

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I will be trying in this and future columns to educate and ask for assistance to save as many adoptable dogs in our Animal Control Facility as possible.

We have sources that will transport these dogs up north to families who want them. There is a big demand in distant states such as Washington, Michigan and Ohio just to name a few. The reason for this demand is that adoptable strays are hard to find in these climates because most strays do not survive the winters. I also hear that these states are more responsible in controlling the number of strays they have than we are. I do not know whether second is true, but regardless, the demand exists. We have already made a number of shipments but they cost a lot of money, roughly \$100 per dog.

Our situation is that we are running full constantly now and are receiving a large number of dogs from our participating cities. We expected this in our planning and knew that the first two years would be tough because of the neglected situation both in the cities and in the county. So, there are only three ways to address this. One is local adoption. The influx is way too big for this to be anything a partial solution. Second, termination is an option but not a desirable one. Third is transport up north. Transport is expensive but we are assured every dog is going to a good home that wants them.

So, I am asking, and will continue to ask, for donations to help with this. We have set up a tax-exempt non-profit so your contributions will be tax – deductible. If you could give \$10 per month you could save one doggy a year. Anymore would be a blessing. My wife and I are going to pledge \$100 per month to save 12 dogs a year. Please help? Send your donations To ACACAC (Atascosa County Animal Control Advisory Council, Inc. – a tax deductible 501C3) In Care of me, Judge Robert L Hurley, 1 Courthouse Circle Drive, Jourdanton, Texas 78026. Make your check out to “ACACAC” and we will send you a tax deductible receipt at the end of each year.

Please help us save as many as we can.

Closing quote, “Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.” Carl Sandburg ☺

Thanks for listening.

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