

Paws 4 News

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Tour For Life is Almost Here!



The Rescue Rover is almost here! Stop by and see it.

The 2009 North Shore Animal League's Tour for Life is on its way. Beginning on March 25th two of their Rescue Rovers started their trek homeward from California and Southern Florida. The Rovers will make scheduled stops, hosting events with local shelters.

For 4 years we have been privileged to be a part of this national event. We are proud to be hosting this adoption event and have invited other rescues and shelters in the hopes that some great pets will find forever homes.

We'll be set up at the

Petsmart Westpointe Plaza on Rome Hilliard Rd. on Wednesday April 22nd from 11am - 5pm.

That morning the Rescue Rover will load up some of our cats and dogs and drive to the event and then at the end of the day return to the shelter to unload. The North Shore Animal League staff will spend the night before heading to their next to last stop.

The entire Tour ends on April 25th at the Grand Finale at New York City's FAO Schwartz.

We need volunteers for this event. Call or e-mail shel-

ter to volunteer.

Only have a little time? Make sure to swing by and visit the Rescue Rover and meet the incredible staff from North Shore Animal League - World's largest No-kill Shelter.

For more information on the Tour for Life: www.nsalamerica.org/howwehelp/tourforlife/



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Make Mine Chocolate...and Marshmallow

It's almost Easter and it's time to remind everyone to make yours chocolate ... and marshmallow!

This Easter time campaign began as a fundraiser for the Columbus House Rabbit Society and in 2003 became a national then an international campaign to raise awareness of rabbits during this season. Far too many rabbits are sold at Easter only to end up in shelters, neglected, or "set free" - an automatic death sentence.

If considering a rabbit

remember that they need routine veterinary care. It can cost \$100 or more to spay or neuter a rabbit.



Rabbits are an 8-10 year commitment or longer. They are not low maintenance and require as much work as a cat or dog.

"So, this Easter, why not make it a chocolate bunny

or a cuddly stuffed toy instead? Let's make it a Happy Easter for the bunnies, too"

And as for the peeps? They are so cute and enticing, but they grow up and chickens require vet care and daily maintenance as well. So for the peeps sake let's make it marshmallow peeps this year!



Meet Brady

Motto: a wag is better than a bark

Favorite activity: being with those he loves.

Hidden Talent: great nap companion for a child.

Dreams of: a forever family with children.

Loves: people and other dogs and even cats

Brady was born in July of 2008. He and his brother were dumped at another shelter and were saved by our shelter director. His brother was adopted, but Brady still waits. He has been doing time in our prison training program and his time is almost up. We would love to see him adopted before having to return to our shelter.

His adoption fee is \$105.00 which includes heartworm testing, current shots including 1 year rabies de-worming, and neuter. You fill out an application on line. More information is available on www.petfinder.com or by calling the shelter.

Brady



Ready for rough and tumble kid fun.

Worthy quote:

“The average dog
is a nicer
person than the
average person ”

- Andrew A. Rooney



Carlton takes the time from fun and frolicking at Bark Til Dark Park to write home.

Cash-4-Kibble

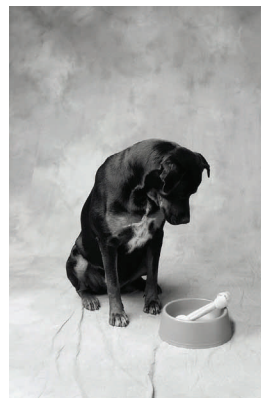
It's that time of year again where the days are longer and warmer and all thoughts naturally turn to kibble.

Kibble?

That's right, kibble. It's time for our 3rd Annual Cash-4-Kibble dinner and auction. Once again the event will be hosted by the historic Red Brick Tavern on Saturday May 16th. **Please note the date change - one week earlier than previously published.**

This year we have secured additional seating and so there will be ample room to eat, mingle, and most importantly, BID! Silent auction

items will tempt people of all interests.



All proceeds will go towards offsetting the difference between the \$24,500 provided

by the Madison County Commissioners and the \$160,000 non-fixed operating expenses incurred by the Humane Society.

A sit down dinner will be served with special entrée selections for vegetarians. A cash bar will again be available. Cost for the event remains the same as last year: \$30.00/single and \$50.00/couple.

To donate items, register or for more information, call the shelter at 740 852-PETS or e-mail us at shelter@hsmcohio.com.

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!

A Letter Home

Dear Everyone,

Thanks for hooking me up with Missi while you search for my forever home.

I get to go to Bark Til Dark Park at least three days a week and hang out all day. The other days I just lay around Missi's house and chill out.

While at the park I run around and greet everyone, but sometimes I just hang in the doggie day care area and poke my head over the half door when people come in. I'm much happier with all of the extra attention and I think I will find "my people" soon.

I'll put paw to pen and write

again soon.
Woof woof! (thanks again)

Carlton

WATCH MY VIDEO at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VFLMMhIvbs> OR AT <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zlnmb98Askc>

Pet Tip: Cat Communication III

A kitten's first language is that of smell. The mother identifies each kitten by its own scent. This first form of communication remains important to a cat's through its entire life.

Cat's have scent glands located on the chin, the corners of the mouth, temples, and at the base of the tail. Each cat has its own signature scent. A cat transfers the scent from the glands to its fur during bathing. As the cat rubs against object and people to mark.

This marking helps to create a communal smell. New cats must rub up against superior members to mix scents. When a cat scratches it visually marks and the scent pads on the paws leave a scent. Territory is also marked by spraying or depositing feces. Scent is so important that blind cats navigate their indoor territories using a combination of memory and scent trails.

The greeting ritual with humans and other

household animals involves scent. Rubbing head, flank, and tail others exchanges scent.

Urine spraying marks Tom's territories - the equivalent of a personal ad. Disputed territories will elicit a spraying war. Both fixed and un-fixed cats or both genders can spray and Siamese are notorious sprayers.

Feces is scent laden and used to mark territory - a practice called maddening, usually in a disputed territory. Indoors this occurs usually on your bed. This is to reinforce the family bond, however we don't see it that way.

Scratching strops the claws, exercises the leg muscles, and deposits scents. Just as it does with wild cats such as the tiger, the height of the scratches above the ground communicates the cat's size and strength to any potential challengers.

Spraying, scratching, middening and rubbing are the cat's e-mails to one another. These behaviors are signposts, boundary markers, and personal ads. *Final part next month - body language.*

Wish List

This month the shelter could really use:

Copy Paper (critical)

Small 5 gallon shop vac

Small copier for medical room.

Covered litter boxes - see Betty's column

Trash bags - all sizes

Large garbage cans with lids.

Bleach



This cat is marking territory and leaving a cat e-mail.

Did You Know?

- The Puppy Mill Bill is being reintroduced to the Ohio Legislature?
- Georgia's new state law that mandates all shelter animals be spayed/neutered prior to adoption.
- Michigan is working towards becoming a more humane state with the introducing of two important bills.
- Cities and counties in 15 states have spay/neuter differential licensing ordinances.
- 27 states have sterilization laws regarding impounded animals including neighbors MI, PA and WV.

Slobberfest

Slobberfest is drawing closer. So far over 2 dozens groups have confirmed attendance. So with food, fun and furry friends we think it's going to be the purrfect day.

So be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend on Saturday June 13th. The event will be at The Pavilion at Dublin's Coffman Park and will run from 11:00am - 4:00pm. At 2:00pm we will hold our celebration walk (ad dog mile). So come and celebrate us and your relationship with the furry ones in your life. Cost for the walk is \$25.00 which includes a T-shirt and goodie bag. Food will be available on grounds.



Check for Heartworms

Well, for those of you not giving year round heartworm protection and even for those who do, it's time to have the blood test!

Why? While infection in dogs taking medication is rare, it does occur, even in dogs given year round medication. And

should your pet test positive it is better to find it and treat it early.

Heartworm infection does occur in cats and is more common than first thought. It causes inflammatory reaction cause the disease rather than worm obstruction. They tend to develop

more of a lung disease with coughing and vomiting and can affect the kidneys, gastrointestinal tract and even the nervous center.

The good news is that infection is 100% preventable using one of 4 products: Ivermectin, Sentinel, Revolution or

Advantage Multi.

Consult your vet for more info on testing and monthly prevention for your dogs and cats.

Plan to come
and celebrate
at Slobberfest!

Bites from the Director

I wanted to share with you about a very important, but also a surprise date with you. You have to make sure to mark the calendar now. There will be no excuse because you will have plenty of notice. But we are celebrating Shelley, the Shelter Greeter's Birthday. To the right is an invite with the date, time, and what presents Shelley is hoping for. Just don't tell Shelley if you see her. She thinks the party is for helping the shelter.

Make sure you mark your calendar now so you don't forget. And you are more than welcome to tell everybody about Shelley and her Birthday Celebration. Just remember not to tell Shelley. It's going to be a surprise.

Betty

Be aware of pet hazards with mulch.



Make sure you and your pet enjoy your yard by watching the mulch, planting safe plants in pet areas and other plants and bulbs in non-accessible beds.

Happy Birthday to Shelley!!!!

Items can be purchased at PetSmart.



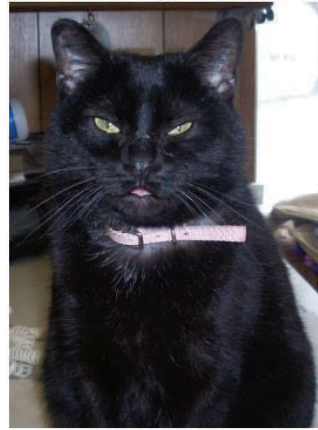
Van Ness Small Covered Litter Box



Kitten Nursing Kit



Kong Zoom Groom



Items can be purchased at PetSmart.



Scratch Mat



Play Toy



Bowl can be purchased online at DrsFosterSmith.com

The Humane Society of Madison County is celebrating Sweet Shelley - the Shelter Greeter's Birthday.

Shelley is having her Birthday Celebration the week of May 4th to 9th. The Big Party will be on May 6th.

Shelley is hoping her Birthday Party will bring in the items we need to finish out the New Health Cat Room so more felines can come into the shelter and off the streets of Madison County. Please take a look at the items posted on here on this flyer for gift giving ideas.

And most of all, Shelley gets lots of extra attention.

Drop off gifts at the Madison County Animal Shelter located at 1357 ST RT 38 SE, London OH any time monday to saturday - Noon to 5.

Mulch and Your Pet

It's almost that time of the year when homeowners think about mulching the plant beds. The question has been asked, "Is mulch safe?"

The answer is yes... and no.

More and more people are opting for fragrant cocoa mulch. It's chocolate aroma is preferable to the smell of other mulch's, but according to the ASPCA, if you own pets, opt out.

Crushed cocoa shells make up this mulch. These shells contain caffeine and theobromine - 2 compounds dogs are particularly sensitive to. Depending on the weight of the pet and the amount of mulch eaten, symptoms can range from stomach upset to cardiac arrest.

Home Depot says its cocoa mulch has undergone a process to remove the cocoa fat which contains the troublesome ingredients, but to be safe just avoid this mulch anywhere unsupervised dogs roam. This mulch can also affect cats in the same way.

Other types of mulch can pose some hazards as well. While typically less toxic they contain resins and oils that can cause stomach upsets. Pooches that ingest these mulches or ones made from recycled plastic run the risk of a choking hazard.

If you suspect your pet has ingested cocoa mulch, chocolate, or any toxic substance call your vet immediately or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline (open 24/7) at 888-426-4435. A consultation fee does apply.

When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her more perfectly;
 I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.
 I asked for good health that I might rest easy;
 I was given a “special needs” dog that I might

know nurturing.
 I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
 I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.
 I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
 I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
 I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.
 I got nothing I asked for,
 But Everything that I needed.
 -Anonymous



Everything I needed.

Watch the Plants

Now is the time to think about sprucing up the landscape and what you choose to plant or not plant and where you plant it could be very important to your pet.

But before we look outdoors we want to strongly warn you about what has become a popular indoor plant in this part of the country - the Sago Palm which is characterized by its dark green leaves and hairy trunk.

There has been over a 200% increase in poisoning by this plant and 50-75% of these cases are fatalities. Common signs include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, depression, seizures and liver fail-

ure.
 Cats and these plants do not mix: aloe vera, amaryllis, members of the lily family, asparagus fern, azalea, corn plant, dieffenbachia, dumb cane, many ivies, philodendron, and holiday favorites holly and mistletoe. Poison signs include abnormal breathing/heat rate, weakness, bloody diarrhea, oral ulcers, hypersalivation, or other serious changes. Professional help is needed immediately.

For dogs many of the plants are the same with some additions: the lily family including day, Easter and lily-of-the-

valley, azalea/ rhododendron, tulip/narcissus bulbs, oleander, castor bean, cyclamen, kalanchoe, yew, amaryllis, autumn crocus, chrysanthemum, English ivy, Peace lily, foxglove, pothos, mother-in-law’s tongue, and schefflera.

Love bulbs and don’t want to do without? Choose beds where pets don’t have unsupervised access.

Among pesticides especially avoid fly bait (Methomyl), snail/slug bait (Metaldehyde), and gopher/mole bait (Zinc phosphide). Avoid insecticides with Disulfoton (also know as disystem).

Choose indoor and outdoor plants and planting locations very carefully.

Happy Tails

Betty -

Things are going well. We’ve decided to call Prince “Moon”, since you told us his full name was “Prince of Pearl Moon”. He responds better to Moon rather than Prince, so now he’s The Dog Formerly Known as Prince!

He’s more at ease each day, and seems to already anticipate our routines. He’s a wonderful companion. He’s still very shy. We have a small dog bed for

him that he really likes. He curls up in it and relaxes.

I hope to get some pictures taken this weekend - and will send them on.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to you and your staff and to the inmate who worked with Prince (now Moon)!

- Linda

...hope you had a wonderful holiday! Remington is my professional re-decorator. Thought you would like this - share with the gang at the shelter. They are both doing well. Too funny to watch them play



The Dog Formerly Known as Prince.

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Guess What's Coming Up?

April 4th - 11-2 Petsmart Adoptions Westpointe Plaza

April 22nd 11-5 Tour For Life. Petsmart Westpointe Plaza

May 2nd - 11-2 Petsmart Adoptions Westpointe Plaza

May - 16th annual Cash-4-Kibble at The Historic Red Brick Tavern

June 13th - 11-4 Slobberfest. The Pavilion Coffman Park Dublin

Where friends are found.



Promoting Life. Promoting Adoption.

HSMC Has Gone to the Flowers



Add some color to your yard and your life by planting these in pet safe beds.

Next Month: A sneak peek at Neuterville - A Great Place to Stay and our new healthy cat room.

We all know that Spring has sprung, even if it's only currently 42 in London. But, if you're like most people you're already looking at your lawn and your flower beds and wanting to get them looking lovely.

We currently participating Fundraising with Flowerbulbs and Perennials by Touch of Nature, Inc. We have set a goal of raising \$1,000. This money will be used to help in purchasing more items for our spay/neuter clinic now know as "Neuterville - a Great Place to Spay."

Flowerbulbs and Perennials are great items for us to fundraise as they come back each year

reminding you how you helped the homeless animals of Madison County when you purchased the beautiful flowers. And did you know that by working in your flower beds, it helps to reduce stress. I attached a picture of just some of the pretty flowers you can purchase.

Would you please take the time to visit

http://www.touchofnature.com/fundraising/spring_c_online.htm

and order from their Spring fundraising Catalog. 55% of the gross sales total on the flowerbulb packages (not including shipping) goes directly

to the HSMC to help us in reaching our goal of \$1000. The flowers will be sent directly to you.

Don't forget to include our organization code 45551 and Humane Society of Madison County in the comments line of the checkout form so they know to give us credit for your order.

If you have any problems with placing your order, you can call Touch of Nature at 800-438-9309 or email betty@madisonhumane.org and I will see if I can help you out. I also have some brochures that you can use to take orders from family and friends, then turn in the order forms to me which then I can process.