

PAWS AND CLAWS NEWSLETTER



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PICTURE YOUR PETS WITH SANTA



ABOUT US...

This is our first newsletter, so we're going to take advantage of the opportunity and tell everyone a little bit about our organization. HOPE for Pets is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization. We are dedicated to improving the lives of stray, shelter and companion animals in Bullitt County, Ky. Our programs are designed to eliminate pet overpopulation and provide assistance for pet care needs to the elderly, low-income and special need members of our community. We also offer educational programs and material regarding responsible pet ownership. Even though we have some volunteers that foster homeless animals, and attempt to place countless other animals, we do not at this time have the facility or the means to "take in" pets that are awaiting a forever home.

STUFF YOU SHOULD NOT FEED YOUR DOG!

Chocolate, bones, Rhubarb,
Onions, Tobacco, Alcohol,
Caffeine, Rich, fatty foods,
Dairy products, Rawhides, cow hooves, and
pigs' ears

In 2010, we partnered with KHS and Feeder's Supply in Shepherdsville for our annual Picture your Pets with Santa Event. After expenses, we were able to raise approximately \$2175⁰⁰ this year. Thanks to everyone for your support.

SNOWED OUT

Christmas Shopping for our "Hope on Wheels Clients". On Dec. 15th, we were going to meet at the Lebanon Junction Library, and have a Christmas Giveaway for our Hope on Wheels Clients. Everyone was going to "purchase" some wonderful items for Christmas with our *funny money*, but Mother Nature had other plans. We hope to plan an alternate event soon.

FYI

Volunteer Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Shepherdsville Christian Church - 337 Lees Valley Road - Shepherdsville

COMING UP

HOPE Spay/Neuter Clinic

Our HOPE Clinic will no longer be meeting at the Bullitt County Animal Shelter. As of January, thanks to **4 Cats, 4 Dogs and a Moe**, we will have a new location at 3399 Burkland Blvd. The dates of the Clinic for the next couple months are Feb 11th and Mar 4th. Call 502-955-3586 for appointment information.

KHS Transport Partner

The next KHS SNIP transport is scheduled for Jan. 27th. The pickup/drop off location is still 2175 N Preston in Bullitt County. Call 502-955-3586 for appointment information.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

HOPE's annual Volunteer Appreciation POTLUCK Dinner will be held February 6th, from 4pm – 7pm at Shepherdsville Christian Church. The evening will be a recognition meeting for all the wonderful people that have helped throughout 2010. Everyone is welcome to come and show their appreciation to our volunteers. **Please feel free to bring a potluck dish for the dinner.**

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always in need of volunteers! Regardless of your gifts, we can find something that will be a great match for you. If you are interested in joining our team, go to our website – www.hopeforpets.org – and tell us all about yourself on our volunteer sign-up form. We can't wait to meet you!

ANIMALS IN NEED...

Even though HOPE does not operate an actual facility, we will assist any way we can in finding a home for an animal in need. Check out our website to see animals that are looking for a "fur" ever home right now.

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

We are very proud to be given the opportunity to serve the residents of our community and their pets. We cannot however do this without your help! If you would like to donate to support or help implement one of our programs, please donate on our website www.hopeforpets.org or call 502-955-3586 for other arrangements.



MEET A HOPE VOLUNTEER- GILDA COOK

Gilda has been a faithful volunteer for HOPE for Pets for many years. Not only does she write articles about the organization for the Pioneer News, she also tends to a plot of flowers on our behalf at the Louisville Zoo. If that's not enough, she collects tons of stuffed animals for HOPE to pass out during the parade in Mt Washington every year. If we ever have a function planned, Gilda is there, and ready to do whatever is needed! Recently, Gilda raised money for Hope by pre-wrapping boxes for busy Christmas shoppers. She also donates her time at Adoption Days at Feeder's Supply and helps set up at various arts and crafts fairs. Thanks so much, Gilda!

COMING SOON

The Pioneer News will soon have a “blog” on animal issues. HOPE’s very own Wayne Bonnett will be answering questions that readers have regarding their pets. If you didn’t know, Wayne teamed up with HOPE for Pets a couple of years ago to create a unique fundraising opportunity and soothing aid for pets. Wayne created this 16 song CD titled “HOPE for Pets Vol.1”. If you’d like to learn more about this endeavor, check out Wayne’s facebook page – “HOPE for Pets Music”.

FIND OUT ABOUT US

Everything you wanted to know about HOPE for Pets, Inc can be found out in the following ways:

Check out our website:

www.hopeforpets.org

Take a look at our Facebook page:

Hope for Pets, Inc

Call us on the phone:

502-955-3586

HOPE ON WHEELS

On March 1, 2006, we started *HOPE on Wheels*, a program designed to help the seniors, low-income and special needs residents of our community with their daily pet care needs.

HOPE on Wheels provides pet food for those who qualify. We ask for a small donation for this program, or if clients are able to volunteer for any of our programs – we appreciate that involvement. Because of the abundance of clients and the reduction of pet food donations we receive, we are in the process of re-qualifying our current clients at this time.

Every month, Hope on Wheels Feeds
Dogs=208, Cats=146, and approx Ferals=127

ANIMAL HUMOR

Collie + Lhasa Apso - Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport

Pointer + Setter - Pointsetter, a traditional Christmas pet

Terrier + Bulldog -Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes

Malamute + Pointer -Moot Point, owned by.... oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

What dog loves to take bubble baths?

A shampoodle

What dogs are best for sending telegrams?

Wire haired terriers

What do you call a happy Lassie?

A jolly collie

What do you call a nutty dog in Australia?

A dingo-ling

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

If have any suggestions or concerns about animal laws/regulations in Bullitt County, please call the Animal Shelter, the Magistrate for your district, or Judge Executive Melanie Roberts.

BC Animal Shelter – 502-543-8686

Judge Exec Melanie Roberts –

Office: (502) 543-2262

Fax: (502) 543-1577

E-mail: judgeroberts@windstream.net

Fiscal Court Meetings are held

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM

SERVICE ANIMALS

By Sunshine Basham

A brief introduction to service animals as specified by the Americans with Disability Act. (ADA) -
What is a Service animal?

A service animal is any guide dog, signal dog, or **other animal*** individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. This covers dogs for the blind, seizure dogs, dogs for the hearing impaired & the **Psychiatric Service Dog**.

The ADA does not cover “companion animals”.

*Beginning in March 2011, with rare exceptions (monkeys), only dogs will be considered for service animal status. ...

In the next newsletter, we will include regulations regarding service animal admittance in various establishments.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have an article, photo or other submission for our next HOPE for Pets Paws and Claws Newsletter, please forward your information to Carol at samsonlevi@insightbb.com with “HOPE Newsletter” as your email subject line. We will try to include all appropriate submissions. Our newsletter is distributed Quarterly – Jan, Apr, July, and Oct.

A HAPPY ENDING



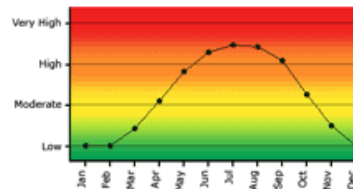
BUDDY

Our little “Buddy” made the paper! The Courier Journal headline read New Leash on Life: Shepherdsville family loves Buddy. Buddy was given to HOPE by an elderly Mount Washington couple. The wife had moved to a senior convalescent home, and the husband couldn't care for both Buddy and his wife. Luckily, The Whittaker family had come to Feeders Supply in Shepherdsville, on our Adoption Day, in late October to see if they could find a new family pet, and they found Buddy. Buddy has fit right in with the Whittakers, and it looks like a Happy Ever After!

PERSONAL FURCAST

By www.weather.com

Want personal weather information for your furry baby? If you go to the above website, and click on the “Weather Apps” tab, you’ll be directed to enter personal information about your pet. Once this is completed, you will receive a “fur”cast for your pet that includes the following info: Best Time to Walk Your Dog, Mosquito Activity, Temperature and Precipitation, Time of Sunrise and Sunset, Flea Activity and a Dog Care Clinic daily tip. There are also pictures and videos on the site.



Flea Activity Chart



TRAINING TIPS

By Heike Purdon

Positive Reinforcement in Dog Training

Popular TV shows have brought dominance based dog training into the spotlight. Dominance training is based on hierarchy observations were made in wolf packs over 50 years ago. Subscribers of this method believe that all dogs are attempting to be the “alpha” dog in your household and therefore must be forced into submission.

In the 1980s, Dr. Ian Dunbar, a veterinary behaviorist, developed positive reinforcement methods, when he found out that he could not take his puppy to an obedience class. Positive reinforcement methods continue to evolve based on findings made within the scientific community. There are a number of different sub-methods within the positive reinforcement movement. Regardless of the sub-method being used, positive reinforcement motivates your dog to behave and respect you by ignoring or receiving verbal corrections for behavior you don’t like, and by rewarding him for the behavior that you desire.

Here, at 4 Cats, 4 Dogs, & a Moe!, we apply the various methods of positive reinforcement, thus creating a happier relationship between you and your dog. A relationship, which is based on mutual respect and understanding. We provide private lessons, group classes, day training, dog socialization sessions, and seminars.

You may be wondering how you can be in charge of your dog while using these techniques. The answer to this question is that regardless of the dog training method being used, you are still your dog’s leader. To be a benevolent leader, you must make your dog earn his keep. You, as your dog’s owner, are in control of all of your dog’s resources: food, toys, walk time, play time, bathroom breaks, etc., but most importantly yourself. Your dog has to learn to earn these resources. For example, if your dog wants access to the backyard, so that he can go outside and play, you could ask your dog for a “sit” at the door before you open the door. When it comes to feeding time, you can ask your dog to go into his crate and make eye contact with you before providing him with his food. For more ideas on how to be your dog’s leader, please visit our website at <http://www.4cats4dogsandamoe.com/TrainingConsulting/BehaviorBits.html> .

Exercise is a main component to good behavior in your dogs. We, at 4 Cats, 4 Dogs, and a Moe! recognize this need, as well as the need for dog to dog socialization, and we therefore offer our Social Hour on Saturday mornings. This is a unique opportunity for you and your dog to interact with other people and dogs in a supervised manner, allowing your dog to learn both, behavior, and social skills. Join us for this, or any other of our classes. Mention this article and get 1 free session with the purchase of 4 additional sessions.

Heike Purdon

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Animal Behavior College Certified Dog Trainer
Member APDT

TOP 10 REASONS DOGS ARE TAKEN TO SHELTERS

Submitted By Sherry Richardson
<http://www.dogsindanger.com/education.jsp>

1. Moving
2. Landlord not allowing pet
3. Too many animals in household
4. Cost of pet maintenance
5. Owner having personal problems
6. Inadequate facilities
7. No homes available for litter mates
8. Having no time for pet
9. Pet illness
10. Biting

NEW TNR PROGRAM

It all started because of a colony of cats located behind a local shop in Shepherdsville... Two of our volunteers started trying to trap those cats, have them receive the necessary medical treatment if needed, and have each of them spayed or neutered. Dr. Pollett in Mt. Washington agreed to spay or neuter each feral cat and give them a rabies vaccination for \$10.00! (There are probably between 15 and 20 cats at this one location.) Thus, HOPE's "Trap Neuter & Release" program was born. With your assistance, we can help ALL of these cats and more. Please donate now! If we receive more donations than necessary to help all these cats, excess funds will go to our "TNR Fund" to help other colonies in our community. We are in the process of purchasing our own traps and are looking for volunteers willing to help trap these cats and take them to Dr. Pollett. If you would like to help volunteer with this project, please contact us at 502-955-3586. To make a donation on-line, visit our website at www.hopeforpets.org.

WHY DO SHELTERS KILL?

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The conundrum of doing society's dirt work while trying to remain mentally and spiritually intact...

Nobody who works at an animal shelter wants to kill the animals that are brought in for shelter. They do it because they see no alternative. They indeed see it as a necessary evil preventing the suffering of millions of animals that would otherwise be abused, neglected or abandoned to starve on the streets. Shelters across the country accept 6-8 million dogs each year. The inflow of animals is far greater than shelter space, and the shelter resources to find new homes. Shelters that euthanize dogs do so because they believe that warehousing the dogs is not in the best interest of the animals. Every animal deserves a decent quality of life, and living in prison cages over the long term does not support this principle. People who work in shelters want to help animals - they should not be required to take on the job of killing the creatures they love most. This terrible burden is unfair to shelter workers everywhere who care deeply for the animals and desire to nurture life not destroy it.

No other disease or condition of companion animals takes as many lives as euthanasia. In fact, no other disease comes close. ~Janet M. Scarlett