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## ONGOING PROJECTS ... NEVER ENDING

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The shelter has totally new plumbing! WOW! After 3 broken pipes in 2 days (what a mess!) our ever helpful handyman said we needed to find a new/real plumber. We were fortunate to find someone to totally redo our outdated and aged pvc plumbing. Not only did he do a great job but he donated his time. Thank you to our new friend. Another friend was at the shel-

ter and heard the noise the dryer was making. It was not able to be fixed and this nice person saw to it that we got a new dryer! Of course, then the washing machine died but we've replaced it .We feel we've rebuilt the shelter completely over this last year. Now that the physical (bricks and mortar) facility is in good shape we are addressing the outdoor kennels used for excess

intake. We just concreted a pad behind the shelter and are installing secure chain link kennels to be used when animals are on hold by county order, rabies quarantine, awaiting court resolution etc. These concrete runs replace the bare dirt deteriorating outdoor runs that were being used for this purpose. Having good outdoor runs allow us to keep more adoptable animals on view inside.

### CHECK US OUT!

We're on the web at: [Humanesocietyjctn.org](http://Humanesocietyjctn.org)  
Make donations there on paypal, click "donation"

Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Humane-Society-of-Jefferson-County-TN/295270316059>

Petfinder at: <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/TN194.html>

You can email us at: [humanesocietyjctn@gmail.com](mailto:humanesocietyjctn@gmail.com)

## HORSES

If you love horses and are looking for an addition to your herd or just want a pasture buddy for your existing horse(s) don't forget to check with us. We always seem to have a few horses available for adoption.

We have several nice ones at this time including 3 thoroughbreds (2 geldings, 1 mare) and 1 walking horse mare.

Call Justin Levi at:  
865-382-3890  
for more information





## HAPPY TAILS

Several stories come to mind for this column:

One, Cody, a neglected, semi-starved Great Pyrenees with a marvelous temperament was turned into our facility. A rescue group was found that was going to take him. Unfortunately he was heartworm positive. They still took him! Off he went to a foster home to put on some weight and then to be treated for heartworms and then a forever home would be

found for him. A foster actually drove down from Connecticut! What a marvelous ending for a deserving dog.

And then there was the generous visitor to our shelter who watched as Bosco was turned in, no longer wanted by his owner. The visitor sponsored his adoption! And it doesn't stop there. When he was adopted his adopter was so surprised to find his adoption was "sponsored" they decided to "pay it forward" and sponsor another dog. And the

same lady who started the chain was so impressed she has sponsored two more animals, cats this time!

And Scooby, a Great Dane, was turned in; an older gentle giant everyone became attached to him. Thanks to a Board member who made a few phone calls a rescue was found that came and adopted him. A great ending for a great Great Dane.  
Thanks  
Taryn!



And last but not least there was Buzz who was a breed not easily adopted but became a favorite of one of the shelter staff who worked with him daily to get him to come out of his shell. He was adopted by a nice couple who loved the breed. Good job Keith for all your work with Buzz.

## NEW PROJECT

The Humane Society is excited to be starting a new project. Plans are under way to begin a more aggressive rescue transport program. A regularly scheduled transport would allow us to save many more animals. So many of our animals are adoptable, yet there are no homes available locally. It is just now in the beginning stages but if this is a project with which you would like to become involved send an email to:

[humanesocietyjctn@gmail.com](mailto:humanesocietyjctn@gmail.com)

and we will be in touch with you.



## ROPER MANSION FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the folks at Roper Mansion for sponsoring an adoption day and fundraiser. We met new faces, adopted some of our animals, sold some tee shirts and drink bottles, sold some prom dresses (thank you Taryn for organizing the prom dress sale and thank you Meredith for allowing us to use your photo studio). Also thank you to Farrell (a super award winning Irish Wolfhound) for coming to support us. Thanks to the yard sale and everyone's hard work we have some money to put towards our outside kennel runs (see page 1).

## Working with Rescue ... Saving Lives

Rescue continues to make a difference to many of the animals received into our care.

In early March 41 puppies and one mother dog went on a grand adventure. Transported to 3 different rescue groups in Pennsylvania they were on their way to new lives in their forever homes.

And not just dogs benefit from rescue. Cats are being saved too. A rescue group in Knoxville took 16 kittens! YES, 16! And then they took a mama cat and her newly queened babies. We are always pleased when lives are saved.

I don't want to forget Southeast German Shep-

herd Rescue who have recently pulled 5 German Shepherds from us including Lilly who was so scared of people you could barely touch her. They put her in foster care with a dog trainer to help her come out of it and she ended up finding a loving home.

Though many of the rescue groups we work with are at no cost to us, some of them, like the rescue transport, do cost us. The recent March transport cost not quite \$20 per puppy. So if you like the idea of saving puppies via puppy transport consider donating to support this worthwhile project.



## Summer Safety Tips \*

Ready or not, hot weather is coming!!

Hot weather can make us all uncomfortable, and it poses special risks for your dog. Keep the following safety concerns in mind as the temperature rises, and follow our tips to keep your dog cool.

### Heat Hazards

If your dog is outside on a hot day, make sure he has a shady spot to rest in. Doghouses are not good

shelter during the summer as they can trap heat. You may want to fill a child's wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.

Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.

Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.

Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days.

Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.

Try to avoid prolonged ex-

posure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.

Dogs that are brachycephalic (short-faced), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Japanese Chins, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-faced dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.

### General Health

Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up to date, especially since dogs tend to stay outdoors longer and come into contact with

other animals more during the summer months.

Keep dogs off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours (or according to package instructions), and away from potentially toxic plants and flowers.

Keep your dog well-brushed and clean.

Fleas and ticks, and the mosquitos which carry heartworm disease, are more prevalent in warmer months. Ask your veterinarian for an effective preventive to keep these parasites off your dog.

## PALS

### Prevent A Litter

We provide space for the Prevent A Litter (PALS) mobile clinic approximately once a month to provide low cost spay/neuter services to our community. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about this valuable

service. Spay and neuter saves lives, dollars, and heartbreak. There are simply not enough homes for all the animals in our community. Call the shelter to make an appointment and check out the cost. We are pleased that the Prevent A Litter

program is being well received. Frequently all the available slots have been taken by people needing this service. It is our hope that as more people spay or neuter their pets there will be fewer puppies and kittens turned into the shelter.

\* To see more info go to:

[http://www.akc.org/public\\_education/summer\\_safety.cfm](http://www.akc.org/public_education/summer_safety.cfm)

### Schedule

June 6 , 9  
July 11, 12  
Aug 1, 4  
September 5, 8  
October 3, 6  
November 7  
December 5

## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US?

We would welcome the opportunity to speak to your organization about the Humane Society and why we exist. Recently we were welcomed by the FCE in Dandridge and enjoyed meeting so many interested people. Bev Romines and "Fish" her rescue golden doodle

gave a well received presentation on shelter animals and what can be done to help reduce the animals needing our care.

Bev is looking forward to speaking to the Dandridge Lions in May.

If you'd like Bev to speak to your group send an email to

[humanesocietytyjctn@gmail.com](mailto:humanesocietytyjctn@gmail.com) or call 865-475-8930 and leave a message with the shelter staff and your call will be returned. We hope to be offered the opportunity to speak to





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