



Miss Nibbles' News



greetings from the president

When I last submitted a note to be included in the newsletter, we were in the early stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic and uncertain of the future. As time passed, it became obvious (except for the July golf tournament) we would not be able to safely hold major fund-raising events the remainder of 2020. Canceling major events like the Garage Sale and Corgi/Wiener Dog Races was a big disappointment. How were we going to make up for the funding shortfall?

Knowing how difficult it is for non-profits like the BVAS to operate in this environment, you, the individuals of Bella Vista and surrounding communities have stepped up. We are very appreciative of the support you have shown for the shelter through this difficult year. It is not just monetary support. Recently we ran low on kitten food after having an influx of cats the latter part of this year. When we mentioned on Facebook, we were running short on kitten food donations came in and the kittens are well-fed. Thank you to all supporters of the BVAS for your generosity and appreciation for the work our staff does for the community.

We all hope 2021 brings back some sort of normalcy even though we know it will still be challenging. Celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's will be different for many of us this year. Wherever or however you celebrate with family and friends, please do it safely. I wish you all the best and thank you again for supporting the Bella Vista Animal Shelter.

Curt Stoops

President, BVAS Board of Directors



The BVAS is going to an email newsletter to save money on mailings. If you received a printed newsletter this time, we need your email address for future letters. Send email Addresses to bvas_ed@yahoo.com

Winter 2020 Edition



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Where Are They Now?



We love updates! Listen to what Doe's new family has to say:

"Doe is doing very well in her new home! She adjusted quickly to a new schedule, rides so well in the car and can't get enough of her new toys and bones. We got her a 36 pack of tennis balls as she goes through one in an hour if we let her chew on it! We got a few more durable balls for fetch, of course, and she really seems to love having her own yard to play in. She's still getting used to going on walks around the neighborhood, only because there is SO much she has to smell, haha. She's recovering well from the spay surgery too. She's also learned "sit," "stay," and "drop it," so quickly! I'm so glad to have found such a smart and sweet girl to play with, train and lay in bed with at night."

We are so happy Doe found herself a wonderful home and a wonderful family. One less homeless animal, and one completed family!

THE CAT'S MEOW

Foster Mom of the Year

Drumroll.... Meet Annie~

Annie has been fostering cats and kittens for the BVAS since 2014. Annie, (who works full time) and her hubby live in Bentonville and she has also been actively responsible for Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) of many stray Bentonville cats or finding them new homes on her own time and at her own expense! (Hubby travels a lot for work and may not know this.... Shhh!)

Her current foster babies are the "Top Gun" crew shown with Annie. Maverick, Goose and Iceman! They will be available for adoption at the BVAS when they are old enough and after their neuters.

In 2020, Annie has fostered 30 cats and kittens and over the years thru TNR or fostering for the BVAS and other local cat rescues 130~ whether giving them space to birth babies in her home, to bottle feeding babies every 2 hours or nursing sick cats back to health! Her cat/kitten room setup is to be envied by many and Annie's heart is huge!

Fostering is such an important help to our Shelter, especially in "kitten season"! Being a cat foster can be very easy according to Annie if you have a Mama cat with kittens or a cat that may need to heal from illness or injury. In that instance, they mainly just need a quiet place to raise their babies or someone to give a recuperating cat their medicines. Call the Shelter if you think you might be interested in fostering.

We thank Annie for her dedicated service~ and the patience of her hubby and their two dogs!

Deidre Knight-Matney

Executive Director



	Incoming City	Incoming Not City	Adopted	Reclaim	Rescue	Return	DOA	Euthanized	Foster	Other
Jan	39	7	13	30	0	0	1	0	0	0
Feb	34	3	13	21	0	1	1	0	0	0
Mar	27	3	13	17	1	1	1	0	0	0
Apr	27	0	17	16	3	0	0	0	0	0
May	18	3	9	13	0	2	0	0	0	0
June	21	5	8	16	1	0	0	0	0	0
July	17	1	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	0
Aug	15	3	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept	19	2	12	13	0	2	0	0	0	0
Oct	14	1	7	9	0	1	1	0	0	0
Nov										
Dec										
Totals	231	28	113	147	6	8	4	0	0	0

259

October 31, 2020 15 Dogs

2019 Carry Over 21 dogs

In House

Month	Incoming City	Incoming Not City	Adopted	Reclaim	Rescue	Return	DOA	Euthanized	Foster	Other
Jan	18	1	28	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Feb	5	3	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mar	10	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Apr	18	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	13	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
June	28	2	15	2	1	0	3	0	0	0
July	25	0	24	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Aug	29	1	29	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sept	18	1	14	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Oct	19	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov										
Dec										
Totals	183	12	161	8	2	6	9	2	0	0

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October 31, 2020 74 Cats In

2019 Carry Over 60 Cats

House



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Bella Vista Dog License

Dog licensing is not required.

The City of Bella Vista does not require dogs to be licensed by the city. However, by ordinance, dogs are required to bear a physical tag on a collar with the owner's name and address or a microchip referencing the owner's name and address.

If your dog is picked up by Animal Control, it will be taken to the Bella Vista Animal Shelter.

First Offense: Reclamation fee of \$25 shall be paid unless the dog is microchipped prior to reclamation. In such case, a fee of \$20 shall be paid.

Second Offense: Reclamation of \$25 shall be paid for a dog that has been microchipped prior to entering the shelter. A reclamation fee of \$50 shall be paid for a dog that has not been microchipped unless the dog is microchipped prior to reclamation. In such case, a fee of \$25 shall be paid.

Third and All Subsequent Offenses: Reclamation fee of \$75 shall be paid.

Why Should You Microchip Your Dog?

We use microchipping records to identify owners of dogs that are picked up by animal control, in order to return dogs home instead of taking them to the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. The information also enables us to know that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies. Provide your dog's information or submit questions to the city's Animal Control Officer via email to animalcontrol@bellavistaar.gov.



BELLA VISTA
A place to call home

SPOTLIGHT PETS

available for adoption



Nadia



Howie

Tonka



ADOPT, DON'T SHOP



Visit us On [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com)!

Adoption fees: Dogs \$60, Cats \$45.

Fees cover spay/neuter, worm treatments; age appropriate shots including rabies inoculation (if old enough); dogs, DHLPP, cats FVRCP; and microchipping.

BVAS VIRTUAL CHARITY GARAGE SALE

(without all the Stuff!)

A Letter From Your Garage Sale Hostess

Hi, Everybody--

This is Anita—everybody knows me! For the last 13 years (except for 2016), it has been my sincere pleasure to welcome you all to my garage and driveway for the sale benefitting the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. What you might not realize is that it has always been a community-wide effort, from folks who donate great stuff, to the Shelter staff who collect and store it, to the volunteers who tag it and the people who help the days of the sale. It has grown every year to require tents and awnings. The weather hasn't always cooperated, but the response has always been super-positive. I bet each of you has at least one treasure you discovered and had to have—I know I do! The volunteers are packing up the last of it when I'm already asking them to help with the next year's sale. From what sometimes looks like utter chaos, we raise an integral part of the Shelter's ability to help every dog and cat, every puppy and kitten that comes our way.

Like your lives, the Shelter's operation has been turned upside down by the Covid-19 virus. By March, we should have been picking up donated items for the coming sale, storing them in the shed that was donated for that very purpose. This year, though, we complied with all social distance mandates. You were told not to have anyone enter your home; we were told not to send our staff out for pickups. As this quarantine dragged on, you cleaned out your closets but had to make other arrangements to make room for what you ordered on-line. We know we completely missed out on the donations that would have made our sale the win-win event it has become.

Our calendar has always included fund-raisers, large and small, which we absolutely depend on to support the cost of operating a 99.5% "Pawsitive Lives Matter" shelter. When our biggest and most popular event, The Wiener Dog Races, had to be canceled to avoid spreading the virus, that was the largest piece of a budget we won't meet this year. We've racked our brains to come up with some way to make money; there's nothing we can do and stay away from each other.

So, what I am asking all of you, especially you who have been our guests at the BVAS Garage sale and have gotten such great bargains over the years, let's have a virtual garage sale without all the stuff! There has never been a time when we've needed your donation dollars more. We wish as much as you do that our tables were brimming with incredible bargains of every description! If there had been any way possible, we'd have done it. What we're asking is if you'd have spent \$50 at our sale, could you donate \$50? Any and all donations will help. By late next spring/early summer, surely there will be a vaccine and we can once again crowd into my driveway and shop for bargains like every year since 2007.

Thank you all for your generosity and consideration. We promise a bang-up BVAS Garage Sale next year. I can't wait!

Anita Werts



Gene Diers

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Robert Fulkerson

James Cronkwright

Eric Olsen

Julia Hancock

Ron Smith

Mark Carlin

Gladys Larson

John Farrell

Tiana Marie Overton

Marilyn Franklin

Mark Easton

Brenda Eubanks

Betty Fellows

Frankie Hooshagen

Jane Sherrod

Connie Law

David Burton

Robert Morgan

Bruce Burgess

Beloved Family & Friends

Beloved Pets

Lew Lew Lewis

Jesebell King

Casy Wagner

Gunner & Kitty Jeffries

Conan Niemeyer

Baby Barron- Clapp

Reggie Tingwald

Gretel Blackwelder

Murphy Poulides

Southern Bell Smith

Vespa King

Miss Gabby Hanson

Annie Wilson

Luka Svabek

Kenzie Larsen

Tiger Westbrook

Max Ryals

Rocket Janisieski

Jenny Bell Frazier

Dallas McGuire

Buttercup Cheeseman

Homemade Pill Pocket Recipe



1 T Milk
1 T Crunchy Peanut Butter
2 T Flour (any kind)

Mix together and form 12 pockets.

Store in fridge or freezer.

We are a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue & rehabilitation of the strays in Bella Vista. Our Mission is to provide food shelter and medical care for the animals in need - until they can be adopted into loving homes. Our facility like many others operates solely on the kind-hearted donations from private parties, volunteers & the community. Thank you to all that have donated to the shelter past & present, as well as those of you that have helped to save an animal, by welcoming them into your heart and home by adopting a homeless pet.



Visit us on the Web at <http://www.bellavista-animalshelter.org>

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