

Going



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Dear Going Home Supporter:

We are sending this update to tell you about some of the exciting things happening with Going Home. It is hard to believe the following has occurred just since January and that thanks to you we are able to continue helping provide safe, forever homes to the myriad abused, abandoned, and homeless animals we seem to attract on a daily basis.

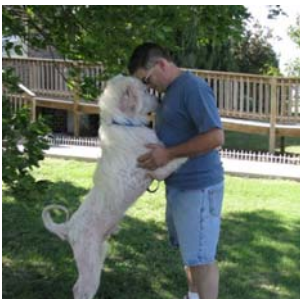


As of this update the volunteer drivers have traveled 38,000 miles and transported 400 dogs. We have assisted shelters, rescue groups, and individuals in Purcell, Oklahoma City, Walters, Lawton, Bristow, Eufaula, Okmulgee, Wagoner, Pryor, Collinsville, Sand Springs, Nowata, Ochelata, Bartlesville, Gore, Duncan, Chickasha and Marlow, Oklahoma. We have participated in transports to such diverse locations out-of-state as Wichita, Colby, Salina, and Hays, Kansas; Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Woodbury, Minnesota; Van Buren, Ft. Smith and Conway, Arkansas; Denver, Colorado; Houston, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

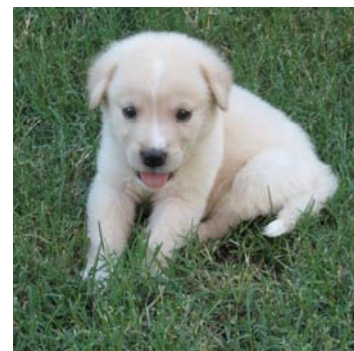
In the past few months we have experienced an increasing demand for our transport services from groups in the southern/western part of the state. As a result, we are exploring the possibility of establishing an OKC West branch of Going Home to be based in the OKC area. Thanks to a wonderful volunteer driver, Billy Thomas of the New Castle area, we have been offered the use of his metal barn and surrounding fenced yard to use as a staging area for



our western neighbors to load the dogs leaving from that area in a safe, secure location out of the weather!!! We now load on the parking lot of a Love's travel plaza that is not as secure as we would like. To be sure this will be a feasible arrangement we are scheduling a meeting with interested animal rescue groups from the OKC area to work out the details and hopefully make it easier, more efficient, and less stressful on the dogs that need transport. If this works it will be a major step forward in helping those animals in need in Oklahoma not now served by a transport service.



We are approaching Going Home's one year anniversary and the holidays and originally thought about having an informal get together of our volunteers/contributors/supports to celebrate the occasion. However, even though we have done almost 50 transports since March it seems there are more and more animals needing assistance. Indeed, establishing an OKC West branch will mean the need for more volunteer drivers and perhaps another vehicle not to mention the explosion of requests for transport help coming from the Tulsa/eastern Oklahoma area alone. So, in lieu of a dinner or party we have decided to celebrate by spending the money on the animals with a special transport that will consist of all puppies. We are calling it the *Going Home for the Holidays Puppy Express* and hope to take as many as 30-35 puppies to the Animal Humane Society in Minneapolis on November 16th. This will be a special gift to our transport partners and will be done at no cost to them!!



As always, we tip our hat to the real backbone of Going Home, our volunteers. We have 25 active volunteers that include drivers, loaders, website specialists, foster parents, and others that have special talents and make them available to Going Home as needed. We also have a number of volunteers that have high demands on their time but that agree to help on an "as-needed" basis in emergencies. What a wonderful group they are and we are so proud of all they do. They make it all happen and allow us to transport animals safely, on



time, and under budget on an unprecedented scale.

We know this is much too long but just must let our pride show a bit and thank volunteer Gene Bishop of Northpoint Wealth Management for funding, designing and helping us establish our first Going Home Website!!! It will be up and running soon and we will let you know when you can check it out. We are so excited about having our own site and extend a huge thank you to Gene Bishop for all of his hard work. He is exhibit #1 when we talk about how wonderful and important our volunteers are to Going Home.

Well, enough rambling on. There is so much to tell about Going Home that will make you proud and we sometimes end up talking way too much. We just want you to know that we are ever mindful the funds we have available come from your hard earned money and it is our responsibility to use them in a manner that you will approve and make you proud to be a supporter of Going Home. If you have a bit extra and care to make a contribution please feel free to send any amount you so choose. No amount is too small (or too large) and all of it will be used to help abused, abandoned, and helpless animals that so depend on your generosity. Without you they have no chance.

We will be sending one more update this year with a wrap up of the year's activities. In the meantime, if you need additional information or assistance please don't hesitate to call, write, or email. We appreciate your support and encouragement and thank you for giving us the opportunity to help the animals. Without your support this would all still be just a dream...with your help it is truly a dream come true.

Have a wonderful fall.

Mike & Kathy Nobles