



Fall 2015

Newsletter



**PUPS – PREVENT UNWANTED PETS** is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that was established in 2003. Our mission is to assist people with the spaying and neutering of their pets if they cannot afford to do it on their own in order to decrease pet overpopulation. Veterinarians in eight counties west of Houston assist us by doing the surgeries. We do not have a shelter. The animals at our adoption events are in foster homes and are strays from animal control facilities.

PUPS has spayed or neutered **15,331 dogs & cats**! Our average cost per spay or neuter is **$73.93**.

We survive on public donations. We do not receive any local, state or federal funding. All donations to PUPS are tax deductible. **100% of donations are used for spaying and neutering.** Our board of directors pays for all overhead expenses. Please help us continue our mission and donate today!

Dogs Heading North

 This is a new avenue of dog adoption for PUPS, and so far seems to be going quite well.

 In September Casie Cooper was the first foster for PUPS to send dogs north. It worked great.

 Dianna started networking with Special Pals of Katy and RPM (Rescued Pets Movement) out of Houston. RPM has transported over 9,000 animals from BARC. I’m sure you have heard all the terrible things about BARC in the papers in the past, especially the 86% euthanasia rate. Thanks to RPM the city of Houston may soon qualify as a “no kill” animal control program. (Please see the RPM website to make donations).

 On October 1 Dianna and I took six puppies, 12-14 weeks old, to RPM in Houston. We were there at 6 a.m. to get the pups settled in. The paperwork had all been taken care of in advance. About 150 dogs were going to Colorado that day in special transport vans. They stop every six hours to walk and feed the dogs. A vet inspects everyone before they leave and there are inspections along the way too.

 On October 2 the dogs arrived in Colorado and were turned over to IRESQ RR (RR stands for rescue and rehab). Those that have not been spoken for (many have) are taken straight to an adoption event. Anyone who is not adopted that day goes into a foster home.

 I must say, I got pretty weepy in the days leading up to having the puppies leave. One was Jillian, the last of Lindsay’s puppies. Four were from a litter I had taken in when they were just four weeks old. They had been covered with sarcoptic mange and had kennel cough when I got them. To have five puppies I had bonded with since July leave all at once was difficult.

 The folks up north have figured out the importance of spaying and neutering and now have room to take overflow from Texas. Many thanks to them for helping out! But it’s time for us slow pokes down here to get our pet overpopulation problem under control. Please keep spreading the word about spaying and neutering and that PUPS is here to help with that!

See insert for more info on Northern dog placements.

Thanks, Cheryl Mellenthin