



**STEVENS ON COMPANION  
ANIMAL LIFE-CARE CENTER**  
TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

*Annual*  **NEWSLETTER**  
2014 - 2015



This year has been very productive for the center. The enrollments continue to increase monthly. As always, there are changes in our pet population and student workers. This newsletter will bring you up to date on all of the happenings since our last newsletter. We are always grateful to our faithful supporters for helping us make the Stevenson Center the best it can be.

*Pictured on the front cover: Spider*



Student Residents and Staff

**David Worth** who had been residing at the center for the past three years, is now in his fourth year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Therefore, David moved out to concentrate on his last year of school. We are very sad to say good-bye to David but we will see him at the Small Animal Clinic often when we take our resident pets in for exams. All of our critters and the entire staff love David and hope he continues to visit when his schedule permits.

**Shelby Gasson** is in her third year as a student resident and began her third year as a veterinary student in the fall. Everyone here is very glad that Shelby is with us another year. All of the resident pets know and love Shelby and she loves them. We are fortunate to have this year with Shelby.

**Trevor Tenney** also began his third year in the veterinary college this past fall and this is his second year as a student resident here. Trevor is also well-loved by all of the resident pets and it is reciprocal. The entire staff is excited that we have another year with Trevor on board.

**Melissa Pawlowski** started her second year as a student resident this past fall. She began graduate school in the fall and is applying to the College of Veterinary Medicine for 2015 admittance. Melissa loves all of our resident pets and they love her. We are all excited that Melissa is still with us and our resident pets.

**Lauren Schwerdfeger** has been a student worker at the center for 2 years. She is now a student resident and she began her first year at the veterinary college in the fall. It's wonderful that all of our pets already know and love Lauren and vice versa. We welcomed her to our "family" with open arms.

Being a student resident at the Stevenson Center carries a tremendous amount of responsibility. All of our student residents are committed to providing the best care possible to the resident pets. An added bonus for all is the strong bond that is formed between the student residents and the pet residents. These students perform their duties at the center while continuing to pursue their studies at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Neither function is short-changed. We have an incredible group of students who will carry their sense of responsibility into their future careers. Our student residents are essential to creating the home-like environment we strive to provide for our resident pets.

In addition to the student residents who are responsible for resident pet care in the evenings, on weekends and

holidays, there is loyal group of daytime staff who operate the center on a full-time basis. The center prides itself on the longevity and dedication of its staff. Our newest team member is Travis Dittmar who came on as an Animal Caretaker in February of 2014. Kim Muth is an Animal Caretaker and is in her eleventh year with the center. Our Veterinary Technician, Janet Broadhead, has been at the center since December of 2000. The Associate Director, Ellie Greenbaum, is in her seventeenth year with the center. Dr. Henry "Sonny" Presnal, is in his eighteenth year as the center's Director. This group of people has a long-standing commitment to the Stevenson Center and the welfare of the center's resident pets. We are grateful that the center has a history of dedicated staff. They all contribute to the unique success of the Stevenson Center.

New Pet Residents

Two dogs came to the center in May of 2014 from California. They are Cesar, a 9 year old Chihuahua Mix, and Sophia, a 3 year old Miniature Pinscher Mix. We are having a lot of fun with them. They are never too far away from each other and they are super cute to watch. These two have fit in beautifully with their new family.

In September we added two more dogs to our clan. These girls are named Chassagne and Cristal. They are beautiful Bichon Frises from Arizona. We are very pleased with their adjustment to their new home and extended four-legged family. They are a joy.



Sophia and Cesar sunbathing



Cristal and Chassagne snuggling as always

Shelby & Chance



Trevor with Ethel & Noah



Melissa & Mac



Lauren with Chance & Win





*Pet Losses This Year*

Unfortunately, several of our beloved resident pets have passed away since our previous newsletter. Our 8 year old poodle, Shadow G., passed away in November of 2013. Annie, our 9 year old cat, died in December of 2013. Also, Daisy, our 16 year old collie mix, left us in December. Shadow V., our 15 year old Labrador, passed away in December too. Our center mascot, Chip the terrier, passed away in February of 2014 at the age of 16. Also in February we lost our 19 year old dog, Buddy, and our 17 yr. old dog, Amy. Then in May we said good-bye to our 16 year old Labrador, Chester. All of these losses were terribly sad for all of us. As always, we are grateful to have had these dear pets in our lives for as long as we did. They certainly impact all of our lives in wonderful ways.



*Enrollment Update*

Currently, there are 178 owners enrolled with 488 pets from 26 states. The 488 pets are made up of 14 birds, 6 donkeys, 18 horses, 241 cats, and 209 dogs. At this time there are 19 cats, 16 dogs, and 1 llama living at the Stevenson Center.



Mikey, Mac, Christie, and Cesar ready for Halloween

*Resident Pets’ Medical Care*

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides all of our resident pets’ medical needs. They are located just two buildings down the street which is very convenient for our pets and staff. There are specialists in many fields of veterinary medicine at the teaching hospital who are available to us for any of our pets’ medical issues. Our resident pets are fortunate to have these expert medical teams accessible to them. The teaching hospital has the most innovative diagnostic equipment available if the need arises.



Ethel Mae enjoying time with Taylor and Katie



Chance sitting pretty



*Fun in the sun!*



*Strike a pose!*



*Cuddle Time!*





## Time to relax.



## Exploring.



## Time for a check-up!



## Sharing and caring.





Reveille VIII Retiring

Texas A&M's mascot is a Collie named "Reveille". Those of you familiar with Texas A&M's history and traditions know that Reveille is the "first lady of Aggieland". She is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets. Reveille will be retiring at the end of the spring semester in 2015 or when her successor is chosen. Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President of Texas A&M, met with Dr. Eleanor Green, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, and Dr. Sonny Presnal, the Stevenson Center Director and proposed that the Stevenson Center become Rev's home upon her retirement. Dean Green and Dr. Presnal were honored that Dr. Hussey made this request and their response was "ABSOLUTELY". This is a very logical choice. Rev will still be cared for to a large extent by Aggie students, will continue to live on campus and will be next door to the finest veterinary care available anywhere. Our staff is excited and honored that we will have the privilege of providing Reveille's home and care in her retirement years. She will love having lots of 4-legged company who are all treated like royalty just as Rev will continue to be treated.



We Appreciate Your Support

Wish List

The center is truly grateful for all gifts to the center. Our donors have been extremely generous to the center throughout the years. Because of this generosity, our resident pets are afforded a very comfortable life style. They, and our staff, are most appreciative of the additional luxuries these gifts provide. We are not in need of any larger items at this time. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Petco, and Pet Smart are always welcome and much appreciated. These gift cards provide us with the opportunity to replenish worn out items such as bedding, cat condos, and toys. Thank you for your kindness from all of us at the Stevenson Center.

Web Site

We attempt to update our web site on a regular basis. This is our way of keeping everyone informed of happenings at the center. Please visit our site at <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center>. There are gift forms available on our web site, under the "Support" tab, if you would like to make a gift to the center in memory or honor of a pet or person. There is an option of making gifts with a credit card also under the "Support" tab by clicking on the link to "Online Giving". We will send acknowledgment of all memorial and honorary gifts and also, of course, a thank you to the donor. Thank you to all who have made these gifts in the past. Our entire staff and resident pets truly appreciate all gifts to the center.

Gift Giving Form

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Thank you for your generosity.



## Testimonial of Enrolled Owner

We heard about the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center when it first opened. We went to College Station to visit the facility and were very impressed. The fact that the facility accepts horses was a big plus for us. With two dogs and two horses now, we are assured that if something happens to us, our "four-legged family" will have the care and love that they are used to. We do not have to worry about their care or quality of life for the rest of their lives. The caregivers really do care about their charges and we could not find a better final home for our dogs and horses when we are gone.

*-Drs. Terri and Jerri Lindsey in Fort Worth, Texas*



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.