

April 2010

Shelby County Humane Society



Message From Barbara Zekausky Director, Shelby County Humane Society



Hi Everybody,

It has been such an eventful month for the clinic building project and more. We have had some wonderful things transpire for example, CDI of Shelbyville donated all the hospital grade vinyl for the whole building as well as doing a free installation, Atmos Energy agreed to do our gas installation for free which includes bringing the pipeline all the way in from the road to our facility, three different volunteers donated the washer, dryer and refrigerator for the clinic. KU rushed our electric installation and our electrician, Wes Mertz, wired all the overhead lights in the basement for future use at no extra charge. Our plumber, Mr. Price donated the plumbing rough in of the basement for future use. So many people have given so much of themselves to this project I can only say thank you for helping the animals. (see pictures of clinic on page 5)

We have run into one snag. Because the floor has to be laid at a constant temperature of 65 we will have to wait until the furnace is running to do the installation. That means that our completion date will be set back at least two weeks waiting for the gas hookup to be completed. To ere on the side of caution I think we need to move our completion date to May 1st and think about moving in after that. But that gives us a little more time to plan the move and buy the shelving we need to organize all our supplies downstairs. So all is well.

We had a good turn out and great get together at SuperDog Sport Center on Saturday March 13, Th. Elizabeth Comp, Nancy Guil-liom and Marilyn Gormley did a great job of putting the food together and Marilyn along with two SuperDog members did a fun performance for us demonstrating what their dogs had learned at SuperDog. There was a short question and answer period to help everyone understand the merging of the two organizations and then we dispersed.

Nathan Winograd's presentation was great and I think we all got a lot out of it. He is and will forever be my hero for bringing No Kill into main stream America. He is a pioneer and seems to fearlessly face the animal care giants to bust down the myths that have fueled the killing of this nation's shelter animals. We have been no kill for ten years but not without criticism and we have actively worked towards a No Kill Shelby County for years by providing low cost spay/neuter and taking in as many as 1000 animals a year to save them from death. Now with the assistance of Kelly Jedlicki and James Collins the county government is embracing the No Kill philosophy and together we have achieved something wonderful in our community.

That's it for this month. Hope you have a blessed Easter.

Barb



A Note from the President by John Scheidt

This has been a very exciting time for the SCHS. We are so close to having phase one of our future home finished. The road hasn't always been easy but the results are going to be so worth while. All the hard working people involved with this noble organization should be very proud of what we have accomplished. Now it's time to start focusing on phase two. The shelter and sanctuary will now be our primary goals for the immediate future. Our fourth annual Raise the Woof pawty is just around the corner as well as many other exciting events. Again, I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the hard working people involved with making SCHS such a great success!

Sincerely,
John Scheidt



Super Dog Sports Center News By Elizabeth Comp

SuperDog Sports Center News: Thank you to everyone who came to our Open House to celebrate the union of SuperDog Sports Center and the Shelby County Humane Society! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a success!

SuperDog Sports Center is offering 2 new classes in April. The first one is, AKC Canine Good Citizen Class. It starts on Thursday April 8th, 6 pm-7pm, and lasts four weeks. The cost of this class is \$65. This class prepares the handler and dog to take the AKC Good Citizen Test, and will cover all 10 requirements. Your dog must know sit, down, stay and walking on a leash to participate in this class. The second new class for April is Tricks for Fun! It starts on Wednesday April 14th, 6pm-7pm, and is also a 4 week class. The cost of this class is \$65. This class will teach many basic tricks and is a great way to entertain your dog. There are no requirements for this class, just come and have fun! Some of the tricks taught will be, rollover, sit pretty, shake, paw, twist, spin, weave, crawl, and many more! This is a very fun class for both the dog and the handler. SuperDog also offers ongoing Obedience, Agility and Rally classes. Please pre-register your dog for classes. For more information on these classes or any others, please visit our website at www.superdogsportscenter.com or call 502-722-2246. SuperDog Sports Center is located at 148 Citizens Blvd in Simpsonville, very near I-64. We look forward to seeing you and your dog!



Abby – Our Special Needs Little Girl

Abby was pulled from our animal control facility about one year ago and was quickly adopted. Unfortunately Abby was returned when she became ill. Abby is special needs because she has Addison's disease. That means that Abby's adrenal gland is not producing the correct level of hormones. She will need an injection every 25 to 28 days to regulate her hormone levels and periodic blood work. If these medical procedures are followed Abby can live a perfectly normal and happy life. This little lady is a real sweet heart! She walks great on a leash and loves long walks. Abby rides well in the car, she wants to be with you all the time and really enjoys sharing your lap. Abby is a Jack Russell and likes to stay busy but she is extremely well behaved and minds very well. She will lie in her bed and hang out unless you get up and move because she has to be with you. She loves to chase toys and will even bring them back to you! Abby is very easy to fall in love with because she is so sweet natured and really cute. She has done well with cats and seems to do well with other dogs once she has a few minutes to warm up to them. She weighs approximately 12 pounds and is about 3 years old. Abby needs a family where her medical needs will be met and also provide her with a home to call her own. She is a real doll and fun to be around. If you are interested in adopting Abby or just want more information please email cat-crazy lady62@yahoo.com or call Lisa at (502)220-2014

Featured Adoptables—Hurry and get your application in!!



This is **Charlie** and boy is he a hoot. Charlie loves attention and as soon as you pet him his tail starts fluffing up. We call it his happy meter! The more you pet the bigger the tail gets and when his meter reaches 10 he looks like he has a bottle brush for a tail!! He is a very

sweet cat and would be fun to have as a family member. He isn't pushy or annoying but very appreciative of all the attention he can get. He would love to be a lap cat. Charlie gets along great with other cats and would be fine with a cat friendly dog. For more info on Charlie please call Lisa @ (502)220-2014 or email catcrazy-lady62@yahoo.com



Isabella is a very sweet and friendly little tortie girl. She gets along great with other cats and loves to be held and cuddled. She has a sweet little round face with big gold eyes. She would do well in most loving home environments and would make a great family pet. For more in-

formation on Isabella please call Lisa @ (502)220-2014 or email catcrazy-lady62@yahoo.com



Danny and Daisy are twins that are almost impossible to tell apart without a peak under the tail! :) These two are absolutely adorable! Danny is very playful but will stop whatever he is doing for some lovin! Daisy is a tad bit more independent but very loving as well. They are approximately



9 months old and very playful and fun. These two siblings would love to find a home together but can be separated. For more info on Danny and Daily please call Lisa at (502)220-2014 or email catcrazy-lady62@yahoo.com



Penny Ann was rescued from a high kill shelter in a rural area of Kentucky. She appears to be a Boston Terrier/Chihuahua mix, but could also be a pug mix.

Penny Ann is a sweet, loving girl who loves to play with balls or hang out on the couch with her people. She gets along well with other dogs and appears to be fine with cats as well. She is also good with children. Think Penny would be a good fit for your family?

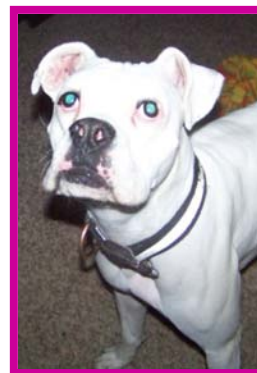
The adoption fee for Penny Ann is \$150.00. Please email Jennifer at K9Fosters@aol.com.



Mattie Mudpie was rescued from a shelter in Eastern Kentucky. She was so badly matted that shaving her down

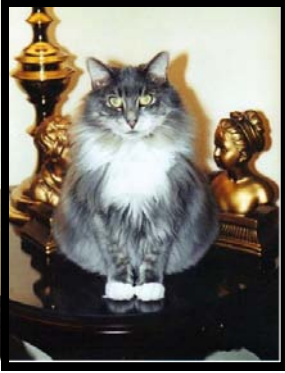
took almost two hours! Mattie is a darling girl who just loves everyone she meets. She's very quiet and well behaved. She is good with other dogs, as well as with cats. She is crate trained and house trained. She appears to be around 2 years old. The adoption fee for Mattie Mudpie is \$150.00. For more information, please contact Jennifer at

K9Fosters@aol.com



Rocky is a sweet, wonderful boy. He's deaf, but doesn't let that slow him down. Poor Rocky lost his owner when she passed away. Her niece tried to take him in, but her husband was allergic to him. They contacted us to take him in and find him a new loving home. He is a fan-

tastic boy that gets along with everyone and everything. He knows a couple of hand signals and is a quick learner. He is crate trained and house trained. The adoption fee for Rocky is \$150.00. Rocky needs an indoor home with a securely fenced yard for exercise. For more information on Rocky, please contact Jennifer at K9Fosters@aol.com.



Presley formally known as Priscilla

By Laura Lynne Best

Although I have not adopted/rescued an animal from the Shelby County Humane Society, over the years, SCHS has come to my rescue many, many times.

One summer, a little over eight years ago, a beautiful stray cat in my neighborhood adopted me. I never had pets (except for fish) as a child, so caring for an animal was a bit unfamiliar to me. I fed the beautiful and somewhat “prissy” cat twice daily on my front porch, and I brushed her luxuriously long coat often. I named her Priscilla. She came faithfully each morning and each evening when I called her from my back deck. She was usually perched in a tree, not far away, seemingly waiting for my call. There were few times when she did not show up. If, however, she missed one of our accustomed times, I would drive home from work at lunch from Frankfort to Shelbyville to check on her or I would stay up at night until she showed up. I inquired in my neighborhood to see who might own such a beautiful cat. Finally, someone told me that a family had moved away and left the cat behind. I was heart-broken.

I placed my first call to the Shelby County Humane Society soon afterward. I was seeking assistance in finding a permanent home for Priscilla. I was fortunate to talk to Barb Z. Barb did her best to convince me to keep Priscilla. I am allergic to cats and I definitively knew that the situation would not work. She gave me some basic care suggestions and I made an appointment at the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Priscilla. The staff was “working me in” to their already busy schedule. Because I was a last minute addition, when I went to pick up Priscilla from her appointment, her paperwork had been misplaced. She had not yet had her appointment with Dr. Teresa. It was late in the evening, but the tired staff gladly and graciously offered to perform her surgery. I was to return a little later. By the time that I returned home, I received a phone call from SCHS; it was already time to pick up my patient. The news Barb gave me was quite shocking: Priscilla was not a girl but a boy and, upon examination, it was determined that “he” had already been fixed. The staff and I had a fun laugh over my extreme confusion. Barb then gave me some additional basic care suggestions.

I took Priscilla back home. Needing a “sound alike” new name, I named the beautiful (now described as “handsome”) cat Presley. Again, not having pets as a child and not knowing how to care for a cat provided an interesting challenge. Ticks were particularly bad that year, and I decided to give Presley a bath. I quickly became educated that cats don’t like baths. Not wanting to be part of the animal overpopulation problem and the overcrowding problem in the animal shelters, I tried to be a part of the solution. I advertised to find Presley a permanent home. Thanks to the Shelby County Humane Society, he was now up-to-date on his shots. He was “fixed” and he had recently had a bath. He was now ready for his new home. I found several people who were willing to take him, but I decided that the homes would not be suitable for Presley. I continued to advertise.

As summer waned and the weather became cooler, I started letting Presley come into my house at night when I returned from work each day. I did not know that cats use litter boxes, so I did not provide one for him. Instead, he would wake me when he needed to do his business and I would let him back outside. Presley was very patient while training me. In the winter, he became very sick and despondent; I was devastated. He would barely have anything to do with me. I rushed him to the veterinarian where Presley was diagnosed with a respiratory infection. With medical attention and proper care, he recovered fully in a couple of weeks. During that time, I made Presley’s transition from an indoor/outdoor cat to a full-time indoor cat. (The veterinarian informed me of the need for a litter box!) I also quit advertising for a new home for him. Presley’s home was with me.

Presley knew that we were meant to be together from the very beginning when he adopted me. Presley has been my devoted friend and faithful companion since then. Without fail, he greets me at the door when I come home, and we snuggle together at night. Three years ago, when my daughter, Opal, entered my life, Presley also readily adopted her. He became her guard cat. When she would cry, he would run to her and then run to me as if to beckon me to her side. *I love that cat!!!* I am still allergic to cats, but my immune system has strengthened over the years. Sneezing is a very small inconvenience compared to the abundance of love that Presley gives each and every day.

I credit the Shelby County Humane Society for their pivotal role in Presley’s life and for indirectly bringing us together. I have been a “fan” of the SCHS since my first phone call over eight years ago. The SCHS volunteers are wonderful people with a true love and compassion for all animals. To this day, I still befriend stray cats in my neighborhood, and Lisa gladly schedules them at the Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic. SCHS has even provided invaluable assistance to me when I have needed to care for abandoned kittens. I try to find permanent homes for all of the stray cats and the few stray dogs that wander my way. Thank you, Shelby County Humane Society, for the important work that you do for all of God’s creatures.



The Mary Gaylord McClean Spay and Neuter Clinic



More Happy Tails!

By Jennifer Gerber



Carleton was rescued from a shelter in Eastern Kentucky. His new family drove to Louisville from Bowling Green to meet him and instantly fell in love with this happy, sweet boy. He has become a big part of their family.

I recently received the following update on him.

Hi Jennifer,

I just wanted to let you know that Carleton is doing great! He's made several road trips, walks and dog park visits already and he is always very well behaved. We are so happy to have him as part of our "pack" and thankful for all the work that you (and everyone at the shelter) do to find great homes for great dogs. We feel extremely blessed to have Carleton in our lives.

Sara and Nick Robbins

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Wish List

Purina Cat or Kitten Food
Can Cat Food—dinner or patee
Can Dog Food
Any type of Cat litter
Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Paper Towels
Kitten Milk
Carriers and crates
Bird Seed

Beat the Heat



It's time to make those spay/neuter appointments! Cats are coming in season now and soon there will be unwanted kittens everywhere. Shelters will fill up quickly with all the unwanted babies and there will be no place for them to go. Remember, it's not their fault that they were born and many will die. It is our responsibility to take care of those who cannot care for themselves so please have your pet spayed or neutered. Pick up the neighborhood stray, trap the feral that's been hanging around, talk to your neighbors about their unaltered cats. The problem may seem overwhelming but if each of us takes responsibility for our little corner of the world we can prevent many unwanted kittens and many sad and painful deaths for the little ones.

We offer a low cost spay/neuter clinic. Give us a call and we will get your kitty in as quickly as possible!

Female cat spay \$35

Male cat neuter \$15

Spay/neuter appointments call (502) 220-6038

If you don't call us then call your personal vet. Please just get them fixed. It's almost impossible to measure prevention but when you get a cat altered you can bet you just saved a lot of lives. Be a life saver, spay or neuter a cat!