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## Paw Prints

The Collin County Humane Society Newsletter - Fall 2013

### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT Molly Peterson, Pres. of CCHS and Director of CCHS and Rockwall

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of 2013 already! Summer proved to be difficult on all rescues and local shelters as owner surrenders were at an all-time high. With many families on vacation, adoptions slowed as well but that has not hindered our spirits and ability to continue to save over 300 dogs in our 3rd quarter. Now that summer is behind us we are looking forward to the fall when everyone is back from vacation and looking to adopt!

In this issue of Paw Print we have pet safety tips for Halloween, low cost vaccinations clinics and updates on Justice the dog who originally came to CCHS in such bad shape his breed was unrecognizable. Also featured is the story of Tater who's "tale" is one of resilience, tragedy and happiness after the community rallied around the surgery he needed to save his life. Read updates on Wonder and Janey, two CCHS dogs who's lack of eye sight will not hinder their spirits and their families who are devoted to showing them all the love and attention they deserve.

We thank you all for your support and we hope to see you all at our Boot Scootin' Benefit on Oct 26, 2013 at 6pm. Read further for more details to follow in this issue of the CCHS Paw Print Newsletter.

We have many Happy Tail pictures to share, click here to view them all:  
<http://mhenterpriseonline.com/>

### Update on Janey By Stacy Hague

In our last newsletter we introduced you to Janey. Janey was dumped in a nearby town back in March. It was soon discovered that she had mammary cancer. Luckily our vet was able to remove it all! Three weeks after her tumor removal she developed glaucoma in her left eye which resulted in her having to have it removed.

We are excited to share that Janey had been adopted to a wonderful family! She had a big basset brother named Dash and two loving parents!

Happy tails girl!



### Meet Tex, a black Labrador Retriever/Rottweiler/male puppy



Meet Tex, a black Labrador Retriever/Rottweiler/male puppy Big boy Tex is a rolly polly puppy who has a tremendous love of life! He has a very calm demeanor and loves to get snuggles from his humans. He gets along with all dogs and is going to make a fantastic family dog!  
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### Events:

- Watters Creek – Adoption Event on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 1-6pm on the South West Corner of Bethany and 75 in Allen (across from Savour)
- Annual Boot Scootin' Benefit on Oct 26th

<http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/bootscootin-benefit.html>

# Collin County Humane Society

## Presents:

Our Fourth Annual Fundraising Event

# BOOT SCOOTIN PET BENEFIT



**October 26th from 6:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Where: Eddie Deen's Ranch**

**Price: \$85 per person**

**944 S Lamar St**

**Dallas, TX 75207**

**(214) 741-4211**

**100% of the proceeds will go towards building a CCHS adoption facility in 2016**

Every day we are overwhelmed with what seems like endless pleas for the lives of homeless pets at shelters across the greater DFW area. It was evident to the CCHS team that we needed to do more than build our foster base in order to help more animals in need - we needed to build an Adoption Facility. And so we planned, plotted, devised and put on our first ever CCHS Give a Dog a Home Gala at City Place in Dallas, TX on September 11, 2010 ([click HERE for pictures](#)). From there our audience grew from 90 people to 250 and we have raised over \$120,000 for the construction of our Adoption Facility ([click HERE for the external rendering](#)). The wonderful architectural team of Hinojosa AI designed our three phase plans for the facility ([click HERE to see the design plans](#)) complete with an abundance of holding space for pets in need as well as public grooming and boarding for additional revenue and exposure for the pets in need of a home.

Last year's event was the beautiful and enchanting Dallas World Aquarium. *Check out pictures from last year's event: [Give a Dog a Home Gala - October 13, 2012](#)*. This year we are proud to announce that we will host the Fourth Annual Boot Scootin' Pet Benefit on Oct 26, 2013 at [Eddie Deen's in Dallas](#), TX. Why Dallas you might ask? While our name reads "Collin County" we are not bound by any borders. Our fosters are located: Terrell to Benbrook, and Sherman to Waxahachie... and everything in between. We have found Dallas to be a central location while also offering hotels within walking distance to the venues and readily available public transportation. From the feedback received we changed our game this year to bring you a much different feel then the fine dining sit down dinners of years past.

The event this year is themed casino night featuring [Matthew Middleton and Texas Drive](#) as your live entertainment! Attire is casual, boots and bling to appease the men's request to remove the ties and the ladies request to show off our fancy boots.

At your request we have reduced event sales from \$125 a person to \$85 (group discounts apply). In addition we have fulfilled the request for more food! The meal will be gourmet BBQ buffet catered by Eddie Deen's with vegetarian, vegan, and other options to accommodate special dietary needs.

### Monthly Memberships

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Bobby McPeak	Puppy Partner
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Heather Bass	Tail Wagger
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Karen Creel	Kennel Friend

### Annual Memberships

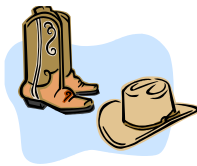
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Sandra Webb	Tail Wagger
Marilyn Bechtol	Tail Wagger
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But wait, there's more! For limited time only we are offering **FREE** tickets to our gala for anyone that registers for our Annual CCHS Membership (dues are paid upfront). Click [HERE](#) to learn more about membership opportunities and sign up today

Our annual Justice Award will be presented to North Texas Humane Society by last year's winner the Texas Humane Legislative Network for their tireless effort helping the animals in Texas!

Do you have a lake/beach house, airline miles, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, hotel connections or other great connections to donate for our Live Auction? We are currently seeking items for our live and silent auction as well as wine bottles valued at over \$20 for our wine pool (the wine pool is a blind raffle with the chance to win a bottle of wine valued anywhere from \$20-\$200). If you have something to contribute please contact Heather Bass at [heathy11@yahoo.com](mailto:heathy11@yahoo.com). All donations are 100% tax deductible!

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Thanks Texas Hold 'Em Sponsors - Phil and Silvana Smith

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## Every Dog Has a Family Waiting

By Ashley Pickering

Justice was rescued by CCHS way back in December of 2008. We had no way of knowing that he would change the course of CCHS and what we do. We brought Justice into our program because we saw a dog in need, we couldn't tell what kind of dog he was. He was found with an embedded collar, emaciated, and such a severe case of mange his breed was indistinguishable. His foster mom cared for him literally day and night, loving him as if he were her own child and as a result, Justice made an amazing turn around. His coat grew back thick and a beautiful reddish/brindle color. He gained weight and his personality came shining through. Justice was (and still is) a big, loving, goofy Staffie/Boxer mix. He never met a stranger and regardless of his history, he just wants to love life.

CCHS is a space based foster program and after being in our program for almost a year, we made the decision to send him to what we knew was a reputable pit bull sanctuary. Spindletop, near Houston, was a sanctuary we had both researched and visited. We saw what great care they took of their residents and after much discussion, we decided it was the place for Justice! So, off he went to his new life, to hopefully get adopted.

After just a few months at Spindletop, we received word that Justice had been adopted by a wonderful family and everyone was so happy because of all the dogs in the world, Justice so deserved his "happy beginning". We all thought that Justice's journey had concluded with his adoption.

Unfortunately, we were in for a horrible shock about 18 months later when Spindletop was raided and Justice, along with another CCHS dog, was discovered living in filth, cramped cages, and nightmarish conditions.

There are no words to adequately describe the pain, guilt, and horror we all felt at being told of Justice's reality. After being granted custody of Justice and Apollo, the other CCHS dog, by the court, arrangements were made to transport him back to Dallas.

Once back with CCHS, we realized that even though once again Justice had been dealt a horrible hand, he came through it with the same bouncy, happy, loving attitude. Justice was truly a miracle dog and a true testament to the forgiving nature of dogs! He wasn't angry, he was just happy to be loved again!

Months passed and Justice received NO applications for adoption. It didn't matter what we did to publicize this wonderful doggie, it didn't seem that there was a family waiting for him. UNTIL Joanne Bonanno saw a picture of him on our website as she was looking for a new family member. His picture stayed with her, in fact, she had a dream about him living in their house with them. She reached out to CCHS and put in an application to meet him. It was love at first sight! He loved her and her family and they definitely loved him! Finally, a match made in heaven for this special dog. This dog who literally traveled through hell twice was getting his chance at heaven on earth in the form of a family that would love him unconditionally and forever! So after having no family for over 4 and a half years, Justice's new family took him home on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

We are happy to report that Justice's family keeps in regular contact with us and sends us lots of pictures. They are "over the moon" happy with their new family member and say, "we can't imagine our family without him". Happy tales indeed for this special dog.

[See all of Justice's Pictures](#)



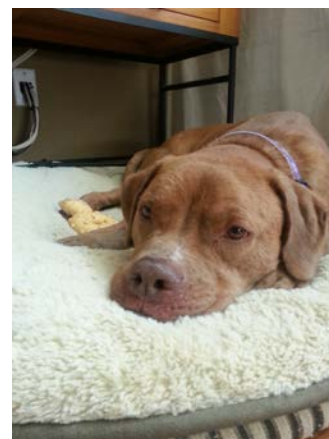
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Justice Relaxing



## Low Cost Spay and Neuter By Tressa Broadhead

The Texas Coalition for Animal Protection sponsors many low cost Spay/Neuter programs across the Metroplex. Clinics can be found in Burleson, Fort Worth, Denton and in mobile Clinics around DFW Area. Collin County Animal Services is by appointment only by calling 940-566-5551, or log on to [texasforthem.org](http://texasforthem.org) to make an appointment and learn more about appointment times.

### Texas Coalition for Animal Protection Dogs:

- >50lbs- \$55
- 50-80 lbs- \$65
- 80-100lbs- \$85

### Cats:

- Female - \$45
- Male- \$35

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Greenville Texas - Cause for Paws -972-454-PETS offers low cost spay/neuter. [causeforpawstexas.com](http://causeforpawstexas.com)

### Female Dogs:

- 3-50 Pounds - \$65
- 51-70 Pounds - \$70
- 71-90 Pounds - \$75

### Additional Charges - (Vet determines necessity)

- In Heat - \$10
- Pregnant - \$15
- Advanced Pregnant - \$25
- Flea Treatment - \$11-\$13

### Male Dogs

- 3-50 Pounds - \$50
- 51-70 Pounds - \$60
- 71-90 Pounds - \$70
- 90-105 Pounds - \$85

SPCA Perry Clinic- McKinney 214-742-7722. All prices include post-operative pain control

### Female

- 3-24 lbs \$65
- 25-49 lbs \$77
- 50-69 lbs \$89
- 70-99 lbs \$114
- 100 lbs & up \$136

### Male

- 3-24 lbs \$60
- 25-49 lbs \$66
- 50-69 lbs \$82
- 70-99 lbs \$104
- 100 lbs & up \$125

### Feline Spay

- Female \$58
- Male \$53

Fix a Bull offers FREE Spay/Neuters to pit bulls for Arlington Residents for the first 50 pit bulls to sign up. Contact [fixabull@aol.com](mailto:fixabull@aol.com) or 817-487-2226

Kaufman County Animal Awareness offers low cost Spay Neuter with Convenient pick up locations all over the DFW Area - [spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org)

### Main Clinic

- Crandall TX (972) 472-3500

### Remote MASH Clinic

- Fort Worth, TX (817) 423-5500
- Dallas, TX (1-972) 472-3500

### Monthly Transport Locations:

- Canton Texas, Tractor Supply, Hwy 243 & 19.
- Ennis Texas, SuperOne Food Store, 1205 W. Ennis Avenue.
- Garland Texas, Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower.
- Grand Prairie, Prairie PAWS Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail.
- Irving Texas, Irving Animal Care Center, 4140 Valley View.
- Rockwall Texas, WalMart Super Center, 782 E. I-30.
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## The Wonder of Wonder

### By Ashley Pickering

Every once in a while, a foster comes into your life that simply changes you. A dog that is so special, you can't imagine not keeping them in your life forever. I've been lucky enough to have several of these dogs in my life and each time, had to make the decision to let them go to a new home in order to continue fostering. It's heartbreaking each time this happens, but never deters me from my goal of making a difference in the lives of as many dogs as possible.

In March of this year, I was visiting with my friends and fellow fosters at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center. I went to the center with only the intention of saying hi and visiting with all my previous co-workers and friends; however, **THEY** had other intentions. As soon as I walked in the door, they told me that they had my new foster lined up for me, a puppy that was perfect for me. I sighed and just said, "Ok, show me". Boy howdy, were they ever right about this puppy.

I lifted her out of her kennel and she immediately hugged me. Not a typical puppy hug either. She latched onto my neck with her front paws, laid her head on my shoulder, and I was a goner. This 15lb 4 month old white bundle was my new foster, I knew this without a doubt. That's when I was told she was blind. Well, heck, I definitely couldn't leave her there after hearing that! So, I carried her around with me for the next 30 minutes and then bundled her up into my car and off we went on a new adventure. On the drive home, she and I talked about it and decided Wonder would be the perfect name for her. Well, she cocked her head at me as I talked and she seems to like it when I said Wonder, so it was settled.

Once at the house, I introduced her to her new temporary siblings and she investigated the backyard. I have a pool and from experience, knew it would take a blind dog awhile to figure it out. She didn't disprove that knowledge – falling in the pool a total of 4 times before realizing what the smell of the water and change in texture under her paws was indicating. That first day was the only time she ever fell in my pool.

Next, the introduction to my husband; who, bless his heart, never questions me when I come home with 1 (or 2, 3, and 4) new fosters. He just nods and accepts it as a way of life in our house. I was completely unprepared for the immediate bond that occurred between Wonder and him. She was immediately "his" and he was "hers". For the rest of her time with us, when he would leave the house for work in the morning, she would lay by the door he left out of for 30 minutes in the hopes he would return. When he would finally return in the evening, the joy and jumping that greeted him was unlike anything we've seen before from a foster. I knew we were in trouble when she started sleeping with us in the *bed* at night. Yes, she was fully integrated into our pack.

During her time with me, we were able to raise \$800 for surgery that we thought would restore her sight. Unfortunately, her eyes are past the point of repair but this has never slowed her down. In fact, she can play fetch just like a sighted dog! Our hallway is tile and we could throw a large, hard ball down the hallway for her. As long as she could hear the ball, she could follow it, pick it up and bring it back to us! She was a true wonder dog every day.

After a month with no applications, we (as a family) had decided we were going to adopt her – and then it happened. **AN APPLICATION.** Not just a regular application, but an outstanding application. Breaking the news to my husband was extremely difficult but we all know that being a foster means making the difficult decision sometimes of letting go of a piece of our hearts and doing the right thing, not just for our current foster but for future dogs that will need our help. So, into our lives walked John and Eileen.

John and Eileen are obviously HUGE animal lovers, the type of people that would go to the end of the earth to help their furry family members. I couldn't have dreamed of a better family for Wonder. My brain knew this, but that evening as they drove away with Wonder, my heart rebelled and I just stood in my driveway crying as their car drove out of my sight. My husband was standing next to me in the twilight and when I looked at him, I realized he was crying too. Yes, this amazing little puppy had touched the both of us in ways we never expected.

John and Eileen realized that Wonder would do best with another dog as company, so they adopted a second puppy from CCHS!! Happy days, Wonder had a buddy – except they have four cats and the new puppy didn't do well with the cats. After a few months of trying to acclimate the puppy to the cats, they made the heartbreaking decision to return her and look for another puppy for Wonder. Well, as luck and fate would have it, I happened to have one puppy left from a litter of 9 that I was fostering! John and Eileen decided to bring Wonder to my house so she could meet the puppy. As Wonder walked into the house, you could tell she remembered the house and myself. She was obviously happy and excited to be back, but when she greeted my husband, it was pandemonium! She was literally crying, howling, and peeing with excitement. I've never seen anything like it and it made us all laugh and cry! It was definitely a pinnacle moment in my fostering career.

John and Eileen left the house with another of my pups, a white lab mix and from all reports and pictures sent; she is doing wonderful and is a fantastic companion for Wonder. Wonder is continuing to grow and thrive, never once letting her lack of sight change her love of life. Wonder touched the lives of so many people, she was a once in a lifetime foster and our lives will forever be better for having her for the short time we did.

[See more pictures of Wonder](#)



[Hppt:www.Marykay.com/mprechel](http://www.Marykay.com/mprechel)



**Top 10 Halloween Safety Tips for Pets**  
**PetMd.com**  
**By Stacy Hague**

Halloween is a fun and exciting holiday but can also be scary and dangerous for our pets! PetMd.com offers these great safety tips!

**1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.**

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats.

**2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.**

Surprisingly, vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night.

**3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.**

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but strangers will be dressed in unusual costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. This, of course, is scary for our furry friends.

**4. Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween.**

Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution.

**5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.**

Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can induce gastrointestinal upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities. Intestinal blockage can even occur if large pieces are swallowed. And speaking of pumpkins ...

**6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.**

Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

**7. Keep wires and electric light cords out of reach.**

If chewed, your pet could cut himself or herself on shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

**8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.**

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

**9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.**

If they seem distressed, allergic, or show abnormal behavior, consider letting them go in their "birthday suit". Festive bandanas usually work for party poopers, too.

**10. IDs, please!**

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned. Just make sure the information is up-to-date, even if your pet does have one of those fancy-schmancy embedded microchips.

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## Tater's Donors

### Tater's Story By Melissa Tyra

Tater came into the CCHS program when the daughter-in-law of his owner contacted local rescues for help because Tater was being severely neglected, living outside without human interaction or appropriate shelter. The daughter-in-law saw an opportunity to save Tater when the owner mentioned "getting rid" of Tater because he was no longer needed to protect the farm.

I took Tater into my home, and despite having never been allowed indoors, he was the perfect, sweetest house guest. We fell in love instantly. Unfortunately, due to years of neglect, Tater's ears were severely infected. Throughout his time in the CCHS program, he was treated with antibiotics. Tater was fortunate to find Tom, an adopter who wanted to love him and help him continue to heal.

About a year after Tater was adopted, Tom contacted me to let me know that Tater's ears were so bad they were bleeding often and that he needed expensive surgery or humane euthanasia as he was suffering. After an entire year of treating Tater (and his other dog's cancer), Tom did not have the money for the surgery. CCHS began a fundraising campaign and thanks to the wonderful hearts and donations of CCHS supporters, \$1400 was raised to help save Tater's life! Tater underwent extensive treatment for his ears at Tri County Animal Hospital in Anna. He received cold laser therapy twice a day for 10 days and then partial ear oblation on one ear, the other ear was able to be repaired with the laser treatments and medications.

His recovery has been remarkable. Tom reports he's livelier, giving kisses, more active, and generally a happy dog once again now that he is not in constant pain due to his ears.

Tater finally got his happy ending and is now pain free in a home with a wonderful dad thanks to a community of rescuers! Many thanks to Trish (his savior), CCHS for taking him in to their program and beginning his journey to health, to Tom for loving a special needs dog and to CCHS donors!

Thank you to the generous 42 donors for his cause. Without you, his surgery would not be possible.

Tater now weighs 92 Lbs and seems to be a new dog. He still has seepage from his left ear. He has had his stitches removed. He will see Dr. Jeff on August 26th for a follow-up. I still apply ear drops once a day. I am very grateful for the assistance CCHS has given me in getting his ear fixed. Thank you, Tom Schmidt

[See all of Tater's Pictures](#)



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