HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Shelter Manager, Chris Huff, who turns 55 on March 12th! Chris' energy and dedication to the shelter are astounding and we are lucky to have her at Arlington Animal Services.

- FOSTER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT- Puppy and kitten season is just around the corner and we are expanding our foster program in preparation. Interested in joining or finding out more information about our program? You can attend an in person orientation on Saturday, March 21st or watch an online orientation beginning March 23rd. In order to be a foster, you must be an approved volunteer with the City of Arlington. To complete the online application, visit www.arlingontx.gov/animalvolunteer. Once your application has been completed, please email the volunteer administrator at Brittany.Clark@Arlingtontx.gov. In the email state your name and that you wish to join the foster program.

- Poison prevention week is March 15-21st. Click here for some helpful information about common household risks.

Save the Date!

Animal Advisory Board Meeting- March 6
TCAP- Low Cost Vaccination Clinic- March 9, 13, 27th
Offsite Mobile Adoption Event- March 21 & 28
Feral Cat Sunday- March 15
St. Pawtrick's Day- March 17
New Volunteer Orientation- March 12 & 21
Foster Orientation (in shelter)- March 21
Foster Orientation (online)- March 23
Wags and Flags Event at 6 Flags- April 18
Urgent to VIP Pets!

Beginning March 2nd, Arlington Animal Services will be removing the term "Urgent" from our animals. Previously called the "Urgent List", this list will now be called the "VIP List". The animals placed on this list are not changing. They are the same animals who need a rescue partner to tag and pull them from the shelter, or they are adoptable animals who need more exposure due to age, time in shelter, behavior, medical, etc. We would like for our community to understand that Arlington Animal Services is an open intake shelter accepting all animals found as stray in the City of Arlington, or being surrendered by a resident, regardless of the animals temperament, health, or available space in the shelter. Our goal is to get away from the so called "Kill List" perspective that the word 'Urgent' was bringing.

In our continuing efforts to be transparent to our community, we have also created a Facebook group called Arlington Animal Services VIP Pets. This group is solely focused on the VIP Pets, both rescue only and adoptable. Pictures, information, and updates are coming directly from designated staff members each day the shelter is open. Anyone interested in our VIP Pets is welcome to join our group, as well as invite anyone in their network of friends who also may be interested. You can find the link to join the group by searching Arlington Animal Services VIP Pets or by clicking on the following link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/162411708509372/

If you have any questions or need help finding the facebook group, please email the Marketing and Social Media Administrator at Michelle.Patchett@Arlingtontx.gov

In Case You Missed It...

AAS Manager, Chris Huff, and Kristie Miller, Founder and President of Respect A Bull, Inc. met with students at the Dan Dipert Center along with Ducky (pictured below) to help assist with the design of the "No Bullying Program" for elementary school students. You can read more information about the program at https://www.thepaintingpitbull.com/

Happy Tails!

New Best Friends!
On February 5th the Barris Family adopted a new furry friend into their family!

Monthly Shelter Statistics -
February 2020

Total Animal Intake:
Dogs-276 Cats-147 TOTAL-423

Total Adoptions:
Dogs-147 Cats-52 TOTAL-199

Transfer to Rescue:
Dogs-30 Cats-80 TOTAL-110

Return to Owner:
Dogs-86 Cats-33 TOTAL-119

Click here to view all shelter statistics.