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Letter from the Director



a few extra dollars to help the animals at the shelter we sure could use your help. As a community we need to speak with one voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. Have a happy and safe summer and remember animals need special care in the summer months too.

Stephanie Moore

Executive Director

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Summer is upon us with hotter than normal temperatures for the early part of the season. The shelter is receiving calls daily regarding animals left out in the hot sun with little or no shade or water. As pet owners and owners of livestock it is our responsibility to make sure they are cared for properly. That means that every animal deserves a chance to get out from under the hot sun and to have plenty of fresh cool water to drink. The drought in the Southeast does not appear to be

lessening and will continue to create a hardship for many people. The economic downturn is affecting everyone. We are seeing a greater than usual number of animals being surrendered by owners who are having a hard time making ends meet. People have to make some very hard decisions when it comes to feeding and providing for their families. If you can help a neighbor in need, better care for his or her animals it is the right thing to do. If you have the extra time to volunteer; or

Chuckie Chatter

Hey! It's Chuckie the cat again, everyone's favorite Jefferson County Animal Shelter employee. Today, on behalf of all the cats in Jefferson County, I would like tell everyone about one of our worst enemies: Fleas. Although this enemy is small to the eye, it can ruin a hot date, interrupt your favorite TV show, mess up a great job interview, and essentially wreck total havoc on your life.

OK, OK, I know you humans don't think fleas are any big deal—that they just go around biting us, causing minor irritation, but that's all. Well, let me tell you, as the voice of experience, these are vicious creatures! Their main goal in life is to make our lives miserable, create uncomfortable and embarrassing moments, and basically ruin our careers as fun, affectionate, helpful pets.

How can a flea ruin a career? Well, let me just take you back to the days before I was treated for fleas... I was in the final stages of the lengthy interview process known as 'let's-select-a-mascot-for-the-animal



shelter.' I had, if I do say so myself, totally wowed Stephanie and Marty. I had the job sewed up, oh yah. All I

had to do was give a tour of the place to some kittens who had just come in. So there I was, neatly groomed, shiny new briefcase in paw, ready to wrap up the entire business deal. As you can imagine, it was super important to make a good impression.

As I was coming to the climax of my very professional and impeccable tour, I heard a small, whiny voice just behind my ear. Instantly, I knew who it was: Filix Snapplemyer, my most dreaded foe in the flea society.

"Hee, hee, hee!" He cackled in his most irritating voice "You think you are so high class, just wait 'till they find out you have fleas!" He bounced away singing gleefully. I cleared my throat and began to finish my tour. But the damage was done. I was so distracted that I had trouble concentrating.

Then things got worse. As I got to the front desk, Filix sounded the battle cry ("bite!") and his army attacked me. Suddenly, I was itching everywhere, from my ears to my paws. I was overcome by the urge to scratch and bite. Everyone in the office stopped and stared at me as I began to dance all around. Up onto the desk to stomp, under the chairs to scratch at my ear, onto the computer keyboard to roll on my back...you get the picture. Most embarrassing, I can tell you.

But not only can those little buggers cause embarrassment, they also carry diseases and cause harmful skin reactions. Worse, the problem with fleas isn't just skin deep. They can actually get so much blood from young animals that they can cause flea anemia. This has tragically led to the death of many tender young kittens.

But no fear ladies and gentlemen. Thanks to you responsible and caring pet owners out there, your pet won't have to face those dangers anymore. Really effective flea killing products such as Frontline, Revolution, and Advantage can kill all existing fleas and flea larva. And don't forget to treat the environment as well as your pet—places like your house and yard where us cats like to play, but fleas love to hide.

By the way, I hear Filix is hunting for a new cat to attack, especially since summer and fall is prime flea breeding season. Don't let this calloused enemy have the upper hand! Make sure to ask your vet which flea product and overall approach is best for your cat (or even, I hate to mention, your dog) before you start helping him or her fight back. Remember: Your pet relies on you for regular and important vet visits, including vaccinations and flea treatments.

Hey, I smell coffee brewing—gotta run. Thanks for reading my column, until next time!

~Chuckie

PALS Spay/Neuter Clinic

The mobile spay/neuter clinic will be here on July 29th. Remember to stop

at the shelter early to reserve your spot. You pay at the time of making your appointment. The cost is \$56.00 for cats and \$66.00 for dogs. We fill up quickly so don't wait until the last minute

Rolling Rescue:

As many of you read in the Standard Banner our shelter has entered into a transportation arrangement with Newport Animal Shelter, and a couple other shelters from surrounding counties, as well as a coordinator, Sharon Cherry to transport some of our overflow to shelters up north (SPCA of Queensbury New York). What this

does is offer healthy adoptable animals a chance to find a home instead of face uncertainty here, where pet overpopulation is a serious concern. We sent 34 dogs and cats and all were adopted within 2 weeks. We are planning another trip on July 9th. If you're interested in supporting Rolling Rescue please send your donations to the shelter, in support of rolling rescue.

www.petfinder.com

As we transition to our new website Petfinder has been a real salvation for many of our shelter animals. The person who is behind the scenes is our animals' angel Susan Allan. Many of you probably know her as the red head with a camera always in her hand. Susan has taken pictures for us for about a year and she was the woman who took such great care of the Wal-Mart board for us. Now she has turned her attention to reaching a greater pool of dopters, some as far away as

Massachusetts! We just sent one of our animals by plane all the way to Auburn Mass. Miss Molly a small Rat Terrier who had been at our shelter for a couple of months made the 5 hour plane trip without a hitch and into the loving arms of the Malloy family, who took one look at her on Petfinder and knew it was love at first sight. Our gal Susan spends time with each animal getting to know their personalities before she puts them on the web. She refers to each dog by their name and each one feels the special love Susan shares with all of them. She also helps out



in other ways too. You may find her bathing a dog, snuggling a kitty, answering the phones or cleaning up the kennels. So next time you come to the shelter to visit and you see a redhead armed with a camera it's our special animal angel Susan, say hello and you might end up in one of her pictures!



We're cookin' up our first ever cookbook! We are collecting recipes until the end

Our Shelter is Cookin'

of August, so if you have a family favorite please drop it off or email it to us @ jchs@lcs.net be sure to include all directions and any special notations regarding the recipe. If you would like to pre-order your cookbooks for gift giving this holiday

season you may call or email us with the number of cookbooks you want us to hold for you. No need to pay, until cookbooks arrive (which should be in October or early November). All proceeds go directly to help the shelter animals.

FALL YARD SALE

The shelter will be holding its annual yard sale in October this year. We will be accepting goods through the end of August. Please do not drop off clothing. We will accept all household items and other yard

sale goodies at the shelter. If you have furniture and need to have it removed please call the shelter and we'll have someone come out and get it.

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Wish List

Here is a short list of a few items we desperately need:

Refrigerator	Copy paper
Paper Towels	Cat Litter
Laundry Detergent	Pup- py and Kitten Toys

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Membership Dues

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\$10 Individual \$20 Family \$500 Lifetime Membership

Please distribute my gift to the following funds/ or membership dues.

My gift is In Memory/Honor of _____

Please make your check payable to the Humane Society of Jefferson County

Enclosed is my gift of: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 or other \$ _____

E-Mail Address (I'd like to know what's happening at the Humane Society) _____

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Address _____

Name _____

No gift is too small. Your generosity is measured by your heart.

Yes, I want to help provide humane care for animals in Jefferson County