



**STEVENS ON COMPANION  
ANIMAL LIFE-CARE CENTER**  
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## *A Year of Tails*

The Stevenson Center had a very busy year in 2016. Many new people have enrolled their pets in the program. There have been some changes in our pet population, our student workers and staff. This newsletter will fill you in on all of our updates. We are grateful to all of you for your continued friendship and support. Your kindness allows us to provide the best care possible for all of the wonderful pets in our care.

### *Student Residents and Staff*

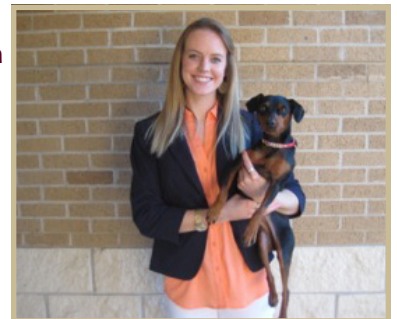
**Melissa Pawlowski** began her fourth year of residency at the center in fall of 2016. Everyone at the center, humans and pets alike, are excited to have Melissa here for at least another year. She began her second year at the College of Veterinary Medicine also in fall of 2016. All of our pets love Melissa and she loves all of them.

**Melissa & Chance**



**Lauren Schwerdfeger** began her third year as a student resident and her third year in the College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2016. Again, all of the resident pets and staff are elated that Lauren is still here. She has a wonderful relationship with everyone here.

**Lauren & Sophia**



**Hana Huff** began her second year as a student resident this fall. She entered her third year at the College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2016. We are so happy to have Hana another year. Hana forms close relationships with all of our resident pets.

**Hana & Sophia**



**Sam McDonald** will be residing at the center for at least another year. He is in his second year as a student resident and began his second year in the College of Veterinary Medicine in fall of 2016. Our resident pets all love Sam and the feeling is mutual. Sam is friends with everyone at the center.

**Sam & Jessie**



We are very fortunate to have the best students imaginable living at the center and caring for all of our resident pets. They form a solid bond and that is special for them and our pets. These student residents have chosen to assist with the cost of their education by performing the duties that are required of them at the center. They are special people who have learned how to budget their time so that neither our pets nor their studies are slighted. We are proud to witness their transformation from students to professional veterinarians and we feel that their time at the center will help them prepare for what is ahead. The center also employs several pre-vet students to work a few hours each day. They help our day staff with our myriad of chores. These student workers are valuable to the success of the center. Our resident pets all know and love each of them. We appreciate all they do to help keep the center beautiful and to help entertain and love our wonderful resident pets.



Our daytime staff are completely devoted to the resident pets and the mission of the center. We are extremely fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals that will go to any lengths to assure the comfort and well-being of our pets. Montana Matthews, our Animal Caretaker, is our newest team member. She came to us in the fall of 2016 and has fit wonderfully in her role. Our other Animal Caretaker, Kim Muth, is in her 13th year at the center. We are all so happy to have Kim on our team. Janet Broadhead, our Veterinary Technician, has been at the center for 16 years. Janet is our guiding light with all of our animal behavior and wellness concerns. The Associate Director, Ellie Greenbaum, has been with the center for 18 years. Dr. Henry "Sonny" Presnal, the Director, is in his 19th year of overseeing the center. These people make the Stevenson Center a huge success. Each one of them is a vital contributor to the important work we do in creating a comfortable and loving home for all that live here.

## ***New Pet Residents***

There have been several more additions to the center family this past year. Fred came to us in July of 2016 from Lufkin, Texas. He is a big, beautiful black Labrador Retriever who loves everyone with two legs or four legs. Then Marcie and Sophie joined us in December of 2016 from the Dallas area. They are a sweet Collie and Border Collie duet who fit in wonderfully. Twinkie and Chen are two Papillons who came to the center in March of 2017 from San Antonio. Twinkie is a little princess and Chen is a 3-year-old ball of energy. They are adorable. We are all in love with all of our new family members (as well as our established family members).

**Fred**



**Sophie and Marcie**



**Twinkie and Chen**



## *Pet Losses This Year*

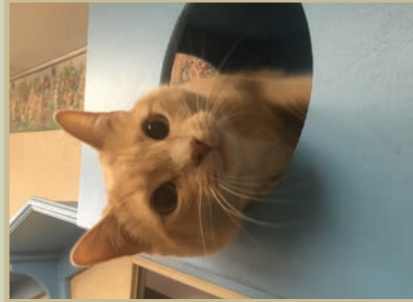
It is always difficult to pass this information along but we like to honor those that we lost. We have lost eight of our dear pets since our last newsletter. Katy, our 14-year-old Westie, passed away in January of 2016. Win, one of our 16-year-old cats from Virginia, left us in February of 2016. Missy, a 17-year-old cat, passed on in June of 2016 after residing here 9 years. Our 26-year-old llama, Rusty, who lived here for 16 years passed away in August of 2016. Then we lost our 19-year-old cat, Annie, who was a resident since 2001. Jessie, a beautiful 13-year-old black Labrador, left us in October of 2016. Then an 18-year-old sweet black cat, Sammy, passed away in January of 2017. Our final loss for this newsletter was Cricket, our 16-year-old wirehaired Jack Russell Terrier, in February of 2017. Cricket was a front door greeter for the center for 7 years. Every one of these precious creatures holds a dear spot in all of our hearts and we miss them every day. The joy of having had an opportunity to love them and take care of them is what helps us cope with losing our beloved four-legged friends.





## Enrollment Update

Currently, 228 owners from 28 states and 2 countries are enrolled with 591 pets. The 590 pets are comprised of 22 birds, 6 donkeys, 21 horses, 268 cats, 268 dogs, 2 rabbits, and 3 pocket pets. At this time, there are 19 dogs and 17 cats residing at the center.



## Resident Pets' Medical Care

Our resident pets receive their medical care at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, where we have access to experts in all fields of veterinary medicine. We have the ability to provide cutting-edge treatments to our resident pets when the need arises. All of the resident pets have, at the very least, annual exams and vaccinations. Geriatric residents have exams at least twice annually depending on their individual needs. Occasionally, a student resident will be on the case of one of our resident pets. This is always special for both the residents and the pets. We feel very fortunate to have the best of care available, just next door, any time day or night.



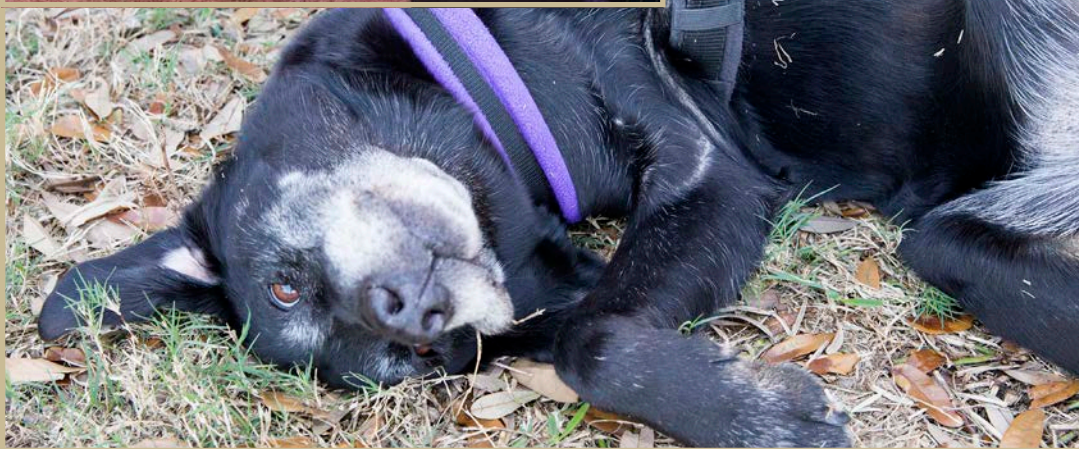
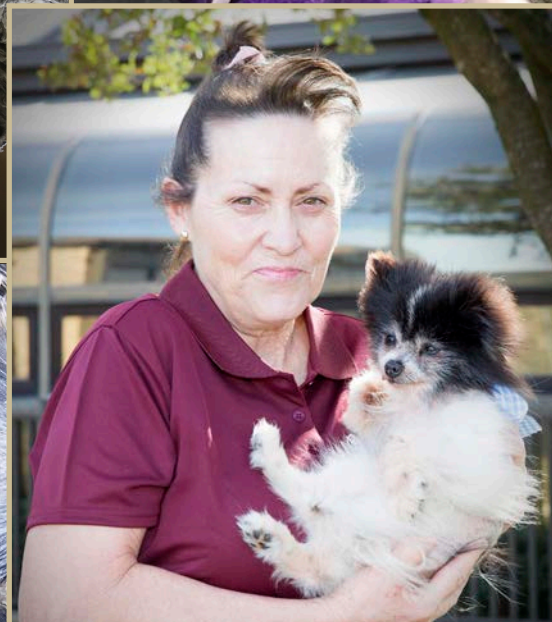
**Marcie, Sophie and Montana.**



**Jane Clare**



# *Enjoying Life.*





# *Enjoying Friends.*





## *Stevenson Center Advisory Board*

The center is very fortunate to have 9 dedicated individuals that serve on the Stevenson Center Advisory Board. These dedicated individuals serve as a sounding board to the Director and Associate Director to render their advice on major decisions for the center. The board meets at the center three times annually and are briefed at each meeting on all the activity of the center as well as a very detailed financial report. Their input has been invaluable to the staff over the past 15 years since it was first appointed by the Dean. Six members are appointed to three-year terms by the Dean upon the recommendation of the Director. The remaining three are permanent members by virtue of their position with the college.

### **Currently the members of the Stevenson Center Advisory Board are:**

**Dr. Marvin Cannon**, SCALC Donor/Friend, College Station, TX

**Mr. Bo Connell**, Asst. Dean of Hospital Operation, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

**Dr. Stacy Eckman**, Primary Care Service Head, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

**Mrs. Lucy Lee Hale**, SCALC Donor/Friend, Houston, TX

**Dr. Sharman Hoppes**, Clinical Associate Professor, Dept. Of Small Animal Clinical Services

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**Dr. Kevin Washburn**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

**Dr. O J. “Bubba” Woytek**, Asst. VP of Development & Alumni Relations, CVM

**Dr. Deb Zoran**, Professor, Dept. Small Animal Clinical Services

**Dr. Henry L. “Sonny” Presnal**, Director, SCALC, Chairman of Advisory Board

**Mrs. Ellie Greenbaum**, Associate Director, SCALC













## *We Appreciate Your Support*

### *Wish List*

Again, we are all grateful for the assistance we receive from the friends of the center. Due to your continued generosity, we are not in need of any major items at this time. As always, we welcome gift cards to Walmart, Target, Petco and PetSmart. These gift cards help us replenish worn out toys, bedding, and pet furniture. Monetary donations are also much appreciated and put to good use. Thank you from all of us at the Stevenson Center for your thoughtfulness.

### *Web Site*

The center's web site address is <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center>. Please visit our site periodically to stay up to date on the happenings of the center. There is a gift form under the "Support" tab if you would like to make a gift in memory or in honor of a pet or person. In addition, on this page there is a link to "Online Giving" where you can make your gift with a credit card. Donors will receive letters of gratitude for any gifts made to the center and designated persons will receive letters of notification of donations. The entire staff and the resident pets appreciate all gifts to the center. Thank you for your support of our unique and wonderful program.

### *Gift Giving Form*

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If in Memory or Honor of a pet or person (please circle):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Acknowledgment (if in memory or honor) to:

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This gift is to support:

\_\_\_ Stevenson Center Building Fund

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*Please make checks payable to:* Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center

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Thank you for your generosity.





## *Testimonial of Enrolled Owner*

Without family to care for our cats when we are gone, we struggled with a trusted solution. Various legal structures and adoption ideas were considered. Then a Texas A&M trained veterinarian suggested we visit the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center. We fell in love with Dr. Sonny Presnal, Ellie Greenbaum and the facility. It is a wonderful home environment with many happy kitties. The veterinary students living there are a huge bonus. We were relieved to have a solution for future care of our pets. Several subsequent visits to the Center have confirmed our commitment. It gets better, Reveille VIII is also happy there! We have adopted Texas A&M as our school, visited the new veterinary school campus and attended an amazing football game. Our ties to the Center, veterinary school and Texas A&M will only grow stronger. Thanks to Ms. Stevenson, Sonny and Ellie for providing the foresight and leadership to establish such a wonderful home for ours and others pets.

– Tim and Sue Geppert



Tim and Sue Geppert

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.



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