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

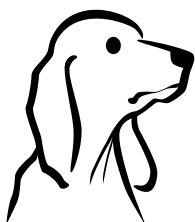
ADOPTION DAYS
Saturdays, 12-5 PM

Thank You Model Humane Society!

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The Humane Society A.L.L. would like to thank Model Laboratory School's Model Humane Society for their very generous donation of \$200 towards the care of rescued dog Ginger (see "Saving Ginger" on page 2). This enthusiastic group of students is led by Betsy Grise. Pictured below is freshman Stephanie McCormick presenting the money to Melanie Helvie, Humane Society volunteer.



Saving Ginger

Ginger came to the Humane Society A.L.L. in early January 2011. Bones protruded from her hips and each rib could be seen jutting out from her sides. She had various puncture wounds on her legs and paws. She was so malnourished she was unsteady on her feet and too weak to stand for long. Initial tests confirmed that Ginger was heartworm positive. Ginger had a long, tough road ahead of her.

Ginger was placed into foster care immediately upon her arrival to HSALL on Saturday. She was taken to the vet on Monday where chest x-rays confirmed the heartworm presence. However, her blood work showed she was far too sick to withstand the rigorous heartworm treatment. Tests showed that Ginger had had a massive amount of blood loss, but from where, when, and why was uncertain. Before she could be treated for the life threatening heartworms, Ginger had to live first.

Ginger stayed with her foster family. She ate and ate and ate. Slowly at first...small meals frequently throughout the day. She slept a lot. She was a model patient as she took her antibiotics and let her foster family wash her wounds with iodine without even a whimper. She hated going out in the cold and rain on leash for bathroom breaks and cowered near the house. Eventually she realized she wasn't to be left out there by herself.

After weeks of healthy and regular feedings, Ginger was able to start her first round of heartworm treatment. In February she spent three days at Barnes Mill Animal Clinic. When she returned to her foster family she was on strict crate rest for four weeks. She was only allowed out of her crate for short leash walks and for short cuddles and love. After her four weeks were over, Ginger returned to Barnes Mill and underwent a second round of the treatment. This time when she returned home she was on strict crate rest for six weeks!

The second round of treatment seemed more volatile to her system than the first round. Ginger shivered and twitched while she rested in her crate. She whimpered. She went off her food. She was queasy and lagged behind on her leash when she was taken out. She vomited, had diarrhea and was all around miserable. Then more parasites were found in her stool. So, more medicine for poor Ginger.

After four long weeks, Ginger showed signs of improvement. She was starting to perk up! She wanted out of her crate...but was not allowed, except for short cuddles and short leash walks of course. She ate better. She finally started to put on some much needed weight! The extra two weeks in the crate did her good. When her six weeks were finally up, she was like a new dog!

Ginger is still traveling her long road to recovery. She is still learning how to act in a house. Her potty training is a slow go...but she will get it! She still jumps at loud noises and acts timid toward some men. She does warm up though and her loving personality shines when someone gives her a treat or a kind pat on the back. Ginger is learning some basic commands. She loves to play with her foster dog sisters. She "plays" with the cats, well with one of them anyway. She absolutely adores the children. She loves meal time! She enjoys walks. While Ginger is adapting to home life and feeling like a real dog should, she is waiting patiently for another four months to pass until she can be heartworm tested again. Hopefully, she will get a clean bill of health, then she can be spayed and put up for adoption.

It is through the heartwarming charitable giving of so many who have stepped forward to help Ginger, that she is where she is today. Her foster family knows she is extremely special and worth every cent...it is only a matter of time until more people can get to truly know her as well. Isn't it amazing how animals can touch our lives, and in turn, how we can touch theirs!

Ginger Thanks You

**For helping to save her life and for giving her an opportunity of a lifetime...
a healthy and happy future!**

Saving Ginger



Above two photos: Ginger in poor condition—emaciated, injured and dying from heart worms.

Photo at left: After intensive treatments and cage rest, Ginger is enjoying life with a friend.



Ginger's story touched 13 year old Joseph Jacobs. Shown in this photo visiting another rescue dog at the Adoption Center, Joseph donated his allowance to help raise funds for Ginger's care. It is children like Joseph who make us proud and grateful . Thank you, Joseph!

Our Featured Pets: Katie and Tux



Katie is our little year old Beagle/Corgi mix. She is super sweet, loves to cuddle and is house trained. She enjoys cats and older children and is just happy to be inside and loved. Katie was dropped and found at a dumpster, and is now looking for her forever home that will never abandon her. If your looking for a sweet, easy to please girl, then here she is! Katie is approximately 1 year old, spayed, up to date on all vaccines, heartworm tested and was negative.

If you are interested in meeting Katie, please contact Arlene Turner at ade-es6@hotmail.com or call 859-582-6837. Katie is being fostered in Richmond and her adoption fee is \$110.00.



Tux is a gorgeous black and white tuxedo cat. He has long white whiskers, a white blaze on his chest, and four white mittens. Tux is an incredibly sweet and beautiful cat. He is estimated to be between 2-3 years of age. Tux was a friendly stray with severe gum infection and had to have his teeth behind his canines removed. He does best on wet cat food since it is hard for him to chew dry. Tux wants to be an indoor lap cat with someone to love and take care of him forever.

Please email Jamie at j.bratcher@yahoo.com or call 859-582-2612 if you would like to meet this adorable cat. Tux's adoption donation fee is \$75.

HSALL Partners with the Richmond Petsmart

The Humane Society A.L.L. is proud of 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

Living in a Shadow by Melanie Helvie

Have you ever lived in someone's shadow? You were never really noticed due to the overwhelming popularity of someone close to you, maybe a sibling. Daisy was that dog. Through no fault of his own Daisy's older brother Duke is a rock star. He is large, distinct, cool, and calm and walks with a limp. You can't miss him. Daisy is kind of the opposite, not exactly what you would call cool and calm. She is very beautiful and a sweetheart but definitely the spastic younger sister always trying to get your attention.

Daisy was found in April 2010 roaming with her big brother Duke around the Hampton Ridge neighborhood on Four Mile road. Melanie Helvie was able to capture them in her garage after three weeks of seeing them roaming. They were both scared to death of everything. Duke had a broken leg, old bullet wounds on his side and Daisy was in heat. What a pair! She had to lure them in the garage with food. They slept cuddled up next to the lawn mower the first night. A couple of days later they jumped the fence not convinced they liked their foster home. It was warming into summer and Melanie knew she had to find a better foster home as she already had four dogs of her own and a hot garage is no place for a dog to live. Luxury Pets did the most wonderful thing and allowed them to stay there. They were amazing to those dogs!

Fast forward a few months. Lots of money was raised and Duke had leg surgery and he was doing well. His size and personality instantly made him famous. Daisy was left in the shadow to jump and lick to get your attention. She was always there happy but never anyone's focus. At the dog park Duke got all the looks and attention while Daisy picked all the fights. Maybe she did it to be dominant or maybe just for attention. Either way her behavior was frustrating. She was never able to chill out and relax like her big brother.

A few more months pass. Daisy gets basic obedience and does super. There was no doubt from the start she was a smart dog. She just needed some training. Still it seemed only big brother got the looks and the fame. At all the events Duke would lie on his back and did his thing while Daisy just tried to get noticed. It is so hard to grow living in a shadow.

A year passed and finally Daisy's famous brother finds his forever home. What to do with Daisy? Melanie made the decision to try to fit Daisy into her pack of four dogs. Daisy was given a chance to step out of the shadow and she has blossomed. The first couple of days were scary for her with all the noises in a house but Daisy quickly overcame her fear. She made friends with the pack and even plays with the Roxy the pit-bull who has been aggressive in the past with outside dogs. I guess the fighting at the dog park was for attention not dominance. Daisy has learned to love walks and living in a house. She sleeps soundly at the foot of the bed each night. She still licks for your attention and jumps when excited but what she does now that she never did before is chill out. Just lays on the floor calm and cool. Given the opportunity to grow and learn is what everyone wants, even a dog.



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



If you find a lost or homeless animal, here are steps you can take to help.

- Check for collar and tags.
- Take it to Advanced Animal Care (behind Frisch's) if it is after regular hours and see if the animal has a microchip. They are open 24 hours/day.
- Call the Madison County Animal shelter and report the animal has been found. **(859-986-9625)**
- They have on average a 65% euthanasia rate so do your best to locate an owner or a reputable rescue before you send the animal there.
- Call the Humane Society Animal League for Life and give a report/description of the animal. **(859-626-5600)**

People do call both places and look for their pets this way.

- Call the Richmond Register and put a free ad in the paper **(624-6681)**. Give generalities. Make the people who call **YOU** describe the dog they are looking for. Many people scour ads looking for free animals to use as snake food or as bait for dog fights. This goes for Craig's list as well.
- Put up flyers in the area you found the dog or cat. Talk to neighbors in the area to see if they recognize the animal.
- Call local vets offices and leave a description of the animal in case anybody is looking:

Barnes Mill=623-7387

By-Pass Animal Clinic=625-1144,

Town and Country clinic=624-4005,

Central Madison vet clinic=369-3699,

Richmond Vet clinic=623-3898

Silver Creek Animal Hospital=986-7076,

Skipworth Veterinary Clinic=623-0008

Waco Animal Hospital=369-5678,

Advanced Animal Care (open 24hrs)=369-5678,

All Creatures=623-9944.

Once these steps have been taken, start checking into reputable organizations that may be able to find a home for the animal.

“Apprentice Challenge” Raises HSALL Supplies

The **Leadership Dynamics Class in the Office Technology program at Madison County Area Technology Center** held an Apprentice Challenge at the school to raise donations for the **Humane Society A.L.L.** The different classes were placed on teams with project managers patterned after the television show, The Apprentice. The task was for students to bring in donations from the Humane Society's Wish List (That was posted in the e-newsletter) such as pet food, pet toys, leashes, collars, etc. Some of the items collected are as followed:

- 20 paper towels
- 9 Bleach
- 6 litter
- 4 kitten chow
- 2 bags of puppy pads
- 1 bag dog food, 1 bag puppy food
- 1 all purpose cleaner
- 12 cans of adult cat food
- 13 dog toys
- 24 hand sanitizers
- 13 cat toys
- 1 litter scoop
- 1 disinfecting wipes
- 24 collars
- 10 leashes



The students in the photo are listed from left to right, starting with the bottom row. Brittany Dargavell, Corinne Ellis, Lauren Campbell Allison Wilson, Megan Duham, Lauren Alabarces Erik Henderson Anthony McDaniel, Nathon Fox, Daniel Wells, Mitchell Bryant.

HSALL would like to thank their teacher, Ann Loftis, for organizing this challenge!

Heartworm Facts

Heartworms are worms that live in the heart.

Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes. Every dog and cat is at risk. They cannot get it from another cat or dog. It is very rare for humans to get heartworms.

Heartworms eventually lead to heart failure, usually in 3-5 years.

A study performed at North Carolina State University indicated that 25% of cats infected with heartworms were solely indoor cats.

Heartworms affect cats differently than dogs, but the disease they cause is equally as serious.

Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. Just one bite from a mosquito infected with the heartworm larvae will give your dog heartworm disease.

It takes about seven months, after a dog has bitten by an infected mosquito, for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. They then lodge in the heart, lungs, and surrounding blood vessels and begin reproducing. Adult worms can grow up to 12 inches in length. They can live between 5-7 years in the dogs system. A dog can have as many as 250 worms in its system at one time.

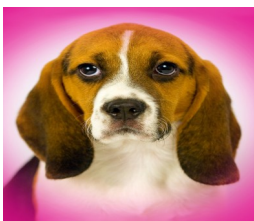
Heartworm treatment is expensive. With tests, x-rays, treatment, hospital stays, and follow up, the cost can run anywhere from \$400.00 to \$800.00. It can cost even more, depending on the stage of infestation and if surgical removal is required.

Heartworm treatment is painful for the pet and difficult for the pets' family. Strict crate rest is required for 4-10 weeks after treatment.

After treatment, the worms begin to die. As they die, they break up into pieces, which can cause a blockage of the pulmonary vessels and cause death. Thus the reason pets must be kept quiet during the treatment and then for weeks afterward. Studies have indicated that most of the dogs that die after heartworm treatment do so because the owners let them be active too soon.

The American Heartworm Society (AHS) estimates that only 55% of dogs in the U.S. are currently on a heartworm preventive, leaving 27 million dogs at risk of acquiring heartworm disease.

Heartworm disease is preventable if an animal is given a monthly heartworm preventative.



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