

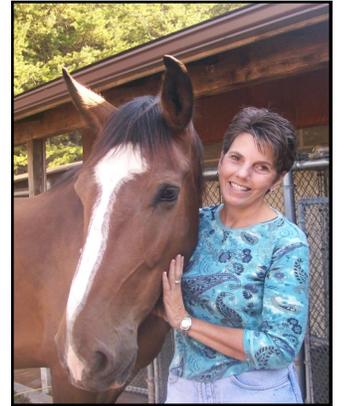


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Letter from the Director



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I have been contemplating this letter for weeks now, not sure of which topic I wanted to talk about. I am fast approaching my second year anniversary as the Director of the shelter and there is one thing about non-profit work that is always a thorn in my side "volunteerism".

We are starting 2009 with new national leadership with emphasize on a call to service. I would hope as all of you are contemplating how your own call to service might take light, each of you will consider the animal shelter as a way of helping your community.

Many citizens in our community are quick to judge and criticize our work here at the shelter, without fully understanding the problem. The overpopulation we experience in Jefferson County is our own doing. It is the lack of education to our young people, and the misinformed and irresponsible adults that have brought us to where we are. So many times I

answer calls asking about spay/neuter, and when I ask about the adult male dog/cat I hear "well they're not the problem because they don't have the babies". BUT they are the problem, or at least half of the problem. We need to address this problem as a community. I need all of you to get involved. This shelter is a reflection on all of you, what we think, and how we value the animals in our community.

I know some people can't handle the shelter environment, and that's okay, there are many ways to help us and never leave your home. Our shelter has many needs, maybe some of you could make phone calls asking businesses to support us, maybe you could write articles for us, take pictures, be an advocate for young people, help with fundraising, sew blankets, collect aluminum cans, the list goes on and on.

As of November 1st the Sheriff's department has taken control of the Animal Control responsibilities of our

county. What this means in the short term is the shelter will be experiencing a greater influx of animals and cruelty cases. We will have more animals at the shelter that belong to the county for a period of time. We are quickly outgrowing this shelter and need to get moving on the new one, however, when I advertise a volunteer orientation in the paper and it's in there twice a week for a month and still no one comes...I begin to wonder if we'll ever see that new shelter. I hope as we all search to find ways in which we can leave this earth with the smallest of imprints, that you would consider the animals that truly need our help and whether or not you could spare a few hours a week to help them.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Moore

Executive Director



The Shelter needs a new "Woof" ... We mean Roof!

Lately we've been hearing drip...drip...drip and after some investigation from our faithful handyman Mayard, it has been determined that the shelter is in desperate need of a new roof.

Mayard, has measured, inspected and assures us we need to raise about \$4000 to cover the cost of supplies needed. He can provide the labor by using the inmates at the county jail we just need to pay for the materials. If you have any leads on supplies let us know and we'll put you in touch with Mayard.



Humane Society needs Board Members

The Board of the Humane Society of Jefferson County needs new committed members. Our Board has vacancies awaiting the right persons. This is not an easy job but it is a very rewarding one. The Board has overall responsibility for the Humane Society, for seeing that it runs well and that it has adequate funds to continue functioning. Please consider helping the Humane Society in this unique way. Call Jeanne Ringe at 397-1840 if you have questions or might be interested.

14 Horses Rescued from Starvation

January 15th, 2009 was one of the coldest mornings we've seen this winter. The sun was shining and you could see your breath. The shelter was taking part in the largest horse rescue in our existence. This rescue was a group effort with the County Sheriff's Department, The Animal Control Agency, Department of Agriculture and Bridlewood Veterinary Services. The day before the seizure one horse was found dead at the property on Zirkle Rd. When we arrived that morning another young filly was down and unable to support her own weight she was so weak. She was given medication and with a few strong deputies to assist her in standing, we were able to get

her up and transport her to a nice warm barn. However, two days later she passed away from starvation and parasitism. We did all we could but she was just too weak to survive. The horses were divided into foster care by degree of care needed. As of this writing we still have one young baby who continues to struggle but is making slow progress.

We went to court on the 21st of January and were given custody of the horses. We are continuing to get them healthy and we hope to have them available for adoption around April or May. If you'd like to know how you could help us with the horses please call the shelter.



A few of the rescued horses enjoying fresh hay.

Change a Pet's Life Day

On January 24th our shelter participated in "Change a Pet's Life Day" sponsored by Hills Science Diet. Hills paid for the first 10 adoptions that day. We adopted 10 dogs and 1 kitty that Saturday afternoon. Most importantly it was a day for us to spread the word about spay/neuter and animal care in the winter months. We had munchies, and drinks, balloons and a great deal of fun.

Hopefully Hills will do it again next year.



SpayNeuter Grant monies:

The shelter still has plenty of opportunities to help people with spay/neuter, especially dogs over 40 pounds. We have a particular grant that will help large dogs only, and our only stipulation is that the animal guardian contributes some monetary amount toward the surgery so we can help more people. If you know of someone who needs help with a large dog spay/neuter have them call the shelter or stop in for an application.

UT Class of 2012

Class of 2012 School of Veterinary Medicine has adopted our shelter as their community project. We were thrilled to hear the students chose us. The students mostly girls come to the shelter and help us do routine shelter chores, give vaccines, do fecal exams, scrub floors and help when animals are surrendered. They are also planning a fund raiser to help us possibly obtain a trailer to use as a quarantine shelter. The students collect donations at the school and frequently drop off blankets, toys, food and so on. We are very fortunate to live near such a great school.



GREAT DAY

A yard sale resulted in a new washing machine for the shelter. Thanks to Elaine and friends for thinking of us and buying us such a marvelous and much needed piece of equipment!!

Donate your old Van or Pick-up Truck:

The shelter is looking for someone to donate a van or pick-up truck. Our spay/neuter program has grown and all our dogs are getting spayed or neutered before going home with their new family. What that means for us at the shelter is we have to run dogs and cats to the vets' office every morning. We are all using our own personal cars and sometimes the animals have accidents, which discourage us from wanting to use our own vehicles. We are the shelter of choice for the University of Tennessee students in their spay/neuter lab. We are sending animals every Wednesday for surgery; we are fortunate to have a volunteer with a Durango truck that makes the trip up and back for us.

If we had a van or enclosed SUV we could possibly take part in a few more rescue transports and save a few more lives every month. If you happen to have a vehicle that meets our needs and you no longer have a need for it we would be happy to talk to you about it. Please call the shelter and ask for Stephanie.

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