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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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As we move forward in 2013 it is a good time to appreciate what a fantastic year 2012 was. There were many highlights: **DONATION BOXES** throughout the community; an **Active RESCUE TRANSPORT Program**; an **Active LOW COST SPAY NEUTER Program**; the “**BIG BUILD**” featured in the last newsletter; the receipt of a **CHRYSLER VAN** allowing us to easier transport the animals in our care; utilizing the **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE** to spay/neuter some of our adoptable pets making them more adoptable; **SPECIAL REDUCED ADOPTON FEES**; **2 PHYSICAL ADDITIONS** to the shelter; **HEALTHIER ADOPTABLES** and most importantly **SAVING MORE DOGS AND CATS than in years past.**

asset to our ability to save lives. The money from the boxes is used for rescue and assisting with spay/neuter. Rescue allows us to transport animals to areas where they will have a better chance to be adopted, the money ensures the puppies that go into rescue are healthy and when appropriate spayed/neutered.

ACTIVE RESCUE TRANSPORT PROGRAM

There are no-kill shelters in Pennsylvania and other north eastern states that welcome adoptable pets. We have been able to transport many of our pets to these rescue programs. We, as per our agreement with the county, take in all animals relinquished by county residents, turned in by good samaritans or brought in by Animal Control. Working with rescue allows us to save many more animals than we would be able to if we depended only on local adoptions We are

DONATION BOXES

We have almost 35 donation boxes throughout the community. We are always on the lookout for more locations but the ones we have are a great

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We are happy when our non traditional pets are adopted...CORKY is very happy in his forever home.

CHECK US OUT!

We're on the web at: 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



HAPPY TAILS



Pictured are George and Gus. They were adopted from us two years ago this month as tiny little 8 week old puppies. They are now part of the University of Tennessee HABIT program and doing great!! I just love happy endings!!!



Button started out with us VERY pregnant. She was rescued by SOS Beagles. 2 of her pups survived and we were thrilled to get this Button update: Our little girl is getting adopted this weekend. She is staying kinda close. Heading home with the Corbett family to a very dog friendly neighborhood in Sweetwater TN. They came for a meet and in less than 24 hours called and said they loved her and wanted her. Her momma is already sharing her video and posts with her friends and family.



A kind donor who already had 2 labradors fell in love with Simba, now McGee, and decided 3 labradors would work. We are happy that McGee has found such a loving home and that he has fit into his new family so well. He is a great fellow who deserved a good home..

STATISTICS 2012

- Cats Adopted 276
- Cats sent into Rescue 72
- Dogs Adopted 311
- Dogs sent into Rescue 531
- Dogs/Cats returned to owners 114

Intake figures show a statistically significant reduction in our numbers. We hope this is because more people are spaying or neutering their pets before they contribute to the overpopulation problem.

Cats particularly reproduce rapidly and a female cat can have 3 litters before she is 1 Year old!! To reduce the number of cats being brought to the shelter spaying/neutering is the answer.

HEALTH TIP

It is not uncommon for dogs at the shelter to test positive for heartworms. It is hoped the following information will be useful. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart of dogs, cats and other species of mammals, Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. Because heartworm disease is preventable, the American Heartworm Society recommends that pet owners take steps now to talk to their veterinarian about how to best protect their pets from this dangerous disease. Heartworm prevention is safe, easy and inexpensive. While treatment for heartworm disease in dogs is possible, it is a complicated and expensive process. There is no effective treatment for heartworm disease in cats.



Rescue Transport cont.

able to make more space for incoming animals through rescue. Statistically more dogs are saved by rescue than are adopted.

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER

Prevent a Litter (PALS) a mobile clinic visits 2-3 times a month and provides low cost spay/neuter services. We have financial assistance



Please help pet overpopulation. Spay/neuter your pet.

available for those needing help to spay or neuter their pets. In 2012 over 1000 pets were altered.

BIG BUILD

Thanks to Animal Rescue Site, the Petfinder.com Foundation, and Rescue U we have a stand alone cat house with 2 outdoor play areas. We have rebuild kennels, freshly painted interior, a kitten play area in the main facility where potential adopters can interact with the kitties. We have 2 chain link areas for exercise and 2 chain link areas for potential adopters to interact with dogs in which they are interested.

CHRYSLER VAN

We received a Chrysler Mini Van in great shape. With 2 vans we are able to reliably



transport animals for Rescue, back and forth to the veterinarians, and back and forth to UT. Being able to take animals to the vets means almost all of our animals are able to be spayed or neutered before going to their new homes.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

We are pleased to be able work with the University of Tennessee School of Veterinary Medicine. Their students spay/neuter appropriate dogs/cats at no cost to us. We are able to adopt these animals out at reduced costs because they are already altered and the students (who are carefully supervised) get practical experience.

SPECIAL ADOPTION RATES

In an effort to increase the adoptions of cats we tried a "special" on adult, already spayed/neutered cats. We adopted these cats for \$10 each and it was a huge success!! 19 cats were adopted in one month at the special reduced rate. We also are

pleased with the success of our sponsored adoptions. Sometimes people cannot own a pet but will sponsor a pet by paying their adoption fees. This has worked well for the pets and for the adopters.

SHELTER ADDITIONS

An added benefit to the "big build" was the materials left over. At very little extra expense to us we were able to add 2 additions to our facility. We now have a much needed laun-



dry room (we do an unbelievable amount of laundry) and a room at the back has been added on to bring us into compliance with state law for when we have to euthanize.

