

# PAW PRINTS January 2012

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## GOOD NEWS

We have lots of good news to share:

The shelter has been awarded a \$3000 grant to be used for rescue. This award was sponsored by Bissell. A total of \$30,000 was offered to 10 different shelters. Each shelter received \$3000. Pet Finder made the final decisions. Being one of 10 to get this grant is a great boost for our rescue program and will save many lives. Melissa Enck, our shelter manager, worked hard to get this grant for us.

Also we were awarded \$1700 from the state of Tennessee. The Animal Friendly Grant is to be used for spay/neuter assistance for those unable to afford this service. We look forward to allocating this grant and hope it will make a difference in the number of unwanted puppies/kittens.

The progress of our rescue program is definitely good news. We can't save all the animals but rescue allows us to save more than ever before. Because there are a limited number of adoptive homes available locally we partner with rescue groups that transport dogs to areas where there are few adoptable pets. Every effort is made to verify the integrity of the organizations with which we work. Up to 65 pets have been saved in this way in one month alone.

## HORSES

Have you ever thought of owning a mini-horse? We have a really nice one available for adoption! Winston is ONLY 32" TALL and is featured on the right. Found with his halter embedded above his nostrils he has healed nicely. We always have horses available for anyone needing a "pasture buddy".

Currently we have: Sam - Thoroughbred Gelding 7 yr. 15.3h; Matrix - Thoroughbred Gelding 13 yr. 16.1h; Hopi and Lady - 4 yr. Quarter Horse Mares, buckskin and red dun, both 14.2h

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

## HAPPY TAILS

The handsome dog above is Reesie. Reesie is a Pit Bull mix with a heart of gold and a temperament to match. A favorite at the shelter and with

Noah's Arc and with Pit Bull rescue she was in 4 different homes, each time she was returned through no fault of her own, just when there no options left her forever home appeared. Knowledgeable owners committed to Reesie. A successful match at last!! Many months later Reesie continues to do well with several other pit bull mixes.

Callie, below right, mothered 3 litters of kittens at the shelter. She made a difference to so Many kitties that she was a favorite. We decided to give her every opportunity to be adopted, she deserved it! Amazingly she was adopted the day she was spayed and ready to go! A great ending for a special cat.

The pitiful, starved Great Dane at the right came into the shelter as a stray. At first he was a bit grumpy and hungry!! Fortunately for him Majestic Danes agreed to take him into their rescue program, they are experienced in dealing with starved animals. A happy ending awaits this sad dog.

Look forward to follow up pictures of this fellow in our next issue. The rescue group has promised to send "after" pictures! And please, don't hesitate to contact the shelter or Animal Control if you see a neglected animal.

## **DONATION BOXES**

Have you seen our donation boxes? It seems they are everywhere; they remind people of our presence and bring in much appreciated money for rescue and spay/neuter assistance. We thank the following businesses for allowing us to have donation boxes at their premises:

Angelos at the Pointe	Greystone Mkt	Shorty's Food Mart BP
CNB Jefferson City	Lakeway Veterinary	Solomon's Furniture
Captain Bob	Love's Truck Stop	Southern Comfort
Jefferson Farmer's Co-op	Maxwell House	Stonegate Veterinary
Cowboys	New Market Grocery	Tinsley-Bible
Dandridge Cleaners	Patriot Hills Golf	Unique Repeat
Dandridge Golf Course	PennzOil	Waffle House Dandridge
Family Dollar Dandridge	Perkins	Walgreens Jefferson City
Fox Feed	Pizza and More	WalMart Jefferson City
Gary's Hilltop Mkt	Roper Mansion	White Pine Bookstore

## **HOLIDAY WARNINGS**

The last thing any pet owner wants to do on Christmas is rush their pet to the animal emergency room!, the truth is that many pets are injured or poisoned during these holidays.How can you make sure your holiday doesn't end in disaster?

- 1) During the holidays, most animal related ER visits are due to eating something inappropriate. Some foods cause upset stomachs, some are poisonous, and some can cause life-threatening obstructions.
- 2) We know that 60% of us will share our holiday meal with our pets, but you should follow a few basic guidelines.
- 3) A small amount of white turkey is an acceptable treat but definitely avoid the turkey skin and the turkey bones! skin is often fatty and can cause pets to develop pancreatitis, a painful inflammation of the pet's pancreas. also applies to ham which is fatty.
- 4) Poultry bones, especially cooked, have potential to both break off and cause a perforation of the digestive tract or, if large amounts are consumed, could cause an obstruction.
- 5) Other foods to avoid include: and raisins, excessively salty foods, foods flavored with onion or garlic powder, desserts and sweets containing Xylitol, and chocolates.
- 6) All leftovers should be secured behind a pet-proof door.
- 7) Remember, keep your trash can secure. items used in the meal preparation and then thrown away can be dangerous. A turkey string, foil wrappers, etc may smell like food and be eaten by a curious pet.
- 8) Decorative plants are also a source of danger. Mistletoe and holly can cause vomiting and lilies are often deadly to cats. Poinsettias, despite their reputation, are not deadly and often cause little more than mild stomach upset.
- 9) Some holiday decorations are also dangerous. and tinsel are especially attractive and hazardous to cats. an eye on electrical cords to insure puppies and kittens don't chew on them.
- 10) During family gatherings, it might be best to keep pets confined if they are overly anxious. Also, monitor people going in and out of the front door. might take advantage and try to escape.
- 11) Keep your veterinarian's phone number and the local animal emergency hospital handy. quick call to either of them can give you life-saving advice or even help you avoid a trip to the ER.

## **PREVENT A LITTER**

We provide space for the Prevent A Litter (PALS) mobile clinic monthly 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.

## **HISTORY**

I recently had the chance to look at a newsletter of the Humane Society from Summer 1998. It was interesting to read that animal intake was 2839 for 1997. Compared to 3500 in 2010. In 1997 606 (21%) of those were saved. In 2010—934 (27%) were saved. It is nice to see that we are making progress in spite of the intake numbers going up. There were only 6 members on the board compared to the current 10. United Way funding was lost but we now do receive money if specified to the United Way by the donor. Volunteers were appreciated then as they are now.

## **OUTREACH AN ONGOING SUCCESS**

The Humane Society had a booth at Old Time Saturday. It was a gorgeous day and a very busy event. We were able to connect with many people who had adopted pets from us and hear how happy they were with their pets. And we made new friends. There are always people who have not heard of us who will consider us when looking for a new companion. Many visitors left with new t-shirts to remind them of us. And we were able to spread the word about PALs and affordable spay/neuter. We were a monthly presence at the Farmer's Market in Dandridge and enjoyed making new friends and meeting old one.

Melissa Enck, our shelter manager, spoke to a variety of rescue groups and shelter representatives at a meeting sponsored by Pet Safe and put together by East Tennessee German Shepherd Rescue . She was able to give them a fresh perspective from the side of the shelters and provided valuable information for those doing rescue on how to make the process run smoothly for all concerned.