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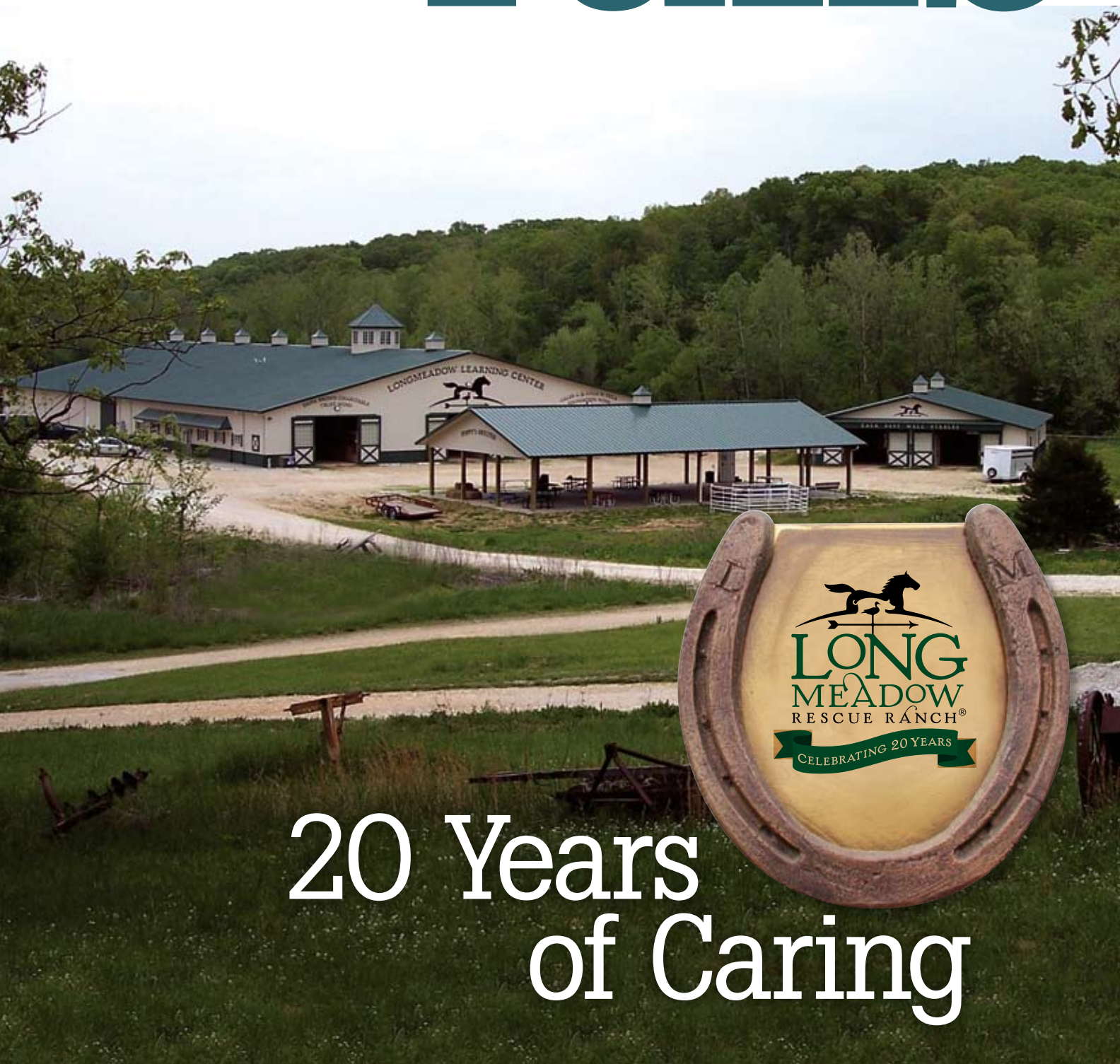

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

The mission of your Humane Society is to help all creatures great and small. In addition to dogs and cats, that includes horses as well as farm animals. Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is the Humane Society's horse and farm animal rescue and rehabilitation center located just outside of St. Louis. The vision for the facility came from longtime Humane Society Board Member, **"Bud" (Edwin B.) Meissner**. Thanks to his foresightedness, Longmeadow became a reality in 1988. With Missouri's agriculturally based origins, horses and farm animals have long populated our state in abundant numbers. That tradition continues today. Surprisingly, Missouri has one of the largest horse populations in the country. While most horse and farm animal owners provide solid care for their animals, the need for Longmeadow's services has continued to grow to aid animals received from negligent and abusive owners.

This year, Longmeadow proudly celebrates its 20th anniversary showcasing greatly expanded and improved facilities. The new state-of-the-art barns and educational amenities at the ranch enable the staff and volunteers to provide first-class care to animals in need while also educating children about kindness and respect for all living creatures and proper care and treatment for animals.

The great need for Longmeadow's services is evidenced by three significant rescues during the past two years. In January 2006, we performed the largest horse rescue in Missouri's history. More than 100 starving horses came to Longmeadow from Greene County. In August of that year, Longmeadow's Director, **Earlene Cole**, served as Incident Commander in a middle-of-the-night rescue on I-44 to save 42 horses trapped in the wreckage of a double deck trailer. This past summer, more than 250 goats, horses, ducks, chickens, turkeys, dogs, cats, exotic birds and doves were rescued from deplorable conditions in the largest rescue in Longmeadow's history. No matter their number, every day we are, and will continue to be, there for the abused and neglected horses and farm animals who need us.

On the entertaining and fun side of the fence, Longmeadow's popular Barn Buddy program enables members of the public to sponsor Longmeadow's animal ambassadors. Sponsors and their families may visit their Barn Buddies during Longmeadow's Open House every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Directions to Longmeadow are on the web site at **www.longmeadowrescueranch.org**. The Barn Buddy program is gaining national prominence with sponsors from every state in the union. And, our Barn Buddy stars, led by **Mama Llama**, have been featured twice on NBC's *Today Show*.

To all Longmeadow supporters and Barn Buddy sponsors, thank you for putting Longmeadow in the winner's circle when it comes to helping all those that whinny, neigh, baaa and moo!

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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.

Women's Leadership Council Briefed on Substandard Puppy Breeding Facilities

Debbie Hill, Vice President of Operations, and **Tim Rickey**, Director of Rescues and Investigations, updated members of the Women's Leadership Council and other animal lovers on November 13. The briefing covered three recent large-scale rescues of dogs from substandard breeders.

While rescues are a critical part of the mission of the Humane Society of Missouri, the greater issue is public education on responsible puppy buying practices, said Hill. Substandard puppy breeders thrive because they prey on consumers unaware of the mistreatment of the breeding stock.

The presentation covered details of summer rescues in Bollinger, Morgan and Howell counties in Missouri, where 119 dogs and 250 farm animals were removed from deplorable conditions. Missouri tops the list of licensed and estimated unlicensed breeders throughout the country. Disreputable or unlicensed puppy mills often operate in blatant violation of existing state laws.

Attendees also were briefed on what they can do to further educate the public and government leaders about the puppy mill industry.

*For more information on animal-related legislation visit our website at **www.hsmo.org** and click on* Join Us.

Chesterfield Valley Adds Surgery and Obedience/Behavior Training Centers

In January, the Chesterfield Valley Center opened an expanded new full-service veterinary hospital and an Obedience/Behavior Center.

Surgeries and Radiography

If you suspect your dog has eaten a toy or a stick, our new full-service hospital is ready to help. The veterinarians at the Chesterfield Valley Center can diagnose it and, if the foreign object is there, surgically retrieve it.

The latest digital radiography equipment, and dental digital radiography, provide clearer images than film. In addition, images can be placed on a CD to send home with the pet owners or e-mailed to veterinary specialists.

Our skilled veterinarians provide surgeries for removal of tumors or bladder stones, C-section deliveries, spay/neuter procedures, orthopedic surgery for fractures, dysplasia, floating kneecaps, repair of knee injuries and some types of arthritis. The clinic performs in-house blood work, treatment of disease and provides isolation wards and overnight hospital stays.

Your pets receive the best of care and you get the convenience of a third full-service veterinary hospital. This clinic and those in St. Louis City and the Westport area are open every day but Sunday.

The expansion was made possible by generous donors. **Mrs. Myron Glassberg** donated the Surgery Center in honor of her son, **Dr. Richard Glassberg, DVM**. The Training Center is a gift of **Mr. and Mrs. William T. O'Byrne**.

Obedience/Behavior Training

Sit. Stay. Come...to the Chesterfield Valley Center to strengthen the bond with your puppy or dog. We now offer two levels of puppy classes and the multi-level family dog classes.

Eventually, the course offerings will expand to as many as 30 different courses, mirroring those offered at our St. Louis City location, where programs are so popular there are waiting lists.

*For information on all services at Chesterfield Valley — adoptions, veterinary, obedience or unique pet-themed gifts and supplies — call (636) 530-0805 or visit **www.hsmo.org**.*

Ask about our 20% percent discount on classes for dogs adopted from the Operation Pet Partners shelters (Humane Society of Missouri, Animal Protective Association of Missouri, St. Louis City Animal Center and St. Louis County Animal Control). This one-time discount applies to your first punch card for Family Dog or Puppy Class and is valid for up to four months after adoption.

The full-service Chesterfield Valley Veterinary Center is open to the public.

Make Your Pet a Pin-Up!

Put your pet in the spotlight by entering your pal in our new **Calendar Contest**. Send in a photo of your feline diva, canine companion, equestrian beauty or critter clowns such as rabbits, birds and guinea pigs.

Winners will appear in a full-page photo at the top of each month. Second place winners will see their pets among the days of the week. Every picture is guaranteed a spot in a calendar montage.

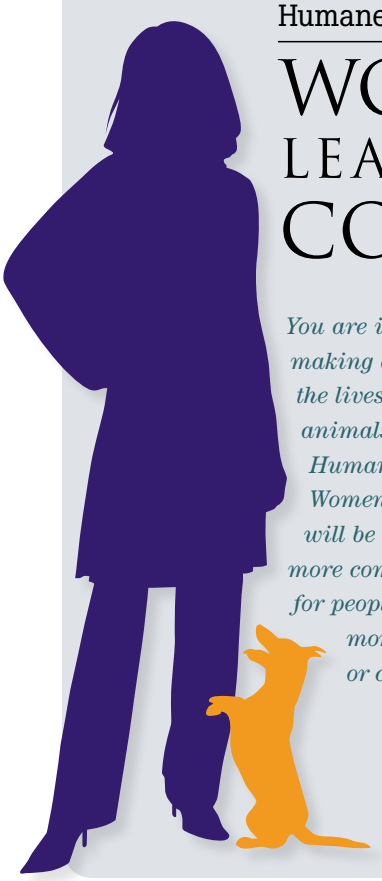
Contest Rules

1. The photograph must contain only animals, and each picture must be of your own pet or pets.
2. There is no limit to the number of photos you enter, but each must be accompanied by a $35 entry fee. Pay electronically on **www.hsmo.org** or by mail to the Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63110.
3. Contest deadline is August 1, 2008. Winners will be notified by phone or email. The calendar will be available in October 2008.
4. All entries must be in color, have horizontal layout, and contain well-focused, sharp images. We prefer submissions as digital photos, in 300 dpi (dots per inch) or higher,

600 by 800 pixels and in JPEG (JPG) format. We also accept color prints in 4"x 6", 5"x 7" or 8"x 10" sizes. Unfortunately, we cannot accept Polaroid photos or copyrighted professional photographs. For clarity and quality photo reproduction, please do not stamp or write on the back of photos. We cannot return photos.

Contest proceeds give second chances to homeless animals.

For more information about the 2009 "Make Your Pet a Pin-Up" Calendar Contest, please contact (314) 951-1567 or email calendar@hsmo.org.



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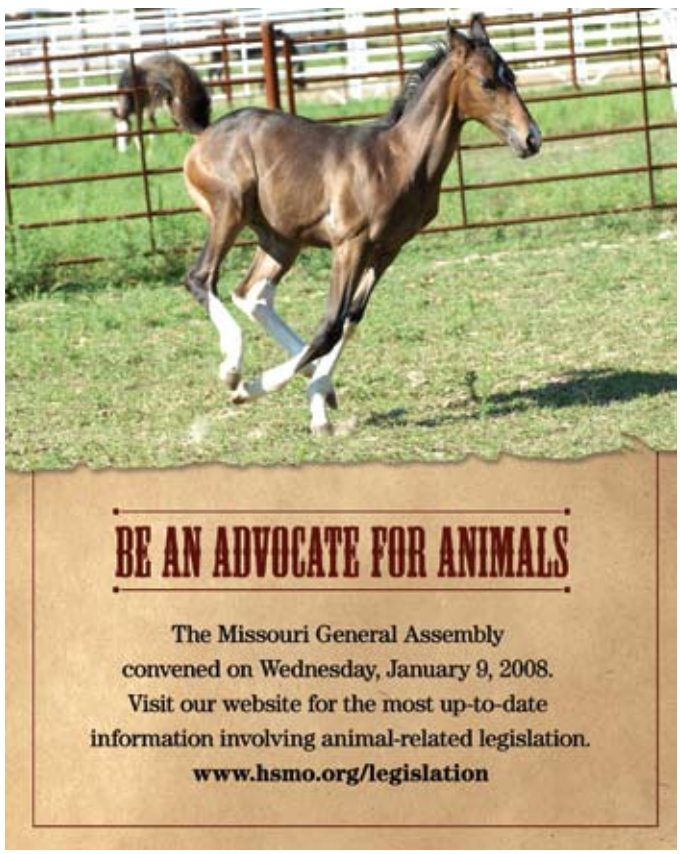
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

You are invited to join with women making a long-lasting difference in the lives of abused and neglected animals. As a member of the Humane Society of Missouri's Women's Leadership Council, you will be leading the way toward a more compassionate community for people and pets alike. To learn more visit www.hsmo.org/wlc or call (314) 951-1501.



People Painkillers — Toxic to Cats

My cat sometimes acts as if she is not feeling well. She is not really sick and always eats. I know better than to give an aspirin — I heard it will kill cats. Can I give her a Tylenol™ tablet instead to make her more comfortable? I have never heard anything bad (or good) about Tylenol™ in cats.

Tylenol™ is a trade name for the drug acetaminophen. **Acetaminophen is extremely toxic to cats.** It is a nonprescription drug usually sold in 325 mg tablets or capsules. It is used in humans mainly for its analgesic properties, often as a substitute for aspirin. Purposely administering or accidental swallowing of Tylenol™ or any other pain killing medication containing acetaminophen or related compounds such as phenacetin must be strictly avoided.

Severe cyanosis (blueness), difficulty in breathing, vomiting, the voiding of coffee-colored urine and subnormal temperatures reportedly occurs a few hours after ingestion of only one tablet of acetaminophen. The signs are related to the formation of compounds (methemoglobins) which cause the red blood cells to be unable to carry oxygen to the tissue. It finally leads to destruction of the red blood cells with catastrophic consequences to all body systems.

Prolonged intensive care has saved the lives of a few cats, but unfortunately, rapid progression to death ensued in most patients that ingested these painkillers. In the cat, small amounts of aspirin are carefully utilized in certain blood clotting diseases under the supervision of a veterinarian. Consult your veterinarian before administering any human medication to any pet.

***Dr. Suzanne Saueressig**, the first practicing female veterinarian in Missouri, has been helping people with their pets at the Humane Society of Missouri since 1955. If you have a health question about your pet, e-mail info@hsmo.org.*

Operation Cat SNIP

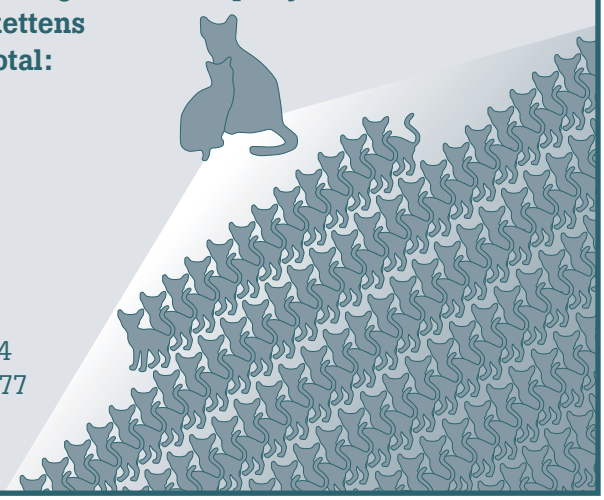
Spay or neuter your cat for just $19.95 during April and May

Every spring, summer and fall hundreds of kittens are brought to our shelters. They all need loving, caring homes. If we reduce the number of kittens born, they all will have chances for great homes.

Stop the littering. Fix your cat.
Call today for an appointment at our St. Louis City or Westport area Humane Society of Missouri Veterinary Medical Centers. **(314) 802-5700.**

An unspayed female cat, her mate and all their offspring, producing two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

1 year: 12
2 years: 67
3 years: 376
4 years: 2,107
5 years: 11,801
6 years: 66,088
7 years: 370,092
8 years: 2,072,514
9 years: 11,606,077



Meet Volunteers Who Know A Good Deal!

Volunteers **Donna Rodden** and **Marylyn Schiller** love helping you shop. Each keeps regular hours at the Humane Society Gift Shop, where every purchase helps the homeless animals in our shelters.

Donna started volunteering for the Humane Society of Missouri more than a decade ago, first in the Headquarters Puppy Parlor as an adoption counselor. Over the years she has helped with clerical assignments, in the Veterinary Medical Center, with mobile adoptions, at special events, and by fostering. She has even come in on holidays to help clean cages and feed the animals.

As the organization's volunteer needs changed, Donna decided to give the Gift Shop a try. She's been volunteering at the Headquarters Gift Shop for several years and really enjoys it.

"I like meeting the adopters and their new bundles of joy," she said. "I help them find the necessary supplies and make sure they don't forget anything. To me, it's all about the animals and being a part of their lives, even though it's only for a short period. I leave my shift with pride, knowing that maybe I helped make a difference today."

Marylyn started out volunteering at special events. Although she enjoyed them, she wanted to be involved on a more regular basis. So, she gave the Gift Shop a try. It must be a good fit, because that was five years ago!

"I am proud to volunteer at the Humane Society of Missouri and support its mission," explained Marylyn. "When I begin my shift, I look forward to seeing happy people and their happy pets. I especially enjoy seeing an animal that has been here for a long time, finally going to a forever home. The atmosphere in the Gift Shop is so pleasant. The staff, other volunteers and customers are so cordial that it makes my volunteer experience very nice."

Betty Ann Cohen, Gift Shop manager, added, "The success of our Gift Shop depends on our dedicated, loyal volunteers. We are so grateful for their support!"

*To become a volunteer, contact **Lauren Connors**, volunteer coordinator, at (314) 951-1577.*

Donna Rodden

Marylyn Schiller

We've Come a Long Way in Education... All the Way to Longmeadow!

Last year, nearly 30,000 children attended classes at the Humane Society of Missouri. For all of them, the lessons were not only fun, interesting and interactive, but also stressed the vital importance of respect and responsibility for all animals. For most, an up-close visit with the dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs in our shelter was the highlight of their visit. It's the story they shared with their family at dinner time. But for more than 6,000 students, the excited talk was about horses, goats, chickens and even a buck-toothed Llama named "Mama." These are the lucky kids who attended a class at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Mo.

The Education Department at the Humane Society of Missouri has created a fact-filled, fun-filled curriculum that brings the faces and stories of our amazing farm friends to the forefront. The classes are designed to allow teachers to customize a program to fit the needs of their students, from first grade through high school.

The on-site education program is approximately one hour and 15 minutes long and includes an in-depth tour of the barn facility. The programs are taught by specially-trained humane educators who are well informed about animal-related topics, familiar with the animals sheltered at Longmeadow and comfortable with age-level appropriate learning characteristics. Like most of the classes offered through our Education Department, all lessons apply the standards of performance required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Children visiting with Barn Buddy Rex the emu.

Barn Buddy Pepe converses with an interested visitor.

Sound like fun? Call the Longmeadow Rescue Ranch Education Department at (636) 583-8759, ext. 702 for more information and to schedule a program. A nominal fee to help defray costs is charged.

AND…when the last school bell rings to usher in the summer, Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is ready to join in the fun with camps and classes sporting a farm animal-friendly theme. Check our website for class details and dates. We're eager to make some new barn buddies...**You!**

*For more information, contact **Becky Pemberton**, Ranch Education and Animal Specialist, at (636) 583-8759, ext. 702 or e-mail becky.pemberton@hsmo.org.*

Summer Fun
at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch!

Hey kids…come on down and join us for some fun encounters of the farm-animal type!

Barn Buddy Bonanza

There's nothing fowl about this camp! Slip on your boots, city slickers, and get ready to come on down to the rescue ranch (watch where you step)!

Did you know that pigs have tested higher on intelligence tests than most other animals? Or that each rooster can recognize the crow of at least 30 other roosters? Find out much, much more at this camp! We'll take a hayride into the pasture and learn how to groom a horse! This is your chance to get your hooves on cool stuff like emu eggs, peacock feathers and goat horns! Visit with rescued pigs, chickens, goats, horses and cows. Each one of these gentle creatures has a story to tell about being rescued. This is your chance to meet the special horses rescued from the tractor-trailer accident on Interstate 44. They are healing and eager to make a new barn buddy — **You**!

Date: Wednesday, June 18
Time: 10 a.m.–noon
Who: "Ponies" ages 6-8
Fee: $15 *(capacity 30)*

Date: Wednesday, July 16
Time: 10 a.m.–noon
Who: "Mustangs" ages 9-11
Fee: $15 *(capacity 30)*

Date: Wednesday, July 30
Time: 10 a.m.–noon
Who: "Clydesdales" ages 12-14
Fee: $15 *(capacity 30)*

Horse Camps

Have you always wanted a horse of your very own? Come to camp and find out what it takes to care for one! Learn about basic feeding, care and grooming. Learn how to keep horses healthy in both body and spirit. See the equipment needed to take care of horses and learn how to be a responsible horse owner.

Did you know ponies and horses are not the same? How do you measure a horse's height? Can you really tell how old a horse is by his teeth? Can a horse have blue eyes? Do horses have feelings? How do you know if a horse doesn't feel well?

We'll play fun horse-themed games and horse around too! Best of all, you'll get to meet the rescued horses we're taking care of at the ranch!
(Please note: campers will not ride the horses.)

Pretty Pony Horse Camp
Date: Wednesday, June 25
Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Who: Campers ages 6-8
Fee: $20

Clip Clop Horse Camp
Date: Wednesday, July 9
Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Who: Campers ages 9-11
Fee: $20

Horse Feather Horse Camp
Date: Wednesday, August 13
Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
*Who: C*ampers ages 12-14
Fee: $20

To sign up for these fun classes, visit our website at www.hsmo.org and click on 'Education' or call (314) 951-1568 to request an application. We hope to see you this summer!

Doggone It!

Don't Fail Your Pets If Disaster Strikes

For your safety, and the protection of your pets, don't assume you will be okay in the event of a flood, fire, storm or other disaster. Plan for the worst…and hope you never have to implement your plan.

The Humane Society of Missouri and the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association offer these tips for developing your emergency plan.

If you evacuate, take your pets

The single most important thing you can do to protect your pets if you evacuate is to take them with you. Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost or killed.

- Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, accidents or contaminated food or water. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside is a death sentence.
- If you leave, even if you think you may be gone only for a few hours, take your animals. Once you leave your home, you have no way of knowing when you will be able to return.
- Leave early. Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order when you may be told to leave your pets. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets.

Don't Forget ID

Your pet should be wearing current identification at all times. In a disaster, ID can prevent you and your pet from being separated forever.

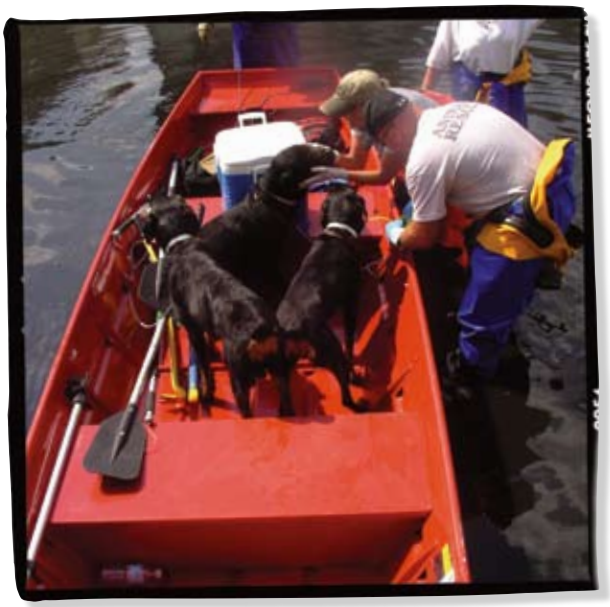
- Add your cell phone number to your pet's tag.
- Consider including the phone number of a friend or relative outside your area. If your pet is lost, rescuers can call the number that will be answered even if you're out of your home.
- Get your pet microchipped now, in case the collar and tags become separated from your pet.

Find a Safe Place In Advance

Because evacuation shelters don't usually accept pets, you must plan ahead to ensure that both your family and your pets have a safe place to stay.

- Contact hotels and motels outside your area to check their pet policies. Ask about any restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if "no pet" policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of pet-friendly places and keep it in your disaster kit. Call ahead for a reservation as soon as possible.

Humane Society of Missouri rescuers helped pets stranded after Hurricane Katrina and Missouri floods in 2007.



Disaster preparation helps ensure pets and families stay together.

- Check with friends or relatives outside your area to see if they would be able to shelter you and/or your animals. If you have more than one pet, you may have to house them separately.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies; include 24-hour telephone numbers.
- Ask your local animal shelter if it provides foster care or shelter for pets in an emergency. This should be your last resort, as shelters are likely to be stretched to their limits during an emergency.

If You Can't Evacuate, Shelter In Place

- If your family and pets must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area inside your home where you can all stay.
- Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers and make sure they are wearing identification.
- Have any medications and a supply of pet food and water ready inside watertight containers, along with your other emergency supplies.

In Case You're Not Home

An evacuation order may come or a disaster may strike when you're at work or out of the house.

- Make arrangements in advance for a trusted neighbor to take your pets and meet you at a specified location.
- Be sure the person is comfortable with your pets, knows where your animals are likely to be, knows where your disaster supplies are kept and has a key to your home.
- A pet-sitting service may be able to help, but talk to them in advance.

Assemble a Disaster Kit

Stock up on non-perishables early, add perishables at the last minute, and keep everything ready in sturdy containers that can be carried easily. Your kit should include:

- Food and water for at least five days for each pet. Also remember bowls and a manual can opener, if needed.
- Medications, medical records, veterinarian contact information and a first aid kit and book stored in a waterproof container.
- Cat litterbox, litter, scoop and garbage bags to collect pets' waste.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets and ensure they can't escape. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around and lie down. Towels or blankets may be needed for bedding and warmth. Also, be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects inside.
- Photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them and to prove they are yours.
- Pet beds and toys to reduce stress.
- Information about your pets' eating routine, medical conditions and behavior problems in case you have to board them or place them in foster care.
- Other useful items include paper towels, bleach, newspapers and trash bags.

Once the Disaster Has Passed

Planning and preparation will help you survive the disaster, but your home may be a very different place afterward. Pets play a vital role in helping family members recover from a disaster. Return the favor by paying attention to their re-settlement.

- Don't allow your pets to roam loose. Familiar smells and landmarks might be gone and your pets can easily get lost.
- While you assess the damage, keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers inside the house. If your house is damaged, they could escape and get lost.
- Be patient with your pets after a disaster. Try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible and be ready for behavioral problems that may result from the stress of the situation.

To obtain a first aid book for your pet, visit a Humane Society of Missouri Gift Shop. The book was produced by the American Red Cross and the Humane Society.

Bark in the Park 2008

Come, Walk, Stay, Play!

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

Join us for a day of DOGGONE fun – and help homeless animals!

Bark in the Park is set for Saturday, May 17 at Cricket Field in Forest Park. Put the "fun" in fundraising while we help dogs who don't have a best friend. This is the largest dog festival in the Midwest, sponsored by our friends at Purina. All Bark in the Park proceeds go to the Dr. Doolittle Fund to provide veterinary care for animals in our shelters.

Fetch your family, friends, co-workers and canines and get registered for **THE** canine event of the year. It's so easy to register and form a team. Anyone can donate to your team with just the click of a mouse! Visit **hsmo.org/bark** for more information and creative fundraising ideas to get you started on your way to helping homeless animals!

Treats for You

While there is no reward greater than the pleasure of helping homeless dogs, individuals and teams also receive well-deserved treats. Fundraising prizes accumulate. The more pledges you raise, the more cool stuff you earn. If you're on a team, you'll earn prizes for your individual fundraising efforts and also share in many great team rewards.

It's so easy to sign up and start raising money! Learn more and register online at **www.hsmo.org/bark**.

Volunteer for Animals and Join the Fun!

Without help from volunteers, it will be ARF-ully ruff to achieve a bark-eriffic success. Please let us know if you can help.

Before the Event

- Assisting with mailings
- Setting up at Cricket Field on Friday, May 16
- Bag stuffing

Day of Event

- Registration and check-in
- Walk route water stations
- Dog handlers (for registration and food court areas)
- Ticket sales...and more!

"The Fine Print"

Special Events volunteers must be 16 years or older. Event volunteers are required to attend the **Humane Society of Missouri** Volunteer Orientation prior to May 17 in addition to the Bark in the Park training to be held in May. Volunteer orientations are held monthly.

*For more information or to volunteer, contact **Lauren Connors** at (314) 951-1577 or lauren.connors@hsmo.org.*

REWARDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR

Grand Prize

The top individual fundraiser wins a fabulous vacation for two!

$25+

- Bone-Shaped Charm

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- Nylon Drawstring Backpack
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plus everything above

$100+

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plus everything above

$150+

- Doggie Water Bottle

plus everything above

$200+

- Camping Chair with Carrying Bag

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$300+

- Fleece Travel Throw

plus everything above

$500+

- Digital Camera

plus everything above

Individuals and teams earn their own treats at Bark in the Park!

LONG MEADOW RESCUE RANCH®

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

20 Years of Caring

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

In 2008, Longmeadow Rescue Ranch celebrates two decades of rescues, rehabilitation and adoption of horses and farm animals. One of the largest facilities of its kind in the country, the ranch has earned a national reputation for excellence in rehabilitation and adoption to loving homes.

At any one time, as many as 300 animals from throughout the Midwest call Longmeadow Rescue Ranch their safe haven until they are adopted. Staff members and volunteers work to socialize and rehabilitate horses, goats, pigs and the occasional llama or emu. Chickens, ducks, geese and other fowl are also part of the menagerie.

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch began with the dream of **Edwin B. (Bud) Meissner**, horse-lover and long-term board member of the Humane Society of Missouri. Meissner persuaded his friend **George Packwood** to donate land in order to establish a safe haven for abused and neglected horses and farm animals.

Thanks to Meissner's passion and Packwood's gift, Longmeadow Rescue Ranch opened in 1988 on 165 acres near Union, Missouri. Until new facilities could be built, the staff made use of existing buildings on the property to house the animals and run the daily operations.

"We joked that we had the only chicken house in the state with a desk and phone," said **Earlene Cole**, ranch director.

Above left: Entrance to the ranch circa 1988.

Above right: Barn Buddies traveled to New York to appear on *The Today Show* in 2006.

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Rescue Mission Realized

For the first five years, the ranch was involved in only one or two rescues a year. One of the first occurred when a cow and a few pigs fell off a truck. The farm animals were in surprisingly good shape, unlike the Corvette involved in the accident. In the match between fiberglass versus porcine strength, the pig was the clear winner.

As staff and expertise grew, and word spread about Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, the number of rescues steadily increased to 20 or 30 a year. Twenty years ago, 94 animals came to Longmeadow; last year the figure was 579.

Along with Humane Society statewide investigators, the ranch responds to calls in suspected cases of mistreatment or neglect. In most cases, owners are first counseled about taking care of their animals. When repeated recommendations aren't heeded and animals continue to be in jeopardy, the Humane Society of Missouri works with local law enforcement to remove them. New arrivals are usually underweight or injured, and wary of people. "This is the first time that most animals we receive have been with caring humans," said Cole, "and we have to establish trust."

Hi, my name is Don.

I am a fawn and white Indian Runner duck who came to Longmeadow in November 2007. I have a signature tuft of feathers on my head that gives me a unique look. Take me home. I'll "quack" you up!

The new Healing Bay Barn nearing completion

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Hi, my name is Sue.

I am a six-year-old Sorrel Quarter Horse rescued from a semi trailer accident in September 2006. The trainer has taught me to accept a saddle and rider and I'm becoming more comfortable being ridden. I'm ready for my Second Chance.

The largest horse rescue in ranch history was in Greene County in January 2005, when the sheriff's department requested the assistance of the Humane Society and Longmeadow with 120 horses in desperate circumstances. Loading the emaciated animals took from 3:30 p.m. the first day to 5:30 the next morning.

More recently, in September of 2006, 41 horses were on their way to a slaughterhouse when their truck and double deck trailer overturned on Interstate 44 near Sullivan, Missouri. Some horses did not survive; the others were taken to equine hospitals and, eventually, the ranch.

Three mares aboard the trailer were pregnant. Two miscarried but one, a thoroughbred named **Mama** by Longmeadow staff, miraculously gave birth in April 2007 to a healthy, feisty colt named **Twist of Fate**.

A Howell County rescue in June of 2007 set the record for the most animals rescued — five horses, 61 goats, 53 ducks and ducklings, 99 chickens and chicks, 11 turkeys, five dogs, one cat, eight exotic birds and 10 doves.

Donors Build the Ranch

The original milk barn and chicken house, still in use, were joined by a stable a few years later. The building contained 11 stalls, tack room, wash rack and a small room that "multi-tasked" as an office, kitchen, lunchroom, meeting place and, at times, even an animal nursery.

Ten years after the first building was erected, the Humane Society of Missouri asked for financial assistance for renovation of existing buildings and the addition of a barn, two more stables and a "playhouse" for the scores of potbellied pigs abandoned after the once-popular fad ended. The Longmeadow Capital Campaign was co-chaired by **Louise** and **Richard Jenson** and **Pam** and **Cal Nicholson**.

The names of the buildings help tell the story of the ranch that donors built over the next three years.

The centerpiece of the ranch, the Longmeadow Learning Center, is named for the **Dana Brown Charitable Trust** and the **Caleb C. and Julia W. Dula Foundation**. Several donors provided the means to build the Healing Bay Barn for animals quarantined after they are rescued until a veterinarian checks them.

The barn benefactor list includes **Robert Addis**, the **Dula Foundation**, **Carol Hohenberger, John Allen Love Foundation**, and **The Skirball Foundation**.

Thelma Zalk donated funds for the Zalk Rest Well Stables, a home for senior horses awaiting adoption. Poppy's Shelter picnic and outdoor meeting area was given by **Helen** and **Bill Gilbert** in honor of a favorite horse.

The Hoof It Up outdoor arena was a gift of **Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Baer, Jr. Sandy v Richard Aversa** provided funds for the Potbellied Pig Playhouse, which will be home to other small- and medium-sized hooved animals.

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch animals are also beholden to the **Anheuser Busch Companies**, **Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.**, **Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation**, **Mr. and Mrs. William F. Holekamp**, **Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Honeycutt**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tilton**. **Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Throop** made their gift in honor of **Earlene Cole**, ranch director. **Lorraine Remmers** created the **Lorraine and James Peck Memorial Fund** for the ongoing support of the ranch in honor of her mother who loved horses.

George D. Tomazi, a retired construction engineer, donated his time and expertise as construction manager for Longmeadow expansions and renovations, an ongoing position he has held since 2002. He and his wife **Lois**, a volunteer dog walker, have an anniversary of their own: 50 years of marriage.

Staff Salute

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch animals never go on vacation. We salute the staff who provide their care every day of the year.

Earlene Cole
Ranch Director

Amanda Hirshberg
Ranch Manager

Leonard Scott Jaycox
Trainer

Becky Pemberton
Education Coordinator

Ranch Assistants

Linda Chapman
Nicole Howarth
Christine Ingram
Vanessa Kaighin
Heather Miller
Sandy Omer
Teresa Rickey
Terri Rock
Jamie Swoboda
Michele Terschluse
Nick Williams

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Barn Buddies Animal Ambassador Corps Launched

In 2002, the Barn Buddies program was introduced to help cover the cost of feed, board and medical care for Longmeadow animals. A thousand pound pig named **Snortin Norton** is a founding member of the club. Like Arnold Ziffel, the pig on Green Acres, he is a pet, not livestock. He arrived as a youngster weighing 40 pounds and still rolls over to have his feet clipped.

Barn Buddy sponsors select a specific animal that will someday be adopted, or an educational mascot like **Amigo**, a miniature horse that visits school children. Barn Buddies are part of the Longmeadow educational program that includes summer day camps. Children learn the role of horses and farm animals in the ecosystem as well as an appreciation for their intrinsic value. *(See page 7)*

Happy Tails

Twenty years of leadership from the Humane Society of Missouri Board of Directors and the hard work of Longmeadow's dedicated staff, kind volunteers and generous donors, have resulted in one of the most comprehensive horse and farm animal rescue and rehabilitation centers in the country.

Whether horses and farm animals need temporary shelter while they await adoption, or have been impounded by law enforcement as evidence in abuse cases, Bud Meissner wanted them to receive the same loving care as the dogs, cats and critters at the Humane Society shelters in St. Louis. With Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, his dream has become reality.

To learn more about Longmeadow Rescue Ranch or to sponsor a Barn Buddy, visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org or call (636) 583-8759. Open houses are held at the ranch every Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Director Celebrates 20 Years, Too

Earlene Cole has been at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch since the beginning days when the office was in the chicken house.

Her love of animals dates back to her girlhood on the ranch in Arizona and New Mexico. Her life there foretold her destiny. "We were allowed one dog and one cat. I was always rescuing strays and attempting to cajole my father into letting me keep it. Instead, I had to find another home for it."

Earlene Cole, Ranch Director, and Albert.

Her work with the Humane Society of Missouri actually pre-dates the ranch. In 1984, she signed up as a volunteer investigator for the Humane Society of Missouri. In those days, there was only one paid investigator for the entire state, greatly limiting response time to suspected abuse cases. Volunteers like Cole were crucial assistants.

In 1988 Cole joined the full-time staff of Longmeadow. As the ranch grew so did Cole's role and in 1989, she became director. The animals are always there needing attention and care, and for the most part, so was Cole. "We've nursed babies day and night, helped mares bring foals into the world — it's always in the middle of the night! — and rescued all kinds of animals in all kinds of weather and unusual situations," remembers Cole. "You do it for the animals. They've suffered and deserve everything we can do for them. The best is when we find just the right home for an animal we weren't sure would make it when it first came in."

Since 1988, the number of animals rescued each year has increased from 94 to 579. The increase has added long hours and thousands of miles on the road, but Cole is undaunted. She continues to rise with the chickens and to check on every single animal at night before she goes to bed. Congratulations, Earlene, for 20 years of dedicated service to the animals!

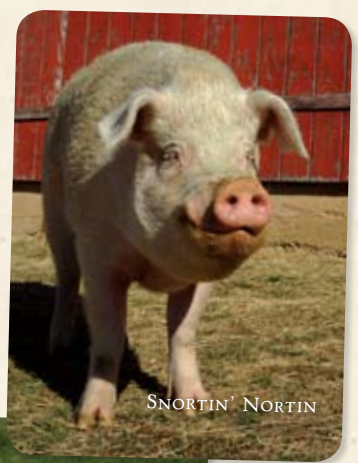
Barn Buddies and Sponsors Meet Every Saturday

Longmeadow's Barn Buddy animal ambassadors enjoy going to special events so the public can learn what it takes to care for a llama, horse, pig, duck or goat. Barn Buddy sponsors help buy the food and medicine each animal needs for up to one year. Barn Buddy sponsorships make great gifts for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions. The gift recipient receives a Certificate of Care, a photo and biography of the animal. Best of all, sponsors can visit their special animal, and all the Barn Buddies, every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ranch.

Drop by the gift shop at Longmeadow, newly opened this winter, and check out the great gifts for animal lovers. All proceeds help with our rescue efforts.

For more information, visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org or contact the Humane Society of Missouri (314) 951-1542 or development@hsmo.org.

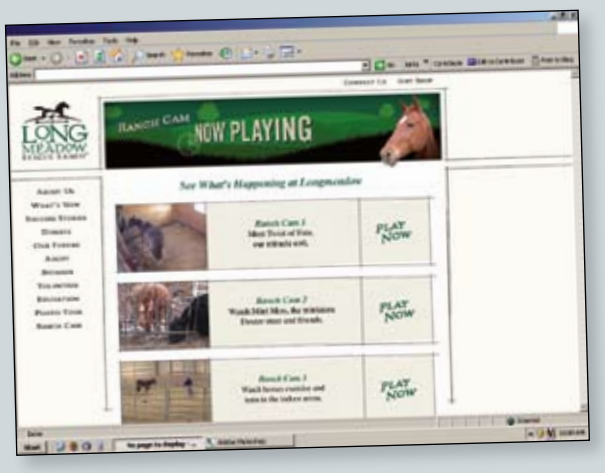
Mama


Snortin' Nortin

Amigo

Hi, my name is Blackie.

I am three-year-old Pygmy/Toggenberg goat. I was rescued in the summer 2005 from sub-standard living conditions. I was adopted, but returned in April 2007. I'm a good girl looking for a great home. Come visit me today!



Ranch Cams Go Live!

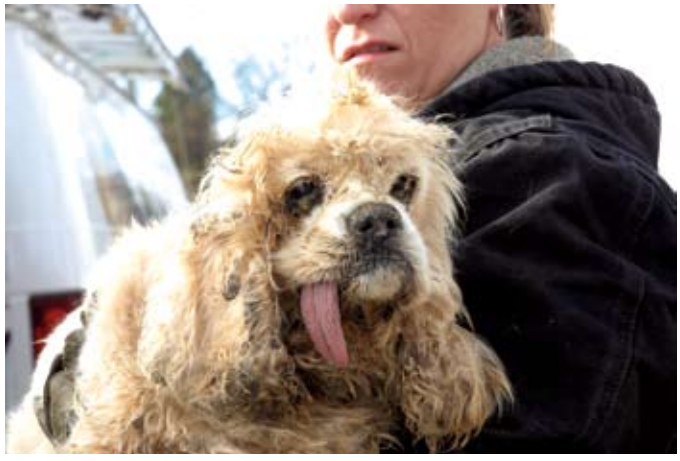
Watch what's happening at Longmeadow with our new Ranch Cams! See Twister, our miracle colt, and other Barn Buddies. Visit www.longmeadowrescueranch.org today!

Dogs Rescued from Unsanitary Conditions in Dunklin County

Working in cooperation with the Dunklin County Sheriff's Department, the Humane Society of Missouri rescued 45 dogs, a cat and two birds on January 11. The property, located near Kennett, Missouri, is owned by a licensed veterinarian.

All the dogs endured very unsanitary conditions. Feces covered the floors in the house and exterior grounds and trash was piled up in various rooms of the house. Some succumbed to the harsh conditions, as evidenced by an open pit of decomposing dogs found in the front yard.

The rescued dogs were brought to Humane Society Headquarters in St. Louis for triage and treatment. Many of the animals have severely matted hair and eye infections and 22 of the dogs tested positive for heartworms. The animals will remain in the custody of the Humane Society of Missouri until the disposition hearing is scheduled in Dunklin County.



Too many missing teeth allowed this dog's tongue to fall out of his mouth.

The rescued dogs include poodles, cocker spaniels, cockapoos (cocker and poodle mix) and other breed mixes. If custody of the dogs is awarded to the Humane Society of Missouri, as many animals as possible will be made available for adoption. But, due to their poor condition, it may be weeks before the dogs are available.

Care for animals rescued from horrible conditions is costly. If you would like to help, please donate to our Chi Chi Fund. Contact the Development Department, (314) 951-1542 or email development@hsmo.org.

A Humane Society rescuer comforts a grateful dog.

The Chi Chi Fund

Dedicated to investigating, healing and preventing animal abuse.

The Fund was established in 2007 in memory of a young Schnauzer mix who lost her life as a result of heinous cruelty. Chi Chi suffered horribly after being shot, burned and inflicted with numerous fractures.

The Humane Society of Missouri established the Chi Chi Fund to help us prevent, investigate and heal abuse so that animals may live safely in loving families.

*To support the Chi Chi fund visit **www.hsmo.org/chichi** or call (314) 951-1542.*

To report suspected animal abuse or neglect in Missouri, please call (314) 647-4400. Reports are taken 24 hours a day and can be made confidentially.

Tributes & Memorials

The following companies and individuals have contributed $35 or more to the Humane Society of Missouri as a memorial or in honor of someone special. Donations were received between September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007.

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Planning for the Future

Is Always Changing

Estate planning is constant: You accumulate, conserve and distribute your estate as you believe is appropriate. But the practice of estate planning is ever-changing, or at least it should be. Families change, assets change, and we all know that tax laws change! Thus, the need to keep planning and reviewing your plan is ever constant.

Ask yourself this: If you died today, would you be comfortable knowing that you had accumulated and conserved your assets as you had planned? And would your will do what you had intended? Remember to review your will and trust(s) each year, inventory your assets and consider the economic climate when doing this. This annual review enables you to consider the major beneficiaries you had named previously.

Are there new children or grandchildren to be considered? Or a marriage, divorce or separation? What about your favorite charities?

Where should you begin to name the Humane Society of Missouri as a beneficiary? Deciding if you want to make a specific or a residuary bequest is a good way to get started. A specific bequest gives the Humane Society of Missouri a specific dollar amount or a specific asset. A residuary bequest gives the Humane Society a percentage of your estate after other bequests are made and estate-related expenses are paid.

You may or may not need an attorney to write your will, but it is wise to have an attorney draft your will to make it legally acceptable and accomplish what you want it to do, including remembering those charities that you wish to help carry on their vital work.

Remember these three steps to powerful giving:

- Make lifetime gifts to enjoy the pleasure your gifts bring, as well as reduce your taxable estate
- Use well-planned charitable gifts to your beliefs and values.
- Let your will be your last act of love.

*Contact or call **Patricia R. Cassens**, CFRE, (314) 951-1584 or email plannedgiving@hsmo.org.*

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Donate your old cars to help animals in need! It's EASY as 1-2-3!
1. Sign the back of your automobile title where it says "signature of seller."
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It doesn't matter if your car is in running condition or not! The Humane Society will arrange to pick up the car and send you a letter that you can use to claim your tax deduction. For more information, please call the Development Department at (314) 951-1519 or email development.office@hsmo.org.

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.

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Adoption Centers

St. Louis
(314) 951-1541

Westport Area Branch
(314) 951-1585

Chesterfield Valley Center
(636) 530-0806

- Harnesses and collars, all sizes
- Heat lamps
- Fans
- Cat beds, bedding and houses, all types
- Catnip
- Medium and large animal carriers
- 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
- Stainless steel medical-grade gurney
- Cloth gurney
- Blankets, towels and wash cloths
- Newspaper
- Copy and computer paper (either unshredded or single-cut shredded)
- Cardboard flats (from soda or pet food cases) for disposable litter boxes
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Treats and toys for cats and rabbits
- Kwik Stop styptic powder or gel
- Canned dog and cat food
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
- Portable tub
- Bandanas, all sizes and patterns
- Litter boxes (small or medium)
- Cat beds for nursing mother cats
- Veterinary drug manual
- Digital camera
- Large Tupperware-type bowls with lids
- Fabric softener sheets
- Tool kit

Education
(314) 951-1578

- Animal-related children's books
- Gift cards to Michael's Crafts, Borders Books and Barnes and Noble
- Subscriptions to animal-related publications
- Laminating sheets
- Glossy photo finish paper for printer
- Colored paper
- 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
- Fabric markers
- Fabric paint (like Tulip slick) (any colors)
- Plain white T-shirts (all sizes) new, please
- Plastic table cloths (any color)
- 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 martingale-type 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

- 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)

Rescues and Investigations
(314) 951-1514

- New Vari-kennels for large dogs
- Data projector for animal welfare presentations to legislators and prosecutors
- Bumper-pull three-horse trailer with removable center divider, aluminum preferred
- 60 HP 40 jet board motor for flood rescue boat

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St. Louis
(314) 951-1557

Westport Area Branch
(314) 951-1590

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- Humidifier, tabletop size (four-gallon and smaller)
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- Towels, blankets and quilts
- Heating pads and hot water bottles
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(636) 583-8759

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- Medical supplies (Vet wrap, Roll cotton, Brown gauze (4"), Gauze pads (4" x 4")
- Cotton lead ropes
- Break away halters in all sizes (especially young ones)
- Gift certificates for feed stores, tack stores, etc.
- Manure forks
- Hog or cattle panels
- Metal fence posts and/or plastic top caps
- Fuel storage tank (diesel)
- Stall bedding (wood pellets or baled shavings)
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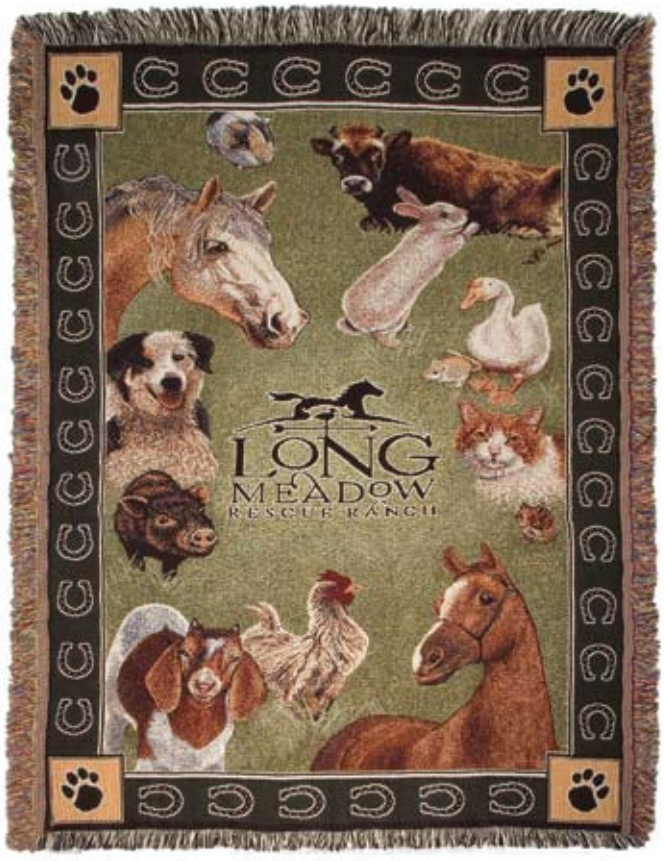

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