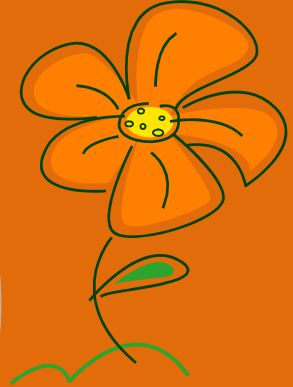




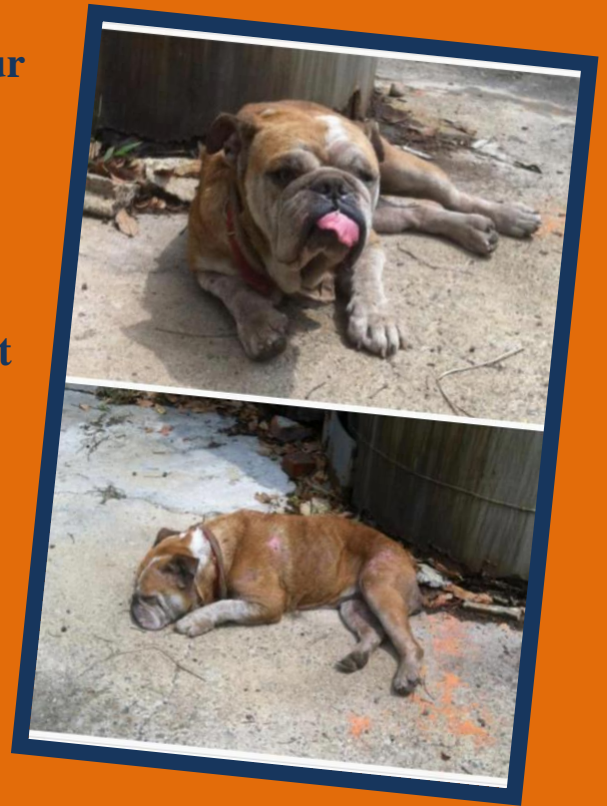
April 2013



Despite the April showers this month has been a very good month for us with many adoptions and events. Each and every month has different obstacles for us to overcome and April is of course the constant heavy showers which can cause flooding and means that our dogs don't get to go out as much. With the ongoing building around the centre these showers have caused a greater problem for us with a build up of dirt and mud running into the centre during heavy downpours. As construction increases around us it has become increasingly clear that we need to find a new location as soon as possible. We are looking at all areas, but we do hope to find a place large enough for our animals (about 300-500ping) and convenient enough that volunteers can get to us relatively easily. We hope our supporters can also help us keep an eye out for places in and around the Taipei area. If you have any information on land that maybe of use to us please contact lilian@animalstaiwan.org

Rescues 救援

Lizzy an English Bulldog was rescued after our volunteer saw an urgent post on FB. She was found abandoned in a community in Chan-Hua, she had apparently been there for almost 2 weeks. We were notified that the pound had been called and we needed to take action quickly. Due to her malnutrition and huge drooping nipples, we assume she was abandoned by some puppy mill after she was of no use. After bathing and a medical examination of blood tests and x-ray it was found that she was underweight, had heartworm and anaemia due to malnutrition. She was isolated at the vet for observation and medication until we found her a foster home. She is about 3 years old and extremely friendly and calm. We were lucky enough for find a wonderful foster home and were contacted by a potential adopter very quickly. Lizzy will complete her treatment before she is placed in a loving home.





Little April was found cowering in an April down pour near the entrance of our rescue centre. She was wet and terrified as there were many fast moving trucks passing very close to her. She had no idea where to go and would undoubtedly have been hit by one of the trucks or cars if she hadn't been spotted by

one of our volunteers coming to the centre. April was terrified but realized help was at hand and went to our volunteer without complaint. April was found very malnourished, thin and with Demodex mange. She is extremely friendly and playful, but will need time for her Demodex to be treated and her fur to grow back.

Many of her teeth have already changed so she is believed to be about 5 months old already, which also means that she won't grow much larger than she already is. She has a healthy appetite and apart from her skin she is healthy.

Once she is better she'll be looking for a forever home to call her own where she'll never have to worry about being hit by a fast moving truck.

Due to government development in Sanchong, many people have had to move out of their homes. One lady who had been helping strays had to move and had several dogs and 3 new puppies. A long term volunteer and supporter of AT asked for our help. We found a foster home for the pups and they will stay in the foster home until they are adopted.

We will also be helping with spaying and neutering the ladies' dogs next month.



Abigail was seen by a volunteer and long time supporter of Animals Taiwan in a community area.

She quickly stopped the car and was lucky enough to have a crate and dog food ready to catch her.

The dog was in a lot of pain but seemed to realize that help was on the way. Unfortunately the trap had been on her leg for some time and due to a very bad infection the front leg needed to be amputated. On top of her extremely vicious injury she is extremely



malnourished and in need of supplements and care. She is currently at the vet where she will stay for observation after the amputation surgery and then will go into foster care with her rescuer.

Gummy is an old male from Shiding area where we have been doing CNR for the last few months. He was brought to our centre for neutering and treatment of his severe scabies. After treatment, his fur has started to grow back and he is extremely friendly and clam. However, he is far too old and weak to be placed back in the area. On closer inspection it was also found that he had very few teeth left which would make it very difficult for him to get food and protect himself against other males in the area. So we at AT decided that this old boy had had a hard enough life already and now it was his turn to have a more relaxing life at the centre until we can find him a loving home for his twilight years.

While driving home a volunteer for Animals Taiwan noticed a dog lying in the middle of the road in the pouring rain. She knew something wasn't right and so pulled over to see what was wrong. Once closer she could see that the dog was dragging her hind legs and wasn't able to stand. Another car had stopped and two nice ladies helped get Thunder into a crate and into the volunteer's car. She was immediately taken to the vet for an x-ray and diagnosis. The X-ray showed that she had completely broken her spine. It was thought that this had been caused from a fall not a car accident as she had no outer injuries at all. She was bathed and made comfortable. However, after a couple of days at the vet under observation she passed away. Her injuries were too severe and she wasn't able to pull through. We hope that Thunder is now free from pain and romping in the fresh grass over the rainbow.



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Two beautiful puppies were noticed on the side of the road below a highway. There were stairs leading to the highway and the puppies would run up and down the stairs. A long term volunteer for AT knew that eventually these ladies would wander onto the highway and be killed and maybe even cause a very serious accident. So she decided to pick them up and find them new homes. It wasn't easy as the puppies weren't that trusting of people and were shaken up by all the heavy traffic. However the volunteer eventually got them into the car and asked AT for assistance in spaying them. They stayed at AT for 1 week after spaying and then were placed in foster homes awaiting adoption. Both girls have found loving homes in the US.

TNR/ CNR Projects (誘捕-結紮-原地放回 / 捕捉-結紮-原地放回 計畫)

Our Taipei TNR project is has reached 267 year to date. Our volunteers are working hard catching the cats and making sure their areas are safe and agreed upon by people in the area.

There has been no dog CNR during April as there has been heavy rain which makes it extremely difficult to catch dogs, but we hope to pick up again next month.

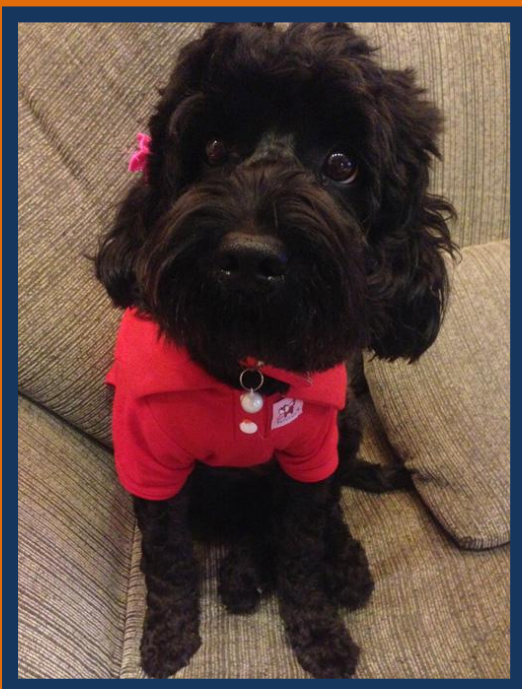
Adoptions 領養

We've had a very successful month of adoptions and are extremely pleased that so many of our furry friends have found loving homes.

Both Jill and Jack the two Schnauzers from the pet store case have finally found loving homes. They are both super sweet and loving dogs but do have a few issues due to being locked in cages with now interaction or regular exercise for most of their lives. However, there new owners understand their needs and are willing to work with them and give them the love and attention they both need.

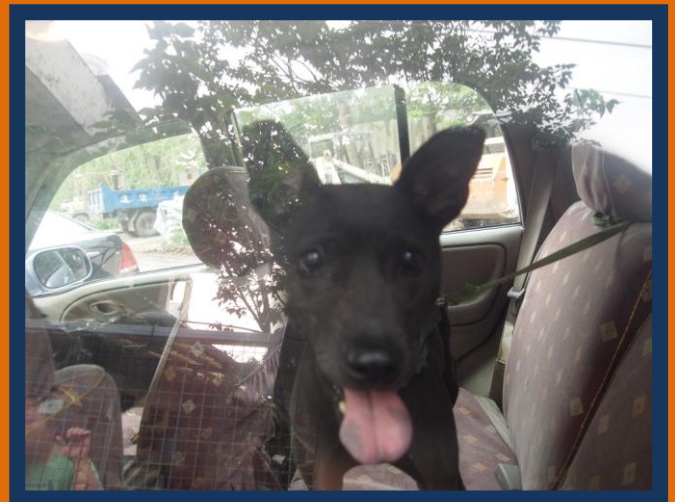
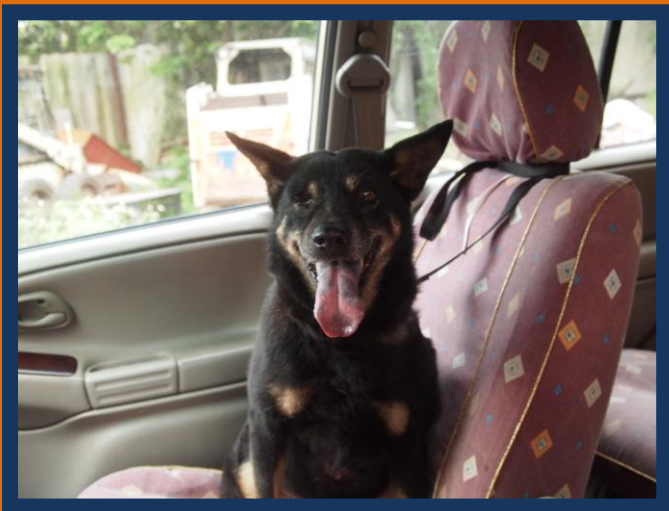


Willy the Maltese also found a loving home this month. He is very active and can be a little snappy sometimes, but his new family understand this and are still willing to give him a loving home. He is going to the same family who previously adopted Sausage. We are so happy that two of our lovely dogs have gone to such a kind hearted family.



Do Do has also finally found her loving home. We were worried as she had already gone on one tryout and it had failed due to an allergic reaction from the new daddy. Do Do is a little bigger than the normal poodle size, but this didn't matter to her new owner. Do Do is now very happy and very much loved.

We are also over the moon to announce that after many years Chance and Bandit have finally found their forever home together. One of our long time supporters and previous board member, who has adopted from us before, decided that she wanted a couple more additions to her pack and she wanted to give Bandit and Chance a home. She is very aware of their special needs and will keep us updated on their progress. It is always wonderful news when some of our longer term animals find loving homes. It gives us hope and renewed energy to keep going.



Ian and Ivan the two puppies rescued last month have found loving homes in the US. We are so happy for them both and wish them all the luck.

Jaws went on a tryout with a supporter of AT in Tainan. Unfortunately it didn't work out as Jaws was too playful with the adopters Shizu who is older and not used to sharing her home with such an active dog. The adopter was worried about her older Shizu's health and so decided that Jaws wasn't a good fit. We understand these problems and this is why we always have a tryout period, it has to be a perfect fit for both the animal and the adopter. We have high hopes that Jaws will eventually find his very own loving home.

More news 更多消息

Unfortunately one of our previously adopted cats, Pumpkin, was returned to us this month. His adopter had had Pumpkin for over 2 years but was complaining that Pumpkin didn't use the litter tray and was very noisy. We



gave the adopter much advice which included taking Pumpkin to the vet for a check up. However, the adopter felt that she couldn't continue to keep Pumpkin and returned her to us. As soon as Pumpkin was dropped off to us

we took her to the vet and it was found that she had a urine infection which was causing her great pain and would explain why she didn't use the litter tray as she wasn't able to hold it in. Pumpkin has been put on medication and will be monitored. We are hoping to get Pumpkin into a foster home as soon as possible as we feel being at the centre will stress her out more after being in a home for so long.

We have some sad news too this month, both Benji the Beagle and Smokey the cat have passed over the rainbow. When we rescued Benji we knew that he didn't have long as he was very old and had many problems, but we gave him the best few months we could and we believe he enjoyed his time with us.

Smokey the cat was born with deformities and other problems and so we were prepared that maybe Smokey wouldn't have a normal life. She found a loving home where after a short time she passed peacefully over to the other side.



Events 活動

This month we've had some great events organized independently by volunteers. We are very grateful to our volunteers who take on projects and independently see them through to help raise awareness and also much needed funds.

We were invited to the TAS spring fair again this year and the students from TAS independently ran the stall for us. This not only brought in funds but also brought in new volunteers and supporters. We are very appreciative of the TAS students who have supported us for many years.

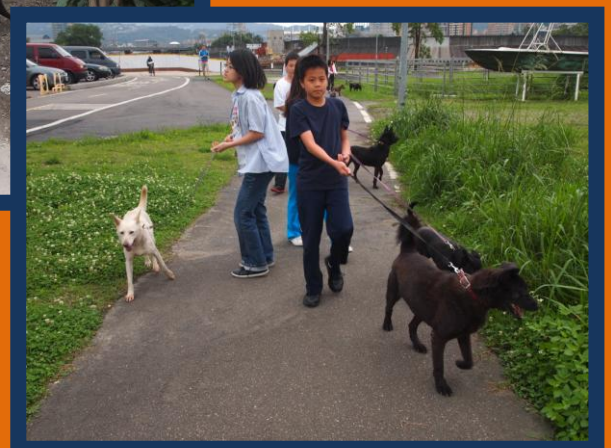
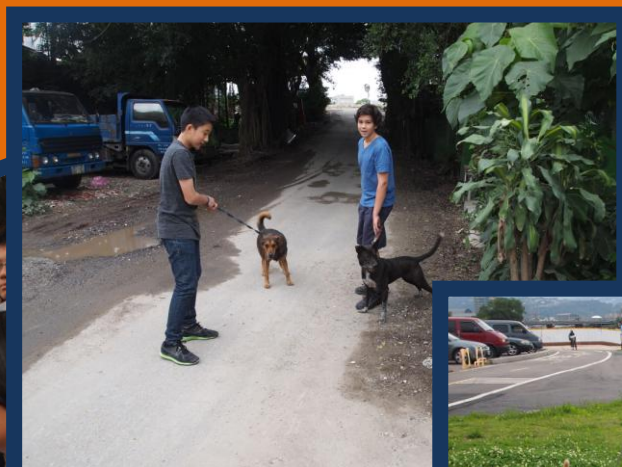
A few of our long term volunteers organized a T-shirt design project called Advocacy for Art "Love dogs" T-Shirt Charity. Where students designed and made T-shirts with meaningful messages on them about the care and wellbeing of animals to raise funds for Animals Taiwan. This was a very successful project as it not only raised funds but also helped young children to get involved and make a difference in their country.





This month we have been very much involved with Taipei European School. We were invited to give a talk to the students at the school and then the students came in groups of 25 to the centre to meet the dogs and walk them. The students were very enthusiastic and asked many valid questions about the care and welfare of the animals in Taiwan. It was very rewarding to see so many students at the centre getting to know our dogs and giving them much needed exercise. Many of the students had never walked a dog before and were very excited about it. The students of TES are now also completing projects to help promote our dogs for adoption. It really is great to see so many of the young generation getting involved to

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Also this month we had another great turn out for our volunteer training. We are very pleased with the consistent interest in our training sessions and the new volunteers joining us each month.

Each month we also have a dog walking day organized independently by a couple of our volunteers. We are very grateful for these walkers who come rain or shine to walk our dogs, take photos and also help socialize our furry friends. We know that it is also because of this constant socialization with different people that our dogs are much more adaptable to difference situations and will help greatly with their adoption chances.

If you would like to hold an event for Animals Taiwan or you have ideas for events or would even like to join our volunteer list please contact liza@animalstaiwan.org for more information.

Come and check out our facebook page to keep updated on regular adoptions, events and much more.

As always with all our rescues we never put a dog or cat to sleep unless the animal is suffering greatly with not much chance of recovery. We will

always do our best to make sure every animal is given the best treatment and best opportunity to live a happy and loving life.

We are able to continue these rescues and adoptions thanks to your generosity.

Please continue check out our webpage and pass it on to any friends or family members. There are always some wonderful dogs up for adoption, so if you have any friends or family interested in adopting, please show them our website. www.animalstaiwan.org

Remember Adopting saves lives! Please educate those around you to get their animal de-sexed and micro chipped to help decrease the stray population.

