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Good News

The staff has worked hard to increase our rescue and adoption rates. Our adoptions of cats/kittens is at an all time high: 24 Cats were adopted in November and 26 In December. And 64 puppies/dogs went into rescue in November and 6 In December. The total dog adoptions for November were 25 And in December 16 This is really good news. Many thanks to Melissa for transporting many of those "rescue" puppies over her Thanksgiving holiday!

We had several successful adoption days in the fall. Attendance at Jefferson City's October festival followed by a yard sale/ adoption day at the Roper

Mansion increased our visibility and we were excited when so many of the adoptables in attendance found their forever homes.

It was great working with Noah's Arc at the Roper Mansion and we look forward to a continuing good relationship. Our thanks to them for all their help with our adoptable pets and the portable sign they gifted us. It has been a great attention getter!

And a thank you to Farrell, an Irish Wolfhound supporter, who made a guest appearance at the Roper Mansion and allowed people to get their picture taken with him for a donation.

We have plans for a fundraiser this spring. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

Our generous donors are always good news. I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of those who donate to the Humane Society. Whether the donations are large or small they make it possible for us to stay open and save lives. And they make possible improvements at the shelter. As you read the following articles, please realize that none of the improvements would have been possible without our loyal supporters and contributors.

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- Heat in the cat room.
- New large cat/kitten exercise cage.

Expensive Fall at the Shelter

Of the many costly projects which befell the shelter this fall the most expensive was the failure of the heat in the cat room. It was non functioning and a new heating system had to be installed. It is hoped that the new furnace will not only maintain a comfortable temperature efficiently but will be more economical than the one that was no longer in service. In addition the new

furnace should provide much improved air circulation. Good air circulation in a cat room is critical to the health of the cats and kittens. We are looking forward to our cats and kittens being much healthier. Before the heating failure the water heater needed replacing. And before the water heater there were extensive repairs on the water system itself. The

water pressure is now better than it is has been in over 3 years! And on the subject of cats and kittens we received a marvelous gift: a large cage in which our felines can play and exercise. The cats/kittens are much happier for having a place to exercise and to show off their personalities to potential adopters. Thank you to the kind donor of this cage, it is wonderful!





Happy Tails

Amazing things happen. What a surprise when a cat that was turned into the shelter escaped (unfortunately) and traveled 7 miles to return to its owner. The owner decided that sort of determination should be rewarded and found a way to keep their pet! A happy ending for both cat and owner.

Then there is Buddy, a beagle that his owner banded in an ill conceived attempt at neutering! Buddy ulti-

mately required surgery, lived, and is doing well in his new home!

Koda a border collie mix came in with his littermates. Because of his mange he will always have scarring but he healed well and is happy in his adopted home.

And Daisy, a Great Dane, still comes to visit. It took a while for the right home to show up. Daisy was favorite at the shelter and the staff never gave up hope that the right home was out there for her. And it was!

Last but not least was an injured cat brought in by

Animal Control. Because the cat had on a rabies tag we were ultimately able to locate the owners who were on vacation in Texas. They did not know their cat had escaped while being cared for by a pet sitter. They were more than happy to assume responsibility for the veterinary bills. Definitely a happy ending for all concerned.



Horse Update

Since the last newsletter the cremello mare, the paint gelding and the standard-bred have been adopted. The thoroughbred still awaits adoption and 2 older walking horses are being evaluated as to adoptability. Two old friends have been reunited: Hugo (who had been adopted) was returned and a mare, Buttercup (aka Moody Blues) was adopted and needed a friend. Buttercup's owner was willing to adopt Hugo who had originally been with Buttercup when she was Moody Blues. They are getting along fine!

Finally! a Vehicle of our own!

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It is not new but it serves it's purpose well! After years of making do the shelter finally has it's own vehicle. A Dodge Caravan allows the staff to transport animals as necessary to the area veterinarians. It was frequently almost impossible to assure that dogs and cats were spayed or neutered before going to their new homes Staff did not

always have personal vehicles in which to transport the animals to the veterinarians. With the van animals old enough to be spayed or neutered can be transported to the veterinarians for surgery before going to their adoptive homes. This is a big convenience for all concerned and assures quality timely care for the adopted pets. An

added plus is the ability to transport dogs going into rescue to a contact person. Our most sincere thanks for all the donations that have allowed the purchase of this van to become a reality and a special thank you to the gentleman who selected and helped us purchase this Grand Caravan.

Working with Rescue ... Saving Lives

A big part of saving the animals that come into our care is adoption. But what does one do when there are more animals at the shelter than local adoptive homes? One thing that is happening more and more is working with rescue organizations. We are fortunate to work with a variety

of rescue groups and we wish there were more. We have even been successful with a rabbit rescue group. Rabbits multiply like, well rabbits, so having a group to rescue some of them is a real help. Thank you Hops and Lops ! And there are individuals who transport to the Northeast that stop by

to see if we have any pets that fit their needs. PALs, our visiting spay/neuter unit helps out with some of our small dogs. There is Belly Rubs (a basset rescue), Labrador Retriever rescue, Big Fluffy Dog Rescue that helps with big fluffy dogs, Recycled Best Friends, Wet Nose Rescue, Middle Tenn-

essee Boxer Rescue, and Noah's Arc. Recently we were able to work with Durham Dog Rescue. Rescues like these save lives and we are pleased to work with them and all reliable rescues. Other opportunities exist if we had a way to transport some of our puppies to other states. If someone is interested in providing transport contact Melissa at the



Friends For Life

Friends for Life is what we are calling a program recently started at the shelter. The idea begun by board member Hillary Coombs has worked so well the shelter is continuing with this compassionate approach to increase adoptions.

Sometimes the shelter was forced to pass on a good home because the adoptive owner could afford to adopt 1 pet but not 2. With bonded pets (2 dogs or 2 cats that had lived their

lives together) a little extra help allowed the adoption to take place.

Sometimes a dog was heartworm positive or had a know medical condition that was going to require treatment. Being able to adjust the adoption fee allowed the dog or cat to be adopted.

Sometimes it just helps to make a dog a bit more adoptable by moderating the fees. We had two large mastiff mixes whose time was running out. Friends for

Life made the difference in their being adopted.

Sometimes a person would like 2 cats but needs a bit of help with the adoption fees. Friends for Life has can make the difference between life and death.



Horses cont.

There was a happy ending for Annie, a mini horse found running-at-large. The little girl escaped from her pasture and ended up in our care. She was obviously well cared for but no owner could be found. It turned out she was technically from Sevier County and her owner did not think to contact Jefferson County until she spoke with a neighbor. They were very happy to have their little girl back.

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 ser-

vice. Spay and neuter saves lives, dollars, and heart-break. There are simply not enough homes for all the animals in our community. Call the shelter to make an appointment and check out the costs.

We are pleased to announce that the Prevent A

Litter program is being well received in the community. For several months all the available slots have been spoken for 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.

Schedule

February 7	
March 7	
April 4	<i>pending</i>
May 2	<i>pending</i>
June 6	<i>pending</i>
July 11	
August 1	<i>pending</i>
September 5	<i>pending</i>
October 3	<i>pending</i>
November 7	
December 5	

§68-8-107. Rabies tag must be worn

Every dog owner shall attach a metal tag or other evidence of vaccination to a collar which shall be worn at all times by the dog vaccinated; provided, that the collar may be removed in the case of hunting dogs while in chase or returning from the chase. *AND If your dog has a tag we have a better chance of identifying his owner so we can notify you, your dog is in our care.*

Do You Know the Law ??

It shall be the duty of every owner to have his dog or cat vaccinated against rabies after the dog reaches three months of age, the cat six months of age. Regardless of the type of licensed vaccine used or the age of the animal at the time of the first (primary) vaccination, the animal shall be revac-

inated one year later. Following the first two vaccinations, booster vaccinations will be due at either one or three year intervals in accordance with the approved duration of immunity of the specific vaccine used and the species vaccinated. For purposes of animal control programs and medical deci-

sions regarding human anti-rabies treatments, a dog or cat shall be considered currently vaccinated only if a valid certificate exists and the revaccination date on the certificate has not been reached.

In Tennessee, it is unlawful to permit a dog to run at large, unless the dog is engaged in legal hunting or herding.



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