

Spring 2011



Humane Society A.L.L. E-newsletter



The Humane Society Animal League for Life of Madison County is a 501(c)3 non-profit, no-kill organization. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible!

**We are now located at 128 C Big Hill Avenue
in Richmond** (just below WYCO - The Coyote Radio Station).

ADOPTION DAYS
Saturdays, 12-5 PM

A Special Donation Thank You!

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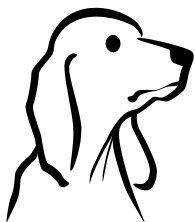
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The Humane Society A.L.L. would like to thank a very special six year old—Norah Stepp. In lieu of presents, Norah asked her friends to bring a donation for the animals to her sixth birthday party. Pictured are all the terrific items Norah collected for our animals in need. Norah is an animal lover and has two cats of her own.



THANK YOU, NORAH!

(Special thanks to her parents,
Cordy and Alyssa Stepp, too!)



Fostering with HSALL by Kris Coons

“Did you know that five out of ten dogs in shelters and seven out of ten cats in shelters are destroyed simply because there is no one to adopt them? “

Fortunately, the animals in the care of the Humane Society of Madison County A.L.L won't ever face that same fate. HSALL cares for animals until they are placed with their forever homes. Through donated funds and community support, the animals are fed and cared for each day by tireless volunteers and devoted staff members. Those animals lucky enough to have found temporary refuge with HSALL are there because there is currently adequate space or foster families willing to keep them in their homes.

Foster families play a vital role in keeping stray animals off the streets and out of shelters. Foster parents help dogs and cats prepare for a forever home. Many dogs and cats that end up at HSALL need basic socialization and manners. Some animals face health issues. A caring foster home is vital to the animal to ensure a full recovery. Too many dogs and cats that are at HSALL are products of abandonment or neglect. Showing the animals that most people are caring and trustworthy goes a long way in an animals' outlook on life and the overall quality of their lives.

What does it take to become a foster parent?

- Time, patience, love, a nurturing personality, and a willingness to try.
- Foster parents are also asked to drop off their fostered animals to the adoption center each Saturday for prospective adoptive families to meet them. If interested there is an application process and home visit.

Fostering Obstacles. Sound familiar?

“Not Enough Time”- Take a close look at your daily schedule. Determine if you might have a few hours a day to devote to a good cause.

“Other Pets at Home”- Believe it or not, with proper introductions animals will learn to get along. Be prepared for them to become friends!

“Too expensive”- HSALL provides all food and medical care to the fostered animal.

“Too attached to give up”- Bonds form, but the key is to keep the bigger picture in mind. Speaking from personal experience, I reminded myself constantly that if I adopted the first dog I ever fostered, I would only be helping one dog. I had to look at the bigger picture because my goal was to foster for as long as I could and help many dogs find a loving forever home. It is extremely satisfying. Keeping your goals in perspective is key.

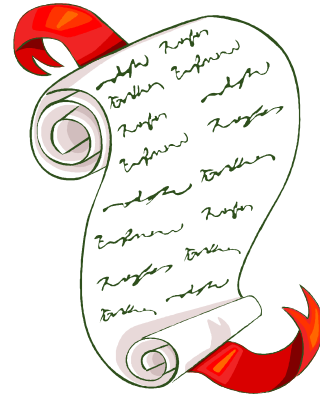
Please consider fostering an animal in need. For more information, contact HSALL.

Madison County Teacher Wins Grant in Collaboration with HSALL

Clark-Moores teacher Diana Flener was awarded a \$500 grant for her "Paws to Read" project. Ms. Flener will be purchasing books to help students learn about animal shelters, companion/service animals, and stray, abused and abandoned animals. Her students will use their writing skills to encourage their peers and family members to raise funds for the Humane Society A.L.L. of Madison County. We would like to congratulate Ms. Flener for her grant and thank her for raising awareness amongst her students.

Humane Society's Wish List

Dry cat food, kitten food
 Canned cat food
 Kitty litter
 Dry dog food, puppy food
 Dog and Cat toys
 Dog and Cat treats
 Stainless steel dog and cat food bowls
 Dog and Cat collars and leashes
 Plastic pet carriers in all sizes
 Wire dog kennels in all sizes
 Puppy training pads
 Washable cat and dog beds
 Live trap cages (Have-a-Heart style) to catch strays
 Litter pans and litter scoops
 Kitten and puppy milk replacement formula
 Used, clean bath towels, sheets, scatter rugs or blankets for bedding



Medical Supplies:

Flea treatments (Frontline, Revolution or Advantage only) for dogs and cats
 Heartworm prevention pills for dogs
 Terramycin eye ointment
 Ear cleansers
 Small heating pads
 Cottonballs

Cleaning Supplies:

Paper towels
 Bleach
 Ammonia free glass cleaner
 Lysol 3-1 liquid cleaner
 Air sanitizer
 Scented candles
 Liquid laundry detergent
 Garbage bags any size
 Liquid hand sanitizer
 Liquid hand soap

Office supplies

Copy/printer paper
 Mostly any office supplies or organizers
 Used, working digital cameras
 Used, working laptop computers

OTHER

Foster families
 Volunteers
 Gift cards to Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, Lowes, etc.
 Monetary donations for veterinary bills

Our Featured Pets: Brothers Axel and Thomas



Axel is sweet, energetic cat that is need of a home. He is about 1 1/2 to 2 years old and has a very cool orange coat. He likes to hang out in his hammock when not running around and plays well with other cats. Axel especially loves chasing the laser light and wrestling around with his brother Thomas. If you like orange tabby cats, then Axel is patiently awaiting for you to adopt him. He is probably chilling in his hammock as you read this! Axel is estimated to be about 1 1/2 years old as of 1/12/11. He is fully vetted, neutered and up to date on shots and FIV/FelV tested negative. If you are interested in meeting or inquiring about Axel, please contact Arlene Turner at adees6@hotmail.com or call 859-582-6837. His adoption fee is \$75.00.



Thomas is an adult orange tabby who is in need of a loving home. He is loving and playful! He especially loves feathery toys and chasing the laser light!! He does well with other cats and would make a great addition to any home. He also has a brother and best friend, an orange tabby named Axel, who would love to find a home too! Thomas is estimated to be about 1 1/2 years old as of 1/12/11. He is fully vetted, neutered and up to date on shots and FIV/FelV tested negative. If you are interested in meeting or inquiring about Thomas, please contact Arlene Turner at adees6@hotmail.com or call 859-582-6837. His adoption fee is \$75.00.

HSALL Partners with the Richmond Petsmart

The Humane Society A.L.L. is proud to announce its partnership with the Richmond Petsmart. Please stop by the Adoption Center inside the Richmond Petsmart to see many of our great cats available for adoption. HSALL thanks Petsmart for their wonderful support of our organization and many animal welfare organizations around the country. Over 4.5 million great pets have found homes through the Petsmart Adoption program.

Become A Member of Humane Society Animal League for Life

Membership Form	
<i>Name</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i> <i>Zip</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
<i>Fax</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>
TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> individual \$15 annually	<input type="checkbox"/> life membership \$250 (one time)
<input type="checkbox"/> family \$25 annually	<input type="checkbox"/> memorial \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> business \$50 annually	<input type="checkbox"/> donation \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> corporate \$200 annually	
Comments	

Please mail membership / donation forms to:

Humane Society A.L.L of Madison County
P.O. Box 2094
Richmond, Kentucky 40476-2094

Yoshi: An Adoption Success Story *by Kammy Popiwczak*

I am not quite sure why I went to Petfinder.com's website that day. I had recently moved my family and all our pets from NY to Berea, KY. Adding a third cat was really not on my mind.

When I saw the photo of a beautiful young kitten named Yoshi, I immediately fell in love. He looked so much like my beloved cat "Sparkle". Sparkle carries my fluffy white slipper around the house like it is her kitten, so I began to wonder if she would like her very own kitten to love. (Of course Sparkle is spayed and never had kittens of her own.)

I had concerns that maybe a male kitten would not mix with my older male Siamese, but my heart told me I had to meet Yoshi at the Humane Society's adoption center. There, I knew I had to have Yoshi. His personality was so loving, my heart just melted. My application for the adoption was approved, and I had my new kitten.

I thank God everyday for my Yoshi. He has brought such a joy to my house. Sparkle does treat him like her own baby (as you can see them snuggling in the photo.) People who come to my house cannot believe they came from different states as they look so much alike. Yoshi purrs all day long and seems so appreciative of his new home. Even my male Siamese likes Yoshi!

Through the Humane Society A.L.L., not only did I walk away with a wonderful new member of my family, I also made some new friends. I now volunteer with HSALL, as I want to give something back and help save even more great cats.

I cannot thank Yoshi's foster mom Kate enough for giving him a temporary home until he could find his forever home with me.



Yoshi



Yoshi and Sparkle

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