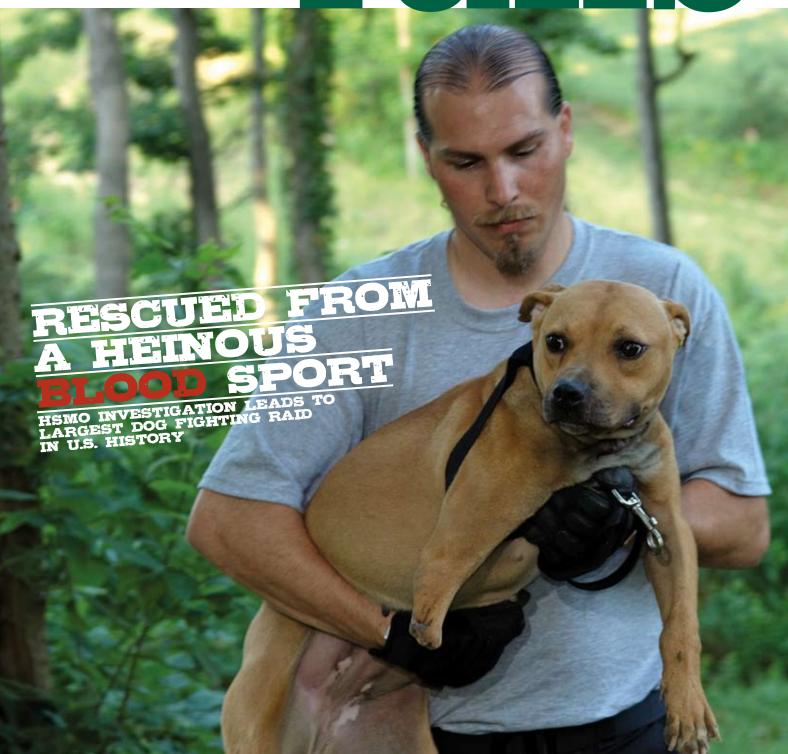
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Tallulah, the three year old female pit bull pictured on the cover, now much happier and healthier after care from our emergency shelter staff. She will receive leg surgery to improve the quality of her life before heading to rehabilitation with a rescue



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The Beginning of the End of a Vile "Sport"

The heinous blood sport of dog fighting inflicts unimaginable pain and cruelty upon innocent, voiceless victims who are at the mercy of heartless owners. It is hard for animal lovers to fathom placing man's best friend in such a

> precarious position, yet this so-called "sport" regularly occurs throughout the United States. It is an underground, nefarious world of fighting dog owners who brutally kill dogs that lose fights through appalling means. Veterinary care is non-existent for these blameless dogs unfortunate to have been thrust into such a vile existence. And to top it off, Missouri's exceptionally weak dog fighting laws have lead to an extraordinary level of this horrible activity in our state. As bleak and foreboding as

this is, there is reason for optimism. A watershed change has occurred to severely curtail the prevalence of dog fighting.

In a monumental effort to evoke a game-changing scenario in the dogfighting world, your Humane Society of Missouri spearheaded the largest dogfighting raid and rescue in U.S. history. More than 500 fighting pit bulls in eight states were rescued in one momentous day. Working with various federal and state law enforcement agencies for 18 months, the Humane Society's Animal Cruelty Task Force, led by Tim Rickey, painstakingly helped build the case, which resulted in the arrest of 26 alleged dog-fighters across the country. (To date six have pled guilty to felony charges.) This work entailed tremendous personal sacrifice on the part of Rickey as well as Animal Cruelty Investigator Kyle Held. Both worked weekends and long hours for months on end subjecting themselves to dangerous situations to assist the authorities. Rickey then put a significant amount of planning and coordination into executing and leading the simultaneous raid

and rescue at 22 disparate sites on a single day this past summer.

Your Humane Society set up a massive temporary shelter at an undisclosed location to house the rescued dogs, now evidence in a federal dog fighting case. The logistics involved with sheltering and providing top-notch care for hundreds of fighting pit bulls are mind-boggling. Debbie Hill, vice president of Operations, along with stellar assistance from other shelter management, veterinary and administrative staff, capably led the charge for these dogs as well as the more than 100 puppies born following the rescue. Recently, key members of this team received well-deserved honors from the U.S. Attorney's office which lauded them as follows: "The investigators, agents, Humane Society personnel, and volunteers are all to be commended and recognized for their exemplary professionalism, extraordinary work, and dedicated service to crimes that had previously been untouched in the area, and for putting a stop to deeply violent activities in the name of a so-called 'sport'."

I add my heartfelt congratulations to these leaders who have personally sacrificed so much on behalf of these animals. In fact sincere congratulations and a big "Thank You" go to our entire staff, those directly caring for these dogs and those who, in this emergency situation, willingly took on extra duties to ensure the best care for all of the other Humane Society animals. All have made a significant difference for the dogs rescued on July 8 and for the thousands that will never be fought

because of this case.

The horrific, reprehensible bloodsport of dog fighting must be stopped. Please encourage your state legislators to vote for stronger legislation to prevent this unspeakable crime from happening to man's best friend. Your support will help eradicate this vicious and cruel "sport" and protect innocent, helpless animals. Thank you. 🗳

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Tim Rickey, director of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force, with one of the more than 500 dogs rescued July 8, 2009 in the largest dog fighting raid in U.S. History.

Humane Society of Missouri Tails is a quarterly magazine published by the Humane Society of Missouri.

The Humane Society of Missouri is dedicated to second chances. We provide a safe and caring haven to all animals in need - large and small - that have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Our mission is to end the cycle of abuse and pet over-population through our rescue and investigation efforts, spay/neuter programs and educational classes. We are committed to creating lasting relationships between people and animals through our adoption programs. We further support that bond by making available world-class veterinary care and outstanding pet obedience and behavior programs.

The Scoop

Bark in the Park 2009

More than 5,000 pet lovers and their pooches enjoyed a beautiful day and helped homeless animals at the 2009 Bark in the Park Country Fair and Walk for the Animals. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to help us help the animals.

KSDK-TV's **Cindy Preszler** and her husband **Dave** led the Walk for the Animals, along with mascot **Boomer**, his pal **Brandi** and the **Hylton family**. **Mary Ann Carson** of KEZK-FM radio served as Master of Ceremonies.

Highlights

- The always popular performances by Purina's[®] Incredible Dog Team.
- Pet owners making a doggie work of art with their dog's paw on the Purina® Paws for One Hope canvas.
- Children enjoying the large inflatables in the **Heartgard*** and **Frontline*** Family Fun Area.
- SeaWorld® and Busch Gardens® featuring Amazing Animal Athlete shows throughout the day.

Ed Goodman of KEZK-FM radio emceed the crowd-pleasing pet contests including Best Dressed, Best Trick and, the most watched, Doggie-Derbies. Kids met and petted the Animal Ambassadors from Longmeadow Rescue Ranch—Mama Llama, Twister the miracle colt, Petey the potbellied pig and others.

For more information and photos from this year's event, visit hsmo.org/bark.



Pets with their people filled Cricket Field in Forest Park to have fun and help homeless animals.



The Passing of Phoenix

The first official mascot for Bark in the Park has passed away. **Phoenix**, owned by **Michael**

and Marcia Clark, led the walk on May 19, 2001. Phoenix was a rescue dog and was estimated to be 17 years old. A commemorative brick has been placed in Phoenix's honor at the Humane Society of Missouri's Carol Gates Throop Memorial Park. Thank you Phoenix for setting the standard for all rescued dogs.



PHOENIX
Bark Mascot 2001
Forever in our hearts

Dr. Saueressig Says 'Thanks'

Suzanne Saueressig, D.V.M., extends her thanks to her many clients and friends who wrote, called and sent gifts during her recent illness. During her 54 year career as a Humane Society veterinarian she has cared for thousands of pets and their people. She appreciates your kindness very much.

The Scoop

Purses for Pooches & Pals

On June 25, more than 450 women enjoyed an exciting evening of networking, pets, purses and perfectly presented samples from area restaurants.

Twenty-three designer purses were offered via raffle and more than 200 gently-used purses were donated to Connections to Success workforce readiness program. The event raised more than \$50,000 for the Dr. Doolittle Fund, providing veterinary care for animals in our shelters.

Thank you to our fantastic co-chairs, **Pam Nicholson** and **Anne Gagen**, our honorary chair, **Jan Torrisi-Mokwa**, and all of the women who served on the 2009 Purses for Pooches and Pals Committee for their ideas, support and leadership.

For more information and photos from this year's event, visit hsmo.org/purses. \clubsuit



Above: A group of ladies decide which of the designer hand bags is their favorite. Below: Purses for Pooches and Pals co-chairs Anne Gagen and Pam Nicholson with Jan Torrisi-Mokwa, Honorary Chair.

Charity Polo Match

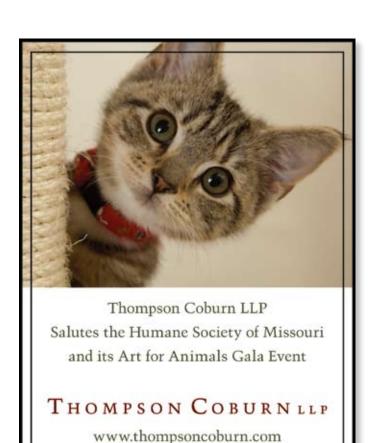
An unusually cool, beautiful August day set the stage for the first annual Charity Polo Match benefitting HSMO's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. More than 600 guests were welcomed to Spirit Valley Farms in Chesterfield for an afternoon of polo, food and festivities by our gracious hosts Janet and Smith McGehee. An unusual tied score at the end of the match resulted in a sudden death play-off won by the Spirit Valley Farms/Little Creek Ranch Team over the Dean Team. Thanks very much to our Clydesdale-level Sponsors: Allied Insurance Company, Huntleigh McGehee and HM Capital



Management and to the 2009 Charity Polo Match Committee which ensured a very successful inaugural event.

Check the Winter 2010 issue of Tails magazine for more photos and all the Polo Match details.



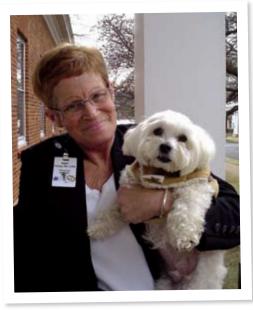


Jacques Pierre: Tres Magnifique!

Unbeknownst to her, Mary Phillips was in danger of losing her life from a brain aneurysm last year. She knew only that her headache was the worst ever. The excruciating pain brought with it dizziness and nausea so severe that she lay down on the floor of her office waiting for it to subside. Her co-workers urged her to go to the hospital.

"I thought I was just going to go home and go to bed, but my office mates were having none of that," she said. Phillips was still resisting their advice when Maltese Poodle Jacques Pierre clicked into the room with his owner Pat Harlan. Pierre, who had been raised with Harlan's support dog Barrett, began vigorously licking Phillips' head where she was having the pain.

The dog and she were merely acquaintances (Phillips is a self-described 'cat person'.) If he was in a good mood, said Phillips, he allowed a pat on the head. But on that



Mary Phillips and Jacques Pierre

October day the dog was the best friend she ever had.

"That was it," she recalled. "I've been a hospice nurse for a long time, and I've watched animals around sick and dying people. This dog has never been very friendly with me before." She decided her co-workers were right and went to the emergency room.

A few hours later she was in intensive care at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The next day Phillips endured a 10-hour surgery to remove the huge bulge on a blood vessel in her brain.

"I would have been dead if I had gone home," said Phillips. Instead, two months later she was back at work at BJC Hospice. Interestingly, the lifesaving incident did not improve her rapport with Pierre. They are back to

their distant relationship, with the dog allowing only the occasional pat on the head. But she is forever grateful for Pierre's lifesaving kisses.

Magnificent job, Jacques Pierre! 🗳



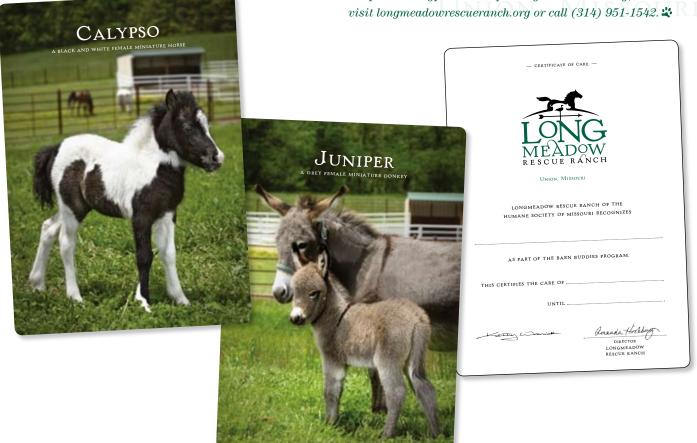
Mini Newborns, Colossal Delight

The stork has delivered two pint-sized packages of happiness to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. A miniature filly and minijenny were born at the ranch to mothers rescued by the Humane Society of Missouri last year.

Calypso is a black and white miniature filly born to **Clove**, a miniature horse rescued along with dogs and other animals in June 2008. **Juniper** is a gray miniature jenny (a female donkey) born to Cypress, a miniature donkey who came from what was then the largest rescue in the Humane Society of Missouri's history in August 2008. They were named in a contest this summer.

The small animals have made a big impression as the latest additions to the Barn Buddy program. The Longmeadow Rescue Ranch ambassadors soon will attend special events so the public can learn what it takes to care for a horse, pig, duck or other farm animals. Barn Buddy sponsorships help cover costs of feed, board and medical care at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Sponsorships make great gifts; recipients receive a Certificate of Care, a photo and profile of the animal. Best of all, sponsors can visit their special animal, and all the Barn Buddies, every Friday, noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To sponsor Calypso or Juniper as your Barn Buddy,



RESCUED FROM A HEINOUS BLOOD SPORT BLOOD SPORT

HSMO INVESTIGATION LEADS TO LARGEST DOG FIGHTING RAID IN U.S. HISTORY



The entrance to a large dog fighting operation in Northeast Missouri.



IT'S A BRUTAL, VICIOUS, HEINOUS CRIME,

animal abuse at its absolute worst. The so-called "sport" of dog fighting is rampant in the United States, in every state and in almost every county and community. Often, it's out of sight, deep in the woods or in a basement or abandoned building. It's big business; a puppy from the "best" lineage can go for as much as \$5,000. And it's often associated with other illegal activities involving drugs, weapons and gambling. It must be stopped.

This is the life-long passion of **Tim Rickey**, director of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force. "Early in my career, I came across the most sickening situation I had ever imagined. I responded to a call and found two dogs that had been forced to fight for their very survival. One was dead and the other on the brink of death. All of this so the owners could bet on which person's dog was tougher. From that moment, I knew I would do everything in my power to end this torture and suffering."

"Wednesday, July 8, 2009 was one of the best days of my life and a banner day for all members of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force," smiles Rickey. "That day, 26 alleged dog fighters were arrested in eight states and, most importantly, more than $500 \ dogs$ were rescued." The Humane Society of Missouri played a leading role in what turned out to be the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in U.S. history.

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The Investigation

Early in 2008, Rickey and HSMO Animal Cruelty Investigators Kyle Held and Carmen Skelly were working with local law enforcement on a dog fighting case in rural Missouri. Information from that case led to the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Missouri State Highway Patrol in what turned out to be an 18-month, multi-state investigation. Rickey and Held spent many hours sharing with authorities their knowledge of the underground business of dog fighting—how cruelly the animals are bred, housed, trained and fought and how tragically many of them die. Then, as undercover officers gathered crucial first-person evidence, the two sacrificed numerous weekends serving as consultants and working closely with those agents and standing ready to receive any dogs recovered during the investigation.

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"What we witnessed confirmed much of what we already knew," said Investigator Held. "The cruelty begins very early in the dog's life." Held explains that the most aggressive male and female fighters are bred, sometimes forcibly. Bloodlines are meticulously tracked; puppies from grand champion fighters can command high prices.

The puppies begin training as soon as they are weaned. Training is rigorous using treadmills, often with smaller caged animals as bait. Dogs are also forced to swim for hours at a time in a pool or run behind a vehicle to build stamina. They spend their lives on the end of a heavy chain, often half of the dog's weight, to build neck strength. As early as four months of age the dogs are forced to begin "rolling" — an abbreviated, controlled fight



to find out if the dog has the fighting spirit. All the fights are brutal; dogs are encouraged to inflict as much damage to an opponent as possible. A dog fight can be short, if an opponent is quickly defeated, or as long as two hours ending in death, sometimes for both exhausted, bloody, injured dogs. Dogs that don't win often are brutally killed on the spot by hanging, drowning, strangling, electrocution, shooting or in other inhumane ways. Winners who survive their injuries are "rewarded" by being left on the end of a chain hidden in the lonely shadows to suffer through days or weeks of pain and agony. Soon they will begin again the intense training process in preparation for the next fight.

Daily life is cruel, too. Often the dogs are kept in remote areas tethered to a 30 lb. heavy-gauge chain locked onto a 4" wide heavy collar. (Necks rubbed raw or embedded collars are common.) The water source is a dirty bowl filled with rain; so water, when available, is always filthy. For some, food may come only once or twice a week. Houses often are plastic or metal barrels with jagged doorways and little or no bedding.



Because this activity is so underground, veterinary care is minimal. "Stop the bleeding and get back to the ring" is the rule says Held. Many dogs suffer from multiple wounds and scars; some have torn or missing ears; some are missing limbs. One dog from this rescue has no lips, her teeth perpetually showing.

"It truly saddens me to think of how much these poor dogs give and how much more is taken from them by the barbaric owners who put them through this life of torment and torture to satisfy sadistic appetites and achieve financial gain," said Rickey.

The Rescue

Organizing this rescue was a logistical challenge for Rickey. While arrests and animal rescue occurred simultaneously in eight states, the majority of the sites and dogs in this raid were in Missouri and Illinois.

"We were given only one day to pull off the largest rescue in U.S. history, more than 400 dogs from 22 sites across two states. We had to document each dog fighting yard as a crime scene: every dog had to be photographed and videotaped to document any

> The dogs spend their non-fighting lives tethered at the end of a heavy chain attached to an often tight, very thick collar.

wounds; a forensic team searched the property for evidence of recent fights or deceased dogs. Then every dog was given a unique ID tag and transported to a single location, some as far as six hours from the rescue site," said Rickey.

For the Missouri and Illinois sites he put together four 10-12 person teams of experienced animal rescuers and forensic investigators. The teams included personnel and equipment from the Humane Society of Missouri, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Humane Society of the United States.

While personally leading one of the rescue teams, Rickey was in constant communication with his other teams and law enforcement officials who simultaneously arrested 26 suspects at the various locations. Law enforcement also had to ensure each site remained secure until the rescue teams could arrive and remove the dogs. As the day progressed some involved thought the rescue operation was impossible to complete.

"Failure was not an option; there was simply no way we would leave even one of these poor dogs behind. We were committed





rescued fighting dogs. She no longer has lips, most likely the result of a fight, making her look like she's in a perpetual

snarl. Actually, she's very friendly with people.

to making sure none would ever fight again," vowed Rickey. "I always knew the dedicated members of our Animal Cruelty Task Force would find a way to rescue every one of these dogs. And, we did."

The rescue began with all teams hitting the first rescue sites at 6 a.m. Wednesday with members of county, state and federal law enforcement and ended with the last dog logged in at the temporary shelter at 5:30 a.m. Thursday. A total of 407 dogs, mostly Pit Bull Terriers were rescued in Missouri and Illinois. More than 100 dogs were rescued from seven additional sites in Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi.

"The Humane Society of Missouri and animal lovers everywhere recognize and are eternally grateful for the sacrifices made by the two Missouri Highway Patrol agents who spent months working undercover and in harm's way to expose this barbaric subculture of our society," said Rickey. "It is a testament to their commitment and persistence that

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AND VICTIMS OF ANIMAL ABUSE.

more than 500 dogs were rescued and the perpetrators responsible for this heinous crime will be held accountable. Hopefully, this monumental case will be the beginning of the end to this cruel and heinous form of animal abuse."

Triage and Sheltering

Key to having law enforcement agencies buy in to pursuing a dog fighting investigation is having a place for the rescued animals to be housed and cared for as they await the legal forfeiture process. Depending on jurisdiction, that process can take several months to more than a year. That the Humane Society of Missouri was willing to step up to the plate and take on what turned out to be a monumental sheltering responsibility was a crucial factor ensuring this raid and rescue would happen.

"The Humane Society of Missouri is vehemently opposed to this heinous blood sport," said **Kathy Warnick**, president of the Humane Society of Missouri. "Sheltering these most deserving animals is not only an obligation but our honor and privilege."

Leading the sheltering team was **Debbie Hill**, vice president of Operations for the
Humane Society of Missouri. In just a few
short weeks, she found an appropriate vacant
warehouse site and transformed it into
an emergency shelter for what turned out to
be more than 500 adult dogs and puppies.
(More than 100 puppies were born after the
July 8 rescue date.)

Under contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of the Inspector

General, Hill and a team of dedicated, professional shelter staff and experienced volunteers from HSMO and shelters across the United States met the daily needs of every animal. Each of the 407 dogs initially received at the emergency shelter was immediately examined by a veterinarian, microchipped and treated for parasites. Led by Dr. Steven Schwartz, director of HSMO's Veterinary Medical Centers, and HSMO Veterinarian Dr. Julie Brinker, a team of veterinarians also developed longer-term medical plans for every dog, including those injured, ailing or pregnant.

Evaluation and Placement

In the past, all dogs from fighting situations were assumed to be unadoptable. In 2007, HSMO became the second agency in the country to evaluate for placement dogs rescued from a dog fighting operation. Our experience and commitment to ensure every animal had the opportunity for a second chance meant these dogs received individual behavior evaluations to determine their aggressiveness and ability to be rehabilitated. Surprisingly to most people, Pit Bull Terriers are one of the most people-friendly breeds of dogs.

The same holds true for the majority of the dogs received in this situation.

"Most of these dogs greet every person they meet with exuberant tail and body wiggling euphoria," observed **Linda Campbell**, RVT, CPDT, director of HSMO's Behavior and Training Program. "In sharp contrast, many of those same dogs immediately react to another dog with total commitment to attacking and killing. Only witnesses to this polar opposite response can truly appreciate the rehabilitation and placement challenges we faced."

To help in placement recommendations, an expert team led by Humane Society of Missouri pet behavior professionals and experts from the ASPCA and advised by **Debra Horwitz**, D.V.M., DACVB, developed the evaluation protocol and conducted an individual evaluation for each dog over the age of seven weeks. Along with the veterinary reports, the evaluations were given to the U.S. District Courts which made the final determination regarding the outcome of the dogs.



above: Raw, open neck wounds are often the result of the thick, tight collars most dogs used to fight are forced to wear.

left: Triage support staff assist as Dr. Matthew Shivelbine sutures the lips, face and paw wounds of one of the dogs brought to the emergency shelter by HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force the day of the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in U.S. history.

Campbell continued, "Because these dogs never lived in a home environment, most will require extensive behavior modification and training by qualified organizations before they could be considered for placement. Once available for adoption, many will have to be placed in homes without small children or other pets. After adoption, all should continue to participate in training classes."

According to Hill, the number of suitable situations may be very limited. "Breed bans in many communities limit where the dogs can go. It's sad that some people think these dogs enjoy what they have been forced to do to survive. They fail to see that they are simply dogs and victims of animal abuse." The bias many people feel against the breed and the few number of dog lovers who don't already have at least one dog also severely limit the number of placement situations available. Adding to the challenge is the fact that more than 150 puppies also were available for placement.

The Humane Society of Missouri reached out to experienced rescue groups, shelters

and individuals from across the country to place the dogs. More than three dozen groups and individuals expressed interest in possibly taking some of the available dogs.

"We know it takes a special foster and adopter situations to find homes for dogs from fighting backgrounds," said **Gail Frey**, founder of St. Louis-based Mutts-n-Stuff, a rescue organization that works to find homes for pit bulls and other hard-to-adopt breeds. "We will continue to work with HSMO and every group and person we know who can help one of these dogs."

"It is a tragedy that because of mistreatment by humans for financial gain and so-called "sport," many dogs used in animal fighting may not ever be able to be placed in a home situation," said Hill. "We take pride and solace in knowing they will never be tortured in a fight again and those who caused their suffering are being brought to justice."

Warnick concluded, "the Humane Society of Missouri's involvement in this investigation and rescue is a testament to the commitment we have made to our mission of ending animal suffering and abuse. Our board, employees, volunteers and donors all came through to make a real difference for these animals. I am very proud of the sacrifices each person has made to end the suffering of these dogs forever and help put an end to this most heinous abuse."

Dog fighting is illegal in all 50 states and exists via an underground network. Often, the operation is shut down as a result of a tip from a citizen concerned about the dogs' welfare. If you suspect dog fighting, inhumane dog breeding or any other cruel treatment of animals, contact the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force hotline at (314) 647-4400 or use our online form at hsmo.org. Choose "Animal Rescue" in the top menu bar. Although your contact information is required for our use, we do not reveal your name. Thank you for doing your part to keep animals safe.

THANK YOU TO OUR RESCUE PARTNERS

Volunteer and Rescue Groups Give Vital Support

The expertise and manpower of other animal welfare groups have been crucial factors in the success of the largest dog fighting rescue, documentation, sheltering and placement operation in U.S. history. "We are proud to be part of a strong network of experienced volunteers and professional animal rescue groups. They have the softest hearts and the strongest wills of anybody I know," said **Debbie Hill**, HSMO's vice president of Operations and director of the emergency shelter for the rescued pit bulls. "It has been an impressive team effort and we are grateful to be in such good company." Our heartfelt thank you to every person who gave so much to this effort!

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United Animal Nations (v)

Washington State

Animal Response Team (v)

(v)—groups that provided volunteers to work in the emergency shelter

(r)—groups that offered to rehabilitate and find homes for one or more of the dogs from this rescue

Individuals and Corporations Pitch In, Too

To help keep the dogs happy and occupied, the Humane Society of Missouri appealed for donations of blankets, towels, large animal crates and, interestingly, bowling balls and pins. All arrived in generous portions!" said Hill, "It's truly amazing to watch a bored dog come to life rolling a big ball around his run and finding the peanut butter hidden in the finger holes!"

As you can imagine, this historic rescue effort has been very costly. Thank you to all donors who generously contributed to our Animal Cruelty Fund which helps these and future abused and neglected animals.

"We are very fortunate our donors share our passion for the welfare of animals and our dedication to ending abuse," said HSMO President **Kathy Warnick**. "They are always there when desperate animals need them. I want them to know their donations are used wisely and they can be very proud of the dedicated people who always work tirelessly on behalf of abused, neglected and abandoned animals."

We sincerely appreciate the support of corporations who provided food, supplies and funds for these dogs rescued from such a horrible situation.











Help us continue to take care of abused, abandoned and neglected animals with a secure donation online at hsmo.org, by phone (314) 951-1542 or by mail to Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. We thank you, and so do the animals.

THEY SHOULD BE LOVERS, NOT FIGHTERS

Two years ago, the Humane Society of Missouri rescued 27 Pit Bull Terriers from a dog fighting ring in Stoddard County, Mo. Working with rescue organizations throughout the country, the rehabilitated dogs are getting their second chances...this time to be able to give and receive affection, not aggression.

When **Duke** straddles his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a Pit Bull Terrier named **Dahlia** delightedly hops in her own sidecar. She relishes the admiring glances from passersby. At the end of the day Dahlia generously allows Duke a small portion of the bed. Her brutal past is marked by the scars on her face and chest and in the way her ribs jut out because they were broken from being repeatedly kicked.

When he was rescued, **Phoenix** was permanently blind and his jaw was broken in four places. Now he lives in his own castle, pampered by loyal subjects. His chateau even has heating and air conditioning.

Phoenix and Dahlia were among the Humane Society rescues fostered by Mutts-n-Stuff, an all-volunteer nonprofit specializing in strong breeds such as Rottweilers and Pit Bull Terriers. The Humane Society holds the organization in high esteem.

"We've been saving ex-fighters for years," said **Gale Frey**, the group's founder. "It takes patience and time to earn their trust. We know we're making progress when they start walking proud with their tails up," said Frey. "It can take a year or more to get their tails out from between their hind legs."

When **Willie Jake** recovered his confidence, the easy-going guy won the hearts of a couple from mid-Missouri. He has four roommates—two humans, a Beagle mix and a Daschund, his "best friend in the whole wide world," according to Frey. Willie Jake is a celebrity in downtown Columbia. Business owners bring the lovable pooch into their stores for chats and pets.

Smiley King Elvis is still waiting for the right person. Smiley's moniker comes from his rare ability to lift his upper lip only. As with humans, his smile signifies a friendly greeting. He is certified as a therapy dog and has his Canine Good Citizenship diploma. He needs an owner who will give him work to do.

Contrary to public perception, the dogs are sociable, loving and intelligent. "All of Helen Keller's service dogs were Pit Bull Terriers," said Frey. "They were once a preferred dog to play with children and were even nicknamed 'nanny dogs'."

Other ex-fighters have found their forever homes. A few are still being fostered as they wait for their second chances. The Humane Society of Missouri is appreciative of strong breed rescue groups from all over the U.S. for finding foster and forever homes for so many deserving dogs.







FEW POSSESS "THE RIGHT STUFF" FOR RESCUES

HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force is the most experienced,

best trained and best equipped animal rescue team in the country. Tim Rickey, ACTF Director, explained that it takes a special kind of person to do this challenging work. The first requirement is a background in law enforcement and working with animals of all types and sizes. Team members must be resourceful, level-headed and able to work in a wide variety of situations, some of them dangerous.

Task force members must be certified in swift water rescue or

possess the qualifications to gain certification. "Floodwaters are life-threatening to humans and animals. We've even had to steer clear of alligators in post-hurricane rescues," he commented.

In a 2008 rescue, the Humane Society of Missouri was called in during spring floods to rescue a herd of cattle stranded on high ground in what was once their pasture. "This is a good example of why our team must have experience with both water rescues and large animals," he explained.

Ongoing training includes upgrading rescue skills and briefings on the law. Before, during and after rescues, the

Humane Society of Missouri must abide by laws and

regulations affecting not only the animals but owners as well.

"Failure to follow the law can jeopardize a case we're trying to bring against animal abusers," he said. "We have to know how to obtain evidence and document it legally so it will be admissible in court."

At times the job combines many hours of strenuous physical labor with few hours to rest. So why would anybody want to do it? "The reward comes from knowing we are doing the right thing and making a difference for the animals," Rickey said.



Pilot Program for Volunteers

The Humane Society of Missouri has launched a pilot program to involve volunteers in animal rescues. Like their full-time counterparts, volunteers must possess animal-handling experience and the ability to deal with a variety of challenging situations. Volunteers must be able to respond on short notice and travel throughout the state, sometimes for extended periods of time. To apply for this difficult, but far-from-thankless volunteer job, contact the Volunteer department at hsmo.org/volunteer or call (314) 951-1577.

STAFF LAUDED FOR RESCUE WORK

Two organizations have honored Humane Society of Missouri efforts in the July 8 largest dog fighting raid and rescue in U.S. history.

In a ceremony recognizing significant cases handled in the past year, the **U.S. Attorney's Office** honored several HSMO staff members and our law enforcement and government partners. "This is a public 'thank you' for all the hard work everyone did on this case," said **Matthew Drake**, assistant U.S. attorney, Eastern Missouri District Court. Pictured at the right with Drake are the HSMO employees honored at the Oct. 1 ceremony: **Linda Campbell**; **Kyle Held**; **Tim Rickey**; **Julie Brinker**, D.V.M.; and **Debbie Hill**.

On Oct. 29 in a ceremony in New York City, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) named Rickey and Held and the two Missouri Highway Patrol undercover agents as co-recipients of its Law Enforcement

Officer of the Year award. ASPCA President and CEO **Ed Sayres** said, "We are inspired by your courageous actions which resulted in numerous arrests. We commend you for saving and assisting abused dogs."



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Volunteers Who Go for the Gold

Two million dollars.

That's the impressive total donated by the all-volunteer Humane Society of Missouri Auxiliary since its founding in 1975. The \$2 million has been put to good use over the years—providing a fully equipped rescue truck, stretchers to carry injured animals, a rescue boat, dozens of animal cages, scales and clippers, the equipment needed to open a spay-and-neuter clinic at the Westport facility, and an \$80,000-wing expansion at Westport in 1981 that provided 20 additional pens and two "Get Acquainted" rooms in the adoption area.

The organization was formed in September 1975 by a small group of dedicated volunteers—Judy Allen, Muriel Thompson and Karen Carty—who became its first board of directors. Its goal was, and still is, to raise funds which will help the thousands of unwanted and neglected animals that pass through the doors of our shelters.

Current President **Burt Wilner** and his wife **Dorie**, along with Treasurer **Judy Headley** are three of the most active Auxiliary members. "Burt and Dorie are some of the nicest people you will ever meet," praised **Mary Dean**, Adoption Center supervisor at Westport. "In fact, all the members I have met are great people."

The first Auxiliary project was Adopt 'N' Shop, a pet supply store that morphed into today's gift shop at Macklind. In another venture, the Auxiliary agreed to manage the Westport veterinary clinic. It became lucrative and after several years the Auxiliary returned management of the clinic to the Humane Society.

A \$200,000 cash gift from the Auxiliary helped initiate the 1990s capital fund drive for the new headquarters on Macklind. A contribution of \$30,000 went towards promoting the 125th anniversary of the Humane Society of Missouri. A \$25,000 donation helped launch the Pet Assistance Program providing veterinary care to pets of low-income owners. The Auxiliary continues to support the Pet Assistance Program as



Burt and Dorie Wilner

well as The Cinderella Fund, a resource to pay for the highly expensive care required to save the most severely abused or neglected animals.

"We are very appreciative of the Auxiliary," said Humane Society of Missouri President **Kathy Warnick**. "Right now their help is even more crucial because today's economy has tightened all our belts. Their long-term support certainly has made a difference in the lives of thousands of animals."

For more information on volunteering, please visit our website at hsmo.org/volunteer or contact **Laura Renner**, volunteer manager at (314) 951-1577.

SNOW Arrived this Summer

Spay/Neuter Now (SNOW), a new program to encourage more pet owners to spay or neuter their pets, was launched this summer at all three Humane Society of Missouri Veterinary Medical Centers. The new SNOW program offers the surgeries for \$99.95 and is open to all pet owners regardless of income, place of residence or whether or not the pet was adopted from the Humane Society.

SNOW surgeries are performed at the Humane Society of Missouri's three Veterinary Medical Centers: Chesterfield Valley, Maryland Heights and St. Louis City. All three HSMO Veterinary Centers are accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association and staffed by 22 veterinarians and nine licensed veterinary technicians.

The simple and safe surgeries help reduce the number of animals abandoned or brought to shelters. More than 350,000 spay/neuter surgeries have been performed at HSMO veterinary hospitals, reducing pet overpopulation by tens of millions of cats and dogs.

"The Humane Society of Missouri remains committed to our mission to end pet overpopulation by providing affordable spay/neuter services," said **Dr. Steve Schwartz**, director of Veterinary Services. "Recognizing the current difficult economic situation, the SNOW program offers a timely, still affordable service to responsible pet owners."

For more information or to make an appointment, visit our website at hsmo.org and click on Vet Care or call (314) 802-5700.



Wish List

Our complete list can be found at www.hsmo.org. To donate any of the items below, please call the number listed. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. If this issue of *Tails* is reaching you outside the St. Louis area, please remember your nearest animal shelter.

Our biggest wish is a home for every homeless pet. Please spay or neuter your pets.

Adoption Centers

St. Louis

(314) 951-1541

Westport Area Center (314) 951-1585

Chesterfield Valley Center (636) 530-0806

- Video/camera unit
- Dog beds
- Harnesses and collars (all sizes)
- Fans
- Cat beds, bedding and houses (all types)
- Catnip
- Supplies, such as professional grade cordless grooming clippers with #40 blades, nail clippers, brushes and shampoo
- Washable toys
- Purina® treats and dog biscuits
- Rubbermaid-type storage containers (66 qt.)
- Blankets, towels and wash cloths
- Newspaper (no slick ads)
- Plastic litter boxes (small or medium)
- Cardboard flats (from soda or pet food cases) for disposable litter boxes
- Paper towels
- Treats and toys for cats, rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs
- Kwik Stop styptic powder or gel
- Canned dog and cat food
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
- Veterinary drug manual
- Digital camera with SD memory card
- Large Tupperware-type bowls with lids
- Kong toys
- Fabric softener sheets

Education

(314) 951-1578

- Vellum paper
- Animal-related children's books
- Gift cards to Michael's Crafts, Borders Books and Barnes & Noble
- Subscriptions to animalrelated publications
- Laminating sheets
- Glossy photo finish paper for printer
- Bulletin board paper
- Unused markers
- Paper towels
- Hand soap (animal-friendly brand please)
- Model Magic Clay
- Slick paint/puff paint
- Fun foam
- Fabric markers
- Colored tissue paper
- Animal stickers
- New poster board
- Ink stamp pads (any color) and animal-related stamps
- Blank media CDs
- Animal-motif fabric
- Fabric markers
- Fabric paint (like Tulip slick) (any colors)
- Plain white T-shirts (all sizes) new, please
- Poster board paper
- Bradburn's gift cards
- Color markers
- Color construction paper
- Color computer paper
- Kind News subscription

Foster Parent Program (314) 802-5710

- Kitty condos with perches (Used to confine litters of kittens, they provide a lot of vertical climbing space.)
- Portable exercise pens used to confine litters of puppies.
- Large collapsible kennels that can be sent home with foster parents.
- Premier or martingaletype collars (petite and small sizes)

- New/unused cat litter boxes
- Puppy pads
- New/gently-used animal carriers (medium & large size)
- Cat litter
- Dog beds (medium or large)
- Toys (soft, plush, washable toys for young animals to cuddle with, plus any kind of dog and cat toys for active play)

Pet Behavior Program for the Shelter Animals

(314) 951-1510

- Packages of hot dogs, string cheese and jars of baby food (chicken, beef, lamb)
- New/gently used Gentle Leaders and/or 6-ft. leather or nylon leashes
- Gift certificate to Dogwise. com, Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com (behavior and training books to use for shelter dogs and the helpline)
- Buster Cubes, Kongs or treat balls and other treat dispensing toys (provide environmental enrichment for both shelter and foster animals)
- Subscription to Whole Dog Journal, Bark Magazine, or Dog Watch Journal (behavior publications)
- White copy paper sizes
 8½" x 11" and 11" x 17"
 (used to make behavior information packets for adopters and helpline callers vital for our program)

Animal Cruelty Task Force (314) 951-1514

- New Vari-kennels for large dogs
- Bumper-pull three-horse trailer with removable center divider, aluminum preferred
- 60 HP 40 jet board motor for flood rescue boat
- Color printer
- \bullet Muzzles
- Heavy duty leashes
- Trolley motor

Veterinary Medical Centers

St. Louis

(314) 951-1557

Westport Area Center (314) 951-1590

Chesterfield Valley Center (636) 530-0807

- Humidifier, tabletop size (four-gallon and smaller)
- Fluffy bathroom rugs, stuffed animals and similar to comfort sick pets
- Towels, blankets and quilts
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
- Cushioned mats for large dogs
- Newspaper
- Leashes and collars
- Professional grade cordless grooming clippers

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

(636) 583-8759

- Miniature horse sized driving harness and cart
- Miniature horse halters
- Horse hair detangler
- X-large portable Vari-kennels
- Plastic sandboxes or kiddle pools to fill with water to keep the pigs cool in summer
- Medical supplies (vet wrap, brown gauze [4"], gauze pads [4" x 4"], roll cotton)
- Cotton lead ropes
- Break away halters in all sizes (especially small ones)
- Gift certificates for feed stores, tack stores, etc.
- Manure forks
- Stall bedding (baled shavings)
- Surgery sponsors or gift certificates to veterinarians
- Dump bed trailer
- Western saddles
- 2-way walkie-talkies
- Horse training DVDs
- All terrain vehicle
- Hot walker

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Sensational Season's Greetings!



Cat in the Snow A170750



Combo Card

















Santa's Pocket Puppy

A170754 Dog with Ornament Dog Trio (sentiment: Hoping your holidays are a balance of great wonders and marvelous good cheer.) 12 cards/envelopes \$13.98

All holiday cards are imprinted as follows: Card sales benefit the abused and neglected animals cared for at the Humane Society of Missouri and its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

A170745 Barn Animals (sentiment: A170716 Santa with Pets (senti-May all things warm and wonderful be yours this holiday season!) 10 cards/envelopes \$9.95

A170748 Cat with Ornament (sentiment: May your holidays sparkle with merry and magical moments! Have a purrfect Christmas season) 10 cards/envelopes \$9.95

A170764 Santa's Pocket Puppy (sentiment: Wishing you a pocket-

ful of miracles! Merry Christmas)

10 cards/envelopes \$12.95

A170728 Let's Play (sentiment: Woo-hoo! It's Christmas!) Petite size, 10 cards/envelopes \$9.95 ment: Relax and enjoy the wonder of the season. Happy Holidays!) 12 cards/envelopes \$11.95

A170752 Dog Trio (sentiment: Sending you a trio of good wishes...Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas) 12 cards/envelopes \$13.98

A170750 Cat in Snow (sentiment:

There's just nothing cooler than

12 cards/envelopes \$13.98

Christmas. Except, of course, snow!)

for the Holidays.) 10 cards/ envelopes \$12.98 A170755 Dog and Cat (sentiment:

A170741 Dog with Wreath

(sentiment: Warmest wishes

A170743 Horse at Fence (sentiment: May your Christmas be decorated with bright and happy moments.) 10 cards/ envelopes \$9.95

You'd better watch out...Christmas is right on your tail!) 12 cards/ envelopes \$13.98

A170700 Combo Card (sentiment: May your home always be filled with the peace and happiness of this special season.) 12 cards/ envelopes \$12.95

Fashionable, Unique Gifts for Everyone!



















B080259, B080260 & B080261 H069084



Vogtather



unwind from the holiday frenzy while you test your skills with this fun-filled 550 piece puzzle! 18" x 24". Winter Friends Puzzle \$12.95

bracelet features horse heads, horse shoes and blue beads. One size fits most. Horse Stretch

H167078 Introducing a new color in our best selling Longmeadow Rescue Ranch sweatshirt! Look closely at our logo (see the horse, pig and duck all in one design)! LRR Blue Sweat S,M,L,XL \$28 XXL \$31

Bracelet Blue \$12.95

H110022 Paua shells in a rainbow of colors accent this horse bracelet. Approx. 7.25" Paua Bracelet \$4.95

B160124 Smart and classy, our "tone-on-tone" embroidered sweatshirt in a warm Vegas Gold shade is a soft cotton/poly blend. HSMO Gold Emb. Sweat S,M,L,XL \$28 XXL \$31

B080259, B080260 & B080261

Our new aluminum water bottles

hold approximately 25 ounces and

come with detachable ring. Select

from I Love Dogs, Cat (Don't like

\$14.95 each

H069084 Make lunches more fun with our insulated lunch box! Extra lining and padding keeps food fresh and protected! 10"x 7.5", with outside pocket, too! Horses Lunch Box \$14.95

Dog) or Horses. B080259 Dogs;

B080260 Cat; B080261 Horses;

A170620 Have a little holiday fun and test your skills with this funfilled 550 piece puzzle! 18"x 24". Xmas Welcome Puzzle \$12.95

H160002 Exclusively ours, this little plush 10 inch pony sports a custom embroidered T-shirt with our Longmeadow Rescue Ranch logo. LRR T-shirt Pony \$10

D124220 Just plain great for Dog Dads everywhere! A soft fleece sweatshirt in a cotton/poly blend. Dogfather Sweat M,L,XL \$25 XXL \$28

B110010 Beautiful craftsmanship from skilled silversmiths of Virginia, this sterling silver pendant is sure to become a treasured favorite for you. Paws on heart shaped pendant hangs from 18" chain. Paws on Heart Pendant \$36

Gift Shop

Gifts for You, Help for Animals!











B120001 Smart styling combines with warm fleece in our embroidered vest. Ladies cut with princess seams makes for a flattering fit. Vest S,M,L,XL 36.95 XXL \$39.95

B120002 Keep warm on chilly days with our fleece headband embroidered with black paw prints. One size fits most. Headband \$12.95

B160122 A new color addition to our line of logo apparel, our Periwinkle blue sweat is a soft 50/50 cotton poly blend. Paw prints on back. HSMO Peri Blue Sweat S,M,L,XL \$25 XXL \$28

B010010, B010011 & B010012

Meet the FURminator®! This professional de-shedding tool is guaranteed to reduce shedding better than any brush, comb or rake and can be used on long and shorthaired dogs and cats. Removes undercoat (where most shed-



ding occurs) and leaves top coat shiny and smooth. Stainless steel blades measure 1.75", 2.65" and 4". FURminator* Small \$34.95; Medium \$49.95; Large \$59.95

C062051 Our Tapestry Cat Puzzle will have you testing your skills and patience as you put together this 1,000 piece beauty! 24"x 30". \$14.95

C120514 Roomy and stylish, this is another new addition to our exciting line of Laurel Burch™ designer hand bags. Zipper closure, this bag measures 10"x 8.5"x 3" LB Gatos Med. Tote \$14.95

CO82106 & CO82107 You'll find many uses for our lovely tiffany-styled beveled glass boxes with mirrored interior. CO82106 Cats Box Small (4.75" x 3") \$16.95 CO82107 Cats Box Large (6.75" x 4") \$24.95



C082106 & C082107

B040121 Dogs can be great friends, but did you know they can be heroes, too? Join these four-footed pals as they save the day! Dogs Save The Day is a "Learn & Carry" 4 book and audio CD set, published in cooperation with the American Veterinary Medical Association. \$12.99



Fits Pawfectly Under the Tree!















D120199 & D120188

H082108 This beautiful 10"
Tiffany-style glass vase features four graceful horses intertwined on all sides. Wild Horses Vase \$34.95

D120061 This soft 100% cotton sleep shirt comes packaged in a matching carrying bag perfect for gift giving! One size fits most. Sleeps with Dogs SS \$26.95



C120106 This soft 100% cotton sleep shirt comes packaged in a matching carrying bag perfect for gift giving! One size fits most. Sleeps with Cats SS \$26.95

D120501 A bold new design from artist Laurel Burch™, this tapestry purse is the perfect size—and you'll love the rich fall colors! 10"x 9.5"x 2.5" LB Doggies Flapover \$26.95



D120198, D120195 & D120187
You'll have a happy choice in
selecting from our newest cosmetic
bags, printed on vinyl coated
canvas for easy care! D120198
Best in Show; D120195 Poochy;
D120187 Mod Dog Cosmetic
Cases; \$16.95 each.

D110003 Your dog pride will really sparkle and shine with this new rhinestone pin featuring Austrian crystals. Measures 1.75 inches. Dog Bone Crystal Pin \$18.95



D120188 & D120199 You'll love the generous size of these multipurpose coin purses in an easily cleaned coated canvas. 5.25" x 5.25". D120188 Mod Dog Coin Purse (black and white); D120199 Best In Show Coin Purse (multi-colored) \$12.95 each

C113015 From the Anne & Jane Collection of fine sterling silver jewelry, our cat earrings are accented with black enamel. 1.25" including wire. AJ Black Cat Earrings \$26.95

C082040 This beautiful 10"
Tiffany-style glass vase features four cats intertwined on all sides.
Cat Vase \$34.95

Gifts to Enjoy All Year Long!











C120500

C082104 & C082105 Exquisitely detailed, these beveled glass photo frames are a work of art unto themselves! Please specify C082104 Cats Frame (4"x 6") \$28; C082105 (5.75"x 3.5") \$24.95 Cats Frame (3.5"x 5") \$24

B080151 Brown-bagging takes on new meaning with our fashionable Dog and Cat Lunch Bag! Interior mesh pocket and elastic strap with Velcro closure holds beverage bottle or cold pack (not included) in place. Zip closure, outside pocket and detachable shoulder strap. 10.5"x 9"x 3.5". \$14.95

H082113 You'll find many uses for our lovely tiffany-styled beveled glass box with mirrored interior. Horse Glass Box

D113009 Red hearts accent our Sterling Silver Dog Bracelet. With an extra one inch in links, the lobster claw clasp allows you to adjust from 7" to 7.5". **Sterling Silver Dog & Hearts** Bracelet \$80



C080295 Our ceramic over-sized 16 ounce mug is microwave and dishwasher safe. Real Men Like Cats \$10.95

D080291 Bark Less, Wag More-good advice for all of us! Oversized microwavable ceramic mug. Bark Less Mug \$12.95

C120500 You'll be stepping out in style this winter with our new 'cat masks" tapestry handbag from D120069 Laurel Burch™, zipper closure, measures 10" x 11". LB Cat Mask Med. Bag \$22.95

D120069 Scarves are a hot fashion "must" this season, and you'll love our "Dogs and Doggies" silk scarf from Laurel Burch $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$. Approximately 10.5" x 52", Dry Clean. LB Scarf LBS159 \$24





Unique, Pet-themed Gifts and Accessories!

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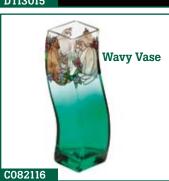












H080008 A simple statement for the love of your horse, our mug is microwave and dishwasher safe. Horse Heart Mug \$14.95

D120194 & D120196 Accessorize in style with our "Poochy" slim framed wallet and coin purse printed on easy care vinyl! Slim frame wallet measures 7.5" x 4.5" and coin purse is 5.25". D120194 Poochy Coin Purse D120196 Poochy Wallet \$22; \$12.95



D090016, D090017 & D090018



B040000 Pocket Planner includes a two year calendar (2010 and 2011) and appointment book, space for names/ numbers and notepad. Specify Pets on Bench or Pets at Fence Pocket Planner \$3.95 each

D090016, D090017 & D090018 A baker's delight, you'll love our line of non-stick metal, bone-shaped cake and muffin pans! Use our "Canine Cake Mix" for doggie treats, or use your own recipe for human goodies! D090018 Cake Mix 10 oz. \$6.99; D090017 Muffin Pan \$19.99; D090016 Bone Cake Pan (9"x 6") \$14.99



D120189 & D120190 Retro styling on vinyl coated canvas make these slim framed wallets a must-have fashion accessory! D120189 Mod Dog Large Wallet (7.5" x 4.5") \$22; D120190 Mod Dog Small Wallet \$16.95

D113015 From the Anne & Jane Collection of fine sterling silver jewelry, our whimsical dog earrings are approximately one inch including wire. AJ Flying Dog Earrings \$22.95

B110030 From the custom fine jeweler Shawn Paul, we are delighted to present an exclusive pendant designed with our logo in beautiful sterling silver. Pendant measures 7/8" and hangs from a sterling silver 18" chain. HSM Logo Pendant \$35

CO82117 Our new "Candle Garden" is an elegant way to light up the room and makes a beautiful centerpiece! Three glass votive holders included (10" x 5" x 2.75"). Cats
Candle Garden \$36.95

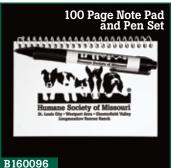
CO82116 Attractive as a bud vase or votive holder, the glass "wave" makes a contemporary statement (7.5" x 2.5"). Cats Wavy Vase \$24.95

B110031 From the custom fine jeweler Shawn Paul, we are delighted to present an exclusive bracelet designed with our logo in beautiful sterling silver. Charm measures 7/8" and dangles from a chain link bracelet with toggle closure. HSMO Logo Bracelet \$75

Gift Shop

Winter Gifts to Warm All Hearts!











B160090 & B160091 Designed especially for our pet lovers, these Elite pens offer comfort grip with chrome trim. Black ink. B160090 Shelter Dog Pen; B160091 Spay or Neuter Pen; \$5.95 each

B160096 A great stocking stuffer, our custom spiral notebook and pen set comes packaged in a clear carrying case with snap closure.
6"x 4" notebook has 100 blank sheets, matching pen. Notebook & Pen Set \$6.95

B070041 & B070043 Display your favorite photos in our contemporary high-sheen painted, molded wood frames. Paw is 5" tall; bone is 7" long. B070041 Paw Frame Black; B070043 Bone Frame White; \$14.95 each

B160075 Classic styling with flattering side seams for a tailored fit, our new "luxe fleece" jacket has front and back princess seams, contrast binding at cuff and hem with full zipper. Our signature logo is embroidered on front pocket. Gear Black Zip S-XXL \$49.95



D113011 One of our best sellers, this beautiful sterling silver hand-crafted pendant is from the collection of Anne and Jane™.

16" chain, dog measures 3/4". AJ Dog with Bone Pendant \$26.95

D113010 From the collection of Anne & Jane™, our "Dog with Bone Earrings" match the necklace shown on this page. Sterling Silver, 1" with wire. AJ Dog with Bone Earrings \$24.95





B160076 Stylish with sliming princess seams at front and back, our new sophisticated "luxe fleece" jacket has contrast binding at cuff and hem with full zipper and embroidered HSMO logo. Gear Paprika Zip S-XXL \$49.95

B050031 Your indistinguishable little black bag will be easily identified with our new HSMO luggage tags! Comes with plastic sleeve with address card, or simply insert your own business card. 4.25" x 2.25" HSMO Luggage Tag \$3.95

Fall 2009

Who Knew? The Variety!

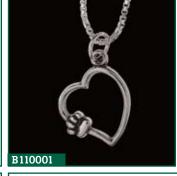














CO30005 & CO35006 Jungle Jabbers punch up your cat's playtime fun! Irresistible feathered ball makes an enticing peeping sound on contact to drive cats wild! 15" tall on stable base. \$12.95 each. CO30005 Leopard; CO35006 Zebra

CO80020 Our Country Kittens
Coasters feature charming artwork
from CoasterStone™, the original
absorbent coaster manufacturer.
Set of four. \$16.95

CO80021 Our Cat Faces Coaster Set features whimsical artwork from CoasterStone™, the original absorbent coaster manufacturer. Set of four. \$16.95

H160070 Classic styling with flattering side seams for a tailored fit, our new "luxe fleece" jacket has front and back princess seams, contrast binding at cuff and hem with full zipper. Our signature Longmeadow Rescue Ranch logo is embroidered on front pocket. Gear Green Zip S-XXL \$49.95



B160095 A handsome and practical gift, our Tres Chic Pen and Keychain set are both laser engraved and packaged in an attractive gift box. Pen and Keychain Set \$9.95

B110001 A new addition to our sterling silver jewelry collection, this heart pendant is accented with a petite paw print. 16" sterling box chain. Heart & Paw Pendant \$29.95



B110007 Paired with our matching pendant or simply worn alone, you'll love the simple design of our sterling silver heart with paw print earrings. 1.25" including wires.

Heart & Paw Earrings \$29.95

D120015 Warm up on cool days in our winter mint sweatshirt featuring the artwork of artist Sally Brown. Bad to the Bone Sweatshirt S,M,L,XL \$25 XXL \$28 B080092, B080093 & B080094 Our new business card holders provide an attractive desk accessory. Select from B080092 Cat; B080093 Horses; B080094 Pets; \$12.95 each

Something for Everyone on Your List!







D080298 & C080290 In case your best furry friend doesn't wake you up each morning, our whimsical ceramic alarm clocks will do the trick! 4.5" square. D080298 Dog Desk Clock; C080290 Cat Desk Clock; \$19.95 each

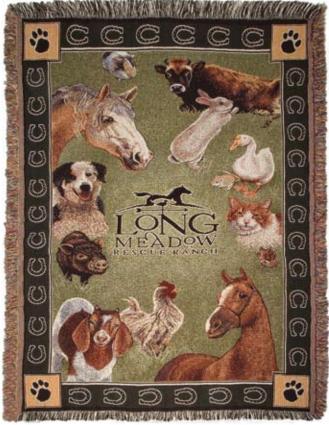
B030000, B030001 & B030002 Baking just got a lot more fun with our cookie cutters featuring Best Friend (B030000), Meow (B030001) and GiddyUp (B030002). Gift boxed, \$4.95 each.

H110000 Your horse pride will really sparkle and shine with our 1.25" rhinestone pin featuring Austrian crystals. Crystal Horseshoe Pin \$12

H160000 A work of art unto itself, the real beauty of our custom-designed throw is that it features animals rescued and cared for by the Humane Society of Missouri and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch!

Machine wash cold. Longmeadow
Throw \$39.95

Our Cozy Throw Features
Our Very Own Animal Rescues





D070100

Cookie

Cutters

C090012 & C090016

H160000

B124421-B124422 Pastel paw prints on a black or white background make these socks one of our best sellers. Cotton/nylon, women's 9-11. B124421 Paw Socks White; B124422 Paw Socks Black; \$6.95 each

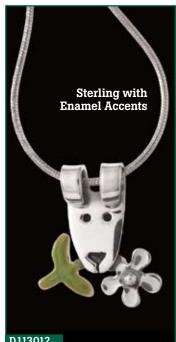
D080279 Only a photo of your "best furry friend" could make this frame any more attractive! Ceramic, 6" square. BFF Frame \$16.95

D070100 Absorbent stone Auto Coasters are a fun and practical way to keep drips and spills from spoiling the interior of your vehicle. Smaller size fits well in most cup holders (2.65"). Specify breed when ordering: Beagle, Black Lab, Border Collie, Boston Terrier, Boxer, Bulldog, Chihuahua, Dachshund, Dalmatian, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Jack Russell, Maltese, Pomeranian, Poodle, Pug, Rottweiler, Schnauzer, Shih Tzu, Westie, Yellow Lab, Yorkie. \$2.50

CO90012 & CO90016 Featured here are two of our fanciful hand finished ceramic latte mugs from the Laurel Burch™ collection.

Specify CO90012 Flower Feline;
CO90016 Polka Dots; \$14.95 each

D113012 Designed in a high quality sterling silver and hand colored with enamel accents, our Dog with Flower Pendant hangs on a 16" snake chain. From Anne & Jane™. \$42



Happy Howlidays from All the Animals!

Gift Shop



Auto Coasters



Grocery Tote H120100



B070001, D070100 & H070020 Absorbent stone "Auto Coasters" are a fun and practical way to keep drips and spills from spoiling the interior of your vehicle. Smaller size fits well in most cup holders. Measurers 2.65". B070001 Paw; D070100 Dogs; H070020 Yearlings; \$2.50 each

B120091 One of our best sellers now comes in a long sleeved T-shirt! Pet Lover LS Tee S,M,L,XL \$24.95 XXL \$27.95

B120092 Think Global-Adopt Local sends the right message! Our new hoodie has front pouch pockets. S,M,L,XL \$36.95 XXL \$39.95

H120100 Our new grocery tote features a sturdy bottom insert to keep your items standing upright.



Reinforced handles have a comfortable nine inch drop. 13" (h) x 12" (w) x 8" (d). Horse **Blossom Grocery Tote \$5.95**

B080250 Our new aluminum water bottles hold approximately 25 ounces. Please specify Beagle,

Total



Dachshund, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Pug, Shih Tzu. Breed Aluminum Water Bottle \$14.95

D120100 You'll find many uses for our fun new canvas tote-from groceries to books Black Lab, Yellow Lab, Chihuahua, and so much more! Tote measures 15.5"x 13"x 7". Grocery Tote Dog \$12.95

Please enclose payment and mail to: Humane Society of Missouri - Gift Shop, 1201 Macklind Avenue,

St. Louis, MO 63110. Questions? Call (314) 951-1566 10 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday.



C120100 Tote your groceries in style! 15.5"x 13"x 7". Grocery Tote Cat \$12.95

B160123 You'll stay warm on the cool days ahead in our embroidered logo sweatshirt. A new color for Fall, sweat is a 50/50 cotton/ poly blend. HSM Red Emb. Sweat S,M,L,XL \$28 XXL \$31

Your purchase helps us rescue more homeless animals.

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