine while we treated their many disorders, along came Owen, a student at Rhema Bible College in Broken Arrow, and it was love at first sight. He made several trips as he waited for first-love cream-colored, sweet Faye to get well. He named her Love.

Then he couldn't resist Layla, now named Faith. And, finally, there was the boy of the bunch named Happiness, Happy for short.

In a recent note, he wrote:

"As you all know, this is really hard work, and there is no doubt I feel like a single dad. But taking it one day at a time and seeing how much these three really truly love each other, it's a special thing.

"Happy, he's honestly the most behaved in the bunch. He's my best friend. Love is by far the smartest and probably the most crafty of the bunch. Faith, who I like to think was the real underdog here, well she's the Princess. She loves her brother and sister a lot and she's always smiling, a happy, humble, and content dog. She's the comic relief."

Faith, Love, Happiness. Sweet.

Smiling sweet survivors, from left, Happy, Love and Faith.



Two days, 36 dogs, 6 cats -



Momma Mabel's first gentle human touch.

The neighbors called about hungry dogs killing their pets, chickens, goats. Along with a Pawnee County Sheriff's deputy, we went to the residence west of Keystone Lake and found these animals living inside a narrow, small trailer house.

The two adults didn't seem to notice that the animals were malnourished, sick, hungry, covered with fleas and ticks and full of internal parasites,

most of them so frightened that they couldn't be touched.

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