

Humane Society of Cherokee County

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Dear HSCC Donor:

Thank all of you for supporting HSCC again in 2016. Another 500+ formerly unwanted Cherokee County animals have moved into their forever homes since last year's letter.

A lady recently came to our shelter looking for a dog to adopt. She told me she's always lived in the country, and until a few years ago never was without stray dogs in her neighborhood to take in as pets. Then she said, "Now my dogs are old and I need a new dog. We don't have stray dogs anymore, so for the first time in my life, I'm here to adopt a dog." No stray dogs? What a blissful concept!

After thousands and thousands of rescues, transports, adoptions, and spay / neuters (over 4,300 since 2006 on our low cost program!) in nearly 17 years, we have reduced the dog population to a more realistic level for the number of households in Cherokee County. We are never finished, but the progress is there for everybody to see, particularly country dwellers who used to see dumped dogs flooding onto their property. In the old days, (turn of the century) many of these stray animals either got hit by cars, were shot, fell prey to predators, or died of dehydration or starvation.

Look at Jake below. He was found running loose in the Crescent Valley Church area, west of Woodall. Obviously he had been on his own for quite a while. The happy look in Jake's eyes in the right picture show what less than \$150 spent by HSCC can do for a once homeless animal.



**"Jake," Rescued in September 2016
Starving, eaten up with ticks & fleas**



**"Jake" After two months of food, rest,
medicine, and TLC in his new home.**



Happiness defined

**"Tucker," the miracle puppy who survived
Parvo, on the drive home with his new owner**



**Unloading 65 transported dogs and puppies
at Anderson Animal Shelter in Illinois**



Our biggest and one of our friendliest dogs "Samuel"



After two years, Prancer is still waiting for her first adoption 'interview'. She needs a chance

A growing and vital HSCC program is the feral cat catch, spay/neuter, and release program. This program was started, mostly financed, and run singlehandedly by a long time Humane Society member. 539 feral cats in the Tahlequah area have been spayed / neutered and released. The offspring of these cats would already number in the tens of thousands without this important work. Yet another program that is making Cherokee County a better place to live.



Sox (L) and Mr. Twinkles are two of HSCC's special needs cats who have been living at the shelter since August of 2014. Shortly after their rescues they were discovered to be diabetic and have been on twice a day insulin injections ever since. They are 3 or 4 year old cats and their insulin requirements have dropped steadily over the past 2 years. With proper care and nutrition some diabetic cats reach a point of no longer requiring insulin. These are wonderful cats who are each still hoping to find their purrfect furrever homes.



These beautiful Weimeramers were found in Hulbert last spring. They quickly got over their skin problems, gained 20 lbs each, and were soon adopted in Illinois.



Kent and Kirk have lived at the shelter since January of 2009, when they were 4 months old. They are very shy, but have no other problems. Come see them.

Please note the enclosed "Shelter Buddy" insert. Hard to adopt shelter animals need and desperately want human contact and affection. People who love dogs but aren't allowed to have them at their residence can still care for a needy shelter dog.

Since 2000, HSCC has focused on reducing animal population and suffering in Cherokee County. At the same time, we have provided out of state homes for thousands of animals who had no prospects of adoption here. Unwanted animals continue to be rescued, then adopted or transported. Thousands of families across the U.S. have Cherokee County pets they adore, so everybody is a winner. All of us in Cherokee County benefit from living in a healthier environment where unwanted animals get a chance to have a happy life instead of a short, stress filled, and hopeless existence. Please join us in this fulfilling and worthy endeavor. Take another look at Jake on page one. Just \$140 pays for one animal's rescue, medication, rehabilitation and adoption or transport.

Please send your donation today. Make your check payable to "HSCC." We have provided a coupon and self-addressed envelope for your convenience. You may also make a donation online by PayPal or credit card. Go to www.humanecherokeecounty.org and click on the "donate" button.

Don't forget to visit the Humane Society Resale Shop before Christmas. You will find many great items at fire sale prices. Located at 17736 S. Muskogee Ave in Tahlequah (across from Cherokee Nation Headquarters). Open 12:30 to 4:30 Tuesdays thru Saturdays.

A \$140 gift gets one homeless animal off the street and into a loving home. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

All of us at HSCC thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Lou Hays, President,
Humane Society of Cherokee County

Three shelter long termers adopted since last year's letter

"Saving one animal will not change the world, but for that one animal, the world would change forever"

I'm happy to report that 3 of 4 long termers listed in this letter last year found their forever homes. Ponca and Terri, pen mates at the shelter, both went to the same great home in Tulsa

Let's get Kirk, Kent, and Prancer adopted this year (see page 2)



**Ponca
Adopted**



**Terri
Adopted**



**Kelly White
Adopted**