



Fayette County Animal Rescue

Paws, Claws & Hooves

Quarterly Newsletter – December 2008

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Upcoming Events

Pet Photos with Santa:

- Dec 13 - Petco Collierville
- Dec 20 - Petsmart Wolchase
- Dec 20 - Petsmart Winchester

Adoption Events:

- Dec 13 - Petsmart Winchester
- Dec 20 - Petco Cordova
- Dec 27 - Petco Collierville
- Jan 3 - Petsmart Wolfchase
- Jan 10 - Petsmart Winchester
- Jan 17 - Petco Cordova
- Jan 24 - Petco Collierville
- Feb 7 - Petsmart Wolfchase
- Feb 14 - Petsmart Winchester
- Feb 21 - Petco Cordova
- Feb 28 - Petco Collierville

For event hours and directions,
please visit our website at:
<http://fayettefcar.com>



Diablo

Diablo was adopted as a puppy but was returned after about a year when his family could no longer care for him. He is a very fun dog and LOVES to play. We would love to put this baby back into a home where he deserves to be for Christmas. If you are looking for a new playmate and a good all around dog please give us a call to learn more about Diablo.

Happy Holidays from FCAR!

The past 12 months have gone by so quickly and thanks to our wonderful volunteers and supporters we had a great year! We started out with a shelter overflowing with cocker spaniels, all of which were adopted to new forever homes! We then ended up knee deep in a horse cruelty case where we seized 17 horses from one man. After much drama with the horses being moved out of state illegally, a lengthy court proceeding, appeals, etc. we were successful in prosecuting the owner for animal cruelty. This was a huge win for the animals and for FCAR!

There are dozens more situations like these that we responded to throughout 2008 in an effort to further our mission of preventing animal cruelty. And even with all of the zoning issues we held our heads held high and continued on with our very important mission of serving the animals and citizens in our community. We worked diligently to adopt out our rescues to new loving homes and held events almost every single weekend of the year. And what wonderful new homes we found for our babies! One of the positive side effects to our 6 month moratorium on new animals while we resolved the zoning situation was that some of our long timers found new homes, some of which we had at our shelter for years!

All of our adoptions warm the hearts of our volunteers but when one of our animals gets adopted that we've had for months or even years it quite literally brings tears to our eyes. Casa, Jenkins, Ozlo, Dickens, Nolly, Wendy, Carlos, McGraw and so many other 'long timers' found that special family that was willing to take a chance on a 'shelter dog'. God bless these families and all of our adopters. You are what enables us to save another animal, by allowing these pets like these to join your families.

We want to thank all of you for your support during 2008 and your continued support in 2009. Our faith has never wavered in our mission and we are as committed as ever to you, our rescues and our community and are looking forward to the new year. We know that the economy has made it difficult for everyone and it has definitely affected our shelter and the donations we receive from individuals as well as from businesses. We are doing everything that we can to lower our expenses and are feverishly pursuing new fundraising and donation programs for the new year to offset any negative impact from the current economic conditions. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving all of you in 2009.

-God bless you and Merry Christmas from all of us at Fayette County Animal Rescue!



Horses for Adoption

Adoption Fee: \$250



Applejacks
Quarterhorse
10 year old mare



Tippy
Quarterhorse
3 year old mare



Sonoma
Quarterhorse
4 year old mare

We have 2 additional horses available as well (no pictures available yet). Please call for more information if you or anyone you know is interested in adopting one of our precious horses.

Spotlight on "Juliette"

Juliette is a very happy little dog and is very sweet. She is good around children although she is very strong. She has a great personality and loves to play. You can see in the picture to the right of Juliette, complete with tennis ball in her mouth.



She is a little powerball, non-stop energy and is a lot of fun to watch. She will sit in her crate or kennel and play with toys all by herself, throwing them up in the air and having a great time. She is crate trained and uses her doggy door at the shelter to go potty.

A secure, fenced in yard is required and we will conduct a fence inspection prior to approving the adoption. The adoption fee is \$95.

Her date of birth is 9-5-05 and she weighs about 35 pounds.

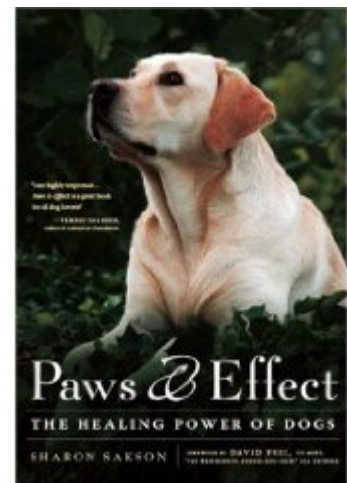
Juliette is a fun, loving dog and she would be an excellent addition to her own new forever family. If you would like to meet Juliette, please call our shelter at (901) 854-2565.

Juliette has been spayed, is current on all shots, is on Frontline Flea & Tick prevention, Interceptor for heartworm prevention, is microchipped, and comes with a 30 day pet health guarantee.

Book Review

~ By Michael Provow

I just read "Paws & Effect: The Healing Power of Dogs" by Sharon Sakson. I just love dog stories and this book has many in it. I have read books with a plot but this book just takes you from one fantastic story to the next. I learned a lot about things I had never considered.



I always considered St. Francis to be the animals patron saint. While it can be argued he is; actually St. Roch is the patron saint of dogs. His story in this book is compelling and makes me want to find statuary of him for our pet cemetery. I also found some great ideas for FCAR to use to make our critters more adoptable. From saving people to vineyards this book has it all.

your gift to that special someone. You could help them and FCAR what a deal!

Now the good news, FCAR has a limited supply of these books to sell to raise some much needed funds. They are for sale at the list price of \$24.95 and are autographed by the author.

Did you know that in some recent studies dogs detected cancer 564 times correctly and incorrectly only 10 times. If only the IRS had those statistics, you must read this book! Have a Merry Christmas and look for more book reviews and Dr. Dog stories in the upcoming newsletters. I have a good story for you called "some thing is eating my tomatoes".

I was drawn to the book by the cover which has a dog that looks like my own Dr. Dog (P.H.D. pretty happy dog). It is that time of year folks, this could be

To order an autographed copy of *Paws & Effect*, please contact FCAR at (901) 854-2565 or fayetfecar@hotmail.com.

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FCAR Angel Trees are Here!

Every year FCAR makes ornaments for each our rescues and puts them on Angel Trees in our community. The ornaments include a picture of a rescue and their wish list for Christmas. If you would like to add one of our rescues to your Christmas list, please visit our Angel Trees at the following businesses during the month of December:

- Animal Care Hospital
Somerville, TN
- Collierville High School
- Hollywood Feed
Collierville, TN
- Somerville Animal
Hospital
- First Alliance Bank

I Rescued a Human Today

Her eyes met mine, as she walked down the corridor, peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly, and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she read my kennel card, I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.



Teak was thrown out of a car with another dog not far from our shelter. He is very playful and gets along great with everyone and needs a new forever home!



Liz was rescued from the hoarding situation mentioned on Page 5 of this newsletter. She is a Jack Russell mix and absolutely loves belly rubs!



Fayette County Animal Rescue Presents

photos with Santa

\$5 from every Santa photo package benefits homeless pets.

December 13th Petco (Collierville)
December 20th Petsmart (Hacks Cross/Winchester)
December 20th Petsmart (Wolfchase Mall)
11am - 4pm



Donations

We can now accept donations via Paypal and via Credit Card!

To make a donation using your Paypal account or credit card, please go to:
<http://fayettefcar.com> and click on the Donate button.

When making a credit card donation you can now choose between making a One Time Donation or setting up a Monthly Recurring Donation. You can also mail in the information on the enclosed preprinted envelope that is included with your newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

In Loving Memory

Please pray for our rescues that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge:

*Catfish, BECS
& Bindy*

May God bring you peace and joy forever more.

Your Gifts Make It All Possible Each Day!!

As 2008 comes to a close, speak up for a helpless animal in need!

Through gifts of our faithful supporters just like you, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of animals this year.

Even with the disruption from the zoning ordeal that shut our shelter down for almost 6 months, we have taken in 140 animals and found loving, forever homes for 115 pets. We have truly changed the lives of so many!!

While we are proud of our accomplishments in 2008, we know that there is much more work to be done. As winter approaches, there is an urgency to make sure each animal in Fayette County is provided shelter, food and medical care in the harsh weather to come. Your financial support helps to fund our vital work.

In 2009 we are launching many new community service programs with four central goals in mind:

- (1) Reduce the overpopulation of animals in Fayette County
- (2) Reduce the euthanasia rate of animals in Fayette County
- (3) Educate our community on common laws regarding animal care, animal cruelty and basic needs of companion animals
- (4) Improve the compassion for animals and raise awareness of the plight of thousands of abused and neglected animals

We will continue our focus on rescuing animals from extreme injury, neglect and cruelty but we are undertaking some additional programs designed to reach a broader audience and help more people. We are very excited to offer assistance to the animals and those in need and will be providing you many more details on these new programs throughout 2009.

Founded in 1997 as a no-kill shelter, Fayette County Animal Rescue has placed over one-thousand pets in loving homes. Each animal is vaccinated, provided medical care, given flea and tick preventative medication, micro-chipped and provided food, love and shelter by FCAR.

With minimal government funding and limited grants and corporate support, almost 100% of FCAR's operating budget comes from individuals like you who care about the welfare of Fayette County's companion animals. Please consider a gift in any amount today, speak up for those who do not have their own voice.

Because FCAR is a 501(c)3, all gifts made before December 31, 2008 enjoy the full tax benefits as provided by the IRS.

A Big Heart Can Turn into a Big Problem

Recently FCAR discovered a hoarding situation where there were 49 dogs and 30 cats living in deplorable conditions. Although the animals were sick, injured and very skinny, the owner honestly did not feel that there was anything wrong with the animals or the environment that they were living in. And truth be told, the owner's living conditions were not much better for himself.

All of the animals were strays or abandoned by people who took advantage of this owner, and then of course the animals repeatedly bred creating a huge problem. Due to the owner's mental state, we are not prosecuting him but instead are working to compassionately address the problem for him and for the animals.

Over the past 3 weeks we have provided hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food as an interim solution while we coordinate this effort. We have taken 21 dogs and 20 cats so far, and will be taking additional animals as we free up space. Almost all of the dogs were heartworm positive which is very expensive to treat and adds an additional 60 days before they can be placed up for adoption. Many of the animals are very unsocialized and in some cases feral.

A limited number of animals will be left with the owner however all of the females will be spayed by FCAR. We have committed to monitor the situation with the owner indefinitely to ensure that this problem does not reoccur due to his big heart and limited resources.

Memorials

"Buzz Weedon, beloved rescued pet of Bill & Marilyn Weedon", from Anne Keefe

A.P. Rose, from an Anonymous Friend

Mrs. Gladys Aylor of Selmer, from Bill & Marilyn Weedon

Larry Milton Chambers, from Etna Chambers

"Brandy, beloved dog of the Pennel Family", from Linda, Jimmy, Jonathan and Everyone at Edgewood

"Pal", from Etna Chambers

"All the animals I have loved", from Dean Wills

"All the animals that need rescue", from Mary Cowan

"Hobbs, very beloved personable cat and companion of Nancy Dollar", from Ann Brown

Jack Logan, from Angie Rose

"Spanky my cat, I loved him", from Angie Rose

"Ruda, she was their heart", from Reuben & Benita Watkins

Madelyn Estes Earles, from Oden

Madelyn Earles, from Diane & Patterson

Madelyn Earles, from Cindy Rhines

Madelyn E. Earles, from Mesirow Financial

"Gizmo & Pepper", from Barbara Rankin

Bailey Roberts, from Kathy Watts

Anne Ivey, from Kim & Jessica Hunter

Anne Ivey, from Tonya, Laney, Kali, Giz and Shylo

Memorials Continued

Anne Ivey, from Dave Reed, Don Hall, Gary Knott, Donna Cook, Kathy Heatherly, Lynn Crites and Phil Sutton

Oliver Fedinec, from Diana and Nasto Fedinec

"Murphy Brown, beloved dog of Mr. & Mrs. Em Brown", from Donna & Alan Mullen

"Murphy Conger", from Susan Mills

"Oreo, pet and friend", from Larry & Gloria Jones

"Andrew Walsh & Rocky", from Lottie Greenlee

"Teena Spencer", from Faith Barcroft

"Lucy, Jody, Zeus & Cletus", from Phyllis Pack

"Carl Blalock", from Maria Blalock

"Alex", from Louis Shanks

"Pal, Jimmy Joe, Tom and Sally", from Etna & Milton Chambers

"My husband Charles Houston", from Dorothy Houston

"Elmo, beloved pet", from Dana Horner

"Ellie Bradley & Daisy Tonahill", from Christina Marie Tonahill-Bradley

"Clancy, beloved dog of Karen's", from Mary Keywood

Honorariums

"Gage Corlew's 7th Birthday", from Robin, Mara and Jessica Campbell

Connie Shaw, from Tammy Spicer

"All the FCAR volunteers, thank you", from the Allen Family

"Conor and Rylie", from Lindsay West

"Gracie, our cat's 7th birthday on October 2nd", from Becky & Wesley Fears

"Britches", from Bonnie Welch

Honorariums Continued

"FCAR, you all know who you are - Animal Angels", from Ellie Raucher

"Chloe Cantor", from Vanessa Welshams

"My sweet baby girl Kiska & the 20 or more cats I have rescued over the past 8 years", from Gloria Woerle

"My special (3) pups, all strays", from A. Lawson

"In celebration of adopting Magoo", from Brenda & Dale Johnson

"The 'vote' and your permanent home! Congrats!", from Jill Cox

"My two brand new great grandsons, Grayden Nolen and Myles Van Cleve", from Joyce Lacy

"Missi & Lady", from Barbara Allen

"Flipper's birthday", from Sharon & Scott Larson

"Patches", from Thelma Murphy

"In celebration of adopting our foster Bassett Hound Blake", from Jere Krallinger

"Freda, our FCAR rescue and Gina", from Mike & Kathy Rybczyk

"Bill Swanger's birthday", from Allyson Carroll

"Clyde", from Mary Keywood

Memorials & Honorariums

Make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a person or event. Send your check with the person/animals' name and address to FCAR and we will send them a personalized card notifying them of your donation and print it in our next newsletter.

Go to <http://fayettefcar.com> for more information on these animals and many more that are currently available for adoption!



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Directions to the FCAR Shelter

SHELTER →



Clement Dr.

Open 7:00 a.m. – Noon
7 days a week
(other hours by appt.)



United Way

FCAR is working to become a partner of the United Way but did you know that you could specify FCAR as the recipient of your United Way donation now? Just contact your administrator and ask them how you can “write FCAR in” so that your donation goes towards the animals!

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