



"He has been such a great friend and made our lives much brighter and happier with his silly ways and unconditional love... I hope that in return he is the happiest of pets and knows how much he is loved... Adopt a pet today!!!"

*Adopting a pet from our shelter not only gives a homeless pet a loving home but allows us to continue rescuing those in need, we are very grateful for every adoption if it is from our shelter or other shelters thank you for adopting a pet.*



### A Few Thoughts from one of our Furry Friends

**Just another day at the shelter:**

**My Friends come in and feed me early morning I get so excited upon their arrival! My name is Paco I am your original pure Chihuahua mix. I have been here since April of 2013. When I first arrived this lady looked at me with a slight tear forming in her eyes I have given up on life itself.**

**I was poked at, something went up my backend, my gums were pushed on, my skin was pulled up while they slowly watched it drop down, I thought to myself wow these two legged ones are little weird .**

**And then finally they wrapped me up in a towel, and put me in this huge kennel with a little house made of cardboard and cloth. I thought to myself finally I am here to be left to die in a wrapped up towel.**

**Early next morning the Lady came into my cage and wanted me to come out of the little house which I refused of course. So she set some food in a bowl for me with some weird tasting water...I refused to eat and drink I just stayed in that little house hoping that soon my days will end. But here she comes again this time she pulled me out of my house and wrapped me up in a towel... then she had the audacity to pick up this weird water suck it up into a tube and put it down my throat. She did not do it just once but she would come by every hour! All day LONG! Then it was finally quite here at the shelter everyone seemed to have left. Here she comes again! She would not leave me alone and this lasted for about 2 weeks. So I just figured I am better off just eating whatever she puts in my bowl so she won't shove it down my throat. So I did I began eating and drinking that weird tasting water. I began to like this two legged one she was not that bad after all. The best day at the shelter was when I met the smaller two legged one...now that made me so happy I even wagged my tail. They were so happy that I wagged my tail the smaller two legged one would come visit me more often. I am glad that they did not let me give up; I am now hoping to find a loving caring home that will fit my special needs.**



# Mosquito Season has arrived Protect your pet from Heartworm!

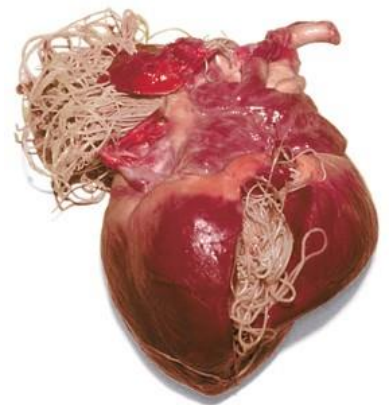


As you lie in bed you hear a high pitched whine of a female mosquito looking for a blood meal so she can produce a mass of eggs. Unfortunately mosquitoes also carry some unwanted parasites including viral encephalitis, West malaria, yellow fever, and dog heart worms. When the mosquito feeds on your blood or your dog's or cat's blood the unwelcome hitchhiker gets into the blood stream and eventually invades the pulmonary arteries of the heart. Initially there will be few symptoms. As more worms reach the dog or cat becomes weaker and eventually will die. It is not an easy way to die. Initially there may be a persistent cough. Once the number of worms increase, the pet will become lethargic, reluctant to exercise, tire easily during exercise, lack of appetite and weight loss.

Your pet's veterinarian can draw some blood to run a test for the presence of heart worms. If there are heart worms present, the doctor will prescribe a drug to kill the heartworms slowly. Rapid death of the mass of heartworms could cause the pet to die due to toxic by-products released from the worm bodies. There is no cure for heartworm infected cats.

Better yet, if the animal is negative you can start your pet on heartworm preventative that is given once a month. In addition, make sure you are not producing mosquitoes in your own property. Anything that can hold water for a week or two can become home for mosquito larvae: the saucers under plants, old tires, empty cans, even a foot track filled with water can be loaded with mosquito larvae. Empty pet's water bowl every day and refill with fresh water. Remove any thing that can hold water or make sure the water doesn't stay in the container for more than a week. Old outdoor pools or ponds can be a source as well.

—by: Richard Renner



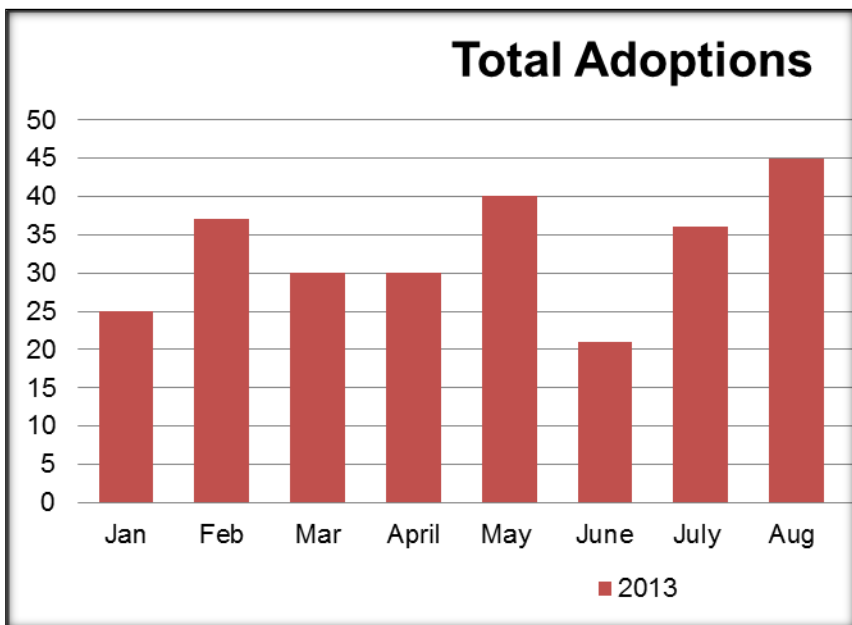
## SALINAS ELEMENTARY learning the importance of Community Involvement

### FOOD DRIVE FOR LAPS

Salinas 4<sup>th</sup> grade students collected over 2000 lbs of pet food! Thank you Salinas Elementary!



# LAPS Statistics for the Month of August



**Total** 45

**Adoptions**

**Total Rescues** 27

LAPS is currently housing approximately 130 pets at any given time, all these pets that are rescued receives vaccines, tested for communicable infectious disease, spay or neutered and will find their forever home.

## Devine Years of LAPS



**Honoring Jennie Reed  
"Helping Animals in Need"**

Year after year for the last 60 years LAPS has been serving our community endlessly. The Devine Sisters were remarkable women stretching every dollar and exceeding kindness towards every living creature.



Jennie Reed

Thirty of those years LAPS worked with the Animal Control as the impound for the city of Laredo, and just last year LAPS and the City Animal Control made the decision to separate. As a Direct result of this transition LAPS begins each day with peace in our hearts and facility. LAPS Animal Shelter is now a "No Kill" Facility the original Mission of The Devine Sisters.

LAPS programs are now focused on expanding awareness of, and helping to alleviate, the animal overpopulation crisis in our community. To have an effect on this overpopulation we have decided the most crucial thing is to apply our efforts at the core of the problem; we must spay and neuter as many pets as possible. Our new protocols also call for all animals adopted out from LAPS to be vaccinated, micro chipped, and spayed or neutered before adoption. As a community we will work together to become a NO-KILL City. LAPS is encouraging not only to adopt a pet in need but most important to spay or neuter the ones at home.



Ella and Jennie Devine Founders of LAPS

On Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 2013, Ms. Catherine Kazen, Board President of LAPS took her birds to the summer camps Sponsored by the Texas A&M Colonias Program at The Centro Nutricion. Ms. Kazen teaches the children the importance of pet care and the responsibilities involved in taking care of a pet.



#### LAPS FEATURED PET OF THE MONTH



This is Brandy she is currently in a Foster home. Brandy went through surgery because she was diagnosed with hernias she is now fully recovered and is looking for a loving home. Brandy is house trained and loves to go on her morning walks; she is really good around children and other pets. Please Contact LAPS if interested in giving this girl a loving home.



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