

May we, God helping us, be part of the answer, not part of the problem.—Peter Marshall

## HAVEN ANIMAL CARE SHELTER

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# Haven Happenings

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## Our 9th Annual Strut for the Mutts to be Held September 14th, 2013

Join us Saturday, September 14, at Higginbotham Park for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Strut for the Mutts! The Strut for the Mutts is a fundraiser held each year by the Haven Animal Shelter, and all proceeds from the event go directly to caring for the animals at the shelter, which currently include 1 horse, over 60 dogs, and about 60 cats.

The Strut for the Mutts has always been a 1-mile walk around Higginbotham Park. Since we are always looking for ways to make the Strut bigger and better, this year we are adding a 5K fun run/walk! The Haven brings 15-20 adoptable Haven dogs for the event, and people can sign up to walk them (or this year run with them) during the event. If you are interested in walking a Haven dog, you do have to pre-register. The Haven dogs typically are claimed as walking buddies very quickly!

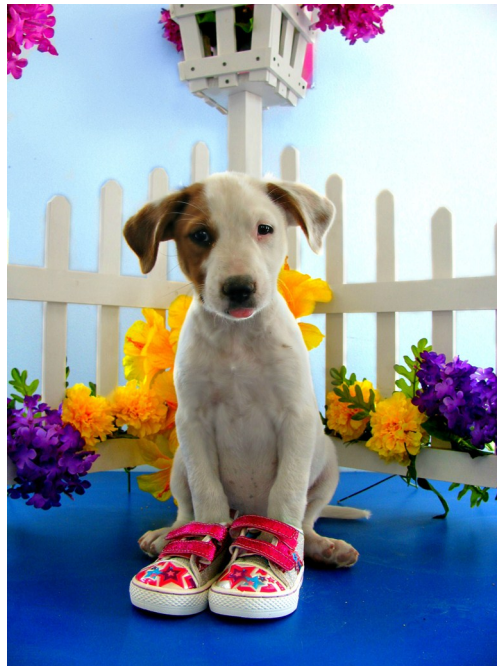
The 5K will begin at 8:00 am and the 1-mile walk will begin at 10:00 am. That means that you can actually participate in both if you'd like! To participate in the 5K, you must pre-register. This is simply so that we know exactly how many people will be running at one time (for City of Lubbock purposes) around the park. You can pre-register for the 1-mile walk or you can do a walk-up registration the morning of the walk beginning at 9:00 am. Every pre-registered participant is guaranteed a t-shirt, and every dog is guaranteed a bandana!

To register for the Strut, you have a number of options. You can go to the Haven's website, [www.havenacs.org](http://www.havenacs.org) and click on the registration form on the front page (you can even pay via Paypal securely on our site!), or you can go to any area United Supermarkets, J&B Coffee, veterinarian clinics, or pet groomers to pick up a registration form. We will accept pre-registrations right up until Friday evening, September 13, but we do ask that if you register after September 1 that you do it by emailing your form to [havenacs@gmail.com](mailto:havenacs@gmail.com) and paying via Paypal or bring money with you to the Strut.

Packet and t-shirt pickup for the Strut 5K and 1 mile walk will be held Friday, September 13 from 11-7 at the Schlotzsky's located at 3715 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Lubbock. If you can't make it to pick up your packet and shirt, we ask that you arrive at Higginbotham Park by 7:15 am Saturday for the run and by 9:00 am for the walk so that we can get it to you then.

And don't forget...we always have a large raffle drawing at the conclusion of the 1-mile walk! This year, we are really focusing on raffle items that would fit a wide range of people...not just pet owners. Every registered participant receives a raffle ticket. If you would like more raffle tickets, all you need to do is bring donations for the Haven. If you are curious what we can use for donations, feel free to visit our website to get the list of current needs (our list includes everything from special dog and cat food to cleaning supplies and gift cards to home improvement stores).

If you have questions about the Strut for the Mutts, please email or call us. We hope to see you there and hope that this is the biggest and most fun Strut for the Mutts yet!



### What is the Haven?

The Haven Animal Care Shelter Inc. is a non-profit, no-kill animal sanctuary located on seven acres just East of Lubbock, TX, that was created by Dr. Brenda and Joe Wilbanks. The Haven provides sanctuary for homeless, abandoned, and injured animals, allowing them the dignity of living in a caring, safe environment throughout their lives if necessary.

The Haven also has numerous adoptable pets and attempts to find loving homes for them through an active adoption program.

The Haven supports community education programs related to animal welfare, provides a site for community service, and provides aid for spay/neuter and other veterinary care for those who may be unable to provide this for their pets. Pet therapy programs serve special needs populations such as the elderly and children who have had losses in their lives. The program focuses on teaching the concepts of kindness and empathy for both animals and people, as well as respect for all life.

### Goals of the Haven include:

- Saving the lives of helpless animals...one life at a time.
- Educating people to be responsible pet owners...one person at a time.
- Improving the lives of children through our pet therapy program...one child at a time.
- Changing the world to a kinder and more peaceful place...one day at a time.

# Haven Hope for Animals



The Haven Hope for Animals Fund began accepting referrals on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2013. This is a spay/neuter program funded by a personal donation of \$100,000.00 from Dr. Brenda Wilbanks, Founder and Executive Director of the Haven Animal Care Shelter, Inc. Referrals are being accepted for this pilot program from veterinarians, Animal Services, other animal organizations, and pet owners. An application is available for Haven Hope on the Haven website.

The purpose of this pilot program is to help in assessing what type of spay/neuter program would be feasible within the Lubbock area, and at the same time beginning to make a difference in the overpopulation crisis in our area. A voucher system will be utilized and requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis by Dr. Brenda Wilbanks and Haven staff. Emergency vet care for those who need financial help has always been a part of the Haven's contribution and will continue on a limited basis through the Haven Hope program.

You may contact The Haven at the contact information listed below.

**Haven:** 806-763-0092 **Email:** havenacs@gmail.com **Website:** www.havenacs.org

## Life at the Haven

### *Puppies, Puppies, Everywhere!*

The Haven continues to rescue animals in record numbers. Five pregnant mother dogs have been rescued in the last few months and most of them had their puppies in foster homes and have been adopted through the Haven.

We are also caring for nine beautiful puppies who were left in a box at our doorstep, in addition to a variety of other puppies. They come in twos, threes, or individually and at all hours of the day and night.

And don't forget the kittens! They are fewer in number but just as sweet and beautiful as the puppies!

### *Volunteers!*

Our dedicated volunteers play a big part in the success of the Haven. The Mark Merrill Family has fed our animals every weekend and all holidays for several years. Mark also transports animals to the vet, builds pens, and helps out in all kinds of emergencies. Dalette and Darby Adams and their daughter, Alexis Atwood, are very valuable volunteers. Darby has completed numerous building projects, including the Retired Canines Bed and Breakfast. Alexis organizes the Strut for the Mutts each year, and Dalette does everything!

She fills a number of roles, including drill sergeant, dog trainer, organizer of adoption events, and provider of moral support!

All of these wonderful people have full time jobs of their own and still find time to help care for our residents at the Haven.

In addition to these volunteers, you may find over 50 people on some Saturdays at the Haven, all looking for ways to help. These include families who are making their volunteer work a family activity, and college and church groups.

There is a place for everyone at the Haven. Come and join us in our efforts to save the lives of helpless animals!

## Coming Attractions!

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### *Haven Calendars Available Soon!*

Our 2014 calendars are in progress, and this year we are honoring the Lubbock and Idalou Fire Departments. The calendars feature some of our beautiful Haven dogs, so watch for them. They also make great Christmas or Birthday gifts!

### *Adoptathons*

Look for Haven staff and volunteers at the following places for adoptathons:

**Tractor Supply  
PetSmart  
Freebirds**

Other locations to be announced!

### *Christmas for the Animals*

Christmas is a very special time at the Haven Animal Care Shelter! You can expect many wonderful things in the next upcoming months like:

**Our Christmas Newsletter  
Santa Pictures at PetSmart  
Christmas for the Animals Open  
House and Donation Drive  
Haven Lighting Contest**

This upcoming November you can expect our next newsletter! Also, watch for the dates for these special events!



## Our Wish List

- ◆ Dry dog food
- ◆ Canned dog food (pedigree or alpo)
- ◆ Dry cat food
- ◆ Canned cat food (friskies)
- ◆ Puppy food
- ◆ Collapsible crates
- ◆ Leashes and collars
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Mops and Brooms
- ◆ Financial contributions or gift cards

## Donation Certificate for the Summer 2013 Newsletter



Your donations are always appreciated by the Haven staff and especially our furry friends.

\_\_\_ I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Haven to help you continue saving the lives of animals.

Certificates can be sent for donations for memorials, holidays, birthdays, etc.

\_\_\_ I would like to send a certificate for:  
(please specify occasion and breed of animal if applicable):

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Name and Address of Recipient:

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Your name and phone number:

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Please make checks payable to: The Haven Animal Care Shelter  
Please mail donations to: The Haven, 4501 N. C.R. 1729, Lubbock, TX 79403

**THANK YOU!**

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updates,  
adoptions, and  
adoption events!

### *The Dignity of all Life: Caring for our Special Needs Animals*

All of God's creatures are important at the Haven and some of our special ones include the following:

**Jenny** is our mascot who always greets everyone from her deck as they arrive at the Haven. She has only 2 legs and moves around great! She loves the attention she receives!

**Lucy, Christmas, and Sweet** are our 3 dogs who are deaf. They all love to meet people as they walk by.

**Forrest** is our 3-legged rescue who had been injured and left to die in a cemetery. He is now in a loving forever home that he so well deserved!

**Heinz, Doc, and Omar** are just a few of our elderly dogs with medical issues which require special care every day.

**Frolick** is one of our oldest cats here at the Haven! He is 17 years old and is still going strong waiting for a forever home!

**Midnight and Jennifer** are our 2 cat mascots with chronic medical issues that also require special care every day!

*Everyone is allowed to come visit these special characters, plus many more to give them the attention they deserve! They love meeting new people!*