



HOW SKYLAR GOT HER SMILE BACK



Do you like to hear feel-good stories? If so, we'd love to share Skylar's story with you! Skylar was surrendered to HSNT in February of this year with a severe skin condition and extremely underweight. We can only imagine how miserable Skylar must have felt. We knew this darling pup needed lots of love and attention in order to heal her wounds.

Skylar immediately went into our foster program to give her the time to heal and the nurturing environment she needed to fully recover. After several months of intense TLC from her foster family and finding the perfect balance of medication and food, Skylar's fur began to grow back and she was finally at a healthy weight. She looked like a completely different girl and, more importantly, Skylar got her smile back!

When the time came for Skylar to be adopted, her forever family knew as soon as they saw her that Skylar would complete their family. On May 1st, Skylar was adopted and we couldn't be happier for her.

Skylar's story is just one example of how fostering saves countless lives. HSNT's foster program seeks to place pets in a home environment which lowers their stress level and improves their social skills, getting them ready for adoption. We also rely on foster families to take care of pets that are too young or too sick to live in a shelter environment. These pets need a little more time in a comfortable setting to get stronger before adoption.

If you'd like to help a pet like Skylar truly blossom, please contact the HSNT Foster Department at [foster@hsnt.org](mailto:foster@hsnt.org). Your tender loving care could be just what a scared and timid pet needs to get their smile back!

**Skylar when she arrived at HSNT (top left and right photos). Skylar after treatment (center). Skylar being adopted by her forever family (bottom)**





## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



*Susan with her dog, Sarah*

The world as we know it has changed dramatically since our January 2020 Companion Newsletter was mailed. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted countless lives, including the four-legged kind at the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT). Since we put out pleas to help find homes for the pets in our care, the local community has been truly amazing in their support.

To date, more than 600 people have taken in pets as fosters, including those families taking care of young puppies and kittens. That's three times the number of fosters we normally have! Another 1,000 pets found their lifelong, loving home through adoption. Thank you to everyone who found it in their heart to help save a pet during these very uncertain times.

HSNT has remained open throughout this crisis. Since mid-March, we've taken in more than 1,500 pets from owner surrenders, strays, and transfers from shelters that have closed to the public. Our dedicated staff has adjusted to increased cleaning, screening, and safety precautions to do everything we can to help save each life that comes through our doors.

We are extremely grateful to our donors who have generously supported HSNT through our monthly mailings, online donations, and the North Texas Giving Tuesday Now Campaign on May 5th. **Without you**, none of our lifesaving work would be possible.

Thank you for all you do to save homeless pets. Please stay safe!

  
Susan Gulig



# PETS AND PEOPLE, SAVING EACH OTHER

# OVERRUN BY MITES



Princess and Jake were surrendered to HSNT in January when their owner could no longer care for them or provide the medical help they needed. These precious eight-month-old puppies had been left outside and were overrun by mites causing both dogs to suffer from Demodectic mange, plus they had hookworms. All of their hair fell out and their poor bodies were riddled with sores.



HSNT's medical team ensured the puppies received all their vaccinations, as well as treatment for their parasites and several medicated baths to heal their damaged skin. Little Jake needed an extra surgery to repair an injury. Once their skin issues were on the mend, Princess and Jake were ready to move into foster care for the next part of their journey to finding a forever home. Both dogs flourished in their foster home where they could play and learn basic skills like crate and potty training, walking on a leash, and interacting with other pets.



**Princess's Journey**

Because Princess and Jake had been socialized with other dogs in foster care, HSNT's staff felt comfortable adopting the dogs separately. We knew they mostly wanted to be around a loving family and play with some pet buddies. We're pleased to report that Princess and Jake were adopted by two loving families (see pictures). Princess and Jake now have new pet siblings to play with, plus humans who will love them and give them the happy life they deserve.

With your continued support, HSNT's medical team can treat the broken bodies of helpless pets that come through our doors. Your donations make amazing transformations possible: from overrun by mites, to mighty miracles!



**Jake's Journey**



# WORTH THE WAIT



**Jewel meeting her new family**

Many equine adopters are looking for the perfect horse to be their riding companion; it's not enough to just be a beautiful horse. This leaves several horses at risk who simply aren't suitable for riding.

Jewel, a 20-year-old mare, fell into this category. Although Jewel was well-behaved and adored people, she was overlooked time after time. Jewel had consistently been one of the best horses we'd known -- she would wait at the gate and follow us around the pasture just to spend time with us. She especially loved kids. On day 500 of her stay at HSNT's Joshua Ranch, Jewel found her forever companions! She now has her own family with two little kids to watch over.

Waiting for the right person, the right situation for every animal in our care is what HSNT's Equine & Livestock team does best. Thanks to your support, our staff can care for horses, like Jewel, and search for their perfect adopters, no matter how long it takes.



## GIVE A GIFT IN A LOVED ONE'S NAME

Unsure about what to give a loved one for a special occasion? Don't worry, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has you covered! Honor them or their pet by making a lifesaving donation to HSNT. An acknowledgment card will be sent on your behalf.

These special gifts help support HSNT's programs that save lives through protection, education, medical treatment, spay/neuter surgeries, and adoption.

Please visit: [hsnt.org/make-a-tribute](https://hsnt.org/make-a-tribute)

## SAVE THE DATE



Due to COVID-19 precautions, we regret that HSNT will not be holding our annual Party for Paws Gala. Instead, we would greatly appreciate our donors' support during North Texas Giving Day on September 17th. Please join us on this special day of online giving sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. Your generous contributions will give HSNT the resources needed to help save thousands of pets in North Texas.

Jan. 1, 2020 - Apr. 30, 2020



**2,553**  
ANIMALS SAVED  
THROUGH ADOPTION



**2,250**  
SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES  
COMPLETED & FUNDED BY HSNT



**46**  
ANIMALS RESCUED  
FROM CRUELTY



**40**  
DOGS TREATED FOR  
HEARTWORMS