

Humane Happenings



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THIRD ANNUAL PET PHOTO CONTEST!

The Humane Society of Citrus County is sponsoring our Third Annual Pet Photo Contest to give pet owners a chance to show off their pets. If you haven't already, go to our website at www.humanesocietycitrus.com and see how you can submit that great photo of your best friend. Or you can mail your photos and entry fees to us postmarked by March 20. We are accepting photos until March 20.

Votes are \$1.00 per vote with



opportunities to earn free votes and will be accepted until midnight on April 12. The top 3 vote getters will receive a trophy and top pet will receive a gift basket, donated by our sponsors, worth over \$500.

Funds raised will be used to support our efforts to rescue abused, neglected, abandoned pets. So visit our site and support your favorite pet.

Our Mission:

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CITRUS COUNTY FL INC IS A 501(C)3 CORPORATION DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION OF ALL ANIMALS. IT IS OUR GOAL TO RESCUE AND FIND FOREVER HOMES FOR AS MANY ABANDONED, ABUSED PETS AS POSSIBLE AND TO TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAY/NEUTER TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF THE OVER-POPULATION OF UNWANTED, ABUSED, ABANDONED PETS..

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22nd ANNUAL FLORAL CITY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Come visit us at the Strawberry Festival, March 7 from 9-5:00 and March 8 from 9-4:00. Two fun filled days of art, crafts, entertainment, games, prizes and delicious food. Admission is \$2, children under 12 admitted free. Stop by our booth and say hello!



8 SIGNS OF DOG

ILLNESS!

- ◆ LACK OF APPETITE-
ANY CHANGE IN
EATING HABITS-FEED
AT SCHEDULED
TIMES SO YOU CAN
MAKE SURE THEY
ARE EATING
- ◆ LESS ACTIVE-NOT
ALWAYS JUST
GETTING OLDER-MAY
NOT BE FEELING
WELL
- ◆ WEAKNESS-LOSS OF
BALANCE OR
COORDINATION
- ◆ LETHARGY-LACK OF
INTEREST IN HIS
ENVIRONMENT
- ◆ WEIGHT LOSS-IF HE
FEELS BONIER,
LIGHTER OR YOU
CAN FEEL HIS RIBS
- ◆ INCREASED WATER
CONSUMPTION-CAN
BE A SIGN OF
KIDNEY DISEASE OR
DIABETES
- ◆ NOT GROOMING
THEMSELVES-DULL
LUSTERLESS COAT
- ◆ BAD BREATH--CAN
RESULT FROM
DENTAL DISEASE

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WISH LIST FOR THE KIDS

Paws-itively Pets is in need of a couple of items that we have added to our Wish List. We are always in need of staples like paper towels, bleach, dog collars, laundry detergent, large trash bags, Lysol Blue or Mr. Clean Blue. In addition, we now have a need for single bed quilts for the pups to lay on in their kennels at night.

Below is a picture of a dog house we would love to have for the play yard. Right now we use tarps but unfortunately they don't last long. The pups would love it.



These dog houses are made of sturdy plastic, rugged and durable and they would be easy to keep clean.

This is only an example, any dog house will do!

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

Before heading out to the store, go to www.goodsearch.com and select the Humane Society of Citrus County as your favorite charity. You can shop online at Wal-Mart, Pet Smart, Barnes & Noble, Office Depot and many other stores and we receive a percent of the sale.





SOME OF OUR HAPPY TAILS!



BROOKLYN & NEW FAMILY



CRICKET & NEW MOM



RASTA & NEW MOM & DAD



COLBY & NEW MOM & DAD



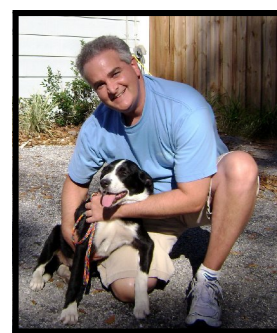
MANDY & NEW MOM



SOPHIE & NEW MOM & DAD



SAMMY & NEW FAMILY



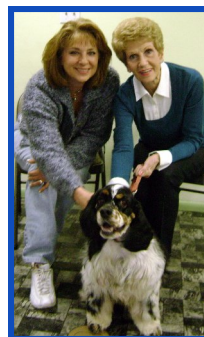
HOLLY & NEW DAD



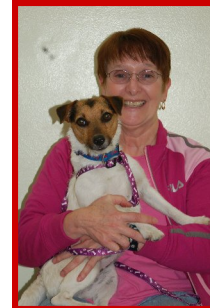
AUBREY & NEW MOM



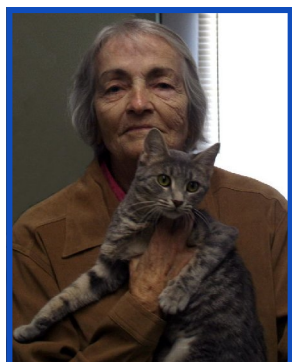
BILL & NEW DAD



WALL-E & NEW FAMILY



CRACKER JACK & NEW MOM



JANIE & NEW MOM



DIXIE & NEW DAD



CALEB & NEW MOM



GUS & NEW DAD

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL PET DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Fido or Fluffy's bad breath could be more than a smelly annoyance; it might signify a serious health risk with the potential to damage not only the animal's teeth and gums but its internal organs as well.

According to the AVDS, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of oral disease by age three, often indicated by bad breath, a change in eating or chewing habits, pawing at the face and mouth, and depression.

Just as the public has come to realize that their own oral health is linked to their overall health, veterinarians want people to understand that dental health care is essential to maintaining the overall health and well-being of the family pet.

Pet owners should make oral home care part of their pet's routine as a way to prevent tooth decay. Although daily tooth brushing is advised for dogs and cats, according to the AVDS, only 2% of pet owners follow through.

Get your pet his own toothbrush and start getting into that daily routine.



THANKS TO OUR JANUARY SUPPORTERS

- * William & Jean Petruska
- * Margaret Hypes
- * Sue Brascia
- * Fred & Donna McEwen
- * Charles & Rebecca Wagner
- * Jack & Marilyn Berg
- * Shirley Davis
- * Glen & Martha Cutrone
- * Shirley Dowling
- * Anna Weisgarber
- * William & Sharon Wildman
- * Uma & Alex Burgos



PET TIP OF THE MONTH

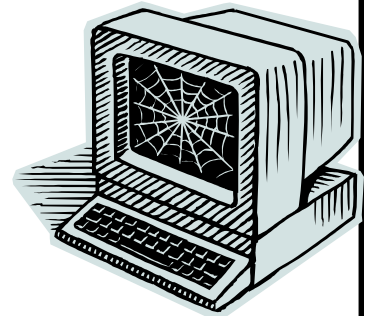
TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR PET

- ◆ Photograph in his natural environment, while out in the yard or on a walk. Their interest will be in other things and pictures will look more natural.
- ◆ Use contrasting backgrounds. A white dog against a white wall or a black cat on a black chair won't show up well.
- ◆ Avoid using a flash. The flash might give your pet that red eye look or might startle him. Use natural light when possible or light from lamps.
- ◆ Get your pet's attention. Use a squeaky toy or make odd noises to get him to prick his ears or cock his head.
- ◆ Be patient and persistent. That one perfect shot may take a dozen or more bad ones.
- ◆ Then enter that great photo in our 2009 Annual Pet Photo Contest.



WE'RE ON THE WEB
AT:

www.humanesocietycitrus.com



IMPORTANT:

March 20 - Great
American Meat Out



Looking For Their Forever Homes



BELLE



AURORA



A.C.



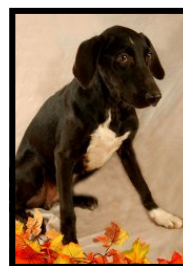
BECKY



HONEY



MUFFIN



JORDAN



SONNY

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

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PAWS-ITIVELY
PETS ADOPTION
CENTER

NEXT GENERAL

MEETING:

April 4, 2009 - 10:00 AM

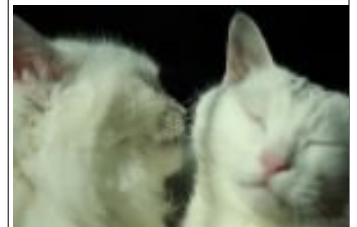
New Members, Volunteers and guests are always welcome to join us at our monthly meetings. We are always looking for new ideas to help rescue more of the many pets who find our door. Please join us!

FUNDRAISERS

We are always looking for new ideas and help with fundraisers. With the present state of the economy, donations, our only means of support, are down and we receive no support from county funds or national organizations. If you have an idea or knowledge in fundraising, please give us a call.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Cats' hearing apparatus is built to easily allow the human voice to go in one ear and out the other." ~ Stephen Baker



OUR LEGAL STATUS: Doc #745226 issued December 12, 1978 on file in Tallahassee. Registered with Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs. Copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State. All dues and contributions are tax exempt to the full extent allowed by law. Our registration number issued by Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services is CH1815. 100% of all contributions are retained by Humane Society of Citrus County, FL, Inc. No percentage is retained by any professional solicitor.