



JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



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Spring Adoption Event

March 1st through May 31st

Last year, **92%** of the animals that came into the shelter were adopted or returned to their owners. Our goal is to provide humane and compassionate care to each one of the animals in our care and find loving, forever homes for all of them. We have lots of great dogs (large and small) and cats looking for homes. Please consider adopting this spring!



DOGS \$40*

Includes spay or neuter . heartworm tested . all vaccines
temperament tested . microchipped . a loyal friend

*the \$40 is for dogs already spayed or neutered



CATS \$25

Includes spay or neuter . all vaccines
microchipped . a furry addition for your lap



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Valley Falls, KS 66088

Upcoming Events

March 12th Valley Falls Lawn and Garden Show – V.F. Highschool gym 9am-2pm
JCHS will have a booth with information – the shelter is close by and open for adoptions from 1pm-5pm

March 20th and May 1st Volunteer Days at the Shelter (more info inside)

April 9th Earth Day Walk and Events – Slough Creek Point, Perry Lake
sponsored by Jefferson County Conservation District . 10am-1pm
we will have adoptable dogs at the event . bring your dog to walk or walk one of ours

May 6th and 7th Garage Sale – at the shelter (Fri 8am-5pm; Sat 8am-1pm)



June 17th 4th Annual Fore the Animals Golf Tournament



June 23rd -25th Oskaloosa Old Settlers Days
Beagle Bounce . Dunk Tank . Adoptions

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VOLUNTEER DAYS AT THE SHELTER

Sunday, March 20th and Sunday, May 1st - 10 am to 4 pm



We will be working on our **dog yards** and can use lots of help. We always have **inside projects** going on as well or you can **play with cats or take dogs for walks**. Please wear long pants, sturdy shoes and bring gloves.

Lunch will be provided.



Hope you can join us!

This is an exciting time for our shelter. We are building several yards for both big and small dogs. Weather permitting, the dogs will spend most of their time outside – being dogs. Not only is this good for the dogs, it will be great for potential adopters to see and interact with the dogs in yards. Many people won't go to shelters because "it's too hard to see those dogs in cages." We are confident this will increase our adoptions.

"Staff Meeting"



Kembry Gibbs is our Shelter Manager. She oversees all shelter operations, including intakes, adoptions, customer service, data entry, inventory and animal care. Kem got involved with the shelter when she became a foster caretaker. We then hired her as a kennel tech and promoted her to shelter manager a year ago. Kem worked for 17 years in what she calls a "normal job" but wanted to work with animals and "took a leap of faith" with the support of her partner and came to work for us. She says, "I see people at their worst – dumping animals, but I also see people at their best – bringing in supplies for the animals, walking dogs and petting cats. When asked what kind of dog she would be, Kem said she'd be a mutt from a shelter. "They are the best dogs in every regard and there are never two alike." Kem is also our ace photographer at the shelter.

Jennifer Schrick is our Kennel Manager. She oversees our kennel techs (including her husband, Mark), cleans kennels, does health checks on all new animals, and supervises medications. Jennifer does it all and more. She not only works for us but volunteers regularly. It is not uncommon for Jennifer to make late night trips to the shelter if an animal needs care or law enforcement needs to bring us a stray. Jennifer loves animals and will tell you that her life revolves around her family and animals. Jennifer is involved in the State Animal Response Team program; fighting animal cruelty; and started our Facebook page. If she were a dog, we decided she would be a border collie – keeping all of us rounded up and working hard.



THANKS TO KEM AND JENNIFER FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!

Thanks to All Our Adopters



Every cat and dog that gets adopted or returned to their owner is a celebration at the shelter - especially those that have been with us for awhile, are older or need special care. **Wally** was born at the shelter and was one of many black labs that we seem to always have. He is a wonderful dog and was adopted just recently. **Gibbs** came to us as a stray kitten. Many of our cats come in as part of a litter that was found or that somebody



couldn't take care of anymore. Thanks to many of you who adopt our animals giving them new homes and a second chance for love.

We especially love the pictures, letters and e-mails that you send to us. We put them up so visitors and staff can enjoy them at the shelter. Please keep us updated! You can send us notes and photos by e-mail at jfcountypet@gmail.com or by snail mail.



Or just give us a call and tell us how things are going. Thanks!!

Black Tie and Tails – Thanks for joining us!

This was our second event that we hope to make an annual fundraiser. We had a great night of sharing stories and recognizing so many who make a big difference every year for the animals in our shelter.



**Our Oskie Vets
Drs. Shera and Carl**



Karen, Carolyn and Frank



Lisa and Doug Schmidt

Sometimes They Rescue Us -



Sometimes We Rescue Them



If you are reading this, we know you have experienced a time in your life when a dog or cat has impacted your life in a significant way. Maybe it gave you comfort or made you laugh when you needed it most. Maybe it tugged at your heart when you saw it abandoned and looking for food in a trash can. Because your address is on this newsletter, **we know you care** about and have supported the animals of the Jefferson County Humane Society. You have made a difference in their lives.

We are beginning our sixth year of operating a shelter. Last year we cared for almost 400 animals. Of the animals that came into the shelter in 2010, **over 90% were adopted or returned to their owners**. Most importantly, we continue our quest to find homes for all adoptable animals and offer help with spaying and neutering, food, or solutions to help people in our community keep their animals who might otherwise surrender them to the shelter.

Although we count on your support throughout the year, this is always **the time of year we need that extra boost**. Winter at the shelter is always challenging and expensive. The snow and cold weather increase our costs for heating, snow removal, and maintenance. Staffing costs increase because our outside dogs are brought inside during cold days and nights, increasing the time staff spends walking dogs and cleaning extra kennels. Winter is also a slower time for fundraising events.

Almost all of the costs for shelter improvement is covered by donated items and volunteer labor. Volunteers help with some kennel cleaning, transporting animals to the vet and other tasks that we don't need to pay staff to do. But the shelter still needs cash to pay



our staff, veterinarian care, building mortgage, utilities, insurance and supplies. **We count on our generous donors and fundraisers** to help with these expenses.

Warmer days are on the way and so are exciting changes at the shelter. This past month, adoptions have been great, lowering our census just in time for all those **unwanted litters of kittens and puppies** that spring brings. We are expanding our outside facilities and adding kennel space to the “garage” area inside. This will allow us to give our animals more room and **take in more animals**.



We are adding several large **fenced yards** for both large and small dogs. Our dogs will have lots of outside time playing with other dogs and humans or just relaxing in the sun. Most of the fencing material has been donated and volunteers are helping us build the yards.

Five rooms are now dedicated to cats and puppies. They have been painted bright colors and all have full glass doors that allow more interaction between the critters and visitors. The garage will be converted to **more indoor dog space** with a donation of stainless steel kennels.

Your financial support is important. Help us continue caring for and finding homes for the animals in our community that are abandoned or relinquished by their owners. **Please consider a donation today.**

Thank you from the Board of Directors,

Kip Elliot Keith Haynie Dolores Werder Marilyn Sharkey Virginia Richards Donna Fannin

Jefferson County Humane Society - Donation March 2011

Name _____	Amount: _____	\$500
Address _____	_____	\$250
_____	_____	\$100
E-mail _____	_____	\$ 50
Phone _____	_____	\$ 25

_____ \$ other

I would like to make a monthly donation in the amount of \$_____ (We will send you a monthly reminder).

Please contact me to volunteer at special events

Please detach and return in the enclosed envelope. **THANK YOU!**

