



Humane Society of Missouri

# Tails

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PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



# Trooper is forever home!



# Directory

## Websites

www.hsmo.org  
 www.longmeadowrescueranch.org  
 www.amcma.org  
 www.STLLostPets.org

## Main Number

314-647-8800

## Report Animal Abuse and Neglect

314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835

## Adoption Centers

Adoptions, Pet Lost and Found,  
 Cremation Services

St. Louis City Center 314-951-1562  
 Westport Area Center 314-951-1588  
 Chesterfield Valley Center 636-530-0805

## Adoption Centers Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Sun. noon-4 p.m.

## 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.-5 p.m.  
 Sat. 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Sun. CLOSED

## Donations 314-951-1542

Memberships, auto donations, planned giving

## Volunteer Program 314-951-1577

## 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  
 Longmeadow Rescue Ranch – 480 Josephs  
 Rd., Union, MO 64084

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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.

# A New Day is Coming for St. Louis Pets!



The commencement of construction later this year of the Humane Society of Missouri's new Best Buddy Pet Center and Animal Medical Center of Mid-America marks the beginning of a transformational era for animal welfare in St. Louis and the Bi-State area. Never before has an animal welfare

organization had the kind of prominence and presence this new Best Buddy Center will have. At the intersection of one of the busiest thoroughfares in St. Louis, HSMO is building an animal welfare facility the likes of which St. Louis has never seen.

Our New Horizons Campaign to build this wonderful new center is well on its way. So far we have raised \$11.3 million toward our goal of \$16 million. HSMO is exceptionally pleased to announce that Emerson has agreed to make a \$1 million gift to our campaign. Emerson is a long-time HSMO partner as a supporter of our Humane IQ Program for at-risk children. Their gift ensures this tradition continues for many generations of young learners to come.

Additional significant corporate donors include Crawford Taylor/Enterprise and related entities and Centene.

## An Invitation

All pet-loving St. Louisians and friends of the Humane Society of Missouri are invited to become part of this new future for animal welfare in St. Louis. Donation opportunities are many and at all levels. Visit [hsmo.org/bestbuddycenter](http://hsmo.org/bestbuddycenter) to learn how you can become part of A New Day for St. Louis Pets!

## 2014 EVENTS



**Longmeadow  
 Rescue Ranch  
 Spring Fling**  
**Saturday,  
 April 12**  
**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Longmeadow Rescue  
 Ranch, Union, Mo.*

Meet the world-famous Barn Buddies, tour our state-of-the-art horse and farm animal rehabilitation facility, enjoy wagon rides through 165 acres of beautiful rolling hills, equine-related vendors and riding demonstrations with professional clinicians.



**Bark in  
 the Park**  
**Saturday,  
 May 17**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

*Cricket Field, Forest  
 Park, St. Louis, Mo.*

5K Run, One-Mile Fun Walk and Festival for people and their pets. Enjoy performances from the Purina Incredible Dog Team, hilarious pet contests, agility course, a fun doggie game zone, and more! Register today at [www.hsmo.org/bark](http://www.hsmo.org/bark).



**Purses &  
 Pumps for  
 Pooches & Pals**  
**Thursday,  
 June 19**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

*1201 Macklind Ave.  
 St. Louis, Mo.*

Now in its ninth year, Purses and Pumps for Pooches and Pals features a lively mix of food and drink from St. Louis' finest restaurants, gorgeous designer purses for raffle, and the opportunity to network with other professionals and meet the loveable animals at the Humane Society of Missouri's state-of-the-art facility.



**Glow in the  
 Park Balloon  
 Glow Dinner**  
*Under the auspices  
 of the Great Forest  
 Park Balloon Race*

**Friday,  
 September 19**  
**5:30 - 11 p.m.**

*Central Fields, Forest  
 Park, St. Louis, Mo.*

Quickly becoming one of the most popular events in St. Louis, the Glow in the Park Balloon Glow Dinner offers guests private entrance to Forest Park, private parking, buffet dinner and drinks, and an up-close viewing of the spectacular Balloon Glow.

# Trooper is forever home!

More than a year after being severely injured, Trooper moved into his own home just in time for the 2013 holidays.



Left: Humane Society President Kathy Warnick with Trooper's new housemate Greg W., who withheld his last name to stay out of the spotlight. "We bonded right off the bat," he said. "He's a great dog."

Below: Team Trooper bids him a fond farewell.



Trooper's new pal, Greg W., was selected from among Trooper's many admirers hoping to adopt the dog, a mix of Staffordshire Terrier and Boxer. Both breeds are known for affectionate natures, high energy and strength. Greg lost his dear companion, a Pit Bull Terrier, in October after 14 years together. Previous experience with a strong, exuberant dog was one of the criteria used by the Humane Society in selecting Trooper's forever home. Since he works from home, Greg is able to provide the constant companionship that Trooper craves. He has a big back yard and will go hiking with Greg to keep fit and expend energy.

Trooper was only a few months old when he was seriously injured after being dragged behind a vehicle on St. Louis' Interstate 55 in 2012. The driver was unaware the puppy was tied to the trailer hitch. HSMO investigators and police built a case that helped convict the person responsible for Trooper's abuse.

It was touch and go as to whether or not he would survive. Five days after his rescue the resilient puppy was still hanging in there, tail wagging, despite the fact that all of his legs were injured and his body had patches of exposed tendons.

Dubbed "Trooper" by the HSMO staffers, he became a celebrity with his own book and Facebook page. Over time, more than a thousand people offered to adopt him.

Efforts to rescue, save and find a forever home for Trooper were made by the entire HSMO organization. "Unfortunately, we deal with animal cruelty and neglect every day, so it's heartening to be reminded there are so many good, caring people out there who want to put an end to it," noted Debbie Hill, vice president of Operations for the Humane Society.

Vice President of Operations Debbie Hill saying goodbye to Trooper.





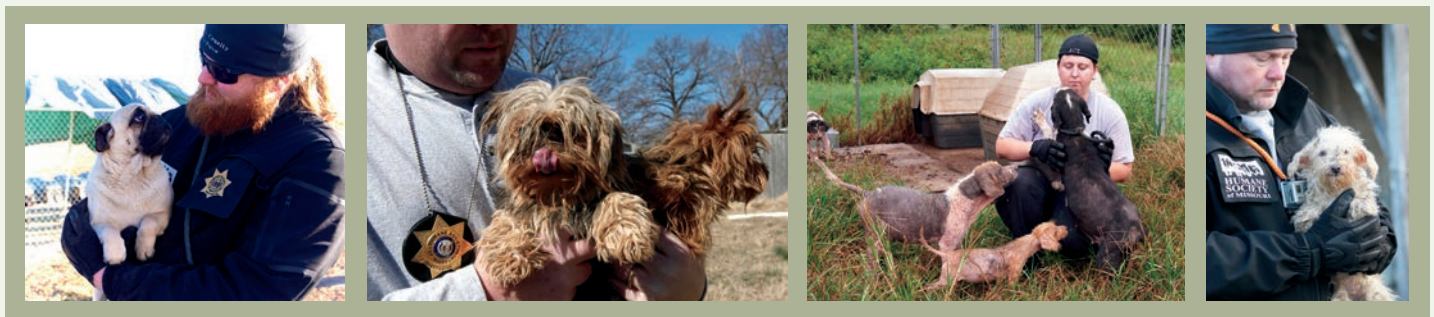
# ACT-ing for the Animals

For more than 40 years, the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) has worked alongside federal, state, local and city law enforcement officials to investigate and hold people accountable for animal abuse and neglect.


The ACT team of 15 professionals responds to 18,000 reports a year, travels more than 300,000 miles to investigate and educate and aids nearly 25,000 animals.

Animal cruelty investigators understand the nuances of animal abuse law and the criminal justice process for documenting and filing evidence. ACT works directly with sheriff's departments, police departments and prosecuting attorneys to assemble evidence and offer expert testimony.

HSMO's ACT is one of the largest animal rescue and disaster response teams in the United States and is the designated lead animal welfare agency for the State of Missouri during disaster operations.



## A Happy Home for Sonny



In June, a Boxer puppy was injured with burns on his face, left ear and left side of his body, but was able to recover. "We suspect his horrible burns were intentionally inflicted," said Mike Perkins, director of the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force. A reward was offered but no one came forward. HSMO staff members were able to save him, although he will bear scars the rest of his life. Sonny found his furr-ever friend Susan Bonan in September of 2012.

Anyone witnessing animal cruelty is urged to call the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Hot Line at **314-647-4400**. The caller's name is kept confidential.



# Animal Cruelty Task Force Rescues 135 Dogs from Howell County Breeder

February 26 the lives of 135 dogs and puppies changed completely. No longer living in an outdoor breeding facility, these rescued dogs spent their first night in the warmth and comfort of the Humane Society of Missouri.

The owner of the breeding facility had decided to close its doors. The Humane Society of Missouri worked in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the owner to provide the best possible outcome for these dogs: placing them in the caring, capable hands of the Humane Society of Missouri.

Humane Society of Missouri staff worked diligently throughout the day, providing each animal with a thorough veterinary exam and vaccinations, a warm kennel with clean bedding, fresh food and water, and lots of gentle TLC.

Many have since required additional treatment and socialization before they were healthy and ready for adoption.



*Please make a gift to help these deserving dogs and the many others that still need us. [Hsmo.org/donate](http://Hsmo.org/donate) or 314-951-1542.*

# 11 Starving Horses Rescued from Laclede County

On February 28, the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force, working in cooperation with veterinarians from the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the Laclede County Sheriff's Office, rescued 11 horses from a property outside Lebanon, Mo. Most were extremely emaciated with spine, ribs and hips protruding prominently.

Despite multiple recommendations about proper care over the previous several weeks from Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Investigators and Missouri state veterinarians, the animals' condition continued to deteriorate.

"Horses do not become this dangerously close to death overnight," said Amanda Mullen, director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. "It is tragic to see them come to the ranch in this condition. They will need many months of special feeding and veterinary care to fully recover."

One critically ill horse was rushed to an equine veterinary hospital where it was determined she could not survive. A pregnant mare delivered a male foal who was receiving medications and being hand fed every three hours and was in guarded condition at the time of Tails publication. The horses are being taken care of at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch where they are receiving the special love and care they need and deserve. After healing, as many as possible will be made available for adoption.



*Please make a gift to care for the rescued horses. <http://longmeadowrescueranch.org/donate/> or 314-951-1542.*



## More Than 250 Animals Rescued on November 12

### Second Incident at this Property



For the second time in three years, the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force was called by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to assist in removing animals from a property in the county.

More than 250 animals (192 domestic rabbits, 25 goats, 10 cats, 21 chickens, four dogs and one duck) were living on the property. Many of the rabbits were kept in over-crowded, filthy, wire bottom cages with little or no protection from the weather, some stacked on each other allowing waste to fall into cages below. The ACT found frozen water in cages and pens, many contaminated with feces. Many of the goats suffered from upper respiratory illnesses and internal parasites.

In 2010, 158 rabbits, dogs, cats, goats, and fowl were found in similar conditions and rescued from the same property.

"Animals deserve and are mandated by law to be provided adequate shelter, water and food and veterinary care," commented Mike Perkins, director of the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force. "We believe the number of animals on this property exceeded this person's ability to properly care for them."

The Franklin County Prosecutor has charged the animals' owner with 21 counts of Class A Misdemeanor Animal Abuse.

## Dog Stolen from Owner, Burned

The distraught owner of Zeus called the HSMO August 29 when his missing dog turned up with gruesome burns on most of his body.

Humane Society of Missouri veterinarian Dr. Julie Brinker determined the dog had third degree burns on 75% of his head, from his ears to his nose, with his eyes severely injured. An additional 30% of the dog's body suffered third degree burns.

Police and HSMO worked together to find the malicious person capable of such cold-hearted cruelty. The perpetrator has been arrested and indicted. At the time this issue of *Tails* went to press, the case is pending.

"The Humane Society of Missouri applauds the St. Louis City Police Department and the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney for actively pursuing the perpetrator of this unspeakable crime," said Kathy Warnick, president, Humane Society of Missouri.

Tragically, Zeus had no hope of survival and was humanely euthanized to save him further suffering. His case is a heartbreaking reminder of the need for the Humane Society of Missouri and all animal lovers to stand up for the defenseless and voiceless.



## HSMO Asked to Help Animals After Owner's Unexpected Death

In early February, the Warren County Sheriff's Office received a call to check on the well-being of a neighbor. Officers found the owner deceased and the animals living outside in various unheated enclosures.

Since no one came forward to care for the 13 dogs and three cats, the Sheriff's Office asked the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task

Force to retrieve and care for them. The dogs and cats, of various breeds and ages, were exposed to below-freezing temperature for four or five days without access to heated shelter. They were also without water or food. On February 5, they were brought to the Humane Society for treatment, sheltering and eventual adoption.



# A Second Chance for Starving Horses



Scarlett day of rescue



Django day of rescue

Last summer, a dozen horses found a safe haven at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Most were slowly dying from starvation and suffering from parasites and other torments.

**Django** was more than 300 pounds underweight when he came to the ranch. The 16-year-old horse was suffering from rain rot, digestive problems and overgrown hooves. Once he received proper nutrition and re-built muscle, he began moving about. His appearance and his lip tattoo indicate he is a Thoroughbred. "We think he has had some retraining since being on the track," said Amanda Mullen, director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. "He is very polite on the ground and listens well to his rider. His gaits are very smooth."

**Scarlett**, a 16-year-old sorrel mare, was so weak she staggered as she

walked to the rescue trailer. She had pressure sores all over her bony body. In her early days at the ranch, she required round-the-clock care. As Scarlett neared her maintenance weight, ranch staff happily discovered she was already trained for riding. "She has a lot of forward motion and would be best for an intermediate to advanced rider," said Mullen.

For other horses in this rescue, HSMO was notified too late. One such case was Mango, an extremely thin mare. She died



Scarlett today



Django today

shortly after being rescued. Her foal Kiwi, orphaned at four months old, learned to eat and drink on her own. She is now thriving and ready for adoption.

Rehabilitating starved horses like Django and Scarlett takes several months of vigilant care. Because they have been without nourishment for long periods of time, severely underweight horses are fed small amounts of food every two hours throughout the day as well as night feedings.

Fortunately, Longmedow is there to give them the second chance they deserve.

To help horses like Scarlett and Django, donate to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch safely online <http://longmeadowrescueranch.org/donate/> or call 314-951-1542. To volunteer at the ranch, visit [hsmo.org/volunteer/](http://hsmo.org/volunteer/).



Fetch your animal-loving friends  
to celebrate a day out with the dogs.

# BARK in the PARK

Presented by



With more than 5,000 attending each year, Bark in the Park is the largest pet festival in the Midwest. It is also the single largest fund raiser for the Humane Society of Missouri. Raise money and win great prizes by walking or running as an individual or as part of a team. All proceeds from Bark in the Park benefit the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Fund, dedicated to investigating, healing and preventing animal abuse and neglect.



## Saturday, May 17 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Run begins at 9 a.m. | Walk begins at 10 a.m.  
Cricket Field, Forest Park, St. Louis

Register online at [hsmo.org/bark](http://hsmo.org/bark)

Adults: \$35 | Kids 12 & under: FREE

Registration fee includes the 5K Run and/or One-Mile Walk, official Bark in the Park T-shirt and swag bag, and festival activities. The (optional) pancake breakfast is \$8 per adult and \$5 per child.



# Run! Walk! Stay! Play!

- 5K Run at 9 a.m.
- One-Mile Walk at 11 a.m.
- Pancake Breakfast (\$7 adults, \$5 kids)
- High-flying performances by the Purina Incredible Dog Team
- Hilarious Pet Contests
- The world-famous Barn Buddies from Longmeadow Rescue Ranch
- Pet-related vendors and rescue organizations
- Agility Course and other fun activities for pets
- Fun for kids with inflatables, education tent, and more
- Silent Auction and Gift Shop
- Gourmet eats from St. Louis' best Food Trucks



## Raise money for the animals and earn great prizes!

- \$35 Official Bark in the Park T-shirt (all levels)
- \$100 Complimentary Pancake Breakfast
- \$250 Bark in the Park Tumbler
- \$500 Bark in the Park Pet Accessory Bag
- \$1,000 Bark in the Park Camping Chair
- \$1,500 Bark in the Park Back Pack
- \$3,000 Top Dog Recognition
- One-year supply of Purina Pet Food
- 6-month supply of Frontline
- Professional Photo Shoot for you and your pet(s)

*\*All prizes are cumulative\**

**For more information and a full list of prizes, visit [hsmo.org/bark](http://hsmo.org/bark).**

## 2014 Official Bark in the Park T-shirt Designed by Jeff Wulfert

The 2014 Bark in the Park T-shirt design was chosen from over dozens of applicants to the first-ever Bark in the Park T-Shirt Contest. Humane Society staff selected three submissions and put it to the general public to vote for their favorite. Jeff Wulfert's design, inspired by his 2-year-old lab Skye, was the chosen winner. "The design reminds me of Skye's lively, playful nature and is representative of the fun-filled day that she and our family will have at this year's Bark in the Park," Wulfert stated. Wulfert's design will be printed on thousands of t-shirts and will be given to each Bark in the Park participant, with paid registration. Congratulations, Jeff!



## Thank you to our generous sponsors





# New Barn Buddies Join the Team



## Betty and Wilma

Nubian goats named Betty and Wilma are wonderfully entertaining to have around the ranch. Living up to the breed's reputation as social animals, they are extremely friendly and come running to visit with anyone nearby. They even walk on a leash!



## Teddy

Teddy was rescued in the fall of 2012 with other neglected horses, mules and dogs. The miniature horse was very thin and his hooves were so overgrown they had begun twisting and he was in a lot of pain. Now that he's healthy, Teddy's beautiful roan coloring and flaxen mane and tail really shine! He's a very good-natured guy and he enjoys attention from people.

We're proud to support the Humane Society of Missouri's mission to provide second chances for animals in need.



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## Rock and Roll Pony

Elvis was a Christmas gift for Julie Enright's two-year-old grandson. "Since it was his pony, we let him chose the name. He liked Elvis and we couldn't talk him out of it, so Elvis it is."

He doesn't have a spangly jumpsuit yet, but Elvis has captured the hearts of the Enright family. Julie's daughter Emma, more of a 'horse person' than her mother, selected Elvis at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. "I didn't notice him at first because he didn't crowd the fence like the others. The more I was with the ponies, though, the more I was sure he was the one."

When Elvis came to the ranch in 2012, he was young and untrained. The pony had been neglected and was extremely thin. Julie Enright adopted Elvis in December of 2013. Despite his history, he held no grudges, quickly bonded with his family and they with him.

In less than two months, he readily accepted bridle, saddle and rider with the calm demeanor of a seasoned veteran. He is so laid back that he's trustworthy with the two-year-old. He's fast at learning tricks, too; Emma has already taught Elvis to lie down on cue. Perhaps someday he'll even become a distinctive Presley impersonator complete with bling and sideburns.



*Elvis was a Christmas gift to Isaac, already riding at age two. With him (L to R) are his aunt, Emma Enright, his mother, Sarah Norman, and his grandmother, Julie Enright.*

## Stepping up to help our our four-legged (and two-winged) friends.



Contact with animals benefits us humans in so many ways, improving both our mental and physical health. That's why we're honored to support the **Humane Society of Missouri**.



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# Lost Dog Found After Three Years

## Microchip Miracle

After having gone missing nearly three years ago from his backyard in St. Louis, Daphne has returned home to Griffin Walker.

The German Shepherd/Saluki mix was turned in to the Humane Society of Missouri in January and staff discovered she was

microchipped. The information led staff to Griffin, son of Pamela Walker.

“I was shocked when I got the phone call and heard that she was found,” said Pam Walker. “Even though you always hold on to some small piece of hope, three years is a long time for a pet to be missing. My hope is that our story reinforces the message of how

important it is for pet owners to have their pets microchipped. It is truly a pet’s phone call home if it ever comes into a shelter, or any place that has a microchip scanning device.”

All pets adopted from the Humane Society of Missouri are microchipped before they go home. All three locations of HSMO’s Animal Medical Center of Mid-America provide affordable microchip services to all pet owners. Visit [www.hsmo.org](http://www.hsmo.org) for more information.



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## Finding a Lost Pet



Dozens of animals have returned home safely thanks to STLLostPets.org, a website collaboration between HSMO, the APA of Missouri and St. Louis County Animal Care and Control. Pet owners can file a lost pet report, scan the database of found pets, and connect with each other on social media to spread the word about their missing pets or list a stray they have found.

We hope you never lose your pet, but if you do, these resources are available:

- [www.stllostpets.org](http://www.stllostpets.org)
- [www.facebook.com/STLLostPets](https://www.facebook.com/STLLostPets)
- [www.twitter.com/STLLostPets](https://www.twitter.com/STLLostPets)

The Humane Society strongly urges owners to get all their pets microchipped to increase chances of a reunion.



# Calling All Kids!



It's not too early to be thinking summer time. Check out our animal-enthusiastic menu of fun and interactive animal adventures. If whiskers are your fancy or horses your yearning, we've got the FUN for you!

*Animal Adventure fees are \$35 per session. Check our website at [www.hsmo.org](http://www.hsmo.org) for specifics. Space is limited, so sign up now to join the animal fun! Sign up online or by calling 314-951-1579.*

## Wagons Ho! Let's Go! ... to the Ranch!

Come with us to the Humane Society's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch for horses and pigs and goats and more. What does a farrier do? How do you "float teeth" in a horse? Come find out, plus see one of our very own "horse whisperers" in action! Rustle up your friends and join us for a day at the ranch, complete with a guided barn tour and fun hayride. Don't forget your sack lunch; we're having a picnic, too!

**June 18**  
*HSMO Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Mo.*  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
For ages 6 and up

## Walking in a Whisker Wonderland

Rabbits and hamsters and gerbils...oh my! Ferrets, chinchillas and cats standing by! Join us as we explore the wonderful world of the whiskered furballs who share our homes and hearts.

**July 1**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 6 and up

## Furrypalooza!

Join us as we explore the many reasons dogs are barktacular and cats are meowvelous! We'll meet some of the awesome four-footed residents in our shelter and discover why dogs and cats are pawsitively the most purrrrrfect pals of all!

**July 8**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 6 and up



## Critter Cuisine Cook-off: American Girl Style

Bring your own favorite doll-friend as we bake, stir and roll to make yummy treats for the critter friends in our shelter. Come with your sleeves rolled up, ready to get messy! We're going to have a howling good time!

**July 10**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 7 and up

## Mad Scientist Camp

What kind of dogs do Mad Scientists like best? LABS of course! Slide on your safety goggles, snap on your rubber gloves and 'try on' a career in animal medicine. Visit our surgery suites. Peer in our microscopes as we examine heartworm tests, view intestinal worms and identify pesky bugs. We'll give you the symptoms, you make the diagnosis. A flea-riffic time!

**July 22**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 8 and up

## Calling All Petkins Parents!

Join us as you "adopt" a new furry friend in our "adoption center" (don't worry folks, these are toy stuffed animals). We'll embark on an interactive tour of our shelter and veterinary medical center to learn what it takes to keep your pet healthy and happy! Campers gather 'nuggets of knowledge' to 'buy' a new collar, ID tag or leash before taking their 'pets' home.

**July 24**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 6 and up

## American Girl Crafting Camp

American Girl dolls Kailey, Jess, Nicki and Lanie strive to make life better for the animals they hold dear. Bring your favorite doll (any kind) and spend the day together crafting homemade toys for our homeless animal friends. Toys give animals something to focus on and keep them entertained while they await their fur-ever home! Make a toy for your pet too!

**Aug. 5**  
9 a.m. - noon  
For ages 7 and up



*Note: All listed camps at HSMO headquarters, 1201 Macklind Avenue except Wagons Ho!*



# Dedicated to Second Chances: HSMO's Volunteers



DIANA LINSLEY - SOUTH COUNTY TIMES

## Meet a Volunteer Who Welcomes Strangers

### What has fur and more than 1,000 legs?

The 250-plus cats and dogs that have forever homes because of volunteer Bekki Kirchhofer.

Her home is a nursery when a cat or dog arrives with kittens or puppies too young to be weaned. It is a school when shy or unsocialized animals need one-on-one TLC before they are ready for adoption. And it is a rehab center for dogs or cats requiring care after surgeries or injuries.

In ten years of fostering, Kirchhofer has cared for creatures great and small, from an Alaskan Malamute to a tiny kitten brought to the shelter with its mother.

"I started with the cat and kitten because I had experience with cats," said Kirchhofer. "They were so great that I couldn't turn them back in. I was worried that I wouldn't get to foster again because I kept them."

Next came a puppy and once again, she wanted it but "I realized I couldn't keep them all." She successfully resisted temptation until November 2007 when Spaniel mix Emma came along. It was true love and she had to keep her. Recently she added Libby, a Maltese/Shih Tzu mix who was pregnant when she was rescued.

Kirchhofer first volunteered in 2001 as a Pet Pal dog walker and began fostering two years later. "A colleague and I made a New Year's Resolution to volunteer with animals for one year," she explained. "We selected the Humane Society of Missouri because of its reputation."

Her most memorable foster pet was a Beagle mix rescued from a hoarder in 2006. There was nothing appealing about the dog, she recalled. Alley lacked fur (from mange) and teeth (from eating rocks). She was beyond shy – so terrified she stayed in a corner and shook. She would not eat or drink.

In five months, though Kirchhofer did her best, Alley was still shy. She came out of her corner but returned if anyone else approached. "I wondered if Alley would ever get adopted," she said.

Ruth Kraemer, whose beloved dog had recently died, wanted to meet Alley. It was Kraemer's birthday and she had received an adoption gift certificate from a friend. When Alley saw Ruth, the dog jumped up on the bench and sat next to her. Toothless and almost furless Alley had found her second chance for a happy home.

*To become a foster volunteer or learn of other opportunities, apply online at [hsmo.org/volunteer](http://hsmo.org/volunteer). To purchase an adoption gift certificate, visit one of our gift shops or shop on-line at [hsmo.org](http://hsmo.org).*



## We Couldn't Do It Without Volunteers

The Humane Society of Missouri Volunteer Program helps fulfill the organization's mission of providing second chances to animals that have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

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If you are interested in volunteering at the Humane Society of Missouri, please visit [www.hsmo.org/volunteer](http://www.hsmo.org/volunteer). You can view details on training requirements. The Humane Society of Missouri strives to be environmentally friendly and primarily utilizes electronic communication. If you are unable to proceed with volunteering online, please call 314-951-1577 for personal assistance.





## Therapy Dog Is a Miracle for Man with Cancer

Pat Unterreiner really, really wanted a dog. But her husband Allen, who has pancreatic cancer and some dementia, hesitated because he thought his wife had enough to cope with.

"It took me four years to talk him into another dog," said Unterreiner, whose family has always enjoyed a canine companion. But the wait was worth it because, she said, Macklind is a perfect therapy dog. Having the dog re-invigorated Allen, who has struggled for four years with cancer and its after-effects. "I see a change in his attitude.

He's fighting for health more than ever. Allen lives for her."

After Allen had his cancerous pancreas removed, he became an insulin-dependent diabetic. Like many dogs, Macklind can sense when his insulin is dangerously low and alerts him.

"The first time it happened, she woke him up from a nap," she said, adding that diabetics could die in their sleep if their blood sugar falls too low.

"What a blessing, for me as much as for Allen," she praised. "She's relieved so much stress on me." She's so loving. She never barks, although she will prick up her ears when there's something she thinks we should know about. We have grandchildren aged 1, 4 and 6, and she is so gentle with them. She's a perfect dog. I can't imagine anyone giving her away."

Over the years, all the Unterreiner's dogs have been adopted through HSMO. "We named her Macklind so we would always remember where she came from," said Pat.



### Our animal friends want the keys to your old car!

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## Ask the Vet

# Pets Need Dental Visits, Too

By Kelly Ryan, DVM

**Q:** My dog has developed really bad breath and won't eat any of the crunchy treats I bought for dental health. What else could I try?

**A:** Bad breath is one of the indicators of dental problems that need professional attention. Poor dental health is responsible for a long list of complications in pets. Heart disease, kidney failure, chronic pain and behavior changes are some of the more serious conditions brought about by untreated dental issues ... not to mention pain and the possible loss of teeth from gum disease.

We recommend dental checkups as part of the yearly checkup for your pet and cleaning on an 'as needed' basis.

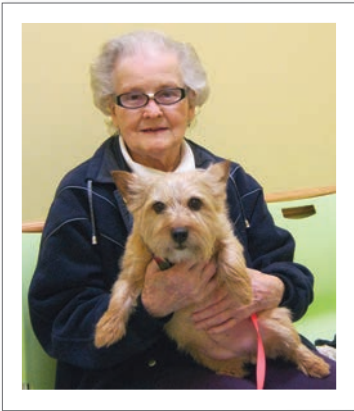
Common signs of dental problems:

- Bad breath
- Excessive drooling
- Difficulty chewing
- Inflamed gums
- Behavior changes/aggression



Find out if your pet has healthy teeth and gums at a consultation at any of our 3 AMCMA locations. Please visit our website [www.amcma.org](http://www.amcma.org) to learn about our dental services and special dental promotions. Call 314-951-1534 to schedule a consultation.

## Showgirl Has Backstage Issues



Before finding a life of adoptive royalty, Norwich Terrier Sophia Her Royal Highness lived her days as a show dog. But behind the scenes, life in the spotlight was putting Sophia's health in jeopardy. Her former owner would scrape Sophia's teeth "clean" with dental tools before every show. Done without anesthesia, it was an extremely painful ordeal for

Sophia and one that caused long-term dental damage.

When her owner discovered she could not be used for breeding, Sophia was put up for adoption. Her adopter brought Sophia to the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America for a checkup and it was clear to the veterinarian that the Terrier's teeth were in trouble. To the untrained eye, they looked normal, but there were noticeable injuries to the gum line.

In her new home, Sophia's royal treatment includes dental cleanings twice a year (with anesthesia) to keep her in good health. For dogs that have not been so roughly treated as Sophia, cleanings are on an 'as needed' basis.

## New head of AMCMA



Kelly Ryan, DVM, has joined the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America as its director. Dr. Ryan previously served as regional medical director for the Midwest Region of Banfield, managing 250 veterinarians and 145 hospitals.

"As soon as I found out what veterinarians did (at approximately age 3), I knew it was what I wanted to do," she said of her career decision. Currently she has only one dog—Daisy, a 10-year-old Black Labrador

Retriever. With her daily exposure to homeless pets, Dr. Ryan says Daisy has only a slim chance of remaining "an only dog."





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