

It's been 3 months since our last newsletter. December was a great month for supporting the shelter. The holidays definitely brought out the best in our donors. We received much needed financial support, a great assortment of necessary items from bleach to canned food and best of all many of the dogs and cats that were fostered out over the holidays as part of a special holiday program were adopted. Our staff participated in the Dandridge Christmas parade and got to showcase some of our adoptable dogs. In spite of snow and unpleasant weather they had a good time.

January was long and cold but work on the interior of the shelter continued. The inside is totally repainted, the bathroom redone, the office remodeled and the visitor entry area reworked. When entering the shelter now one can really see a difference.

Soon it will be spring and work can begin outside. Fortunately 2 trees outside that threatened our power lines have been taken down.

All the improvements have been done at minimum cost to the Humane Society and we are grateful to our volunteers and donated materials.

February was the first fundraiser of 2010. A Prom dress sale was held February 13 and had over 100 dresses for sale. Thank you Taryn for your hard work and the money you raised organizing and running the sale.

Dealing with horses:

As of March 2010 we have had 6 horses to deal with. 2 quarter horses were found wandering on Shields Ridge Road and needed a safe haven. No owner has claimed them since they came into our care and they are available for adoption. Unfortunately, 4 other horses have been returned to us and they too are available for adoption.

Check it out!

We have quite a presence on the web. We have a new website; visit us at <http://www.humanesocietyjctn.org>

And we have a facebook page. Keep up with up is happening at the shelter and see our pets. Our facebook page is at: Humane Society of Jefferson County.

And of course we still post our pets to [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)

We are sorry to report the loss of one of our loyal volunteers. Evelyn Spenser who often helped at the shelter and was always willing to do anything she could to improve the life of the animals in our care lost her battle with cancer. In spite of her struggles she remained cheerful and helpful. The staff, board and animals at the shelter will miss her.

Donation boxes. Look for our donation boxes throughout Jefferson County. Thank you to all the businesses that have allowed us to place boxes in their locations: White Pine book store, Perkins, White Swan (Dandridge), Asian House Restaurant (Jefferson City), Gondolier Restaurant

(Jefferson City), Fox Feed and Seed, Lakeway Veterinary Clinic, China Restaurant (Dandridge), Wagon Wheel Restaurant (Dandridge), and the Jefferson Farmers Cooperative.

FOR SALE T-shirts.

New t-shirts are available. Show your support for the Humane Society of Jefferson County by purchasing one of these new t's. The Humane Society is promoted on the back. Colors are green and ivory. They are available for \$12.50.

Did you know?

That Prevent A Litter Connection a mobile spay/neuter clinic from Madisonville, TN visits the shelter monthly. The mission of PAL is to end the euthanasia of healthy animals by making sterilization affordable, accessible and to educate the public of the need for spay/neuter surgery. If you have a dog or cat that needs to be spayed or neutered contact the shelter at 475-8930 for further information or to make an appointment.

*From the PAL website:*

### **Reducing Animal Population Through Prevention**

#### **10 GOOD REASONS TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS**

1. Your female dog or cat will live a longer and healthier life.
2. There are major health benefits for your male animal companion.
3. Your spayed female won't go into heat.
4. Your male dog won't need to roam away from home.
5. ...And he will be much better behaved to boot!!
6. Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.
7. Spaying or neutering is highly cost-effective.
8. it's good for the community.
9. Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to witness the miracle of birth.
10. It packs a powerful punch in the fight against pet overpopulation.

Happy Endings

We have many happy endings for the dogs, cats, horses and other animals that come into our care. In this newsletter I am highlighting 3 dogs; each was special (as are all of our pets). Anyone who has come to the shelter in the last year probably remembers Gypsy. Gypsy was an older girl, a Chihuahua/dachshund mix who became a favorite and stayed with the staff at the shelter constantly. She was with us over 8 months and one day Rescue for Love transported her to New York to a family that adopts only older pets. She immediately fit in with the couple and is a very lucky girl!

#### **Hillary and her bloodhound**

Shelby, a black lab mix, was pathetic because of horrible demodectic mange. She was treated and adopted by a vet student at UT. A year and half later we received this picture of Shelby who now has a shiny black coat and is a very happy girl. Her owner is proud to use Shelby to show how well a dog can recover even from the severest case of demodectic mange.

Take care of your dogs and cats.

Regular veterinary care means that your pets are up to date on their vaccinations. And rabies vaccination is the law in Tennessee.

From the ASPCA website:

### How Important Are Vaccines to the Health of My Dog?

Bottom line—vaccines are very important in managing the health of your dog. That said, not every dog needs to be vaccinated against every disease. It is very important to discuss with your veterinarian a vaccination protocol that's right for your dog. Factors that should be examined include age, medical history, environment, travel habits and lifestyle. Most vets highly recommend administering core vaccines to healthy dogs.

### What Are Core Vaccines?

In 2006, the American Animal Hospital Association's Canine Task Force published a revised version of guidelines regarding canine vaccinations. The guidelines divide vaccines into three categories—core, non-core and not recommended.

- Core vaccines are considered vital to all dogs based on risk of exposure, severity of disease or transmissibility to humans. Canine parvovirus, distemper, canine hepatitis and rabies are considered core vaccines by the Task Force.

- Non-core vaccines are given depending on the dog's exposure risk. These include vaccines against Bordetella bronchiseptica, Borrelia burgdorferi and Leptospira bacteria.

Your veterinarian can determine what vaccines are best for your dog.

And remember Tennessee State Law requires all dogs be vaccinated against rabies every 3 years.

County commission voting record. There is a constant need for adequate funding from the county to support the Animal Shelter. It appears we will again deal with in excess of 4000 animals this fiscal year. The county allocated \$65,500 for the fiscal year 09/10. They also increased that allocation by \$ 16,750 for the first 6 months. At the January commission meeting Mr. Beeler made a motion from the floor to fund an additional \$7,000 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 months. This motion obtained a sufficient majority to make the funding possible. The vote to fund was 12- YES VOTES and 7 – NO VOTES. The following commissioners voted NO: Condon Batson, Jane Davis, Murrell Jarnigan, Barbara Sheets, Nina Snodgrass, Sammy Solomon, Bud Watkins.

Need board members. The Humane Society Board of Directors may have up to 15 members. If you would like to help us but don't feel that volunteering at the shelter fits your skills consider

joining our board. The board is what keeps the Humane Society going. We handle policy decisions, do fundraising, represent the Humane Society in the community, help at events, and sometimes deal with county government. We currently have several vacancies. If you are interested and would like further information call: Jeanne Ringe at 397-1840 (e-mail: [onyxk9@gmail.com](mailto:onyxk9@gmail.com)) or Taryn Herzog at 674-7529. We'd love to have you on board.

We still need a vehicle. The staff frequently transports animals to the vets (multiple trips per week) and unfortunately they have to use their personal vehicles. This is, at best, inconvenient and, at worst, destructive to their vehicles. If you have a van or SUV or truck that runs consider a charitable donation to the Humane Society OR consider a monetary donation and request that it be used to help offset the cost of a vehicle. We believe we can get something that runs for \$2000 and we hope less! The convenience of having a business vehicle would be much appreciated by the staff and safer for the animals since they could be confined in crates.

#### Fundraiser:

Curves of Dandridge owned by Connie Pierce is participating in a fundraiser. Connie will place boxes in several locations throughout the county where people can deposit their "e-waste". E-Waste recycling conducted by **BCS Recycling Specialists** will, upon receipt, sort items, erase data & recycle everything. A check will be sent to a charity of Connie's choice. Connie is designating the Humane Society of Jefferson County as the recipient. This is a great gesture on Connie's part and we appreciate her. Connie is the proud owner of Ollie, a terrier mix adopted from us. Thank you Connie and Ollie. The following items are suitable for E-waste recycling: cell phones, PDAs, iPods, digital cameras and used inkjet cartridges. So form the habit of gathering these items and depositing them in a collection box. The Humane Society will benefit and the items will be kept out of the local landfill.

#### A new service

The Humane Society is pleased that we can now accept several major credit cards. We feel that this is a convenience we can offer our clients that will be much appreciated. Thank you CNB (Diana Armstrong and Jennifer Huskey) for helping us make this an option for our adopters, donors and other users.

#### Wish list

As always there are items we need at the shelter.

Cat litter (not clumping)

Clorox

Paper towels

Canned pet food

20# 8 ½ X 11 paper

Disposable gloves (med or 1 size fits all)

Dish detergent

Laundry detergent

The shelter receives support in many ways: we'd like to thank Don Holt Pest Control for their help in keeping the shelter environment pest free; and Jane Kyker or All Paws for assisting with grooming so our scruffier dogs can look their best; and All Pets for their help in collecting items

that are on our wish list; and a special thanks to Jean Poejoy pictured here with the cat beds she has made so each of our cat kennels has comfortable bedding.