“Here for a Reason” (July-August 2011) highlighted the small town of Sulphur, Okla., where a dog had survived a euthanasia attempt and became a celebrity dog with numerous offers of adoption.

The article referenced the networking of animal lovers in that area and their hopes of a new shelter to serve the towns of Sulphur and nearby Davis. Readers might be interested to know more about that network, which has been working hard toward long-range solutions to community companion animal problems during the last few years. The 501(c)3 Davis Oklahoma Animal Volunteers unites animal advocates from Sulphur and Davis in activities to benefit all animals in those localities.

Since 2005, their mobile clinics have spayed or neutered more than 1,600 pets of low-income households. In the past seven months, they have raised $25,000 toward construction of a new animal shelter that will serve both Davis and Sulphur. They raise funds through operation of a thrift shop and an assortment of other projects.

It is an uphill struggle, but the Davis Oklahoma Animal Volunteers, under the capable and energetic leadership of Audrey Ridlehoover, is steadfastly advancing the cause of companion animals in Davis and Sulphur.

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