

Traveling Paws Sponsorship Program

Bella Vista Animal Shelter is starting a Traveling Paws Program to help with the cost of transferring pets to No-kill rescues across the country. Last year we moved 95 dogs to various No-kill rescues and we are hoping to beat that number this year. Transferring dogs played a huge role in dropping our euthanasia rate to 4 % in 2012. Transferring animals creates much needed space at the shelter which allows us to help even more of our local animals. Some of the rescues we send to have a higher capability of helping animals with special needs. Smaller rescues and foster based rescues are often better suited to deal with some of the emotional, behavioral, and medical issues that pets have. Many of the dogs we have sent to rescue are adopted quickly compared to the many months (sometimes years) that they spent in our large kennel environment.

This past year we have been transferring a few dogs every 2-4 weeks. Of course there is a financial cost that is associated with this. All dogs transferred to rescues are spayed/neutered, updated on all shots, have a fecal exam, a heartworm check, and require a health certificate to cross state-lines. We also have the expense of gas and wear and tear on our shelter van as we usually drive the first leg of the trip to Kansas City, MO.



Sponsoring one of our traveling canines costs just \$35. You can be sure that sponsoring one of these dogs not only saves that individual but also opens up a spot for the next dog in need. We will start posting which dogs will be travelling and where their destination is. Sponsors (and anyone interested) can follow the dogs progress on the receiving rescue's site.

To sponsor a dog you can stop by the shelter or go to our website at www.bellavista-animalshelter.org and hit the Paypal button or mail a check to P.O. box 5248, Bella Vista, AR 72714. Please mark payment memo as "Traveling Paws."

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email (Optional): _____

Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Dog. Enclosed is a Check for \$35.

Yes, I would like to give the gift of Sponsorship. Enclosed is a Check for \$35.

Gifted to: _____

Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Dog in Memorial.. Enclosed is a Check for \$35.

In Memory of: _____

Note: Please make payment to Bella Vista Animal Shelter (BVAS) with a memo notation of "Traveling Paws."