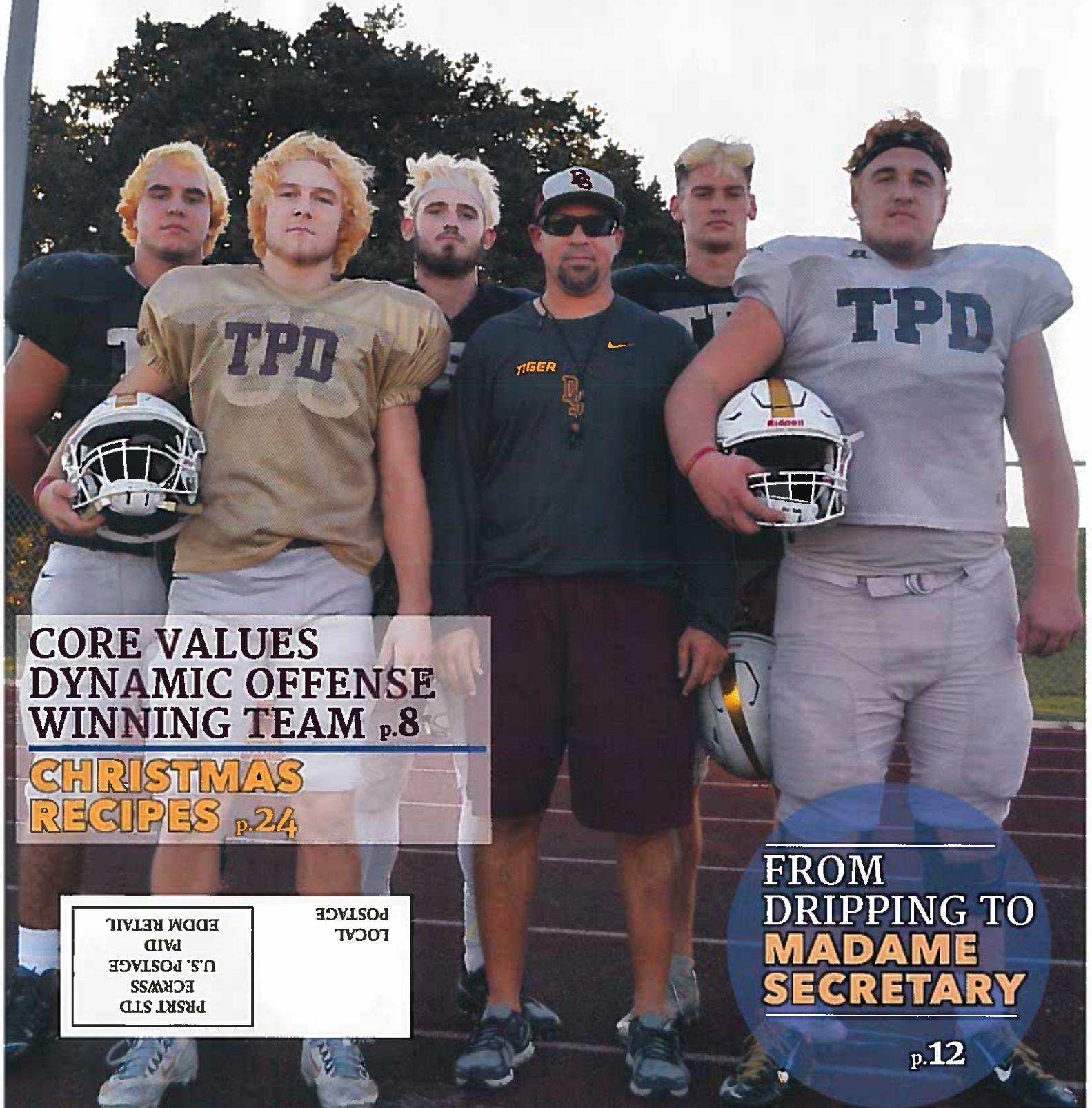


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LIZZY'S HOSPICE

Wanted:

A Home Fur the Holidays

by Suzanne Warmack

Trixie, a 16 year old Doxie has been dropped off at the animal shelter because her owners think she is too old, and they want a new puppy for Christmas. And then there's Pete, a 14 year old Heeler-Mix with a bit of Arthritis and Heartworm that has been surrendered because his family can't afford his treatment. These sweet, and often confused looking, faces grace Facebook feeds daily. They tug on the heart strings. Lizzy's Animal Hospice wants to save them all and give them a good home until their time comes to cross the Rainbow Bridge.

More often than not, these pets have been a part of someone's family for many years and have loved their humans unconditionally. Some have been less fortunate and have experienced significant neglect. Watching rescue dogs age and lose the pep in their step, it's hard not to love them more and want to make them as comfortable as possible. People don't just abandon or turn out their grandparents as their memories start to fade or they lose



Karen Cole of Lizzy's
Animal Hospice
with Patriot on her lap



Mika just had surgery on his hips

their faculties. Why shouldn't there be the same regard for our furry family members?

A couple of years ago, Karen Cole of Lizzy's Animal Hospice, located right here in Dripping Springs. Lizzy's story is an inspiration that

lives on in her memory.

On the front page of the website, there's a story of Mika, a current resident who came to Lizzy's needing significant veterinary help. Mika had bilateral FHO surgery to address extensive

Arthritis and Hip Dysplasia in both hips. His road to recovery has been a long one, but donors and sponsors have helped fund much of the surgery and physical therapy. One can't help but cheer Mika on as his progress is charted!

Digging around further on the website, you will scroll over to the Lizzy's Angels page. You won't be able to help but tear up as you read about each of the lovely companions who are no longer of this earth. Karen and her volunteer foster homes made their last few months, years, or in some cases days, as peaceful as possible. Doing so costs money. Like any 501 c3, fundraising is a crucial part of the day-to-day operations. So too is finding in-kind sponsorships, volunteers, and loving foster homes. Lizzy's exists on private

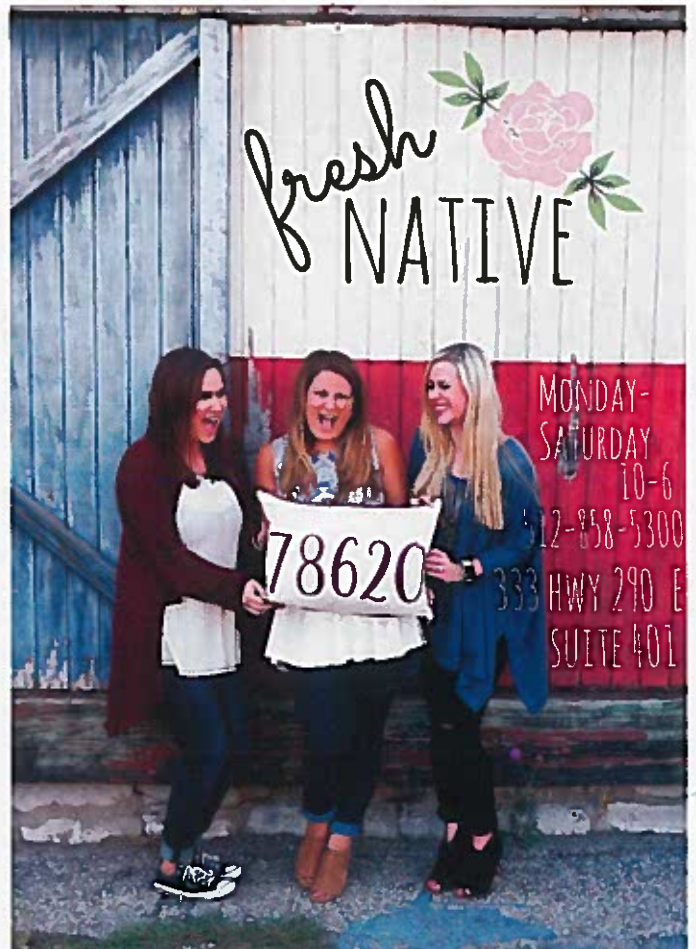


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Educating people about older companion animals and why they deserve to have a quality end of life in a loving forever home has been a challenge. What the organization needs most, besides funding, is foster families who are willing to love and do whatever it takes to help these elder companions. As a foster family, many of the purchases made on behalf of the companion are tax deductible. There is more information about this on their web site.

So, before you think about getting a puppy for Christmas, why not consider fostering an elder statesman from Lizzy's Animal Hospice? You'll give the gift of a well-deserved "forever" home and have a loving and appreciative companion. After the holidays, take a look at their website and consider adopting. Not all of their dogs are senior. They have special projects that are younger and now healthy looking for their forever families.

For details on Lizzy's Animal Hospice, go to: www.lizzyshospice.com or find them on Facebook. You can e-mail Karen directly at lizzyshospice@gmail.com.

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