



Stevenson

Companion Animal Life-Care Center

Annual Newsletter



This year's newsletter is coming out very late and for that we apologize. It has been an incredibly busy year with the completion of our new 3,500 sq. ft. wing. In addition to our construction project we have had a large rise in enrollments as well as changes in our pet population and some of our student residents. We will clarify these changes in this newsletter. As always, we are grateful to our friends for your support which makes it possible for us to provide premium services in caring for our resident pets.

Pictured on the front cover: Reggie

Student Residents and Staff

Chase Crawford was a student resident for three years. This May he began his fourth year of veterinary college and had to move on. Chase was a wonderful student resident. He had a great rapport with all of the resident pets. We will all miss him around here and hope he can find time during this busy academic year to visit his old friends.

Emily Dany also left the center this May after a year in residence. She became engaged this spring and has much on her plate with wedding plans and beginning her third year of veterinary college. We are very fortunate that Emily finds time to come to the center to study and spend time with her four-legged buddies as well as the staff. Emily will be sorely missed at the center.

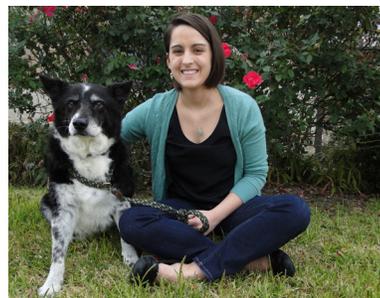
David Worth is in his third year of veterinary college and his third year as a student resident of the center. He is very tuned in to the animals' needs and is always willing to do whatever is necessary. David also is fun to work with and has a superb sense of humor. We are all happy that David will be with us for another year.

David, Silky and Shadow



Shelby Gasson is now a second year veterinary student and in her second year as a student resident. The center is very fortunate to have Shelby. She is very organized and offers many suggestions that are very useful. The resident pets love Shelby and the feeling is mutual. We are glad that Shelby is living here this year again.

Shelby and Noah



Trevor Tenney began living at the center this summer and began his second year of veterinary college this fall. Trevor is very compassionate and eager to do everything necessary for the resident pets. His father is a veterinarian so Trevor understands the medical needs of some of our aging pets. He is a welcome addition to the center family.

Trevor and kitties



Melissa Pawlowski has been a student worker at the center since February of 2013. She has accepted our offer to become a student resident of the center. All of our animals know Melissa and she is familiar with all of them so the transition is seamless. Melissa is applying to the veterinary college for 2014 admission. We are fortunate to have Melissa on our team.

Melissa and Ethel



Our student residents have a large responsibility to the pets entrusted to them and they are very committed to giving these pets the finest of care. They also have enormous obligations to their studies in the College of Veterinary Medicine. All of our student residents do their best on both fronts and will be excellent representatives of their profession when they graduate. The center is proud to have such high caliber young men and women helping us in our mission of providing a wonderful home-like environment for our resident pets.

The student residents care for our pets on evenings, weekends, and staff holidays. During the normal work week the center is staffed by an incredible group of devoted and fiercely loyal people. Kim Muth, our Animal Caretaker, has been with the center for nine years. Our Veterinary Technician, Janet Broadhead, is in her thirteenth year at the center. Ellie Greenbaum, the Associate Director, will be here fifteen years in January of 2014. Our Director, Dr. Henry "Sonny" Presnal, is in his sixteenth year at the helm of the center. We are extremely grateful for the long-running relationships forged at the center. The entire staff is dedicated to the welfare of our resident pets and this dedication is evident to all center visitors. We believe the center owes its success to the vision and commitment of its staff and the support of its friends and donors.

New Pet Residents

Since our last newsletter the center has had many new pet residents come to reside here. Annie is a 9 year old cat from San Antonio. Ethel Mae is an 8 year old English Setter from College Station. Silky, a 13 year old Labrador Retriever, and Blackie, a 5 year old blind cat, came together from San Antonio. Pumpkin, a 5 year old cat, came with Bubba, a 5 year old cat, from Houston. Blitz, an 8 year old cat, came here from Houston. Reggie is a 10 year old dog from Houston. Patty, an 8 year old Boston Terrier is from Austin. Olivia, a 13 year old Australian Terrier came from Georgia. Shadow is a local 15 year old Labrador Retriever who came to us in October of 2013. Every one of these pets is a welcome addition to our center family. They have all given us great joy and it is our pleasure to care for them as their owners wished.



Pet Losses This Year

Sadly, we have lost seven of our precious resident pets since our last newsletter. Uno, a sweet kitty, left us in July of 2012. Our beautiful Golden Retriever, Jazz, also passed away in July of 2012. Precious, a gorgeous calico cat, died in August of 2012. Charlie, our beloved 15 year old Sheltie-Mix, passed away in September of 2012. Our dear little 17 year old cat, Tootsie, died in November of 2012. Elvira was a beautiful cat that passed away in April of 2013. Trixie, our sweet 16 year old Dachshund, left us in August of 2013. We have dealt with much grief over these losses since our last newsletter. It was our honor to care for all of them in their final years.

As of this writing, 64 companion animals have lived out their lives at the Stevenson Center.



Enrollment Update

At this time, there are 451 pets enrolled from 162 owners living in 24 different states. These 451 pets are comprised of 13 birds, 6 donkeys, 17 horses, 229 cats, and 186 dogs. Currently, there are 20 cats, 18 dogs, and 1 llama residing at the Stevenson Center.



Resident Pets' Medical Care

Our resident pets receive the finest of care from the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital which is just two buildings away from the Stevenson Center. We are fortunate to have specialists in every field of veterinary medicine to assist us with any medical needs for our resident pets. In addition to having extraordinary clinicians in every field the Teaching Hospital also has the newest, most sophisticated diagnostic equipment which guarantees the highest level of medical care available to all of our resident pets.



New Building Addition

Our new 3,500 square foot addition is completed and in operation. We had a dedication of the new wing and celebration of our 20th year of service at the end of April. This new space provides us with two more canine rooms with private yards, two more cat rooms with porches, and two aviary rooms with porches. It is much needed extra space and is already being utilized. Thank you to all who helped us make this new addition a reality.

If you are planning to be in this vicinity please schedule an appointment with us to tour the new addition to the center. We are proud of this new beautiful space which allows us more room for our resident pets.



New Building Addition



We Appreciate Your Support

Wish List

As always, our day to day needs continue to grow along with our pet population. We are immensely grateful for our donors who have supported our needs over the years. Thanks to you our resident pets are able to enjoy a comfortable and luxurious life style at all times.

At this time we are fortunate not to need any larger items. We are always grateful for gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, PetSmart, and Petco which allow us to replenish worn out toys and bedding. Thank you for your generosity from the entire staff.

Web Site

Please remember to check out our web site periodically for updates and happenings. The URL is <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center>. Thank you to everyone who has made gifts to the center from our web site. The "Support" tab on the top bar of our web site has a gift form that can be printed out and filled out and mailed in to the center with your gift.

There is also an option to make gifts electronically. In the same "Support" section of our web site there is a link to "Online Giving". Gifts may be made here with credit cards and gift forms may be filled out on-line. Again, thank you to those who continue to support the Stevenson Center.

Gift Giving Form

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Thank you for your generosity.



Testimonial of Enrolled Owner

After visiting the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center and meeting its wonderful staff for the first time in the early 2000s, I knew I had found the right home-like environment to provide the physical, emotional and medical needs of my dog in the event of my experiencing catastrophic health issues or loss of life. Enrolling my dog in the Center program has given me peace of mind knowing she will be taken care of for the remainder of her life if I am unable to provide that care myself. I can't say enough good things about the staff that oversee and provide exceptional care for all the animals that reside at the Center and the world-class medical facilities of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

- Jackie Kephart in Fairbanks, AK



The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center is a privately funded program of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, and as such is a resource for friends of the college to provide a home-like environment for their pets when they can no longer care for them.

The center fosters educational experiences for professional students by providing opportunities in which they can attend to the care and needs of companion animals.

Pictured on the back cover: Jackie Kephart and Abby



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