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IN THE DUBLIN TOWN CENTER NEAR THE US POST OFFICE & POLICE STATION



SPRING EVENTS

4th BIRTHDAY PARTY: Our 4th annual Shelter BD Party and Dog Easter Egg Hunt was held on 4/4. Our Board of Directors provided refreshments and volunteers stocked Easter eggs with coupons from our sponsor businesses; *Burger King, Cougar Hair, Guida's Market, Livingston-Smith Photography, Shoney's, and Tractor Supply.* Cake was enjoyed by all and some animal loving friends brought birthday gifts for our shelter pets. A previously adopted shelter dog took a pal home after hunting treat filled eggs!



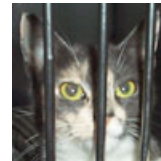
GARDEN BLOOMING: The Shannon Charlton Memorial Garden, located at the shelter, is in full spring bloom. A huge thanks to Brenda and Bud Charlton for their tireless effort in maintaining the garden. Spring activities include the installation of a taller fence and mulching. Brenda also faithfully prepares "goody adoption bags" for new pet owners and Bud and Brenda feed several PCHS feral cats that have been spayed and released. Their work for the animals is much appreciated!

WISH LIST

- Unscented Laundry Detergent
- 13 Gallon Tall Kitchen Bags
- Paper Towels
- Simple Green Cleaner
- UNSCENTED Kitty Litter (Wal-Mart's "Special Kitty")
- Canned Dog or Cat Food
- Purina Indoor Formula Cat Food and Purina Kitten Food
- Dog Collars and Leashes
- Wal-Mart or Target Gift Cards
- Volunteers – Cat Cuddlers, Dog Walkers, Spay Clinic Aids, Greeters, kitten bottle feeders.

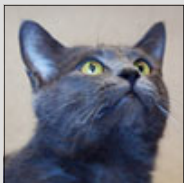
KEEP BELLE IN THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Pulaski County Library Board is considering removal of Belle the Dublin Public Library cat. Voting is on Tuesday, May 26th at the Pulaski County Library, 60 W 3rd St., 5 p.m. Come to the meeting, and read details and sign petitions on our website!



★ ADOPT US! ★

We're looking for our forever homes!



AUGUSTUS

PICKLE



STEVIE RAY



SPAY CLINIC SNIPS

With each passing year, our Spay Clinic evolves by providing more services to those most in need in our community. Currently we are sterilizing 60 animals each month. We have been fixing a record number of feral cats, which according to new statistics, is the main source of cat overpopulation, "82% of household cats are fixed" (most likely to prevent annoying habits such as spraying by males and yowling by females). Our experience is that the vast majority of ALL cats entering our shelter are not fixed. The cat problem is just that, a BIG PROBLEM. If you have cats, please have them fixed. We never, ever get a break from nice cats being relinquished. It truly causes great stress at the shelter. If we could scream from the Peaks Knob and flash lights into the sky, we would say "GET YOUR CATS FIXED"! Many thanks to all volunteers that help with our clinic and especially to our long time clinic volunteers; Joanne Habrecht, Deanna Hopkins, and Lynn Loftus.

ANNOUNCING: *Shoney's Restaurant* in Dublin is now a proud sponsor of our Spay Clinic. Providing a MUCH needed lunch break for our volunteers during the fast paced clinic. When you visit *Shoney's*, THANK THEM for CARING.

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2008: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Thirty-five volunteers contributed over 26,000 hours last year helping our pets in need. We aided over 1,200 pets, and of those, 700 were fixed and 125 were adopted through the PCHS. Partner rescue groups helped us save nearly 200 pets by the transfer of animals from our shelter to other Humane Societies.

Last year the euthanasia rate for dogs remained low in comparison to the high euthanasia rate for cats. Sadly, there are very few feline rescues and cats continue to be surrendered to the shelter at an alarming rate. We continue to focus on fixing felines in our Spay Clinic and hope you will encourage those most in need to utilize our

services. Applications for services or to volunteer are available at the shelter or can be downloaded from our website.



SPECIAL FUNDS SET ASIDE TO HELP



Our little senior Pom, Janie was relinquished to Animal Control and came to us very overweight, gasping for breath, infested with fleas, with terrible dermatitis, and a mouth full of rotten teeth. Janie's owner decided to just keep her on

Prednisone (un-prescribed), long-term, which caused her to get Cushing's Disease. Given her strong heart, we elected to have eleven rotten teeth pulled, and try to

provide her a healthy, pain free future. She was transported to our small breed rescue in Maryland and is doing GREAT. A different drug has been prescribed for her breathing difficulties and she is no longer gasping for breath and is off Prednisone.



Little senior Bitsy came to us coughing and with a HUGE growth on her stomach. Initially we were worried it was a tumor. X-rays

showed it was the largest hernia we had

ever seen. Bitsy underwent emergency surgery and luckily is doing well. Shelter Manager, Julie Williams, did a great job fostering Bitsy until she found her forever home a few weeks ago!

Without our loyal donors, serious surgeries such as these would not be affordable. An out pouring of "online donors" helped fund Bitsy's surgery. We thank Community Animal Hospital for their generosity in helping Janie and Bitsy! If you would like to help pets such as Bitsy and Janie, direct your donation (on page 3) to the "Clementine and Justin Emergency Fund".

KENNEL RENEWALS 2009

We would like to thank the following individuals for sponsoring animals awaiting adoption at the shelter for 2009. Kennel and cage renewals are 1/2 the original purchase price. Funds help animals that reside in your designated kennel, year round, receiving food, medical treatment, adoption preparation and vaccines. **MANY THANKS TO:** *Mary Alger, Bill and Barb Bryant, Bud and Brenda Charlton, Herman and Theresa Hearn, Glenn and Karen Johnson, Lynn and Edna Loftus, Mary Ann and Larry Moore, Bob and Debbie Piscura, Chris and Kim Stafford, Paula Stanley, Jeanne B. Whitman, Jeanne P. Whitman, Elisabeth Willey, Peri Marek and Peg Urvoas.*



RESCUE WORK CONTINUES



The PCHS is now partnering with North Shore Animal League (NSAL) located on Long Island, New York.

Monthly, a dozen puppies make the trek up to New York in order to find refuge at the world's largest no-kill shelter. Our puppies are vaccinated over a 21 day period, wormed, and are given health checks to ensure they are "road ready". Many thanks to Dr. Nancy Currin for vet checking our pups!

Each puppy costs the PCHS approximately \$20.00 to save. If you would like to sponsor one or more puppies, direct your donation (on page 3) to our adoption preparedness fund, "Big Bart's Hopeful Heart Fund".

NSAL will also take adult dogs from our shelter but we have to drive up up the dogs. If you are adventurous and would like to make the 9 hour trek, contact us.

We would like to thank the county for allowing us to utilize their van for our dog rescue projects!



Lynn Loftus has been a volunteer for years and if you have received a thank you note from the PCHS, most likely, Lynn was the author. She also

pops into the Spay Clinic at just the right moment to provide needed help, delivers a dozen bags of litter nearly every week for out Condo Cats, and very often transports pups early in the morning to our partner rescue groups.

A "collector of bobtails", Lynn also does her part in saving cats in need at the shelter.

THANK YOU LYNN!

PULASKI COUNTY LIBRARIES RECEIVE BOOKS



For Valentine's Day, Pulaski County Humane Society Board members and volunteers delivered over 150 "award winning" animal themed books to every library in the Pulaski County School system.

This is the 4th year that the humane society has purchased and delivered humane books.

Our children can read lovely stories about pets and how they effect and aid people each day! We hope that book readers will learn to treat our pets humanely and maybe even grow up to be a vet or work for a humane society!

PCHS Board Member, Jane Bell and "Brandy" deliver books to Snowville Elementary



Brandy is a former shelter dog that was in desperate need of medical attention that was adopted by her fosters, Jane and Roger Bell.

BOARD MEETINGS

The 2009 Board of Directors meets the 2nd Monday at 5:30 each month at the shelter. All members are invited to attend. To see if you are a current member, visit our website.

President – Bill Bryant, Vice-President – Jennifer Smart, Treasurer – Becky Lineberry, Secretary – Jennie Jones
At Large – Jane Bell, Linda Correll, Debi Livingston, Kim Stafford.

HELP OUR FELINES



Because felines are so numerous, we need volunteers to help us get the word out that WE HAVE GREAT CATS! Volunteers can help by printing and/or distributing flyers.

We also have cats awaiting adoption at the Christiansburg PetSmart store. This provides

another outlet to GET THE WORD OUT and to get our cats seen. The cats at PetSmart are cared for 2 times a day, morning and evening. Volunteers work in shifts, spending 2 hours each day cleaning and feeding the 8-10 cats that reside in the store. Please contact us if you would like to become part of our Cat Caregiver Team!

- Valuable
 - Organized
 - Loving
 - Unstoppable
 - Nurturing
 - Tender Hearted
 - Extraordinary
 - Energized
 - Reliable
 - Self Sacrificing
- These are just a few words that describe volunteers.

In reality, volunteers are so much more!

The duties are many, but the feeling of accomplishment and the knowledge that you are helping animals in need outweighs everything.



DONATE TODAY TO HELP OUR PETS



If you would like to make a difference in the lives of homeless, unwanted, or neglected animals, we would love to have you join the Pulaski County Humane Society. Without your help none of the services provided by PCHS would be possible.

Please make a contribution and become a member of an organization that will make a difference.

3 WAYS TO GIVE - MEMBERSHIP, IN MEMORY/HONOR, OR FUND SUPPORT

I'd like to join PCHS as a member.

Circle your selection:

- Sponsor.... \$25 Business... \$100
- Guardian... \$50 Corporate.. \$250
- Family..... \$75 Hero..... \$500
- Humanitarian..... \$1000

I'd like to make a donation In Memory or In Honor of a Pet or Person

Message: _____

I'd like to Direct my Gift:

- Clementine & Justin Emergency Fund Spay Clinic Fund
- Big Bart's Hopeful Heart Adoption Preparation Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

Add me to the Announcement List - Email: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ written to PCHS - P.O. BOX 1046 DUBLIN, VA 24084

DONATIONS FOR PEOPLE AND PETS

DONATIONS MADE IN HONOR:

- In Honor of Bryce Richardson - Bill Abplanalp & Sarah McMillion
- In Honor of Kirsten Richardson - Bill Abplanalp & Samara McMillion
- In Honor of Molly Turner - Bill Abplanalp & Samara McMillion
- In Honor of Ashley Turner - Bill Abplanalp & Samara McMillion
- For Chris and Kim Stafford: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to two great friends. - Doug & Jennifer Poe
- In Honor of Charley, Renni and Angel - Lisa Swope
- In Honor of Cindy Gunn and "Manni" - Jan Harris
- In Honor of Duane and Betty Hix - Garnett E. & Patsy T. Smith
- In Honor of Botsie and Winston - Judy & Veryl Nelson
- In Honor of Judy Flemming for saving our Tina - Rebecca English

DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY:

- In Memory of Little Kodiak May this gift help a little to have another sweet animal find a home that was as loving as Kodi's - Abigail Convery
- In Memory of Maggie Ketchmark - Bobby Raynes
- In Memory of Simba - Lisa Swope
- In Memory of David Thorpe Bishop - Roger R. Bell, II
- In Memory of Christa Denney on her birthday - Harold Denney

- In Memory of Ted - Phyllis Clarkson
- In Memory of Daddy, Carroll Rowland and his dog Sparky - Brenda Bell
- In Memory of Deborah Kenney, who loved all animals big and small - Grace & Frederick Kish
- In Memory of Ted, a loving border collie - Rob & Michelle Ervine
- In Memory of Ginger - C. Richard & Donna Meador
- In Memory of "Grace", the cat who owned Joanie and Max Cecil - Jan Harris
- In Memory of all my past pets - Polly Mitchell
- In Memory of Katie - Julie & Norm Kalchik
- In Memory of my brother, Steven Lawson - Susan Vaughn
- In Memory of Yogi - Bill & Linda Turpin
- In Memory of Melissa Lantz - Karen & Raymond Maxwell
- In Memory of Holly and Walt Shannon's "Cleo" and "Maddie" - Rebecca English and Anthony Armstrong
- In Memory of Randy Sadler's mother Nellie and her beloved pet, Diamond Rebecca English and Anthony Armstrong
- In Memory of Nellie Sarver and Randy Sadler's sweet dog, Diamond - Holly & Walt Shannon



** THANK YOU to all of our Donors! To see a complete listing, please visit our website! **

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SHELTER OPEN - M-F 8-4, SAT 8-12

Looking for a pet? www.dogsaver.org/pchs