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2010 DOG & CAT CALENDARS
\$12 EACH

These calendars will feature pictures of past and current pets from the shelter. This year's calendars are color and have mixed cats and dogs. Each month is a collage of photos that pet owners have sent to us. To order your calendar, fill out the form below. If you need it mailed to you add \$3 shipping and handling.

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WAGGING TAILS

Christmas 2009



Bailey



Molly



Missy



Buddy



Reese



Mindy & Tuffy



Pinks



Pogo



Turbo



Faith



Lilly



Boomer



Snickers



Camille

*'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
every shelter is full ~ we are lost but not found,
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
we hope every minute that someone will care,
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
"Come here, Max and Sparkie ~ come fetch your new ball!"
But now we just sit here and think of the days..
we were treated so fondly ~ we had cute, baby ways,
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew ~
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
they reacted so quickly ~ why were they so rash?
We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call",
we "bark when they leave us", "climb over the wall."
We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
now we suffer the consequence of the error they made.
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too.
We were left in the backyard, or worse ~ let to roam...
now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."
So now here we are, all confused and alone...
in a shelter with others, who long for a home.
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat,
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads..
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears ~
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn ~
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year ~
can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat...
and help get us something special to eat.
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
and more of us will, if more people will give.*

~ Author Unknown ~

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DONATIONS NEEDED

Here at the BAHS, we truly survive on the community's generosity.

Here are the donations we need. If you have any questions or something special to donate, call the shelter and speak to our manager, Katie.



FOR THE ANIMALS

litter boxes (all sizes), heavy duty leashes, heating pads, locking slip leads (sold at Shop n Save for approx \$8), rubbing alcohol, kwik stop styptic powder or gel, non-clumping clay cat litter, Purina puppy or dog food, Purina cat or kitten food, dog & cat treats, dog & cat toys, dog rawhides and kongs, dog & cat collars, cotton balls & swabs, stainless steel cat bowls



FOR OFFICE OR BUILDING

bleach, pinesol, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap, liquid hand sanitizer, garbage bags, laundry detergent, copy paper, pens, scotch tape, postage stamps

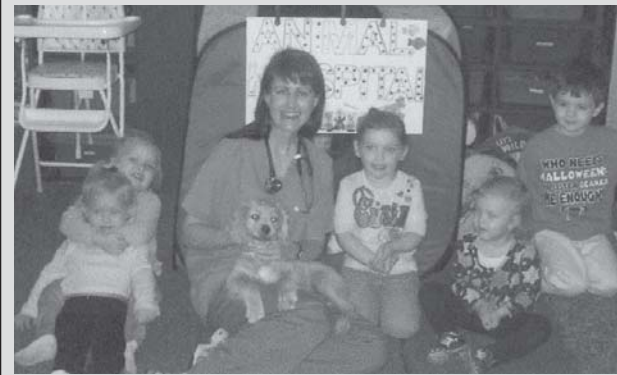
We also take aluminum cans, old cell phones, and empty print cartridges to recycle!

BIG TICKET ITEMS WISH LIST

Industrial strength metal shelving units (\$150), heated mats and pads for kennels, deep freeze(lge size) new or used, baby scale (\$125), VSSI Premier lift table with scale (\$2000), professional grade grooming clippers, air conditioners (window units), fans, large collapsible kennels (new or used)

Puppy Goes To Daycare

Posey, a 10 week old Cocker Spaniel mix, visited Donna Ladyman's day care on October 28th as part of their Career Awareness Month. Dr. Miles showed the children how to do a physical examination (the stethoscope was a big hit!) and how to scrub in for surgery. Most importantly, the children learned how to ask permission to pet a new animal first, then pet gently in order to not accidentally scare the animal. Fun was had by all and Posey has since been adopted to his forever home.



THANK YOU DEMO'S SPORTS BAR AND HILGOATS SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THE HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER!!



THANK YOU ANRUS FOR THE DONATION OF AN ANESTHESIA MACHINE THAT WE CAN USE FOR SPAYS AND NEUTERS!!



Zeb Goes Camping

Robin Heberer entered the Humane Society's first ever gingerbread house in this years contest. She won an honorable mention. Look for our entry when you are shopping downtown and perusing the gingerbread displays. Her creation was in honor of her dog, Zeb, that she lost this past year. Congrats Robin on a job well done!!



YOU CAN HELP THE ANIMALS EVERY TIME YOU SHOP AT SCHNUCKS OR FARMERS MARKET

Both Schnucks and Farmers Market offer shopping cards that benefit the Belleville Area Humane Society every time you shop. We make a profit for regular purchases that you need everyday.



THANK YOU MS. ATTAWAY'S 5TH GRADE CLASS AT SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL. They had several fundraisers including a bake sale and raised money for the BAHS. Thank you for your hard work!!



OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the BAHS celebrated 50 years of service to the community and their pets with an open house. It was fun for all including our pets who played games to show how smart they are and how much they truly have to offer a new family. We had face painting and popcorn for the kids. Many



Michelle Schrader & Dr. Miles at the open house

people toured the shelter and a few even found new family members while they were there.

We are proud of how much we have been able to accomplish in the 50 years we have been here. Thank you to all who have given so generously over the years, both of your resources and your time.



VOTE FOR THE BAHS WE CAN WIN \$10,000

The Belleville Area Humane Society is a little shelter with a big heart. Just ask Lenny, the neurotic cocker spaniel mix who spent the past summer riding a wave runner in a lake at his new owner's backyard. Or Jose', the formerly neglected Chihuahua, who now gets tons of attention from a new mom who takes him to work with her every day.

These are just two of BAHS's success stories. Every year, hundreds of dogs and cats find great homes through the efforts of our shelter. Unfortunately, it takes more than devoted employees and volunteers to keep our facility up and running. It also takes money.

This is where you, our fellow animal lovers, come in!



Daphne

By casting your vote on line in the America's Favorite Animal Shelter Contest, you can help the Belleville Area Humane Society win \$10,000 or one of a number of other monetary prizes that would really come in handy in this economy. Sponsored by Care2 and Adopt-A-Pet, the contest requires only that the voter be 18 years or older and have access to a computer.

You can cast your vote by visiting the Care2.com site, clicking "Animal Shelters" on the left side of the page and following the simple instructions until you can vote for your favorite shelter, The Belleville Area Humane Society!

So cast your vote today and tell your friends to vote, too. Lenny, Jose' and all their four legged friends thank you in advance for your help!

By: Michelle Meehan Schrader



Chance



Linda

SPONSOR A SHELTER PET FOR X-MAS

All I want for Christmas this year is a new home, but if I'm still here, you can sponsor me!!

You can sponsor a shelter pet this Christmas for only \$5. This will provide each dog with a rawhide and each cat with a new toy on Christmas. We will send each sponsor a picture of one of our homeless pets enjoying their treat.

I would like to sponsor a pet this Christmas.

_____ of dogs x \$5 = _____

_____ of cats x \$5 = _____

total _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Thank you in advance from your faithful companions!!

You Better Watch Out ... Santa Pics to Benefit the BAHS Are Coming!



You can have your pet photographed with Santa to benefit the Belleville Area Humane Society. Gary Fitzgerald of Rustic Originals will be at Eckert's on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 am to 3 pm.

We will also be taking pictures with Santa at the Belleville Humane Society located at 1301 South 11th St. on Dec 5-6th and 12-13th from 11am-3pm.

It is always a lot of fun to see the dogs and cats and how they react to Santa. Join us for some holiday cheer. You might even find a new friend you can't live without. They would all love to have a new home for the holidays. Or if you can't commit to that, maybe you'd like to donate a treat for some of the animals who will spend this holiday season at the shelter with us.

Come One, Come All and Help Decorate Our Tree

You can help decorate our tree. Decorate the ornament enclosed in this newsletter. You can drop it by the shelter or mail it in and we will put it on our tree. We love when you put your pet's picture on it and especially if it came from the BAHS. Then it becomes our tree of success stories. We would love to have our tree so covered with successes that we can't even see the branches.



Onyx

Countless hours are given every month by many volunteers. The dogs and cats can't say thank you so we are passing it on for them.

THANK YOU!! woof~woof~meow!

You truly make their lives brighter while they are with us!!!



Johnny

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!!

We Remember!

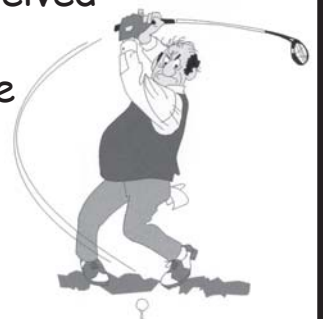


Erwin Tinney, past president of the BAHS, died on Nov. 15, 2009. He gave many countless hours of service to the animals. He was very handy and tackled many

upkeep projects for the shelter. It is because of people with a generous heart like his that the BAHS continues to thrive. May he rest in peace. He will be missed.

THANK YOU FKG OIL COMPANY!

The BAHS was chosen by the employees of FKG to be one of the beneficiaries of their annual golf tournament. We received a check for over \$5,000 which we are hoping to use to improve our yards. Thank you FKG!! Our pets love you!!



Happy Endings



Just wanted you to see how our little Bailey (aka Bobby) has faired since his adoption July 15, 1008. He has become a great swimmer, loves to ride in the car and the boat - and is a very loving member of our family. We would not give him up for the world.

~ Holly B., Richard & Karen E.

Dear friends at the Humane Society, I just wanted to say thank you for pairing me up with such a great family. They have given me so many toys. My owner even gives me some of her old toys. I'm even friends with the doggy next door. On Halloween I even got to go trick or treating, I was a pumpkin. I even got to go to a Halloween party with lots of other dogs including the doggy next door. Wow, it was so much fun!! I can't wait for Christmas to come. I'm glad to have such a loving family like mine.

~ Love Minzy



A Puppy Love by Gail J.

Every puppy deserves a loving home. We have always adopted our animal family members, or taken in strays, so it was no surprise to our friends that the latest addition to our household came from the Belleville Area Humane Society. It was love at first sight when I saw "Jackson" in Shelly's arms at Tribout's store in Belleville. Shelly is a board member at the shelter. My sister-in-law works there and I always stop by to see her when I am in town. My husband Jack was chatting with Cheryl and I turned to look at the cute puppy. I decided that Jackson had to go

home with us right away! From that day on, he fit right in with his new older brother "Sammy", a four-year-old miniature pincher. Jackson enjoys walks around the neighborhood, chasing rabbits and camping. He is just six months old, but keeps up with his brother and is not afraid of new experiences. From power tools to the mailman, Jackson has learned to handle strange noises and people with ease. He is very friendly, playful and delightful to be with. My favorite part of the day is when we cuddle up on the couch for an afternoon nap. We are so happy to have Jackson as a member of our family.



Happy Endings



For no reason in particular, my daughter, Katie and I decided to stop by the Belleville Humane Society the Friday after Thanksgiving 2008. Just to look or so we thought. We are both passionate about dogs and could take every one of them home.

Strolling down the row of cages, Lexi (deaf Sugar) caught our attention with her enthusiasm and friendliness. She was anxious to join us for some playtime and kisses. I was hesitant at first since she was a dog with special needs. Lexi was born completely deaf, typical for dogs with all white

coats. However, Katie, who is currently working on her doctorate degree in audiology, was confident in our abilities to properly care for her. It was as if Roni, one of the shelter volunteers, could read our thoughts. She knew the minute we played with Lexi, she would win us over. She had owned a deaf dog and encouraged us to try. She was only a phone call away if we needed help. So, after meeting Snickers, our 9-year-old lab mix, Lexi joined the family.

Lexi has completed obedience class with flying colors. Even the trainer couldn't believe she was hearing impaired. She is attentive to what Snickers hears and learns from her. She is extremely smart and continues to learn new hand signs. Hopefully one day she will be a therapy dog!

~ Colette and Katie

Just wanted to send a note (and some pictures) to let you know how happy we are with Ernie. He is a wonderful addition to our family and we love him very much!

Thank you for taking care of him while he was there!

~ Kelly M. & family



Hi there, I adopted Nessie, now Juno, about 3 weeks ago. Michelle called to see how we were getting on. She is a great dog. She comes to work with me at Nestle Purina about 1 day a week and I have to say she's been a model worker there. She never gets crabby with other dogs, though I can't say the same for some of the others. She keeps me active because she really enjoys her exercise, you might catch her on "her" couch, picture attached. My old dogs took it over, so I figure why not. Next stop good will. I wish all dogs got this happy ending. I hope she's happy here, but when she stays glued to my side, I know she is.

~ Tina