

THE SCHS PAW PRINT

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We need your support!

Over the course of the past 2 weeks Shelby County Humane was called to help 4 sweet souls in need. Three little dogs that had been hit by a car at various times and a very loving cat that was found by a good Samaritan. The Shelby County Humane Society is blessed to have fosters more than willing to step up and help these babies but it takes more than a loving foster to fix the problems these guys have. It takes financial help from our animal loving community. Our medical fund has been almost exhausted and these babies will need on going care until they heal and find their perfect forever home. Every little bit helps, you can donate via pay pal to email address K9fosters@aol.com



Chirp is a sweet little girl that wants nothing more than to be loved and cuddled but the injury to her leg won't allow her to get around like she wishes she could. She doesn't understand why it hurts when she is picked up by her foster mom but she endures the pain and continues to ask for love and cuddles from her. Help us help Chirp be pain free. You see little Chirp needs FHO surgery. When she was hit by a car it knocked her hip out of socket and this babies hip won't stay in the socket without surgery, every time the vet tried to put it back in it popped out. FHO surgery is a very expensive surgery and this sweet soul will probably need rehab to build the muscle mass back up in her leg.

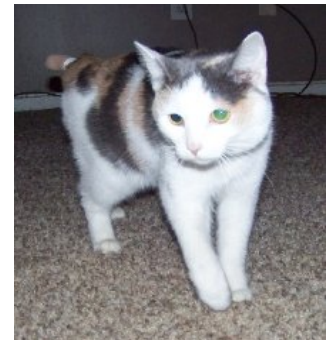
Sweet Cody was hit by a car 3 days after Chirp. When the shelter staff called and asked us to take him we didn't have time to stop and balance the check book, we had to go get this little guy and give him a second chance. Upon arrival Cody looked much worse than Chirp; Cody had no use of his back legs at all. Cody was taken to the vet and x-rays were done. It was Cody's lucky day! Nothing was broken but there was spinal swelling. Little Cody is on cage rest and steroids in hopes that he will regain the use of his back legs. The vet gave Cody a 50/50 chance of walking again. This strong willed boy continues to fight to walk and enjoys life whether he has the use of his legs or not. As of right now we continue to pray that Cody will regain full use of his legs but if not, WATCH OUT WORLD Cody will have wheels. This will not be a cheap endeavor but the look in Cody's eyes tells us that Cody will be ok whether he has 4 legs or 2 legs and 2 wheels!



Just when we thought we could breathe yet another call from a shelter asking for help. How do you say "Well I could help the other two but he just isn't as lucky as the others? When your name is Shelby County Humane Society you can't, so the call went out to our special needs foster mom with the heart of gold. You see there is no way that we could turn our backs on Little Shep, he was all smiles and kisses. Not having the use of one back leg and very little control over the other three doesn't stop Shep from licking you all over. This little guy was also hit by a car and the shelter that he was taken to doesn't have the equipment to diagnose his problems. So once again we were on our way to the vet for yet a third set of x-rays, a bigger balance due, and smaller medical fund. Once the vet looked at Little Shep's x-rays it was determined that he has a spinal fracture and possible neurological damage. Little Shep will be on cage rest for at least three weeks, along with steroids at that point another set of x-ray's will be done to determine the next course of action. Little Shep has a fighting spirit and the will to live even if he walks a little funny. He takes it all in stride. He doesn't let it stop him from getting up and moving on, although for now he will have no choice but to rest in his cage. However if he has neurological damage he will always have that quirky little step!



Shelby County Humane isn't just a dog rescue so when we received an email about a good Samaritan that found a cat in need we weren't about to shut the door, put the pen up and close the check book although by now it almost slammed shut on us! You see this sweet cat found itself in a painful predicament. We aren't sure exactly what happened but this sweet girl, now named Talia had a horrible injury to her tail. One third of it was missing and one third had been degloved. So we went to the home of the good Samaritan to pick this love bug up. Even with her injuries Talia only wanted love. She would rub up against you and beg for your attention. She only wanted to be petted regardless of the pain her tail must have been causing her. Talia is now a mostly pain free cat, she is recovering from her partial tail amputation and is healing well in her foster home.



HAPPY TAILS

By: Lisa Lynch



Fosters Needed

In last months newsletter we featured a few of our bonded buddies and I'm happy to say that this story is about two that went home! Percy and Parker were two very special little kittens that through tragedy found themselves together. Percy was an abandoned kitten that was left in apartment when his family moved away. They had pierced his ear and left him with a horrible infection. He was brought to the shelter when he was discovered and his healing began. Parker was abandoned at the shelter after hours alone and not even in any type of carrier or box. Thankfully he didn't wander into the street before he was discovered by the shelter staff. So there we were with two single, lonely little boys that had not had a good start in life. They were introduced and the loving friendship began. Even during playtime they were never apart. They played, ate, slept together and it became obvious that they needed each other. That is always a sad situation for cats because it's hard enough to find a home for one much less two together but this was how it needed to be for these boys.

People began to inquire about Percy but would lose interest when they were told that Parker needed to go with him. You see Percy was a very cute, chunky orange and white while Parker was a solid black kitten. It was explained over and over that Percy was really the one who needed Parker the most. Percy relied on Parker to go first to make sure it was OK. When we refused to separate them the adoption would fall through.

The boys began to grow and were close to four months old which is passing the "highly adoptable" age and things were looking grim.

One day a gentleman stopped by to see our cats because he and his wife were ready to add a new kitty to there home after recently losing their old cat. I talked to him about kittens and introduced him to Percy and Parker, gave him some general information, and he went home to talk to his wife. I wasn't sure if anything more would come of it but they both came a few days later to meet the boys

. I was fully expecting them to want Percy and not Parker but the wife said she was not interested in color but personality. Both boys were their usual loving, purr monster selves and she fell in love! We did the application process and knew they would be going to a wonderful and very loving home so we packed their bags and off they went!

We have had numerous reports on the antics of the boys who are now named Merle and Otis. The whole family agrees that it would have been horrible to separate the boys and that Parker (now Otis) is an amazing cat. What a shame it was for so many people that lost out on such a loving and fun cat just because he was black, but what good fortune for this family because they adore him. Tragedy brought them to the shelter, a deep bond of love was formed between the two, and a wonderful couple gave them a loving home where they can have that for the rest of their lives. Thank you so much for giving them the chance and we realize that you are being paid back ten fold with loads of love and laughter. We could not be happier for the family and the boys. Have a wonderful life Merle and Otis!

I found my furever home

Dogs	Cats
Nikki	Percy
Chloe	Parker
Lil Bit	Dexter
Tidbit and Tilly	Dixie
Chevy	Murphy
Lucy	Mindy
Cowboy	Jada
Maggie	Jacqueline
	Cricket
	Polly Pocket, Max
	Little Bear
	Chopper
	Little Chopper
	Evan

Cats
Freckles
Katie
Ladybug
Butterfly
Belvedere
Connie

There are dozens of dogs like Sydney in shelters just waiting for someone to give them a second, or third, chance at a happy life. We were able to give Sydney that chance because we had a foster home that was able to take her in while she was waiting to find her forever family. In order for us to save more dogs, we desperately need foster families that are willing to take a dog into their home for a few weeks while they wait for their forever families to find them. There are dogs of all sizes, shapes, and breeds and with a variety of personalities out there that need us. If you can open your home to one of these special dogs for a few weeks, please contact Jennifer at K9Fosters@aol.com or call (502) 742-5465 for more information. All dogs are temperament tested prior to coming into our program. They are altered and up to date on vaccines before going to their foster homes. Please consider helping if you have room in your homes and your heart for a foster dog.

Super Dogs News

Written by: Elizabeth Comp

SuperDog Sports Center has many new classes forming! For all of you with your newly adopted canine companion, SuperDog I and Super Puppy I classes are perfect for the new pet owner. SuperDog I and Super Puppy I meet for six weeks in the evening starting Oct 5th. These classes teach basic obedience commands and manners to help you and your new best friend get off to a great start. Obedience classes are a great way to boost the confidence of a shy dog, or to gain control of an exuberant dog. For those of you with a best canine companion who already knows the basics, more advanced obedience classes are offered, like SuperDog II and SuperDog Advanced, Beginning Heeling and more. The AKC Canine Good Citizen Class, starting Sept 16 and meeting for 4 weeks, is a recommendation for Pet Therapy Prep Class being offered in Oct. For more information on class schedules go to www.superdogsportcenter.com. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Call 502.722.8246 to sign up today!

We are very excited to announce that SuperDog Sport Center is hosting TeaCup Agility Trials and Seminar in November. For information and trial premiums, go to www.superdogsportscenter.com. The TeaCup Agility Trials is designed for the very small dog, with all the obstacles sized accordingly. This is a fun one to watch, so please come and see us!

Just a little of your time

A mission of the Shelby County Humane Society is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help homeless animals who deserve a second chance at a happy life. Whether you walk dogs at our Pet Adoption site, help with cat care, foster animals, do cat laundry/bedding at the shelter, serve on the Special Events Committee to plan fun activities to showcase the animals or assist with a fundraising event, you can make a tremendous difference in the lives of our animals just waiting for a “forever” home. We could not do any of this work without the support of volunteers.

You’ll never find a more grateful buddy than an animal you’ve comforted. Also, you’ll work side by side with other volunteers who share similar interests in their love of animals. The Shelby County Humane Society has been a no-kill rescue organization since it was founded in 1978. We are proud of that. Help us continue our mission. We have many volunteer opportunities and have a busy summer planned for fundraising activities. If you’d like to give us a “paw”, contact Nancy Guilliom at nguilliom@hotmail.com, our Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteer Spotlight

Written by: Jennifer Gerber

I first met Nancy Barnes when she was working at the Bullitt County Animal Shelter. We began working together to get animals rescued from that shelter and to get owned pets spayed or neutered. Nancy helped put together a monthly spay/neuter clinic in Bullitt County that was sponsored by the Shelby County Humane Society. She soon began fostering dogs and cats for SCHS.

Using her contacts that she made as an employee at the Bullitt County animal shelter, she has helped move some of our harder to adopt dogs into other rescues around the country and in Canada; thus allowing us to rescue more animals and place them in new, loving homes. In addition, Nancy facilitated meetings with Louisville Metro animal services to build a partnership with them in order to rescue animals from

their facility.

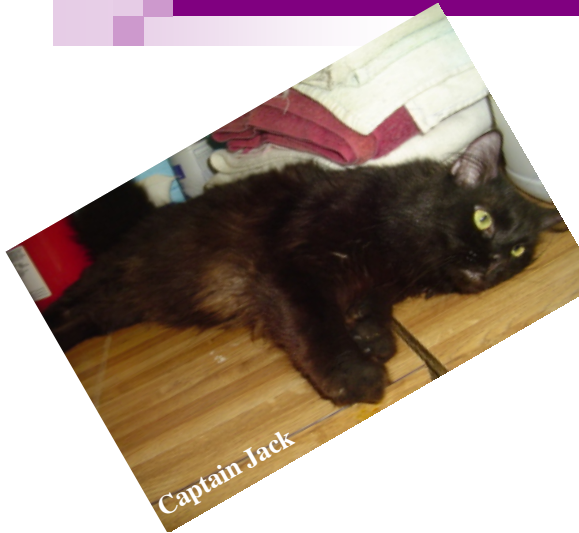
Nancy is always willing to help in any way needed.

She and her son Chase not only foster dogs and cats, they also foster rabbits and occasionally keep a bird or two over night. They also often take the kittens that get sick at the adoption center and medicate and care for them until they are ready to go back to the adoption center. Having a safe, isolated place to keep these babies while they are healing is so important for their health and well being. Being able to heal in a home environment is so much better for them than trying to get better in a shelter environment.

Nancy often accompanies me on trips to shelters to choose adoptable dogs. On one such trip to the Shelby County Animal Shelter, we saw a tiny, toothless, 3lb yorkie who had been found wandering the streets on her own. Nancy couldn’t stand to see her sitting in that tiny crate alone in a room at the animal shelter, so she

agreed to take her home and foster her. Miss Millie was immediately taken to the vet and was diagnosed with a heart murmur and breast cancer. She needed a loving home to live out the remainder of her life and Nancy stepped up to care for her. Millie spent many happy months with Nancy and Chase before her recent passing. This was just the start for Nancy and she has since given a loving home to several other terminally ill dogs in their final days, weeks, and months. These old dogs deserve to know love up until their final day. This is a hard “job” to do. It takes someone with a huge heart to love them, to know when to let them go, to grieve for that one and still take in the next special baby.

Nancy doesn’t like the spotlight on her, she prefers to stay in the background doing what she can do for the animals in need; however, we wanted to send out a huge thank you to her for all that she does!! Nancy also helps me keep my sanity when things get rough and I will always be grateful for all that she does!



What did I do wrong?

I have four brothers and sisters and a Mommy too.

She loves and nurtures us all the same.

We play and grow and see no difference

In ourselves at all.

Mommy has done her job and done it well

But the time has come for us to leave. We must

Find our own new families to love you see.

The people come and I hear them say "Oh how cute" and home they go.

One by one I see my siblings get hugs, kisses

And a new home.

I'm confused and don't understand. I purr, I snuggle,

I play, and love the people that come along.

Yet here I am all alone with no family.

My cat family never treated me any differently

So what is it that the people see?

Now I'm hearing words of sadness and sorrow

For me.

I'm a plain black cat apparently.

By Lisa Lynch

All cats featured on this page are still waiting on their forever home. For more information on any of these not so plain black cats please contact Lisa Lynch @ 502-220-2014



Animals have needs too!

Bleach
Laundry Soap
Paper Towels
Smell good cleaners
Clay Cat Litter
Windex
Canned Cat Food
Dry Food
Crates and Carriers
Cotton Balls
Alcohol
Peroxide
Bath Towels
KMR Milk Replacer
Sheets {Bright Happy Colors}
Catnip
Dog/Cat Treats
Dog/Cat Toys
Kitty Condo's
Cat Trees
Dog Beds
Nail Clippers Small and Large
DUCT TAPE it'll fix anything!!

Fish 'N Nips Cookies for Cats

6oz Can of Tuna
1/4 Cup Water Drained from Tuna
1/4 Cup Cornmeal
1/2 Cup Whole Wheat Flour
1 Teaspoon Parsley

Combine tuna, parsley and water. Add cornmeal and flour. Form a dough, knead and roll 1/4 inch thick. Cut with cookie cutter. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake at same temperature for 20 minutes on a greased cookie sheet. Makes 1 dozen.



EVERY THURSDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT!
Pack sales start at 6:00 PM - Early Bird Games at 7:15 PM - Main Event at 7:30 PM
200 Buck Creek Road (same road as the Shelby County Flea Market, same driveway as JT's, look to your left)
Come see and enjoy our beautiful new location with a glass enclosed non-smoking section.

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Male Cats : \$25	Male Dogs: \$65
Female Cats: \$45	Female Dogs: \$75
Micro-chipping \$15	Rabies: \$10
FVRCP (Cats): \$10	DAPP (Dogs): \$10
Nail Trim \$4	

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at the Mary Gaylord McClean Spay/Neuter Clinic
For an appointment call 502-633-4033
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