



JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



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FALL FEST FOR HOMELESS PETS ANNUAL AUCTION

 **Saturday, October 15th *** Oskaloosa Middle School**

5:00 p.m. dinner and silent auction

7:00 p.m. live auction

▶ Chili ▶ Chicken & Noodles ▶ Soup ▶ Desserts and more
(free will donation for dinner)

 **Bid on a variety of items from area businesses and Humane Society supporters**

- ▶ animal products
- ▶ gift certificates
- ▶ antiques
- ▶ gift baskets
- ▶ great holiday gifts
- ▶ lots of surprises

 **Door prizes: Bring a "wish list" item and receive a chance to win door prizes**

- ▶ paper towels
- ▶ laundry detergent
- ▶ towels and blankets
- ▶ bleach
- ▶ dishwasher soap
- ▶ cat and dog toys
- ▶ Dawn dish soap
- ▶ cat litter (nonclumping)

*All proceeds benefit the animals of the
Jefferson County Humane Society*



Jefferson County Humane Society
P.O. Box 57
Valley Falls, KS 66088

ADOPTION SPECIAL - CATS AND DOGS

NOW THRU OCTOBER 31ST

DOGS - 6 months and older \$40

- ✓ Spayed or neutered . all vaccines
- ✓ Heartworm and temperament tested
- ✓ Microchipped

CATS AND KITTENS \$25

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- ✓ All vaccines
- ✓ Microchipped

"Staff Meeting"

In the last newsletter, we featured Kem and Jennifer. Meet the rest of our staff! Our kennel techs work hard to make sure all of the animals have clean shelter and are provided with lots of individual attention.

Mark Wiseman

Mark is camera shy and wanted us to use "Yeller" for his picture. It's very appropriate because Mark is all about our dogs. He is our very own "dog whisper" and spends lots of time (on the clock and as a volunteer) working with the dogs to make sure they are ready for a new home. He helps our shy dogs adjust and works with all of them on leash training and commands.



Angie Young

Angie has been a volunteer for the humane society for many years. When we had an opening for a kennel tech, Angie applied and we gladly accepted her as a new employee. Angie works with the cats and dogs and often spends volunteer time at the shelter and events. Angie also fosters one of our dogs in her home. If you stop by the shelter and Angie is around, you will always see a smile on her face and, often, a cat or dog in her arms.



Buddy

Amy Holstein

Amy is the newest member to our staff. She came from an internship program working in an aviary. She's adjusted well to the cats and dogs. Amy is also our resident staff person. She lives in the shelter's apartment and helps out with late night feedings for orphaned critters and medication when needed. Amy has lots of energy and works well with the cats and dogs. Amy took on a project to help one of our dogs, Checkers, who came in and is extremely shy. Checkers began living with Amy in the apartment and has made lots of progress. A few weeks ago, Amy officially adopted Checkers when she realized there was no way she could part with her new friend.



Checkers

Thanks to all our staff that provide compassionate care to the animals!

2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 15, 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

This year, the only board member whose term is expiring is Kip Elliot. Kip has agreed to be placed on the ballot. Please vote below and either bring your ballot to the meeting or mail it in the enclosed envelope. All board members serve for a two year term.

Kip Elliot _____ yes _____ no

Thanks to Our Young Donors



Libby Phillips

Libby is 10 years old and lives in Valley Falls. Libby donated \$24 to the animals of the Jefferson County Humane Society that she raised from her lemonade stands in Valley Falls and Easton. Libby wants to continue raising money for the critters and is also asking people to support her cause of helping animals.

The Jefferson County North Thespian Troupe 6178

The theatre group performed two shows of *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams on September 3, 2011. The proceeds for both shows were donated to the humane society. Animals from the humane society were on hand for the shows and several students helped as "critter wranglers."



Volunteer Opportunities

"I can't volunteer because it breaks my heart to see all those animals at the shelter."

We hear this all the time, but the reality is that we are a low-kill shelter and that takes the pressure off of you and the animals. We strive to give all the animals quality human contact at the shelter. **You can make a difference** and we need your help. Please consider giving a few hours a week or a month or for an event and volunteer. Call Kem at 785-945-6600 and sign-up to walk dogs, play with cats, help around the shelter, or help with events.

Upcoming Events

- **Grasshopper Days**, Valley Falls - September 17th - dunk tank and adoptable animals
- **Renaissance Festival**, Kansas City - October 10th - volunteer opportunities
- **Fall Fest for Homeless Pets** annual auction, Oskaloosa - October 15th

My Dog, My Cat, My Story

Hooch, a 13 year old mastiff mix and Pepper, a cattle dog, came into the shelter towing their human companion, Richard. He's a veteran with a serious illness and lost his place to live because of medical bills. Whenever he has gas money,



Hooch

he comes to the shelter to visit his dogs. A few weeks ago, Hooch started having seizures and after spending a day at the vet's office with no relief, the decision was made to let Hooch go. We called Richard and he agreed with the



Pepper

decision. It is not uncommon for animals to

come to us because of a death, illness or losing a home. Although it's sad to hear these stories, the silver lining is that these animals still have a chance to find a new home or return to their old home. Our hope is that **Richard and Pepper** will be reunited.



The Cowan's came to the shelter to adopt a dog. They are a senior couple and wanted a canine companion. They choose a young, strong black lab. Staff was worried that the young dog would be too much for them but they fell in love and "Sam" went home with a promise they'd bring her back if she was too much to handle. The Cowans came back to visit and share stories with staff. Sam sleeps at the foot of their bed every night. Mr. Cowan makes tea and biscuits for his wife every afternoon. As she enjoys her snack, Sam sits by until she's finished. [We think she shares the treats with Sam]. So many of you come back in and share your stories. Thanks!

Saving One Makes a Difference

A boy was picking up starfish from the beach and throwing them back into the ocean.

A man stopped and asked the boy what he was doing. The boy told the man that the tide is going out and if he didn't throw the starfish back, they would die.

The man told the boy that there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish, and that you can't make a difference.

The boy picked up another starfish and threw it back into the ocean. Smiling, the boy said, "***I made a difference for that one.***"



by Loren Eiseley





Puppies and Kittens – Dogs and Cats



Every year we take in the majority of our animals as strays. During the past 12 months, we have taken in **309** animals. In the same time period, **298** animals have left the shelter.

88% have found new homes or been returned to their owner. **12%** died or were



euthanized for medical reasons. In **2011** we had a record number of animals come into the shelter because of the economy – people losing their homes and jobs. We have also had many litters of puppies and kittens come in as strays or from people who couldn't find homes for the litters. We continue to encourage people to get their



animals **spayed and neutered to prevent litters** and offer vouchers to help with the surgery when possible.



From our last newsletter, Shelly Schupp wrote about our Wellman story, "I am sending \$15 for the newsletter. Thank you for loving Wellman, and letting him go when life was too hard."

Your Donation Makes A Difference

Please consider a donation to help us continue providing a refuge for unwanted and lost animals in our county. Every donation, large or small, makes a significant difference. Without our donors, these animals would not have a place to find a new home or be returned to their owners. **Thank you for your continued support!**

Jefferson County Humane Society - Donation September 2011

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail _____
Phone _____

Amount: _____ \$500
_____ \$250
_____ \$100
_____ \$ 50
_____ \$ 25
_____ \$ other

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

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