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What a Year!

Your Humane Society of Missouri completed a monumental year that included conducting a record number of puppy mill rescues as well as spearheading the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in United States history. We are extremely gratified and humbled by the level of interest in our work. **TIME Magazine** featured the dog fighting raid and rescue in its December 7th issue with a six-page spread that included a remarkable photo essay of many of the dog fighting victims as well as an inspiring video on the magazine's website. Earlier in the year we had the wonderful opportunity to highlight the horrors of Missouri's shameful puppy mill industry through an appearance on the **Oprah Winfrey Show**. It is our strong hope this national exposure will help spur much-needed change in Missouri's animal protection laws.



Missouri's dog fighting laws are extremely weak; a situation that has allowed dog fighting to become rampant in our state. In addition, Missouri's laws to protect dogs in breeding facilities have not been enforced by previous state administrations leading to an excessive number of substandard breeding facilities. As many are aware, Missouri has the reprehensible reputation as the puppy mill capital of the world.

We ask you, our supporters and fellow animal lovers, to become animal advocates and assist us in our continual quest to make life in Missouri more humane

and just for those without a voice. The year 2010 brings many opportunities to help. First, to witness the triumph of animals overcoming the horrible adversity of substandard puppy mills, dog fighting and other abuse, tune in to the Humane Society of Missouri's television special hosted by **Deanne Lane** and airing on **ABC affiliate, KDNL** on January 27 at 7 p.m. Next, visit our web site and sign up for e-mail alerts about proposed legislation and other political activity to help Missouri's animals. We fervently hope 2010 will be a watershed year toward enacting stronger and more effective animal protection laws in Missouri. On behalf of the millions of animals we have and will continue to serve, please know we are immensely thankful for your support of our mission. 🐾



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and her dog Harry.

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

Veterinary Staff Provides Hands-on Training

Veterinary staff mentored five students last summer who were fulfilling a college requirement as part of Hickey College's Vet Tech Institute Veterinary Technician Program. Three worked at the Macklind headquarters and two were at the Chesterfield Valley Center. Each student received hands-on training from veterinary and shelter staff in our clinics, surgery departments and shelters. One of the students was able to help with the spaying and neutering of some of the American Pit Bulls rescued in the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in the nation's history. "We hope the students all had exciting times and continue to keep learning as they join the animal care industry," said **Tina Stein**, supervisor, Veterinary Medical Center. 🐾



Fay, a disfigured ex-fighter, offers a kiss to Hickey extern Aimee Francis.

Twins Twice!

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch welcomed two sets of twins in October. Sheep mama **Sherri** delivered twin lambs on October 17. **Jack** is white and brown, and **Jill** is black with a big white cap. Two days later, twin kids **Duke** (black) and **Duchess** (dark brown) were born to mama goat **Queenie**.

Visit the twins and all the animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch any Friday (noon–3 p.m.) or Saturday (11 a.m.–3 p.m.).

For more pictures of the twins, directions to the ranch, or information about the Barn Buddy sponsorship program, visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org. 🐾



Above: Sherri with Jack and Jill

Left: Duke and Duchess

Meow-velous!

Humane Society Board Member **Laurie Livingston** and her rescued cat **Arthur** are now appearing in a television commercial for PurinaONE® Indoor cat food. She reports that Arthur was surprisingly cooperative with the crew, who fell in love with the looks and antics of the scamp. The Livingstons also own **Eleanor**, a sweet Black Lab mix who accompanies Laurie when she visits schools as a volunteer with our Education Department. Arthur, Eleanor and Laura all appear in a current print ad campaign for PurinaONE®. 🐾



Laurie Livingston and her cat Arthur

Black Dog Club Reunion

More than 125 dogs and their owners attended the second annual Black Dog Club Reunion on September 17 at the Carol Gates Throop Memorial Park across the street from Macklind Headquarters. **Jen Myers** of Y98 FM radio served as emcee, with the aid of her black dog **Abe**. Club members mingled with fellow black dog owners and partook of wine, beer and snacks. Their canine companions were treated to Purina® Frosty Paws® ice cream treats.

Pet contests were held for Best Stunt/Trick, Best Dressed and Best Dog/Owner Look-A-Like. Guests and their four-legged friends also had the opportunity to have professional portraits taken and test out the Humane Society agility course.

The Black Dog Club provides a special salute to adopters, since many shelters find it difficult to place large black dogs. They are often overlooked in favor of lighter-colored dogs.

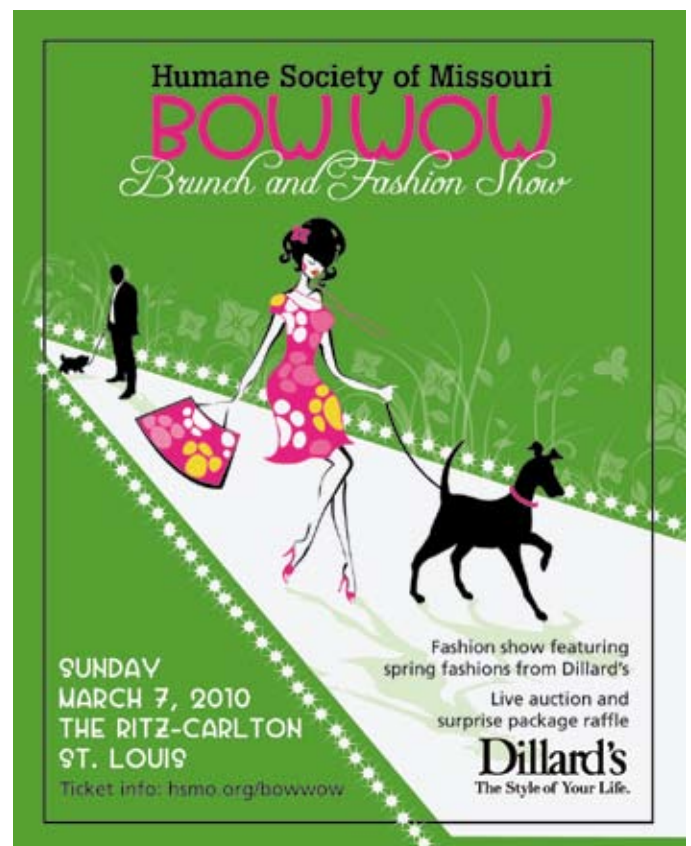


Some theorize that adopters do not connect with black dogs because they are hard to see in their kennels, or because their facial expressions are hard to read. Whatever the reasons, there is no evidence that color has any bearing on temperament, behavior or health.

Membership is free and open to owners whose dogs have black (or predominately black) coats. Members receive club newsletters and can share pet pics and dog stories on HSMO's Black Dog Club Facebook page. Visit hsmo.org/blackdogclub to learn more. 🐾



Best dog/owner look-a-like contest winners



The Scoop

Charity Polo Match 2009

More than 600 animal lovers enjoyed an exciting showcase of equestrian excellence at this year's first annual Charity Polo Match benefitting Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. The unseasonably cool August weather combined with the array of family fun activities and the picturesque views of Spirit Valley Farms to make a perfect day! Special thanks to Janet and Smith McGehee and ALL of our event sponsors for making this inaugural event a huge success!

Highlights

- Children of all ages enjoyed the inflatable activities, Barn Buddy coloring books and face painting.
- Half-time featured a Parade of Animals featuring Barn Buddy TV Stars from Longmeadow Rescue Ranch—including Mama Llama, Twister the Miracle Colt and more!
- Thumbelina, The World's Smallest Horse, made an appearance!
- Luxury cars from Dean Team "wowed" the crowd.
- A rare tied score at the end of the match resulted in a sudden death play-off win with the Spirit Valley Farms/Little Creek Ranch team defeating Dean Team 7-6.
- VIP guests enjoyed a fabulous post-match dinner and the jazz sounds of Silk Pajamas.

Come join in the fun!

Saturday, August 21, 2010

McGehee Polo Field at Spirit Valley Farms 🐾

Rescued Fighting Dogs Featured in *TIME* Magazine

Twenty-six of the dogs rescued in July by HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force in the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in U.S. history are featured in a wonderful six-page photo essay in the December 7 issue of *TIME* Magazine. The photo essay and a compelling video also appeared on the *TIME* website. HSMO staff worked with the Los Angeles-based *TIME* photographer and his crew for 3½ days to produce the magnificent photos and video. We are very grateful *TIME* has chosen to shine a spotlight on the tragedy of dog fighting and honor the work of our rescue and shelter staff to ensure these dogs will never again face the torture of dog fighting. 🐾



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We thank the **Hampton Inn**

of St. Charles for donating its clean linens that are no longer suitable for guests. Sheets and towels are always in need at our shelters and during rescues.



Even better, this is an ongoing donation, with more to come as the inn replaces sheets and towels. Their first contribution was in October 2008. We appreciate their helping the Humane Society and our animals. 🐾

Meet Volunteers Who Pull Together

Dog lovers **Todd** and **Amy Ribik** nominated **Jaime**, their then seven-year-old rescued Basset Hound, to be the 2008 Bark in the Park mascot. Her story of survival through five years of neglect brought Jaime to the spotlight. Jaime's duties as poster pup and "spokes-dog" brought Todd and Amy in close contact with the Humane Society of Missouri.

By the time Bark in the Park rolled around, the Ribiks had become so impressed with the work of the Humane Society they signed on as Pet Pals. Pet Pal volunteers walk shelter dogs and help with socializing. Today the couple also shows the ropes to new Pet Pals.



Todd and Amy Ribik with one of the dogs rescued from dog fighting.

"It is wonderful to pull together with other volunteers and provide love and care to these dogs that deserve it so much. After demanding careers during the week, there is nothing better than spending time with dogs that simply want to go for a walk with someone who cares," said Todd. "We try to make a difference one dog at a time."

Or even 500 dogs at a time. In July of 2009, the Ribiks immediately stepped up to help take care of the 400 American Pit Bull Terriers (and their 100 puppies subsequently born at the shelter). The adult dogs had just been rescued in the largest dog fighting bust in U.S. history.

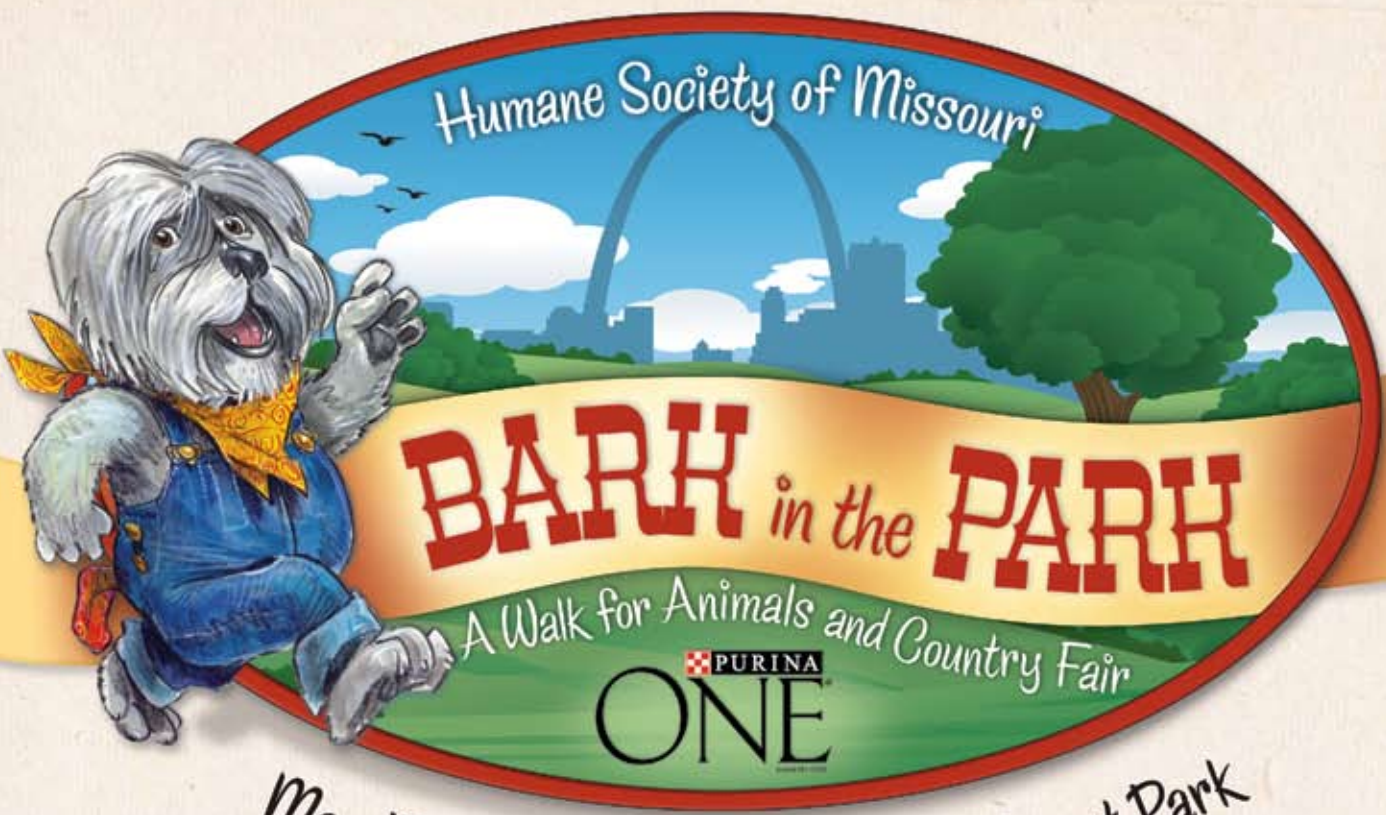
"Since the huge rescue, they have worked long hours over the course of many days," praised **Laura Renner**, volunteer manager. "Now, five months later, they continue to help out, even with the unglamorous work of cleaning cages."

The Ribiks agree that cleaning cages is anything but glamorous, but not without rewards. Commented Amy, "While the temporary shelter can be mentally and physically taxing, it has been an absolute honor to spend time with these dogs and to be a part of the volunteer network trying to help these dogs get a second chance."

The couple was already passionate about second chances. "We rescued Jaime the day before her fifth birthday," said Amy. "She is an amazingly resilient dog that somehow survived her mistreatment and finally found herself in the loving home that she always deserved." **Claudia**, the Ribik's 11-year-old Basset Hound, welcomed Jaime with open paws.

"We will consider our lives a success if we can look back on it knowing that a few dogs ended up with better outcomes than they might have without our time and love; that is what really matters to us," concluded Todd.

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



May 15, 2010 • Cricket Field in Forest Park

Fetch your family, friends, co-workers and canines for the can't-miss event of 2010, Bark in the Park – a Walk for Animals and Country Fair. This is the largest dog festival in the Midwest, sponsored by Purina ONE® pet food. All proceeds go to the Dr. Doolittle Fund, providing veterinary care for animals in our shelters.

- Enjoy performances by amazing dogs from Purina®.
- Have fun with face painting and other treats for kids.
- Keep toes tapping and tails wagging to live bluegrass music.
- Feast on funnel cakes, kettle corn and more at our Country Fair Food Court.
- Get up close and personal with our famous Barn Buddies from Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, including miniature horses **Poppy** and **Sage**.

It's easy to register as an individual or a team at hsmo.org/bark. Forming a team is a great opportunity to share this one-of-a-kind experience with your dog, friends and family while raising money to help abused and neglected animals find loving homes.



Registration

Adults: \$25

Children ages 4-15: \$5

Children 3 years and under: FREE

Every registered participant receives an official Bark in the Park T-shirt.



Not actual
2010 design –
check out hsmo.org
for updates.

Register online at
hsmo.org/bark

TREATS FOR YOU

While there's no reward greater than the thrill of helping homeless animals, individuals and teams are further rewarded with well-deserved treats. All team members are eligible for individual prizes. Team totals can qualify your team for even more perks, including team photos, entrance to the champagne brunch and more. For information or to register online, visit hsmo.org/bark.

\$25: Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



\$75: Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt

\$125: Hot/Cold cooler tote, Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



\$250: Canine Hardware travel pet bed, Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



\$500: Three-month Netflix membership, Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



\$1,000: Flip Cam, Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



\$2,500: Nintendo Wii gaming system, Schnucks gift card, Official Bark in the Park T-shirt



Volunteer for Animals and Join the Fun!

Volunteers help make Bark in the Park the best animal event in the Midwest. It would be impossible to accomplish it without the many volunteers who work before, during and after the event.

Setup at Cricket Field is set for Friday, May 14. You must be age 16 or older to volunteer. If you are a newbie, you'll need to attend an orientation, either April 13 at Macklind Headquarters or April 17 at Chesterfield Valley Center. 🐾

Let us know if you can help. Contact Laura Renner at (314) 951-1577 or laura.renner@hsmo.org.



Don't have a dog? Your cats will be happy to stay home while you raise money in their honor!

"Guitar Hero" or Hero for Animals?

A Choice for Your Children This Summer

Get the kids out of the house this summer and give them an unforgettable time. There's no boredom with a schedule packed with opportunity to spend time with animals, learn about animal issues or explore animal careers. Whether your child is 6 or 16, passionate about dogs or crazy for cats, we have a class for them. Here's a taste of the fun to come this summer. Go to www.hsmo.org for all the delicious details. Hurry. Classes fill up quickly.

Cozy Critters and Furball Fun

Have a ball learning about rabbits, guinea pigs, rat, ferrets and gerbils *(ages 6-9)*

Barn Buddy Bonanza

Tour Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Mo., visit with Barn Buddies and farm animals and take a hayride *(camps for ages 6-8, ages 9-11 and ages 12-14)*

CSI for the Animals

An inside look into the jobs of a real-life animal cop and veterinarian *(ages 8-14)*

Make Yourself and Rover Healthy All Over

Registered nurses and dieticians join specially trained humane educators (you don't have to have a dog to attend) *(ages 8-12)*

Is Being a Vet Your Best Bet?

Explore fascinating jobs such as animal cop, dog groomer, trainer and more *(ages 10-14)*

Day at the Paws-cars

Dogs with jobs to do. Learn about and meet a K-9 police team, mounted patrol horse, rescues and more *(ages 10-14)*

Does Your Dog Have Class?

Dogs learn to sit, stay, speak, shake, roll over and give high fives using paw-sitive reinforcement (proof of vaccinations required; dogs must be people-friendly and at least a year old) *(ages 10-14)*

Mooovie Mania

Explore animal-related messages as you watch movie clips (with popcorn, of course) *(ages 6-12)*

Beware the Fashion Faux-Paws

Identify animal-friendly clothing; create a purse *(age 8-12)*

Extreme Doggie Makeover

Watch a groomer use her tools of the trade to groom a pooch from head to tail *(ages 6-12)*

Paws and Consider (two hours each, for teens)

Explore some of the more serious issues affecting animals. Classes are high-tech, but low-key, with room for all views and opinions.

Be Their (Online) Voice

Using the Internet to help animals

Paws-itively Pits

American Pit Bull Terriers have a proven track record as sweet and trustworthy dogs

Make Your Two Cents Count

Making the world better for animals through improved legislation

The Beast Behind the Beauty

Using animals in cosmetics testing, medical research and classroom dissection

To see a comprehensive list of our summer programs with date, time and place, and to register online, please visit www.hsmo.org. Or contact the Education Department for a brochure and application at (314) 951-1568. 🐾



see the complete
list at hsmo.org

Your Dog Could Get Sick as a Dog

Q: I've heard people talking about canine influenza. Is this something new? Can this spread to other members of our family?

A: This disease was first discovered in racing Greyhounds in 2004. All ages and breeds of dogs are



equally susceptible to contracting it. Flu-like symptoms (sneezing, discharge from the eyes and nose and persistent coughing) develop within two to six days of exposure.

A vaccine was approved for use in May, 2009. If you board your dog, have him/her professionally groomed or regularly visit your local dog park, it is recommended that your dog receive this immunization. It is currently available through all three of our Veterinary Medical Centers. The vaccine can be given to dogs six weeks of age and older and is administered twice initially, two to three weeks apart, and annually thereafter.

There is no evidence to suggest that the canine influenza virus can spread to people. The two viruses are unrelated to one another so you needn't be concerned for anyone other than canine family members.

For more information or to make an appointment, visit our website at hsmo.org and click on Vet Care or call (314) 951-1534. 🐾

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"The trainer clicks at the moment the behavior occurs: the horse raises its hoof, the trainer clicks simultaneously. The dog sits, the trainer clicks. Clicking is like taking a picture of the behavior the trainer wishes to reinforce," said **Karen Pryor**, one of the founders of Clicker Training.

"The tie between behavior and reward is established much more quickly than rewards alone," said Martinez. She and **Lucy Bailey** of the Greater St. Louis Training Club earned clicker training certification from Pryor in 2009. Because it offers a fast, effective method, and results in more enthusiastic pets and owners, the Humane Society has adapted all classes for clicker training. Shelter animals are also being trained and socialized using the technique.

Clicker training has the approval of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

To learn more about HSMO pet training classes and services, go to hsmo.org/m_obedience/classsschedules.php. 🐾





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Telethon host Deanne Lane with her dog Harry

Warm Your Heart, Renew Your Commitment to the Animals

Where can you...Hear the story of **Pogo** who lost the use of his two front legs but found three happy homes? See the farm that fulfilled one woman's dream of equine adoption? Learn about **Cameron** and his unwavering determination to adopt a shy cat named **Fiona**?

All on the Humane Society of Missouri **Second Chances Telethon**! Treat yourself to an hour of heart-warming tales of stray and rescued animals who found loving forever homes because of the Humane Society of Missouri. Viewers will be invited to become Humane Heroes—pet-lovers who give monthly to support the never-ending need to rescue, rehabilitate and find forever homes for animals of all sizes.

A St. Louis favorite, pet-lover and owner **Deanne Lane**, senior director of Media Affairs for Centene Corporation and former KSDK-TV news anchor, is our Telethon host.

Get your "Awww" for the week. Mark your calendar, set your Tivo, tell your family and friends. 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 27 KDNL ABC-TV.

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Meet Sandy and Mike Bertani and Their Equine Family

In 2009, the **Bertanis** adopted **Snickers**, a 14-year-old miniature horse, and, **Doodles** a 4-year-old mini-donkey. A few months later, they adopted a 16.3-hand Clydesdale, a rescued horse so emaciated she was near death when she arrived at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. When Snickers arrived at Longmeadow he was mistrustful, emaciated and infested with parasites. Today the little horse trusts his adopters and trots over when they call his name.

The mini-donkey is the character of the farm. "Doodles almost always brays when he sees us outside," said **Sandy**. "We hug and love him all the time. Sometimes he runs all over, kicking up his back legs, braying all the way. You can't help but laugh."

"Snickers just stands there watching Doodles, like he's thinking 'you're nuts!'" she added. In 2009, they also adopted two dogs rescued from puppy mills. It is a happy story five times over.



Sandy and Mike Bertani with Doodles, Snickers, Beauty and Bella

Meet Pogo and His Extended Family

Chihuahua-Dachshund mix **Pogo** was turned in as a stray with misshapen front legs. **Joan** and **Roy Levy** fell in love and carried him home from the Humane Society Westport Center where Joan is a volunteer.

The Levys' grandchildren agreed to dog sit for a few weeks after Roy broke his leg. Tears ensued when it was time for Pogo to leave. The children insisted that Pogo live with them; as a compromise he goes for extended visits. Friend and in-law **Jan Sexton** was likewise smitten after dog sitting and didn't want to let him go either. Pogo goes to "Aunt Jan's" for a few days, too. Not many dogs are so lucky as to have three loving homes.

Pogo's front legs are deformed due to an injury that was not properly treated. A veterinarian determined that Pogo was not in pain and did not recommend corrective surgery. Pogo gets where he's going by scooting on his front elbows.

"He doesn't know he is disabled," Joan said with a laugh. "He loves kids...he loves everybody," said Joan. "He's our little hero."



Joan Levy (right) with her granddaughters and friend Jan Sexton



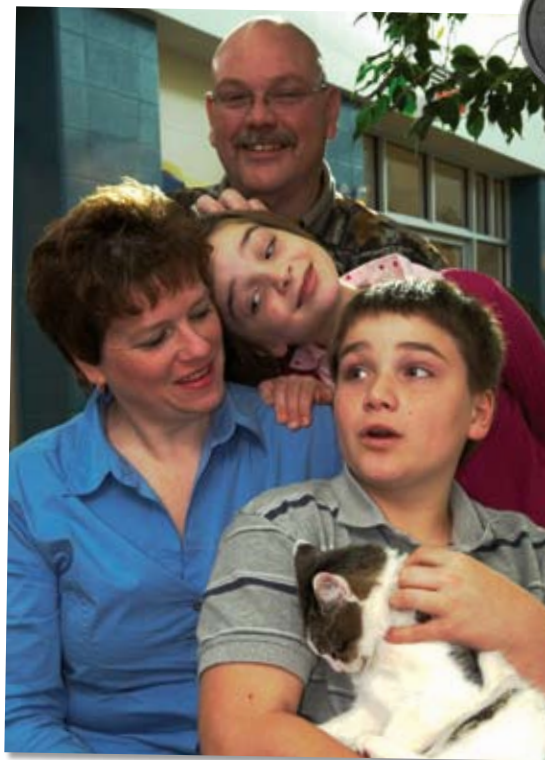
Meet Cameron and His Christmas Cat Fiona

Ten-year-old **Cameron Whinery** was determined to have **Fiona**. He wanted the cat so badly he revised his 2008 Christmas list, deleting "iPod" and adding "Fiona". He campaigned relentlessly to bring her home.

"Every night when I opened the book I was reading, there would be a note 'Save Fiona,' or a similar message," said his mother **Jennifer Whinery** with amusement. Cameron's persistence paid off. He got his 2008 Christmas wish as a gift from his Aunt Jan. When he took Fiona out of her cage, the cat curled up in his arms immediately.

Fiona got her Christmas wish at the same time Cameron's came true.

They were made for each other. 🐾



Jennifer, Emily, Norm and Cameron Whinery with Fiona

Sign Up as a **HumaneHero** and Give Second Chances to Homeless Animals

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Here's how your Humane Hero contribution gives second chances to homeless animals every month:

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They knew only cruelty in their lives, yet their sweet natures endured. Well over half the American Pit Bull Terriers rescued in a monumental multi-state dog fighting raid in July are getting their second chances.

"We went into this rescue wanting to place as many of these dogs as possible in rescue group or home situations," said **Debbie Hill**, vice president of Operations for HSMO, "but we had been cautioned to expect that only five to 10 percent would actually be able to be placed. We are thrilled we are going to be able to place well over half of these dogs!"

The Humane Society of Missouri is one of the first animal shelters in the United States to develop assessment strategies to determine the dogs' behavior, reactions and aggressiveness toward humans and other dogs. Led by Hill and **Linda Campbell**, RVT and CVDT, director of HSMO's Behavior and Training Programs, a team of animal welfare and behavior experts assessed the behavior of each of the more than 500 dogs.

"These dogs are victims of animal cruelty and should be given the opportunity and dignity to be evaluated as individuals like any other animal from a cruelty case," said Hill. Adoption Center manager **Pam Whitcraft** was chiefly in charge of finding appropriate places for each

dog, depending on its individual personality.

"It has taken the hard work and dedication of people who know that through re-training, socialization and in a supportive and protective home environment, former fighting dogs and their offspring can become loving companion pets," Hill continued. It can take up to a year of daily interaction to rehabilitate a heinously abused ex-fighter, but rescue groups know better than to give up hope on these intelligent canines. In the past the terriers have gone on to earn Canine Good Citizenship awards and even become therapy dogs.

The Humane Society of Missouri participated in an 18-month undercover investigation leading to a 22-site rescue of hundreds of dogs in two states in 24 hours. Partners from state and federal law enforcement and animal welfare groups across the country worked with the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force to pull off the largest dog-fighting raid and rescue in United States history. 🐾



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Planning for Your Pets:

Frequently Asked Questions

Most pet owners are extremely devoted to their pets, often considering them members of the family. It is important to consider what will happen to your beloved pet upon your death or disability.



Only legally enforceable documents can guarantee a pet's secure future. Because of reasons as diverse as allergies, conflict with other pets, and exclusion of pets from rental apartments, the informal promises made by friends and family to care for pets often fail. Legally enforceable documents that ensure companion animals' continuing care are relatively new. The specific estate planning method you use will depend on your state laws, your pet's needs, your goals and financial resources. Both Missouri and Illinois have provisions that allow such trusts.

Consider these frequently asked questions when putting a plan together for your pets.

Q: Is it possible to provide for my pet in my estate plan?

A: Yes, you can provide for your pet in your estate plan.

Choosing the right planning method is very important, because legally your pet is considered personal property. Providing for your pet is possible in your last will and testament or by creating a trust.

Q: Are there concerns when just using my will to plan for the care of my pet?

A: A major concern when including a bequest for your pet within your will is that your will must go through probate before it takes effect. Your pet will need to be cared for during the probate process, which can be time consuming. During probate, your pet's care, or even ownership, can be in jeopardy. While you may want to make provisions for your pet in your estate plans, please consider creating a trust. With this instrument you can provide funds and care instructions for your pets.

Q: How does setting up a trust help me provide for my pet?

A: A trust becomes effective immediately upon the terms outlined in your trust—usually death or disability. Your trust specifies the details concerning the care and control of your pet, as well as making funds available. Your trust can also give specific directions about the daily care, medical attention, physical control, and even burial of your pet.

Q: What types of trusts are available to provide care for my pet?

A: One of the best methods to ensure the care of your beloved pet is to set up a traditional legal trust. Your attorney can carefully add language to avoid problems. One method used is to actually place the pet and sufficient funds into the trust. Your attorney then names the caretaker of your pet as the 'beneficiary' of the trust. You name a trustee—the party responsible for managing the funds and the caretaker.

Q: How much should I leave for the care of my pet?

A: It is important to evaluate the factors that influence this decision, including your finances, your pet, and the amount of care that will likely be involved for the pet's anticipated lifespan. Providing for the care of some pets will be more expensive than for others, depending on age and needs.

As painful as it is to think of leaving beloved pets behind, there is no greater sense of security for pet owners than to know that their pets will be properly cared for if they are no longer able to care for them. Take some time to plot out goals and observations regarding the points noted above. As always, feel free to contact the Humane Society of Missouri Development Office regarding this or other planning-related questions.

If you have questions or have already provided for HSMO in your estate plans, please contact us at (314) 951-1542 or planned.giving@hsmo.org. We encourage you to contact your personal attorney or financial advisor when considering any gift. For more information, visit our website at hsmo.org/giftplaning. 🐾

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Ms. Mary Waldron

**In honor of all the dedicated,
hardworking employees of
the HSMO**
Anonymous

**Katherine Johnston's
12th Birthday**
Mr. and Mrs. Steven T. Johnston
Molly and Douglas Sansone

Robin Jones
Ms. Jennifer Pini

Carl L. Kickham
Mr. Brooks Kickham

**Marin Klostermeier's
16th Birthday**
Mrs. Catherine S. Klostermeier

Henry Komos
Sigma-Aldrich Corporation

**Jenny Lauth and Jason
Mueluer's Wedding**
Kristen Peters and Brian Friese

**Dr. Kurt Laves and Our
Friends at Ark Pet Center**
The Tessler Family

Bonny Lennette
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Liz Byrd, Karen Kanyuck,
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Ms. Shelley Burnette

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Ross
Mr. Boudewijn Hanrath

Our Wedding Guests
Laura and Mark Oberkfell

Patricia Peters-Watkins
Westport Periodontics, Kyd

Marian Preis
John, Sarah and Lauren

Judi Redd
Ms. Courtney Redd

Nancy Rucker
Mr. Andrew Rucker

**Steven Schlesinger's
60th Birthday**
Ms. Margo L. Green

**Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Schneider**
Bill and Connie

Dr. Steven Schwartz
Mrs. Alitz M. Tucholko

Sallie and John Serkes
David and Teresa Levine
Bean and Paul

**50th Wedding Anniversary
of Mr. and Mrs. William W.
Stewart**

Margot and Jimmy Schwab

Pate Tate, D.V.M.
Donya Allison and
Matthew Standish

Hunter Toebe's 4th Birthday
Ms. Bobi Toebe

Jan Torrisi-Mokwa
The Gateway Study Club

Courtney Trowbridge
Mr. and Mrs. John Brauch, Jr.

Virginia and Robert J. White
Ms. Virginia A. Knabe

Denise Whiteside
ReGina and Frank Simo

Mrs. A.F. Willis
C.D. Mueller

Michael Wingbermuehle
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Diane Woepke
Suzie, Lisa, Carol and Kathy

Jane Wood
Ms. Jenny Santek

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 Headquarters
(314) 951-1541

Westport Area Center
(314) 951-1585

Chesterfield Valley Center
(636) 530-0806

- Kuranda dog beds
- Harnesses and martingale collars (all sizes)
- Cat beds, bedding and houses
- Grooming supplies, such as professional grade clippers with #40 blades
- Sturdy washable toys
- Purina® treats and dog biscuits
- Blankets, towels and wash cloths
- Cardboard flats (from soda or pet food cases)
- Paper towels
- Treats and toys for cats, rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
- Digital camera with SD memory card
- Kong toys
- Fabric softener sheets

Education

(314) 951-1578

- Animal-related children's books
- Gift cards to Michael's Crafts, Borders, Bradburn's and Barnes & Noble
- Subscriptions to animal-related publications
- Laminating sheets
- Glossy photo finish paper
- Colored computer paper
- Color markers (new)
- Paper towels
- Hand soap (animal-friendly)
- Model Magic Clay
- Ink stamp pads (any color) and animal-related stamps
- Colored construction paper

Foster Parent Program

(314) 802-5710

- Kitty condos with perches
- Portable exercise pens used to confine litters of puppies.
- Large collapsible kennels
- Premier or martingale collars (petite and small)
- New cat litter boxes
- Puppy pads
- New/gently-used animal carriers (medium & large)
- Cat litter
- Dog beds (medium or large)

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
- Buster Cubes, Kongs and other treat-dispensing toys
- Subscription to *Whole Dog Journal*, *Bark Magazine*, or *Dog Watch Journal*
- White copy paper – sizes 8½" x 11" and 11" x 17"

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
- Muzzles
- Heavy duty leashes
- Trolley motor

Veterinary Medical Centers

St. Louis Headquarters
(314) 951-1557

Westport Area Center
(314) 951-1590

Chesterfield Valley Center
(636) 530-0807

- Humidifier, tabletop size (four-gallon and smaller)
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
- Leashes and collars
- Professional grade cordless grooming clippers

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

(636) 583-8759

- X-large portable Vari-kennels
- Plastic sandboxes or kiddie 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)
- Gift certificates for area feed stores, tack shops and vet clinics or services
- Mack forks
- Stall bedding (baled shavings)
- Western saddles
- 2-way walkie-talkies
- Horse training DVDs
- All terrain vehicle
- Hot walker

Gift Shop

Your purchase benefits the abused and neglected animals cared for at the Humane Society of Missouri and its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

Think Valentine's Day!



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Sterling Silver
on 16" cord

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Horse Dreams Duffle



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D120152 Every dog's wish! Our "Wanted: Good Human" is a long sleeved T-shirt in a rich mocha brown. You've never felt a softer shirt! **Good Human L/S Tee S,M,L,XL \$26 XXL \$29**

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16" Cord

B110056 & B110057



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16" Cord

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B110060 A whimsical cat pendant in Sterling Silver dangles from a 16" black cord with clip clasp. Cat measures 5/8". **Cat Face Pendant on Cord \$14.95**



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