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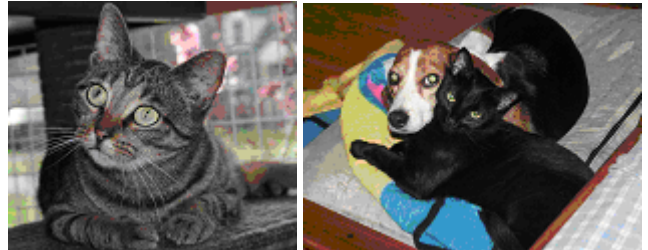
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Message from the Director Barb Zekausky

Shelby County Humane Society has a new vision. We also have a new board of directors - some old familiar faces as well as new ones. So I will start by welcoming the new board members: Mary McClean, a long time supporter, an accomplished horsewoman and businesswoman; John Scheidt co-owner of Stonecroft Farms and Borders Unlimited – breeders/exhibitors of American Saddlebreds/Morgan horses, recipients of the 2007 United States Equestrian Federation Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders Award. John is heading up our Capital Campaign for our new No Kill Animal Sanctuary; Betty Kregor, golf pro, author and businesswoman; Kelly Jedlicki our Secretary, a pediatric nurse practitioner, published author, & volunteer care giver for the animals at our shelter; Charlie Metzger of Metzger's Country Store, a retired teacher and businessman and Daryl Lamb an employee of Toyota Manufacturing and long time volunteer/foster parent. Rejoining us on the board are Vicki Lamb branch manager of Ford Auto Truck Credit Union, a long time volunteer/foster parent; Sandy Hill a forensic scientist/aerobic instructor & volunteer/foster parent and Suzanne Snider a Vice President/Deposit Account Services Manager at Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company. Our old timer board members include Teresa Gregory, DVM our advisor/hero, currently practicing at Crestwood Veterinary Hospital, Jetta Thompson, a veterinary technician at Woodford County Veterinary Hospital, Jo Carol McGavic a teacher and foster to hundreds of bottle baby kittens, Courtney Howell-Kidd Attorney at law, John Zekausky, our Treasurer, a retired educator/school principal, Tracie Lennon, President of the board, an IT specialist, Stephanie Wright a retired businesswoman & long time member/supporter and myself, Barbara Zekausky, former V.P. of loan review/credit analyst. Ray Henderson is our hired accountant, and a CPA will be hired for quarterly reviews. A Capital Campaign account has been opened and an endowment is being established for future of the facility.

Our new vision is a roomy, "cageless" animal sanctuary, with designated adoption rooms, a separate wing for the low/cost spay neuter clinic, a nursery, a hospital, a memorial garden and rescue centers for small animals, birds and reptiles. We know with your help this will happen!

Another Happy Ending... A Tale of Two Cats



This is the story of two kittens. They were unrelated born on separate ends of Shelby County. In the beginning their lives had no connection but they would find themselves together in the end. They did have some commonalities from the start, both were wild, both were unwanted, both were fending for themselves and both were caught in traps before they were brought to Shelby County Humane Society.

Frenzy was caught in a live animal trap and brought to the shelter. A wild 8 month old kitten, you could see the terror in her eyes. No human being was going to lay a hand on her and get away whole. That was why we named her Frenzy. She was in a state of frenzy, pacing the cage after we let her out of the trap, constantly watching and always afraid. A person who was inexperienced with ferals would have thought she could not be rehabilitated. We knew better. Shortly after she got to the shelter she got sick. She had no immunities against the germs she was confronted with in this environment. She fell easy prey to a virus and its complication of an ear infection. She hid her illness well. In the wild if you can't hide your weaknesses you become dinner for the strong. It wasn't until the infection moved into her inner ear and she lost her balance that the problem became apparent. We almost lost her but managed to medicate her and nurse her back to health. That was when some trust began to build between the wild, tiger striped, electric green eyed kitten and the shelter staff. Frenzy's balance was severely affected and she could hardly walk. Our Doctor told us she must get

....A Tale of Two Cats (continued)

out of the cage or she might never learn to navigate properly again. Sheila, who took care of the animals, talked softly to Frenzy and gave her canned food. She opened the door and let Frenzy come out into the room. She coaxed Frenzy out and took it a day at a time. Then Lisa and Melissa started working at the shelter. Both girls were determined that every cat that wasn't contagious was going to get out of those cages every day. It took a lot of work but they began a rotation of cats getting out onto the screened porch and into the fresh air while others simply got to play in the rooms where they were housed. Frenzy loved the porch, the sun and watching the birds outside. She began to love the people who let her out of the cage and gently caught her at the end of the day to put her back in for the night. Lisa and Melissa loved Frenzy and with patience, they helped her trust. She blossomed into a sweet and affectionate girl with just a hint of a head tilt. She was with us for three years.

Trapper was only probably four months old. when while walking across a neighborhood back yard, he stepped into a jagged edged, saw tooth trap. He heard the metal as it cut through the flesh in his upper rear thigh and crushed the bone. It was the last thing he heard for a while. Someone rushed him to the Shelby County Humane Society where our wonderful, talented vet met him and removed his mangled leg. With a lot of TLC and antibiotics, from the shelter Director and her husband, he recovered.

This past December, a very special person called the shelter. She had adopted a special needs dog from us two years ago, a beagle named Reagan, who had arrived at the shelter looking like a "pinky rat" due to demodex mange, was epileptic and had been at the shelter for 8 1/2 months. This person was looking for two special needs cats to come home with her for the holidays. So she chose Frenzy Noel and Trapper (renamed Christian) and their lives have happily intertwined forever.

Special Pets



Sawyer suffers from two broken left legs after being hit on I-64. Sawyer came to SCHS with a pinned left rear leg, and a front left leg with both bones twisted. He was very thin, flea infested and had a cough. Sawyer has undergone two extensive orthopedic surgeries in the last ten weeks. His recovery has been hampered by his previous poor nutritional status, originally placed pins that were too long, bladder stones and two screws that eroded the skin. Sawyer has a strong will to survive and be loved. His medical expenses have quickly added up. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please send to SCHS at 40 N 7th St, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Please mark "For Sawyer".



Jackie was abandoned on the porch of the shelter with her sister about 2 years ago. Her sister who had long, beautiful flowing hair and two good eyes was adopted but Jackie was left behind. Jackie is blind in one eye but has good vision in the other. Even though she is front declawed, friendly, and would make a wonderful companion, people don't want her because of the way she looks. She has heard some pretty heart breaking comments..."Oh how sad, but no thanks", "She is sweet, but her eyes make me sick". If only people knew how much their words hurt and could use their good eyes to see how much she has to give.

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June is "Adopt A Shelter Cat" Month

There are so many cats longing for that forever home.



Mercedes and Makenzie are mother and daughter. They were rescued from a kill facility and are now looking for a loving home where they can spend the rest of their lives together. These two are very bonded and must be adopted together. When they sleep they entwine together so tightly you cant tell where one starts and the other one ends! These girls have shared all the bad times together and now its time for them to share all the happiness and love that they deserve. Mercedes and Makenzie are both extremely loving and gentle. They love to be held and snuggled.



They just don't come any sweeter than this. **Boy** would rather be in your lap than anywhere else. Boy is approximately 8 months old and is a fairly small cat. He truly loves all people and enjoys human companionship. He gets along well with other cats and dogs. Boy would be the perfect lap buddy and would love to spend time with his new family. He is young, playful, extremely loving, and as cute as can be.



Boss is approximately 1 year old and has been with us since he was a little kitten. The reason he has been with us so long is because he doesn't do well at the adoption sites. He gets nervous with all the hoopla and his true personality doesn't show. Boss is a very loving and friendly cat but is not demanding. He gets along great with other cats and seems to do well with dogs. He is a big, quiet boy who wants a home of his own. He loves attention and will quietly sit by waiting to be noticed. He would probably do best with a family that has a lower activity level. Boss would make a great addition to a family and a wonderful, loving companion to other cats.



Mystery was found with her siblings as tiny little week old babies. Mystery was sickly from the beginning but thanks to lots of love and dedication she survived. Because of Mystery's rough beginnings and constant sinus infections she developed scar tissue in her nasal passages. You can hear Mystery breathe and she sounds as if she has a bit of a cold. Because of this people think she is sick when in reality she isn't. Her huge round eyes are as big as her heart!

Wish List

Bleach
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Dishwashing Detergent
Q-tips
Cotton Balls
Rubbing Alcohol
Dog and cat beds
Canned cat and dog food
Cat and dog treats
Comforters/blankets/sheets/bath rugs
Towels

Your Garbage can help our Animals.

Please bring any of the following to the shelter or Big Time Bingo (Thursday & Sunday nights).

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* Aluminum cans
- * Aluminum can pull tabs
- * Empty printer ink cartridges
- * Newspaper
- * Cell phones

Upcoming Dates:

June-Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

June 22 - Raise the Woof Pawty

June 22-Take your dog to work Day

August 18-National Homeless Animals' Day

October-Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

November-Adopt a Senior Pet Month

November 4-10-National Animal Shelter Appreciation

Spread the Word:

Every Tuesday, Dr Teresa Gregory runs a low cost spay and neuter clinic at the Shelby County Humane Society.

Rabies and Vaccines are also available at a reduced cost.

These services are for everyone - not just residents of Shelby County.

Please call 633-4033 to set up your appointment.

Looking for that special someone.....?

There are many wonderful companions awaiting adoptions. All of our animals are spayed/neutered, micro chipped, up to date on vaccines and have been treated for fleas. Cats have been tested for feline leukemia. Dogs have been heartworm tested.

While many of our animals are listed on Petfinder (<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/KY07.html>), there are some that may have not been listed yet. If you can not find what you are looking for, please call us and we can help you.

In order to facilitate a meeting, it is best to call ahead to the shelter to arrange a 'date' with a cat. Lisa Lynch, Shelter Manager or Melissa Wright, Assistant Director can help facilitate a meeting time.

All our dogs are in foster care, so in order to set up a 'date', it is best to contact the foster parent listed on petfinder or call the Assistant Director Melissa Wright to facilitate a meeting.

Adoption Numbers:

Melissa Wright: 633-4033; 220-6038

Lisa Lynch: 633-4033; 220-2014