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## Adios to Amigo

He pranced and trotted his way into our hearts and quickly became an exceptional animal ambassador for Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, taking the story of helping abused and neglected horses and farm animals to audiences nationwide. And then, just as quickly, he was taken away from us in an untimely fashion before his work could be completed. He was adored by all ages and had a special way with the children who clamored to pet and admire him. His role as an animal ambassador and Barn Buddy for Longmeadow grew as he became more at ease with crowds of children, television studios and travel near and far. **Amigo**, a miniature horse with a Farah Fawcett-like mane, honey colored coat and an impish and charismatic personality, became one of the "stars" of Longmeadow along with **Mama Llama** and **Mini Moo**. His role in Longmeadow's educational initiatives grew as did his immense popularity as a "Barn Buddy" — Longmeadow animals that serve as educational representatives or ambassadors for those still recuperating from severe abuse and neglect. He was taken from us suddenly and unexpectedly, the victim of a form of acute colitis that the veterinarians say occurred quite quickly and was not preventable. He will be sorely missed by throngs of

children as well as his adult admirers, but his mission in life will continue as Longmeadow and the Humane Society strive to educate children to become kinder, more empathetic and compassionate human beings, respectful of all living creatures.

This issue of *Tails* features the numerous efforts underway at the Humane Society to improve the understanding of children regarding the significant role pets play in society and the importance of treating animals with proper care and respect. Many educators believe that "humane education" is truly character education. Amigo and many other animals at Longmeadow and the Humane Society have inspired tens of thousands of children to become kindhearted, caring and more concerned citizens. The Humane Society and Longmeadow are proud to be activating the younger generation in seeking more purposeful roles in life and we thank our supporters for making this possible.

Also not to be missed in this issue, is the salute to two of the Humane Society's most phenomenal Board members and volunteers, **Faye Beth Baer O'Byrne** and **Bud Meissner**. Please be sure to read the tribute to these two remarkable individuals who have devoted a significant portion of their lives to helping animals in need. The animal kingdom is blessed to have these two advocates in its corner, always championing the cause of those without a voice. All at the Humane Society are exceptionally grateful for the extraordinary efforts of Faye Beth and Bud.

*Amigo was one of the original Barn Buddy Ambassadors for Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Donations honoring his service in promoting the mission of the Ranch may be made at (314) 951-1542 or [hsmo.org](http://hsmo.org). 🐾*



Amigo caption?



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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

## Volunteer Manager Comes Aboard the Good Ship HSMO



Laura Renner

**Laura Renner** has joined the Humane Society of Missouri as volunteer manager. She began her career in the corporate sector, most recently at Boeing where she worked in the finance department for the past six years. “I always knew I wanted to work in the non-profit sector,” explained Renner. “This has been a career goal of mine since I was the volunteer coordinator at a camp for children with cancer.”

Renner holds a B.S. degree in business administration from Maryville University and is currently working on a master’s degree in non-profit management from Washington University. She’s married with — as she describes it — four fuzzy children (two dogs, two cats). Three of the pets were adopted from the Humane Society; the fourth was a foundling. Welcome aboard!

*For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact **Laura Renner** at (314) 951-1577 or [laura.renner@hsmo.org](mailto:laura.renner@hsmo.org). 🐾*

## 2010 Pet Calendar Contest

Put your pet in the spotlight by entering your pal in our 2010 Calendar Contest. Send in a photo of your feline diva, canine companion, equestrian beauty, farmyard friend or critter clowns such as rabbits, birds and guinea pigs.

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



### Contest Rules

1. The photograph must contain only animals, and each picture must include your own pet or pets.
2. There is no limit to the number of photos you may enter, but each must be accompanied by a \$35 entry fee. Pay electronically at [hsmo.org/petcalendar](http://hsmo.org/petcalendar) or by mail to the Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110.
3. Contest deadline is Aug. 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by phone or email. The calendar will be available in Nov. 2009.
4. All entries must be in color, have horizontal layout, and contain well-focused, sharp images. We suggest submissions as digital photos, in 300 dpi (dots per inch) or higher, 2400 by 3000 pixels and in JPEG (JPG) format. This can be achieved by using a 6-megapixel camera or better using the highest quality setting to take the photo. We also accept color prints in 4"x6", 5"x7" or 8"x10" 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.**

### Submission By Mail

Mail submissions and check for \$35 per entry to:  
Pet Calendar Contest  
Humane Society of Missouri  
1201 Macklind Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110

### Online Submission

Visit [hsmo.org/petcalendar](http://hsmo.org/petcalendar) and follow the instructions.

*For more information about the 2010 Pet Calendar Contest, please contact (314) 951-1567 or email [calendar@hsmo.org](mailto:calendar@hsmo.org). 🐾*



## Black Dog Club Reunion

More than 250 dogs (and their owners) attended the Annual Black Dog Club Reunion held Sept. 18 in the Carol Gates Throop Memorial Park across from the Humane Society of Missouri's Macklind Avenue headquarters. Radio station Y98's **Jen Myers** and her dog **Abe** emceed while black dogs and their owners mingled and enjoyed wine, beer and snacks (for the humans) and **Purina® Frosty Paws®** treats for the dogs. **Caito's Sicilian Restaurant and Pizzeria** donated the great food. Pet contests were held for Best Dressed, Best Howl and Best Stunt/Trick. Guests and their four-legged friends also had the opportunity to have professional photos taken in our outdoor portrait studio.

### Why the Black Dog Club?

Most animal shelters find it difficult to place large black dogs into forever homes. Black dogs, especially large ones like Labrador Retriever mixes, often are overlooked in favor of lighter colored dogs.

Some shelter staff think black dogs are more difficult to see inside their kennels making it hard for visitors to connect with the dog. Others think black dogs don't photograph as



well as a lighter colored dog explaining why placing their picture on the internet or in posters sometimes is not enough. Others think it's hard to see facial features on black dogs and therefore hard to gauge their emotions.

There is absolutely no evidence that color has any bearing on temperament, behavior or health regardless of breed.

*Show your black dog pride! Join the Black Dog Club at [hsmo.org/blackdogclub](http://hsmo.org/blackdogclub) today! 🐾*



Y98's Jen Myers and her dog Abe at the Black Dog Club Reunion.



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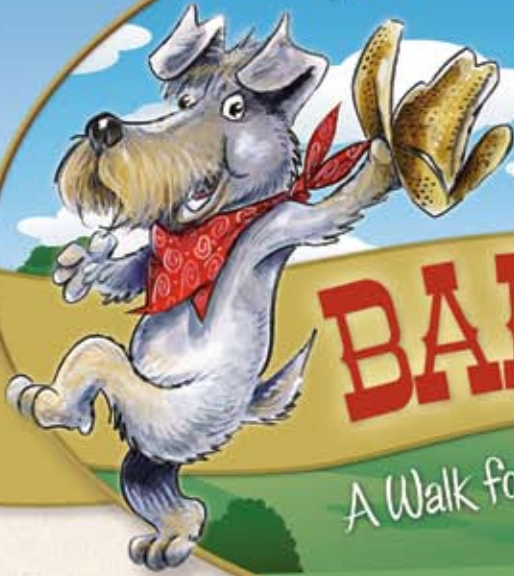
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Grab a leash and lace up your sneakers! Bark in the Park – A Walk for Animals and Country Fair is the can't-miss event of 2009! It all starts Saturday, May 16 at Cricket Field in Forest Park. This is the largest dog festival in the Midwest, sponsored 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.

- Enjoy performances by amazing dogs from **Purina®** and family fun like face painting for the kids.
- Keep toes tappin' and tails waggin' to live bluegrass music.
- Feast on country-style BBQ and all the fixins' at our Country Fair Food Court.
- Meet and greet our famous Longmeadow Rescue Ranch Barn Buddies like **Mama Llama**, **Mini Moo** and **Amigo** the mini-horse.

It's so easy to register and help raise money at [hsmo.org/bark](http://hsmo.org/bark). Sign up as an individual or team up for more fun! Being on a team is a great opportunity to share this one-of-a-kind experience with friends, family and co-workers all while raising more money to help abused and neglected animals find loving homes.

All team members are eligible for the better-than-ever individual prizes. Team totals can qualify your team for even more great perks like day-of-event team photos and signage, entrance to the VIP champagne brunch and more!

## Registration

**Adults:** \$25 (includes official Bark in the Park T-shirt)

**Children ages 4-12:** \$5 (includes official Bark in the Park T-shirt)

**Children 3 years and younger:** FREE



*NEW this year — every participant receives an official Bark in the Park T-shirt included in their registration fee.*





# Bark in the Park



## Volunteer for Animals and Join the Fun!

Bark in the Park would not be possible without our volunteers! They stuff bags; help get the word out; staff our registration, pet contests and other booths; help us set up and clean up and help with animal handling. Volunteers help make Bark in the Park the best animal event in the Midwest! Please let us know if you can help.

### Before the Event

- Assisting with mailings
- Setting up at Cricket Field on Friday, May 15

### Day of Event

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

## "The Fine Print"

Bark in the Park volunteers must be age 16 years or older and are required to attend the Humane Society of Missouri Volunteer Orientation by April 30. Volunteers must also attend Bark in the Park training to be held in May. (Volunteer orientations are held monthly.)



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



*For more information on volunteering for Bark in the Park, contact Laura Renner at (314) 951-1577 or [laura.renner@hsmo.org](mailto:laura.renner@hsmo.org).*



# Bark in the Park

Register as an individual or start a team at [hsmo.org/bark!](http://hsmo.org/bark!)



## Treats for You

While there is no reward greater than the pleasure of helping homeless pets, individuals and teams also receive well-deserved treats. If you're on a team, you'll earn prizes for your individual fundraising efforts and also share in many great team incentives. Learn more and register online at [hsmo.org/bark](http://hsmo.org/bark).

**\$25+:** Official 2009 Bark in the Park T-shirt (see page 4)

**\$75+:** Official 2009 Bark in the Park cap, Official 2009 Bark in the Park T-shirt

**\$125+:** Deluxe pet first aid kit, Official 2009 Bark in the Park cap, Official 2009 Bark in the Park T-shirt

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**\$500+:** Digital photo frame, Official 2009 Bark in the Park cap, Official 2009 Bark in the Park T-shirt

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**\$2,500+:** Portable GPS system, Official 2009 Bark in the Park cap, Official 2009 Bark in the Park T-shirt

*(Prizes are not cumulative.)*





## Volunteer Spotlight

# Meet a Volunteer Who Speaks Up for the Underdog

**Ann Coleman** has been a volunteer Pet Pal (dog walker) since 2002, right after she read all about it in an issue of *Tails* magazine. “I started getting the magazine after we adopted a dog from the Humane Society,” said Ann. “I read a story about a volunteer walking dogs. I had no idea that volunteers could do that. I signed up immediately.”

At first, Ann volunteered for one day a week but soon found she could not resist the feeling of making someone happy with just a stroll around the neighborhood. Today she walks dogs three days a week and has recruited her college age son, **Daniel**, as her “backup.”

“He has attended the training and comes in with me when he’s home from school,” said Ann. “He enjoys the dogs, and I enjoy having a home-made substitute if I can’t walk dogs that day.”

Ann has also involved her recently widowed mother in the Humane Society adoption program by selecting a Chihuahua from a rescue as a companion. “We named her Penny,” explained Ann. “She is shy but friendly, hard to believe since she spent eight years in a cage, constantly bred.” Penny is also a “special needs” dog, diagnosed with luxating patella (an orthopedic problem causing painful lameness) which eventually will require surgery.

Adopting an 8-year-old with health concerns and missing teeth exemplifies Ann’s dedication to finding forever homes for each animal. She believes that pit bull and pit bull mixes are as worthy of adoption as other dogs. Yet many of these

dogs languish in their pens for months because, as Ann says, they got a bad rap. In the fall of 2008, she and several other dog walkers decided to take action.

With the support of all departments at the Humane Society, several Pet Pals began chewing over ideas to overcome the public’s fear of the breed. They invited Mutts-n-Stuff, a volunteer foster program

Ann’s mother Martha Jones with Penny.



Ann Coleman with son Daniel, who is also a Pet Pal, and Princess, a recently adopted Pit Bull mix.

specializing in power breeds such as Rottweilers and Pit Bull Terriers, to join the effort.

At least 38 family groups came to Pit Bull Awareness Day on October 25, not bad for the first time and with only a month’s notice. Happily, six dogs found homes within the following week. The volunteers are planning a second event in February so that other dogs can get out of the shelter and into loving homes with people who understand the sweet nature and intelligence of the breed.

“We are also working on ways to do something all year to let people know that pit bulls and pit bull mix dogs can make good pets,” Ann explained. She added that some jurisdictions have restrictions on pit bulls and there can be insurance considerations. “We have to be careful about screening and placement,” she added.

Although Ann spearheaded the first-time Pit Bull Awareness event, she attributes its success to her fellow Pet Pals and to staff at the Humane Society of Missouri. “The support we received from the administration was not only a factor in the event’s success; it was also a real morale booster,” said Ann.

For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact **Laura Renner** at (314) 951-1577 or [laura.renner@hsmo.org](mailto:laura.renner@hsmo.org). 🐾

# Two More Rescues

## 238 Dogs Saved from Substandard Puppy Mills

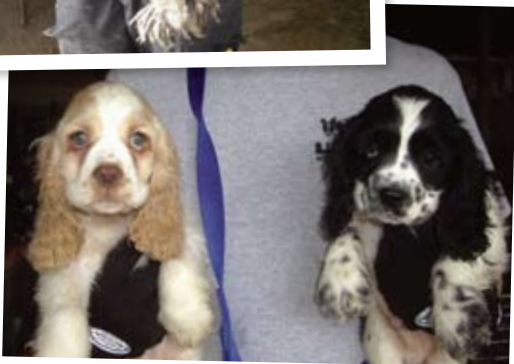
Each time the Rescues and Investigations team intercedes for neglected and abused animals, they find nearly identical conditions: not enough food, no clean water, rampant skin infections and debilitating eye diseases. Often veterinary care is lacking and basic grooming is neglected. A recently rescued Cocker Spaniel had toenails that were so long they had grown backwards into the pads of its feet.

### Breeder Surrenders Seriously Ill Dogs

The dog was one of 171 Cocker Spaniels rescued Sept. 24 in Bates County. Ironically, the self-described dog breeders contacted us themselves, saying they were aging and could no longer provide proper care. But when we investigated, it became apparent that they were not reputable breeders but operators of a substandard puppy mill. While we are grateful the owners voluntarily surrendered their dogs, the condition of these animals was no less appalling than in other rescues.



**Top:** A severely matted cocker spaniel rescued in Bates County.



**Bottom:** Several puppies were found in pens on the property.

As is typical at substandard breeding facilities, the dogs were barely subsisting in rundown and unsanitary conditions. The non-regulation wood and wire pens were urine-soaked and covered with dust-encrusted cob webs. Despite the fact that the dogs were still being bred (we rescued 50-plus puppies), the adults were urine-soaked and had feces entangled in their hair.

Many of them were suffering from severe eye infections, cherry eye (a problem with the eyelid), glaucoma and cataracts. Many were blind. Rescuers found Cocker Spaniels with numerous large mammary tumors, severe dental diseases and untreated ear infections which had caused permanent damage. Other serious veterinary problems included heart murmurs, ringworm and fur matted so tightly it was causing skin infections. All in all, the condition of the animals was heartbreaking.

The Cocker Spaniel adults were infested with fleas and weak from the resulting anemia. While most of the eye and ear infections have already permanently damaged the animals, we immediately began treating their serious skin ailments and respiratory problems. Despite our best efforts, some dogs have died as a result of years of long-term callous neglect.

### Concerned Citizen Alerts Authorities; Animals in Jeopardy

Just 15 days later, our Animal Rescue Team rescued 67 dogs and puppies and six cats from a substandard breeding facility near West Plains, Mo. Among the rescued dogs were Golden Retrievers, Sharpeis, Pugs, Japanese Chins and mixes of those breeds. Acting on a tip from a concerned citizen, the Howell County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from the Humane Society of Missouri to investigate and recommend appropriate action.

An independent veterinarian determined that, with the exception of four dogs, all of the animals on the property should be removed due to the poor condition of many of the



## Rescues & Investigations



Carmen Skelly, Statewide Investigator for the Humane Society of Missouri carries an emaciated Golden Retriever too frightened to walk.

dogs and “survival of the fittest” situation on the property. Many of the dogs were thin and emaciated. Some had severe mange and other skin infections, matted coats and flea infestations. The animals had no visible access to food or water, no access to shelter and no veterinary care, even though all are required by Missouri law and regulations.

“Once again, we are very saddened to see owners of a Missouri breeding facility fail to provide adequate food, water and veterinary care,” said **Tim Rickey**, director of Rescues and Investigations for the Humane Society of Missouri. “Of course, it’s these pitiful dogs and cats that suffer. We are very fortunate the Humane Society of Missouri has the expertise and resources to rescue and care for them so they can have the second chance they very much deserve.”

Rickey added, “We sincerely appreciate the willingness of the Howell County Sheriff’s Department and Prosecuting Attorney to work with us on behalf of the best interests of the animals in their county.” 🐾

## Our Expertise Is In Demand

Missouri holds the disgraceful record of having the largest number of substandard puppy mills in the U.S. As a result, our Rescues and Investigations Department has honed its techniques for investigations, rescues, documentation and legal pursuit working closely with local law enforcement.

“I’m proud our rescue team has earned national recognition for our ability to respond in a professional and timely manner when animals are in jeopardy,” said **Kathy Warnick**, president of the Humane Society of Missouri.

On June 25, because of our expertise in handling large-scale rescues, our team was contacted to conduct the largest rescue from a breeding facility in Tennessee history. More than 700 dogs, 25 horses and donkeys, 20 cats, four parrots and 15 chickens were rescued in Lyles, Tenn. The stench of urine, feces and death could be smelled nearly a mile away. The animals were living in mounds of their own feces, most of them with no food or water. Many of the young dogs and puppies had not survived and the older breeding dogs didn’t fare much better. They were housed in tiny wire cages that made it impossible for them to stand comfortably, forcing their legs through the wire floor. “Perhaps the worst were the dogs we never had a chance to save,” said **Tim Rickey**, director of Rescues and Investigation for the Humane Society of Missouri. The team discovered the grave site of a pile of dogs with multiple gunshot wounds. “There is no excuse for this kind of maltreatment.”

On August 23, we sent a six-person team and rescue vehicles to assist with a large-scale substandard puppy mill

rescue in Parkersburg, W. Va. Local authorities raided the Whispering Oaks Kennel and found one of the most prolific puppy mills in the state’s history. By the end of the day nearly 1,000 neglected and abused dogs were removed from their tortuous lives crowded into filthy cages to produce litter after litter until they are no longer of any value. “To the puppy mill operators these animals are only a cash cow, but what we found were nearly a thousand dogs starving for affection,” said Rickey. As is usual with puppy mill breeding dogs, they had never left their crowded cages or felt the loving touch of a person. As a result of a long investigation and successful rescue, the cycle of animal abuse that had lasted at this property nearly two decades was finally broken.

On Oct. 8, the Humane Society of Missouri Rescues and Investigations Team responded to an urgent request to lead a puppy mill rescue in Indiana. The Indiana State Police, the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Department, and the Humane Society of the United States not only asked for our assistance, they knew they could count on our experienced team to lead field operations, evidence collection and animal transport to handle this operation. Indiana law enforcement and animal welfare officials believe more than 350 animals had been on the property. However, upon arrival only 150 were found, leaving 200 that may still be in jeopardy.

Said Rickey, “While we may never know the fate of those 200, it is very rewarding to know that the dogs we could rescue will soon become the cherished family pets they were born to be.” 🐾

# Top Six Things to Know When Buying a Puppy

If you've first searched at your local shelters and bona fide breed rescue organizations and cannot find the dog of your dreams, do your homework and find a reputable breeder. Buying from a sub-standard breeder or the pet stores they supply keeps puppy mills in business. Responsible breeders truly care for their dogs and have their welfare utmost in mind. Follow these important tips to find your puppy.

### 1. Look beyond the license.

Just because a breeder is licensed does not always mean it is a reputable operation. The best way to find a reputable breeder is to ask around. Contact your veterinarian, groomer, boarding kennel, dog training facilities and check out local dog shows and breed clubs. A reputable breeder is active in a local, regional or national breed club and possesses a deep knowledge about the breed.

### 2. Insist on seeing the breeding facility.

Reputable breeders house the dogs inside the home, as part of the family. One sign of a questionable breeder is when they will not let you see the facility in which your puppy was born. They instead offer excuses or suggest you meet them somewhere other than their home. Insist. It's that important.

### 3. Look for shiny coats and wagging tails.

Ask to meet both parents (or at least the mother) of the puppy. All dogs, not just the puppies, should be healthy, friendly and well-fed.

### 4. Resist the doggie in the window.

The cute puppies in the pet store window are almost certainly a product of a large-scale commercial breeding facility commonly known as a puppy mill. Often in these facilities the parent dogs are caged inhumanely, constantly bred in filthy conditions and receive little or no veterinary care. As a consequence, many dogs born in substandard puppy mills develop costly medical problems or die prematurely.

### 5. Don't get trapped in the Web.

Be wary of purchasing any pet (dog or otherwise) via the Internet. When you buy a puppy based on only an Internet photo, you have no way to gauge the animal's temperament, know if this actually is the animal you are buying or to see where the puppy was born (see #2). You may be buying a sub-standard puppy mill animal, furthering the horrible suffering of the dogs there. If you find you cannot resist an Internet photo, see #6.

### 6. Get references.

Ask the breeders for a list of people who have purchased puppies from them and the name of the veterinarian who cares for the breeder's dogs. Get phone numbers and don't hesitate to use them. Some Internet sites purport to be rescue organizations; check them out carefully. The Humane Society of Missouri can put you in touch with local breed rescue organizations that can vouch for (or refute) the Internet site.

*If you are looking for a puppy to be part of your family, first check your local shelter. Nationwide 25-30 percent of the dogs available for adoption are purebred. 🐾*





# Happy New Beginnings for Hocks, Mason and Lola

## Last Horse from I-44 Accident is Adopted

On May 5, 2008, Humane Society and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch staff celebrated the adoption of **Hocks**, a 14-hand black horse with one white sock. The day was a landmark because Hocks was one of the horses rescued from the I-44 tractor trailer accident in 2006. The truck and double deck trailer overturned on Interstate 44 near Sullivan, Missouri, injuring or killing the load of horses headed for a slaughterhouse.

Once Hock's severe injuries healed, Trainer **Scott Jaycox** worked with him for nearly two years to build trust with the skittish and un-trusting horse. After feeling secure, Hock's playful personality emerged.

"He plays with people to see what he can get away with," said **Amanda Hirshberg**, director of the ranch. "His new owners make sure he minds his manners, even when he's having fun playing."



Hocks, the last of the horses rescued from the I-44 trailer accident, has a new forever home.



Mason before



Mason after

## Horse Cruelly Dragged by (Former) Owner

In July of 2008, **Mason**, a two-year old bay fox trotter, was seized from his owner after being cruelly dragged more than 200 feet on a roughly paved road. Thankfully, a neighbor called the sheriff who asked the Humane Society of Missouri to help and Mason was brought to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch for rest and rehabilitation. The horse's injuries were severe — exposed bone, tissue and muscle throughout one side of his body. After three months of care, his wounds are nearly healed and he is ready for adoption. Despite his rough treatment, Mason is gentle and easy to work with.

"When we make a difference in cases such as Mason's, our staff and volunteers are rejuvenated and ready to work to save the next animal in need," said **Amanda Hirshberg**, director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

In December, the person accused of dragging Mason pled guilty to one count of felony animal abuse.

*To adopt Mason or another rescued horse, visit Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Mo. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturdays to preview the animals or to visit with our Barn Buddies like Twister, the miracle colt. Visit [longmeadowrescueranch.org](http://longmeadowrescueranch.org) for details. 🐾*

# Rescues & Investigations

## Lola Cha-Chas Home

Her name is Lola...but she was no showgirl when she came to the Humane Society of Missouri. The Chihuahua was a breeding dog rescued from a filthy environment in Polk County last August. Lola had given birth to dozens of puppies during the years she spent caged in a puppy mill without benefit of proper food, veterinary care or affection.

Despite the bad hand she was dealt, Lola responded well to foster care and soon was affectionate and trusting. Her foster mom brought Lola to the middle school where she taught, and the dog was a big hit. She danced right into the arms of the school counselor who adopted her. And she won over the school principal who okayed weekly school visits for Lola.

"I have already heard from a parent who said her daughter who was reluctant to attend school is now excited about going knowing that Lola will be there sometimes," said counselor **Nancy Winkler**. "Plus, the kids are better behaved when Lola is present."

What a show-stopper! 🐾



Nancy Winkler and Lola on her adoption day.





# Recipe for a Legacy of Helping Homeless Animals

**Mix together:**

- One dog lover
- One horse lover
- One long-term friendship
- A heaping measure of concern for mistreated animals

**Yield:** Two of the nicest, most generous people the Humane Society of Missouri ever has known:

**Bud Meissner and Faye Beth Baer O’Byrne.**

**Bud Meissner and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch**

In 2008, Longmeadow Rescue Ranch celebrated two decades of horse and farm animal rescue, rehabilitation and adoption. It began with the dream of animal-lover and board member **Edwin B. (Bud) Meissner**. Bud convinced his friend **George Packwood** to donate land which provided the funding for the 165-acres that today as many as 300 horses and farm animals call their safe haven.

Bud’s father kept two horses at the Missouri stables near Forest Park (current location of the St. Louis Science Center). “Dad’s horse was Betty Jane Forest, a registered American Saddle Horse, and my small horse was a flea-bitten gray named Nellie,” said Bud. “Our weekly ride was one of the highlights of my childhood.”

After returning from World War II, Bud was invited to join the Board of Directors by **Fritz Grolach**, then the president of the Humane Society of Missouri. He has served continuously ever since. In the late 1970s, Bud met Faye Beth Baer (later O’Byrne), who asked him to help her become involved with the Humane Society.



**Faye Beth Baer O’Byrne and the Friends Council**

Rather than joining the board, as she had hoped, Faye Beth initially was invited to the Advisory Board. “When I was elected to the Board of Directors a few years later, it was one of the biggest thrills of my life,” she said. The petite dynamo was instrumental in forming the Friends Council for the express purpose of fund raising. “We had resistance to the idea,” she explained, “but **Ann Ferriss** and I kept at it. It was our baby.” To this day the Friends Council is a significant source of Humane Society funds.

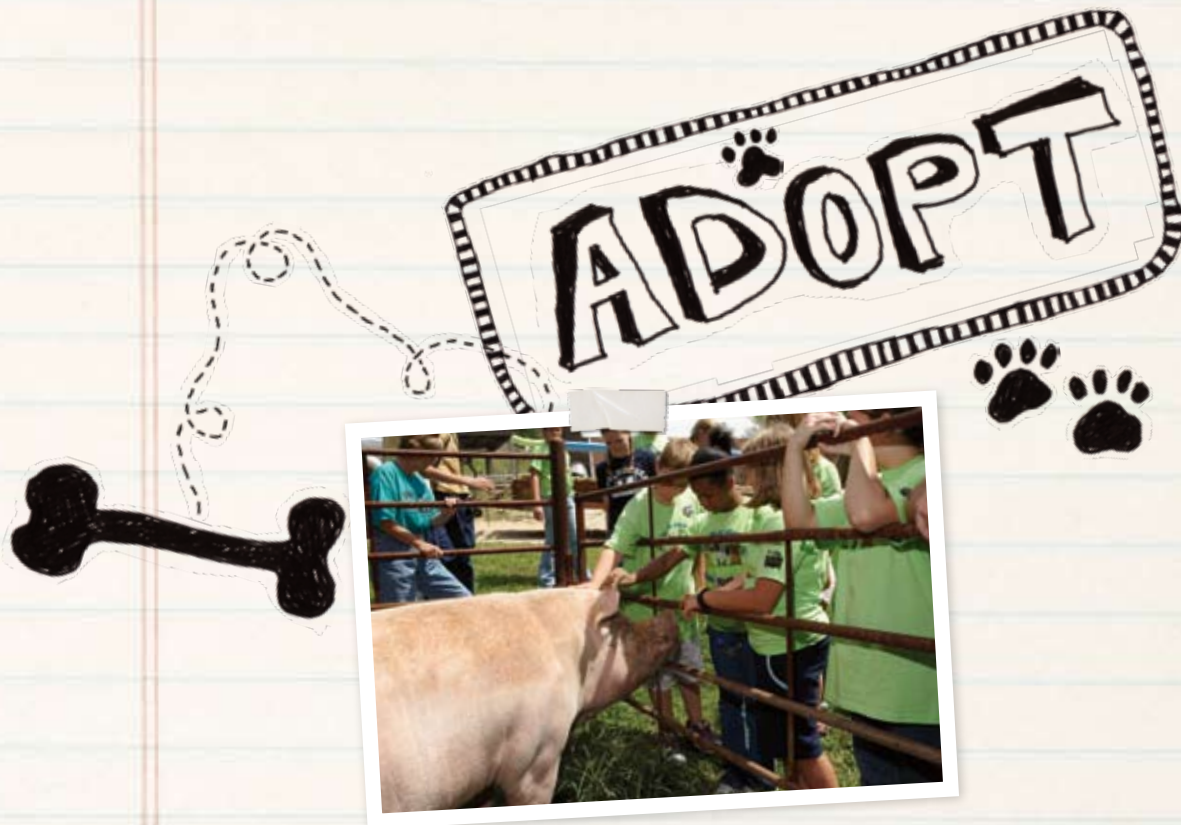
Faye Beth is truly dedicated to animals. As newlyweds in the 1940s, she and husband S. Charles Baer, grandson of the co-founder of Stix, Baer & Fuller department stores, added two Terriers to their family. The dogs traveled with them on a memorable train ride from Connecticut, all four — humans and dogs — sleeping in a lower berth. She’s had a dog centered home ever since. After Charles died, Faye Beth married William T. (Fiery) O’Byrne. They now live with Tasha, a standard Schnauzer, and a German Shepherd named Erin who was rescued by the Humane Society from a substandard puppy mill where she was caged for 2½ years.

“She was so afraid she would not even enter the room,” recalled Faye Beth. “I got on the floor with treats in my hand and coaxed her.” Thirty minutes later, the dog had finally crawled to Faye Beth. “When she reached me, she put her head on my hand and sighed.”

Faye Beth says she has the highest regard for the work of the Humane Society of Missouri. “I’ve seen when the rescued animals are brought in,” she said. “I’ve seen how well they are cared for and I have seen the results. These people are so dedicated. It touches my heart.” 🐾







# 31,000 Kind Kids Activated Each Year

*"If I could adopt every animal that doesn't have a home I would, but my mom would probably say no but I will ask her anyway."*

— Nick (age 8)

These words are excerpted from one of the many letters from children addressed to the Humane Society of Missouri.

"From comments like these, and interaction with children in our classes, we know that kids really want to make a tangible difference for animals. They are not willing to wait until they are grown up," said **Sue Gassner**, director of Education. "They want to make a difference right now. They want to be responsible pet owners and help homeless animals."

A 28-year veteran educator for the Humane Society, Gassner noted that children's feelings about animal welfare have shifted over time.

"It used to be that kids did not even understand the words 'spay' and 'neuter,' much less their importance to animal welfare," explained Gassner. "Now, they not only know the definition of the words, they support spaying and neutering because they understand how it helps animals."

Today's children also understand the important role they can play personally. Said Gassner, "It used to be that kids' main desire was to own a purebred. Now they want to adopt a rescued dog."

# Education

The Education Department of the Humane Society of Missouri is largely responsible for the shift in perspective. Last year the staff and volunteers provided interactive programming to 31,000 children. The impressive number was achieved by three employees and the help of highly skilled volunteer humane educators.

The docents are well informed about animal-related topics and familiar with age-level appropriate learning characteristics. To the delight of the students, almost every class includes interaction with animals in Humane Society care at our shelters and at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

“Kids that spend time with the animals become kids that care, which equals a better world for animals and people,” said **JoEllyn Klepacki**, who has been the education specialist at the Humane Society of Missouri since 2000.

“Unless we teach kids to be kind to animals, we cannot go forward on issues such as pet overpopulation or animal mistreatment,” explained Gassner. “It is the basis of all our education efforts.”

“We know that humane education is effective and has helped to impact the reduced numbers of unwanted animals,” she said.

## Teens Who ‘Get It’

In the summer, volunteer humane educators are joined by a cadre of Junior Camp Counselors who serve as mentors and role models for the younger children. “Peer education is a powerful influence on young students,” said Klepacki. “The younger children relate more to the teen camp counselors than they do with adults.”

Teens are more than extra eyes and hands. They are involved in planning activities in support of the curriculum. For example, long-term teen volunteer **Jen Turin** developed an interactive treasure hunt for young campers with clues such as “find the dog who has been here the longest” or “find the cat who likes dogs.”



DOG

*“When I grow up I want to be able to help the animals like you do. I want to make sure they all have food and water and a bed and that they will be loved and not scared. I want to make them happy because they need to be happy.”*

– Julie (age 8)

SPAY



"I love volunteering to help the animals. I can combine both of my passions — animals and kids. Believe me, I get so much more than I give. I can't imagine not helping the animals." said Jen.

"These teens have a strong desire to help the animals," said Klepacki referring to their understanding of how Humane Society programs reduce animal overpopulation and neglect. "Their work with younger kids is vital to our mission and making a kinder world for us all." They serve as role models the younger kids look up to.

**Kind Kids Club**

Eight years ago **Sue Gassner** created Kind Kids Club, an eight-week educational program pairing students from St. Louis University High School with Head Start preschool students.

The program is a win-win-win: for the preschool students who may never have been introduced to kindness to animals; the high school students who enjoy working with kids and animals; and the animals themselves, who will benefit from a kinder society. The Kind Kids Club provides a frame of reference for the children to treat animals with kindness and accept responsibility for the animal's welfare.

Another benefit of the club is that the young boys form strong bonds with the SLUH teens as positive male role models that demonstrate kindness to animals.

**This Winter, Think Summer!**

**Summer Camps for Children Fill Up Fast**

There's nothing boring about the summer camps at the Humane Society headquarters or Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. The schedule is packed with 25 separate opportunities to spend the day with animals, learn about animal issues or explore animal careers.

Whether your child is 6 or 14, is passionate about birds or crazy for cats, we have something fun to offer them. Hurry! Classes fill up quickly!

*To see a comprehensive list of our summer programs and to register online, please visit us at [hsmo.org](http://hsmo.org) or contact the Education Department for a brochure and application at (314) 951-1572 or [joellyn.klepacki@hsmo.org](mailto:joellyn.klepacki@hsmo.org).*



**PUPPY**

Dear Humane Society, I raised 10.00 by opening a Lemonade stand. I hope it helps some of cats that were rescued recently. I enjoyed raising money and I would be happy to raised more for other animals. I watch animal cops on animal planet and I hate seeing hurt or abandoned animals. its terrifying what I see happen. alot of animals die and I would Not Like to see more die. I have two Dogs (black Labs) and I fish. I also love horses. I love animals so if enithing happens sent me a letter and you can count on me, to help.

Sincerely,  
Sydni Berry

# Education

## Club H.O.P.E.

Three years ago the Club H.O.P.E. after-school program was co-created by **JoEllyn Klepacki**, education specialist at the Humane Society of Missouri, and **Becky Sebelski**, Humane Society volunteer. The acronym stands for Helping Our Pets and Environment.

As with any other after-school club, the kids meet once a month to explore animal-related topics, with parents as leaders. Subjects include animal safety, life in an animal shelter, co-existing peacefully with wildlife, careers with animals, pet care, the plight of strays and chained dogs, the pet overpopulation crisis, caring for the environment, animal cruelty prevention and facts about farm animals.

At its inception, only one elementary school was involved. Club H.O.P.E. has expanded to nine clubs in two school districts; one with an incredible membership of 114.

“Not only do the students have fun learning about animals, they also learn how to be more compassionate, responsible and caring and stand up for animals in need,” said Club H.O.P.E co-founder **JoEllyn Klepacki**.

*If you are interested in launching Club H.O.P.E. at your school, contact **JoEllyn Klepacki**, Education Specialist, at (314) 951-1572 or [joellyn.klepacki@hsmo.org](mailto:joellyn.klepacki@hsmo.org). 🐾*



Club H.O.P.E. Kids from Stanton Elementary.



## Show and Tail

A new program allows teachers to customize the 90-minute program offered at the Humane Society’s Macklind headquarters and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. “Create a Class” begins with a core curriculum prepared specifically for the age group (grades 1-3, grades 4-6 and teens). Teachers build the remainder of the program by choosing two additional topics from the Humane Society list or by requesting another animal-related subject.



The on-site education program includes an in-depth tour of the shelter at the Macklind headquarters or the world class facilities at the Ranch. Weekday programs include surgery observation. **Linda Chapman**, Ranch Education Specialist, offers Create-a-Class to Scout troops and 4-H clubs as well as teachers.

Like most of the classes offered through our Education Department, all lessons apply the Missouri Show-Me standards of performance required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Curricula are developed using principles of Caring Schools Communities, a nationally recognized character education program.

*For Create-a-Class at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, contact **Linda Chapman** at (636) 583-8759 or [linda.chapman@hsmo.org](mailto:linda.chapman@hsmo.org). For Macklind headquarters, contact **Sue Gassner** at (314) 951-1578 or [sue.gassner@hsmo.org](mailto:sue.gassner@hsmo.org). 🐾*





## What to Do If Your Dog Has A Submissive Urination Problem

Some dogs urinate when they feel threatened or even when they are greeted. Often the urination is accompanied by submissive postures, such as crouching or rolling over and exposing a belly. The Humane Society of Missouri Behavior Helpline staff may be able to help.

It's important to remember that this response is based on the dog's perception of a threat, not the person's actual intention. Submissive urination may resolve as your dog gains confidence. You can help build his confidence by teaching him commands and rewarding him for obeying.

- Take your dog to the vet to rule out medical reasons for the behavior.
- Keep greetings low-key.
- Encourage and reward confident postures from him.
- Give him an alternative to behaving submissively. For example, if he knows a few commands, have him "sit" or "shake" as you approach, and reward him for obeying.

- Avoid approaching him with postures that he reads as dominant, for example:
  - ~ Avoid direct eye contact — look at his back or tail instead.
  - ~ Get down on his level by bending at the knees rather than leaning over from the waist and ask others to approach him in the same way.
  - ~ Pet him under the chin rather than on top of the head.
  - ~ Approach him from the side, rather than from the front, and/or present the side of your body to him, rather than your full front.
  - ~ Don't punish or scold him — this will only make the problem worse.

*If you would like further assistance with this or another pet behavior topic, contact our Behavior Helpline at (314) 951-1540 or e-mail [behavior.desk@hsmo.org](mailto:behavior.desk@hsmo.org). 🐾*

## How to Stop Hand-biting and Clawing During Cat Play

People often use their hands to play with a kitten, tickling his or her tummy and allowing it to wrestle with their fingers. The problem is, when the kitten becomes a cat, the claws and teeth are larger and more dangerous. What began in fun can become an act of aggression, and your attempt to pet him or her can become painful and dangerous.

When the cat scratches or bites you, don't respond by hitting. If you act aggressively, the behavior escalates. Disengage your hand by gently pushing toward the animal. If you try to pull away, your pet will hang on all the more tightly. Instead, correct firmly. Say "No!" in a stern voice. If needed, spray the cat with water from a spray bottle or squirt gun.

Leave the pet alone for a few minutes. Return after the cat has calmed down and try playing again, using a toy and not your hands. Stop the game anytime it becomes aggressive or the cat goes for your hand. Provide an outlet for aggressive needs with a sturdy scratching post and plenty of toys.

If the behavior persists, consult a veterinarian as there may be an underlying physical condition or deeper problem troubling your pet.

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## You Can Help

# How to Make a Difference Today

Every day very ill, neglected and abandoned dogs, cats, horses and fowl come to the three Humane Society of Missouri shelters and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Pets like **Winston** who had severe mange and was malnourished and **Mason** who was cruelly dragged behind an ATV. (Read his story on page 11.) Sometimes they come alone, sometimes they arrive with dozens of other sick, neglected pets. All need veterinary care, good food, warm shelter and loving care.

### You Can Help

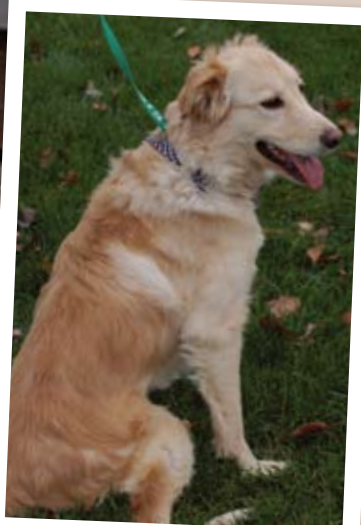
Your gift now ensures that we can fulfill our promise — **No Animal Left Behind** — and be there when future Winstons and Masons desperately need us.

### Gifts of Cash

Making a donation of cash is as simple as writing a check or authorizing a charge on your credit card. This allows the Humane Society of Missouri to put your contribution to work without delay.



Winston before



Winston after

### Gifts of Securities

Stock that has been held for at least a year and increased in value is one of the most popular assets used for charitable giving. Making a gift of securities to the Humane Society offers you the chance to help homeless animals and realize important benefits for yourself.

### Gifts of Individual Retirement Assets

If you are required to receive minimum distributions from your IRA and you do not need the money for personal use, consider using those funds as a charitable gift. While you cannot claim a charitable deduction for the IRA gifts, the gift generates no taxable income. Be sure to contact a tax professional and your IRA administrator if you are considering a gift under this law.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- 🐾 You are 70½ or older.
- 🐾 You transfer funds directly from your IRA fund manager to the Humane Society of Missouri.
- 🐾 The gift is outright. (The gift may not be to charitable trusts, donor advised funds or to supporting organizations.)

### Thank you!

If they could talk, Winston, Mason and the thousands of other animals we have rescued, nursed back to health and found new homes for would say, "Thank you for caring. Thank you for giving me my second chance for a loving, forever home!"

*If you have questions about outright or planned gifts, please call **Patricia R. Cassens**, CFRE, at (314) 951-1584 or email at [planned.giving@hsmo.org](mailto:planned.giving@hsmo.org). We also encourage you to visit our website at [hsmo.org/giftplanning](http://hsmo.org/giftplanning) to learn more ways you can help us help the animals. 🐾*

Yes, this is the same dog, right after he was rescued in August of 2008 and three months later when he was healed and adopted. Not only was **Winston** severely malnourished, his skin was covered with mange, caused by a mite, and in places it was severely infected. In addition to antibiotics, Winston needed three other medications before he quit scratching and chewing himself. His coat began to grow back in a month and in three months he became the beautiful dog taken home by the McCrearys.



# Wish List

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

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

## Adoption Centers

### St. Louis

(314) 951-1541

### Westport Area Branch

(314) 951-1585

### Chesterfield Valley Center

(636) 530-0806

- Video/camera unit
- Dog beds
- TV with VHS player
- SD memory card for digital cameras
- 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 (no slick ads)
- Copy and computer paper (shredded only)
- Litter boxes (small or medium)
- 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
- Veterinary drug manual

- Digital camera
- Large Tupperware-type bowls with lids
- Fabric softener sheets
- Tool kit

## Education

(314) 951-1578

- Vellum paper
- Animal-related children's books
- Gift cards to Michael's Crafts, Borders Books and Barnes & 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
- Animal-motif fabric
- Fabric markers
- Fabric paint (like Tulip slick) (any colors)
- Plain white T-shirts (all sizes) new, please
- Poster board paper
- Bradburn's gift cards
- Color markers
- Color construction paper
- Color computer paper
- *Kind News* subscription

## Foster Parent Program

(314) 802-5710

- Kitty Condos with perches (Used to confine litters of kittens, they provide a lot of vertical climbing space.)
- Portable exercise-pens used to confine litters of puppies.

- Large collapsible kennels that can be sent home with foster parents.
- Premier or 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

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

## 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

## Veterinary Medical Centers

### St. Louis

(314) 951-1557

### Westport Area Branch

(314) 951-1590

### Chesterfield Valley Center

(636) 530-0807

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

## Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

(636) 583-8759

- Shetland Pony sized driving harness and cart
- Mini horse halters
- Horse hair detangler
- Large portable Vari-kennels (for goats and potbellied pigs)
- 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)
- 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
- Stall bedding (baled shavings)
- Surgery sponsors or gift certificates to veterinarians
- Dump bed trailer
- Western saddles
- 2-way walkie-talkies
- Training DVDs
- Hot walker

# You Can Help

# 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, 2008 and October 31, 2008.

## In Memory of Pets

**Angel**  
Julie Kaiser

**Bailey**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Amsden

**Balto**  
Ms. Jane Wulf

**Balto**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Ehlen

**Barney**  
Earl and Carol Barnes

**Beau and Buster**  
Mrs. Barbara A. Watson

**Bernie Looney**  
Pete and Betty Hampton Wag'n Tail Retreat

**Blair**  
Mr. Dennis Pleimann

**Bo**  
Ms. Jane Wulf

**Bogey Johnston**  
Mr. Robert F. Johnston

**Bubbles**  
Ms. Catherine E. Adams

**Buster and Jade**  
Mr. and Mrs. Burton J. Wilner

**Butter**  
Ms. Linda R. Reifschneider

**Casey**  
Ms. Laura Lois

**Coco Kistner**  
Piccadilly, Gwen, MaryAnn, Linda, Gloria, Rick and Jerry

**Cuddles**  
Grandma and Papa

**Cuddles**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan F. Beckhard

**Dique**  
The Tesslers-Alicia, Michael, Jake and Zack

**Duke, Toby, Pasha, Nickoli, Brandy and Shane**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Riney

**Dutch Fuchs**  
The Wack Family

**Finch**  
Rog and Mom Dieckgrafe

**Fred**  
Susan Ryan and Brian Butts

**Gancia**  
Barry and Barbara Beracha

**Holly Baby, Iko and Oso**  
Lindsay Chaney

**Holly Barishman**  
Mr. John Barishman

**Honey Bear**  
Mrs. Melissa Chestnut

**Humphrey Yawitz**  
Mr. William Marshall

**Jake**  
The Schock Family

**Katie Hansen**  
Brenda and Greg Gravenmier

**Kelly**  
John, Sigrid, Lenny and Norm Sheehan

**Kitty**  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Pittman

**Lady Roberts**  
Mondi and Harlow

**Leo**  
David Nemerov and Diane Weber

**Libby**  
John, Sigrid, Lenny and Norm Sheehan

**Linnaeus Siegel**  
Ms. Christine Smith

**Lucky**  
Ms. Dianne Carlile

**Lucy**  
Ms. B.J. Okenfuss

**Madeline and Stephanie**  
Ms. Judy M. Headley

**Mason Bendet**  
Mrs. Blair Thompson

**Max**  
Jean Allman

**Merlin Rone**  
Tracy D. Rone

**Mr. Digby**  
Bill and Gary

**Napoleon**  
Katherine and Jeff Nord

**Nelson**  
Ms. Joanne Douglas

**P.J.**  
Rick Price and Steve Crouch

**Peanut**  
J.B.

**Remy and Taylor**  
Mrs. Alicia P. Withers

**Rudy Potter**  
Ms. Allyson Heidenreich

**Rudy Rand**  
Rich and Wanda

**Sam**  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dixon

**Scruffy Fowle**  
Ms. Rachel Fowle

**Sir Edward**  
Trigger and Friends

**Skyler Drago**  
Katherine and Jeff Nord

**Spike**  
Ms. Pamela A. Westbrooks

**Tea Tea**  
Dave, Marigold and Toto

**Thelma**  
Bill and Gary

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