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 Sat.
 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

All locations 314-951-1534 Patients seen by appointment St. Louis City Center, Westport Area Center, Chesterfield Valley Center Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. CLOSED

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Longmeadow Rescue Ranch 636-583-8759 Open House: Fridays noon-3 p.m. Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Other adoption hours by appointment

Location Addresses:

Headquarters/St. Louis City Center – 1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 Westport Area Center – 2400 Drilling

Service Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043 Chesterfield Valley Center – 17357 Edison Ave., Chesterfield, MO 63005

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Mission

Since 1870, the Humane Society of Missouri has been 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 overpopulation 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 and our shelter pet training program. We further support that bond by making available world-class veterinary care.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



HSMO President Kathy Warnick

Best Buddy Pet Center to provide accessible, needed services in northwest metro area

It's an exciting time at the Humane Society of Missouri as we embark on a wonderful new project that will help us better serve pet lovers throughout northwest St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Soon we will break ground for our new **Best Buddy Pet Center** at the highly visible and accessible intersection of Page Avenue and Schuetz Road in Maryland Heights.

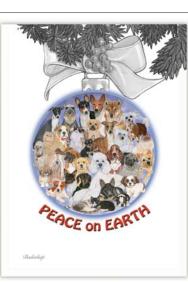
Here we will be able to provide second chances for many more animals in need and offer the services of our world-class, nationally accredited **Animal Medical Center of Mid-America** to

more residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area. Our new Best Buddy Pet Center will bring pets and people together in an inviting, colorful, friendly environment that encourages lots of people-pet interaction. Our expanded veterinary center will feature the latest in diagnostic, treatment and surgical facilities staffed by our professional veterinary team members who provide loving, personal pet care to every client.

Soon we will announce the public launch of our Best Buddy Pet Center Capital Campaign and how you can be part of this exciting project.

Of course, as we build for the future, the daily work of animal rescue, rehabilitation and adoption continues. Your Humane Society of Missouri receives more stray animals than all other St. Louis area animal shelters combined. The best, most lasting solution is accessible, affordable spay/neuter services. HSMO is the largest provider in Missouri. Please help us end pet overpopulation. Donate to the **Petco Foundation/HSMO Donor Spay/Neuter Challenge**. Details are on page 9 of this issue of Tails.

Thank you so very much for always being there for animals in need.



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Justice for Trooper



Trooper's Abuser Found Guilty

The defendant charged with misdemeanor animal abuse in the case of Trooper was found guilty in April for failure to properly care for the puppy and was sentenced to two years of probation. Probation stipulations included 150 hours of community service, attendance in an animal care class, no pet ownership, payment of court fees and a required donation of \$250 to the Humane Society of Missouri. HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued Trooper and was instrumental in developing the evidence that led to this conviction. If any of these terms are violated, jail time of one year must be served.

Trooper was dragged more than a mile behind a truck last November and came to the Humane Society with critical injuries. After many weeks of intensive intervention including eight surgeries, Trooper is thriving and ready for the next step in his life.

"The Humane Society of Missouri believes this guilty verdict is absolutely fitting," said Debbie Hill, vice president of operations. "There is no excuse for animal abuse and we will continue to seek justice on behalf of all animal victims without voices."

If you witness animals being starved, beaten, left in hot cars or tethered outside without protection from the elements, call the Animal Cruelty Hotline at 314–647–4400 (callers can remain anonymous), or go online at www.hsmo.org/reportabuse.

Working with MDA to Help Puppy Mill Dogs

The Humane Society of Missouri's cooperative relationship with the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) has made a positive difference for thousands of dogs and other animals suffering in Missouri's substandard commercial breeding facilities.

In January 2009, 1,802 commercial breeders were licensed in Missouri. Today there are 925. Many unlicensed breeders are out of business, too. More than 6,000 dogs have been rescued from the now-closed facilities.

These successes are due in large part to:

- passage of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act in April 2011 which tightened standards of care in commercial breeding facilities;
- the Missouri Department of Agriculture's willingness to enforce the new standards;
- implementation of Operation Bark Alert encouraging Missourians to report kennels with questionable practices or an unknown license status; and
- the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force which works throughout Missouri to investigate reports of abuse and rescue animals in jeopardy.

When substandard facilities close, HSMO often steps up to the plate providing assistance to MDA to receive, transport and care for animals rescued from these facilities. In the past year alone, HSMO assisted MDA in 18 counties responding to 20 calls to assist. A total of 841 animals were cared for by HSMO — 425 dogs, 398 cats, 13 horses, 4 rabbits, and one goat.

HSMO donors and supporters played a big part in these successes. They helped pass stricter standards for breeding facilities. They impressed upon legislators, the governor and MDA director the importance of proper treatment for defenseless animals. And, they help your Humane Society of Missouri so we can rescue, rehabilitate and find forever homes for as many of these deserving animals as possible.

We applaud everyone involved in improving the lives of defenseless, voiceless animals.

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If you've recently visited the Humane Society of Missouri location in Maryland Heights, you understand the meaning of packed in. It's hard to picture today's cramped and crowded building as the state-of-the art facility it was when it opened in the early 1970s.

During the ensuing 40 years, the building was altered and expanded to meet increasing needs. But the population (of people and animals!) keeps growing. Further expansion is impossible; there's no room left on the landlocked property.

From the Ground Up

The Humane Society of Missouri has launched a major capital campaign to build a new Best Buddy Pet Center in Maryland Heights. Thanks to early donors, the land has been acquired and architectural plans are in the works. Additional donor funding will provide for the building and equipping of the new full-service animal shelter and nationally accredited veterinary medical center. Since HSMO receives no government or United Way funding, the Best Buddy Center will be built through the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations.

Modeled after the HSMO Chesterfield Valley Center, the new Best Buddy Pet Center will bring pets and people together in the friendliest, most inviting environment possible. Good-bye to cramped and outdated!





Improved Adoption Center

Now: The current lobby area serves both adoption and veterinary clients and is crowded, with limited customer seating.

Future: A full-service animal center in a bright, colorful, cheery environment will offer multiple community areas for cats and dogs, kittens and puppies and for those looking to add a new companion pet to their family.

Now: Existing dog runs and "get acquainted rooms" are cramped and uninviting to adopters, lessening each pet's chance of finding a loving home.

Future: Pet Penthouses to spotlight animals and draw potential adopters into the shelter; Kitty Treehouses for kittens and cats to play, climb and nap. Colorful, inviting Get-Acquainted rooms will allow plenty of space for adopters and pets to meet each other up close and personal.

Now: Pet behavior and training classes, humane education program offerings and room for volunteers are nearly non-existent.

Future: Ample space for children to participate in age-appropriate humane education classes, for adults to join obedience training sessions and for shelter animals to be socialized and trained.



Vision for Best Buddy Pet Center

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For more information about how you can help support the New Horizons Campaign for the Best Buddy Pet Center, please contact Judy Miniace, Campaign Director, at (314) 951–1515 or jminiace@hsmo.org.



Current Facility

State-of-the-Art Veterinary Center

The current veterinary center is faced with similar constraints. It has space for only three exam rooms and tiny dispensing and recovery areas. The lack of space prevents the addition of updated equipment such as imaging and laser treatment devices. The new Animal



Vision for Best Buddy Pet Center

Medical Center of Mid-America will provide state-of-the-art care for pets in a welcoming and professional setting. Veterinarians will examine pets and consult with owners in colorful, inviting rooms. Surgeons and technicians will have the latest in imaging and laser equipment and laboratory and on-site pharmacy facilities.

Animals will be afforded the same nationally accredited care as in all our Animal Medical Center of Mid-America locations.

Room for More Second Chances



The new Best Buddy Pet Adoption Center will expand the organization's ability to provide second chances for more of the thousands of abused, neglected and abandoned animals in the St. Louis area so they can have the best chance for lives in the

loving homes they deserve. That has always been and continues to be at the heart of the Humane Society mission.

Dog Lovers Donate \$100,000

Ralph and Ruthie Deuser love dogs. Ruth, who passed away on January 30, 2013, requested that she be buried with pictures of her best buddies: Bailey and Tweetie and neighbor dog, Calhoun.



On June 29th, what would have been their 59th wedding anniversary, friends and family gathered for lunch at the Humane Society's Macklind location as Ralph chose to honor Ruthie with a \$100,000 gift for the Ruth Deuser Companion Animal Lane at HSMO's new Best Buddy Pet Center in Maryland Heights.

A pioneer in finance, Ruth was the first woman vice president of First National Bank (now Central

At her request, Ruth Deuser was buried with photos of Bailey and Tweetie.

Bank and Trust) in 1985. She was awarded the promotion after starting her career there as a filing clerk 35 years earlier. One of her favorite customers was fellow animal lover and supporter Gertrude Bernoudy. Ralph thought it fitting to use HSMO's Gertrude & William A. Bernoudy Veterinary Medical Center as the backdrop for the check presentation (see photo).

Ralph Deuser, now 91 years old, served in World War II as a teletype operator and worked as a social worker in the St. Louis Public Schools until his retirement.

At Ralph's request, their gift will be matched by donations from other campaign donors.



Mike McKee, Juanita McKee, Ralph Deuser, Judy Medler, HSMO President Kathy Warnick, and Steve Medler

Flower Children!

Three years ago, Alfreda Manton went out to buy flowers but came home instead with two Shih Tzu dogs from the Humane Society of Missouri Chesterfield Valley Center.

"I cut through the lot by the shelter and saw a volunteer walking an adorable dog," said Alfreda. The Mantons had recently lost their two

Shih Tzu family members after 15 and 17 years. "I asked about the dog, if it was up for adoption." Not only was the little lad available, it was hoped he and his brother would be adopted together.

"They are inseparable and truly love one another," said Raymond Manton. "They panic if one is out of sight for a second."

Because the breed has a history of orthopedic problems, the Mantons entrusted the dogs' care to the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America, part of the Humane Society. When Milo required surgery, Otis went along and spent the week's stay in the neighboring cage.

"They have two of everything but only use one," laughed Raymond.



The Mantons take Milo and Otis everywhere. They have two car seats but the dogs insist on using only one.

"The Mantons are a shining example of the wonderful people who give pets second chances," said Dr. Travis Arndt, interim director of AMCMA. Arndt commented that the dogs' health problems surfaced right after the Mantons adopted them, but they did not even consider returning Milo and Otis. Proceeds from AMCMA help animals in need at the Humane Society of Missouri.

Continued Arndt, "the Mantons are not only great pet owners; they are also loyal supporters of the Humane Society. They bring birthday cake to share with employees each year on the adoption day anniversary."



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Surgery Revives Bob's Get Up and Go

The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America (AMCMA) recently performed a special surgery for a special dog. Abandoned as a sixweek-old puppy on their property, Gail and Greg Hantak watched their dog Bob grow into a large and active dog.

At eight years old, Bob began limping, a portent that his active days were over due to problems with his stifle joint. Thanks to an advanced procedure called Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO), Bob is now able to run and play for years to come.

The **stifle** joint is a complex joint in the hind limbs, equivalent to the human knee. In a TPLO procedure, the tibial plateau, (the portion of the tibia adjoining the stifle joint) is cut and rotated, relieving the pain-causing pressure.

"This surgery generally results in faster recovery times compared to other procedures to stabilize the knee and is an excellent choice for large and giant breeds of dogs with athletic lifestyles, or for dogs with previous cruciate ligament repairs that have failed," said Dr. Travis Arndt, interim medical director of the AMCMA.

TPLO surgeries are offered at both our St. Louis City and Chesterfield Valley Center hospitals by veterinary surgeon Dr. Todd Allen who has performed more than 4,000 of these procedures and continually refines the technique for optimal patient outcomes.

To learn more about the world-class veterinary care offered by the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America, visit our website amcma.org or call (314) 951–1534 to make an appointment for your pet. Proceeds benefit homeless animals in Humane Society of Missouri shelters.

AMCMA Unveils New Website

Learn more about the world-class veterinary care offered by the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America at its new website **www.amcma.org**. Browse through pet topics from A to Z, review pet packages for routine care, schedule appointments and learn more about surgical, dental and laser treatments.



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The Barn Buddy menagerie includes horses Tumbleweed and Twister, llamas, sheep, chickens, ducks, miniature horses and donkeys, and pygmy goats such as Tiny, a friendly lady that likes to meet people up close and sometimes nibble on their jewelry.





When she was rescued, Tumbleweed was so weak from hunger she could not stand up. Today the beautiful filly is a Barn Buddy waiting for sponsors.

Barn Buddies are featured at longmeadowrescueranch.org or call the Development Office at 314–951–1542.

Earn an Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate

If animals are your passion but you're not sure where you fit, the **St. Louis Community College Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program** will help you sort through the options, find your strengths, and learn concepts you can use for a successful future in animal welfare.

Initiated this fall, the certificate program prepares students for volunteer and paid employment as animal welfare assistants working with shelter and rescue organizations, veterinary offices, and other professionals involved in animal welfare, healthcare and management.

The program, open to people age 16 and over, consists of six classes. Those who successfully complete the coursework and earn a certificate may receive priority employment by the sponsoring agencies: the Animal Protective Association of Missouri, the Humane Society of Missouri, and St. Louis County Animal Care & Control.

To learn more about the Animal Welfare Assistance Certificate Program or for a brochure, call STLCC Continuing Education at 314–984–7777.

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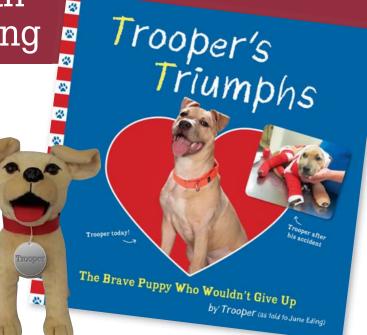
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