



Logos Donation

On Thursday, February 22nd HELP the Animals was invited to Test Middle for a special presentation from the 8th Grade LOGOS Class.

Michelle Young, our kennel manager, took Luna the dog & Keebler the kitty along. Board members Wendy Neale and Diana



Bertnick accompanied Michelle and the animals.

This presentation was captured by WHIO TV channel 7 and put on the evening news that night. Several of the kids were interviewed and asked why they picked HELP and what they did to raise money. They explained that they all loved animals and wanted to help out the homeless animals in our shelter. They raised money by writing a grant request to the Wayne County Foundation, had pizza parties, did fun things for spirit weeks and sponsored a Valentines Day Dance. Amidst cheers and tears, the students presented HELP with a check for \$950.

This brings the total they have donated to HELP this school year to almost \$2,000 and they still have many things planned for the remainder of the school year! What a group!



2012 Schedule for upcoming events

April

8th Easter Baskets for HELP Animals
 14th Vaccination Clinic-Wayne County Fairgrounds
 1pm-4pm
 28th Bark for Life
 10am-2pm Middlefork Reservoir

May

4th-5th-6th Warm Glow Open House
 10am-4pm Centerville
 6th Support Lemonade Days
 (Many of the sellers donate to HELP)
 12th Hanging Basket Pickup
 12th-1pm-4pm Jr Kids and Canine Walk
 Location to be announced

WestView School Donation

Westview School continues their support of HELP as shown by their recent donation of \$270 for our Paws for Love fundraiser. We really appreciate their ongoing interest in providing for our animals!

Penelope

Certainly some days in the shelter manager's job are more challenging than others.

Recently a call was received about a dog whose muzzle had been taped closed. The poor dog was very skinny and fearful. She could not eat and was having trouble breathing. Stories like that make people who love animals move quickly. Jayne Knox, our Shelter Manager, responded immediately.



By the time Jayne arrived, the ladies who found this coon dog had already removed the electrical tape to relieve the dog's suffering. Jayne got the necessary information and scooped this sweet, frightened girl up and took her back to the shelter where Kennel Manager Michelle Young was waiting to check her over.

Shelter staff named the rescue Penelope. The people at Ahaus Tool and RP-L heard her story and took up a collection to have her evaluated by a local veterinarian. She was skinny but not physically damaged. She was placed in a foster home to recover from her mistreatment.

Foster home placement is an option we value because it can be so difficult for animals to adjust to the confusion of the shelter environment. A temporary placement can be of enormous benefit in situations such as Penelope's. If you are interested in helping us as a temporary foster parent, please call or come in and see Jayne Knox. We would be happy to add you to our list.

As you can see, she has come a long way in the 2 months since her rescue by HELP. Her foster family has decided to become her "forever family!"

Alana & Rosalie

Alana, 4, and her younger sister Rosalie, 1,1/2, love animals. Every day they will have their Mother go to the HELP website to look at all of the dogs and cats. Wanting to do something special for the animals, they started saving their nickels, dimes and pennies to buy goodies for the dogs and cats. They also asked their Mother if she would buy one item for the shelter every time she went to the store. Recently, they made a significant donation of the items they and their mother had bought for HELP. After presenting us with all the goodies, they spent time playing with the cats and dogs. Many thanks to Alana and

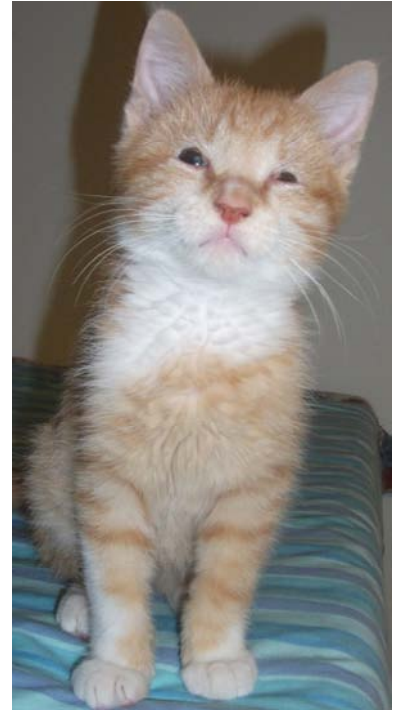


Keebler

Shortly after Thanksgiving a kind lady came to the shelter with a little bundle of yellow fur. Her daughter had rescued this kitten from the street. Because the kitten appeared to have a problem with his eyes she wasn't sure we would accept him, but we did. About six weeks old and weighing only a pound, Keebler immediately went to a wonderful foster Mom where he received lots of attention, proper food and treatment for the inevitable parasites and fleas. (lots of both!) Within a week he was joined by five other kittens around his age – playmates, how delightful!

As you can see from his picture, his eyes are noticeably different so people assume he is blind. Not true – he just has a birth defect resulting in him missing his 3rd eyelid. The only treatment necessary is to apply artificial tears ointment twice daily to moisturize his eyes. In all other respects he has developed normally and is extremely social! Students at Test school passed him around during their assembly and he has also made a visit to 101.3 radio station.

Come visit this charming little fellow, get to know him and make a friend for life. You will both be glad.



A Brighter Look

Recent visitors to the kennel area of the shelter will have noticed a significant improvement in the look of the concrete block kennels. What were previously somewhat dark and dreary are now bright and cheery. It's amazing what a coat of paint will do!



Theresa Smillie, a regular volunteer at HELP since relocating to Richmond from New York, has jumped into a lot of HELP projects, but what a noticeable difference this one has made! Theresa saw that the dogs in these kennels were barely visible against the dark concrete walls. She researched the kind of paint needed, made her proposal to the Board, donated funds for the project and received a match from her employer, Sommersault, LLC. Theresa spent many hours washing down the kennel walls and then



painting them in a light, cheerful color. Jayne Knox, Claudia Toschlog, Michelle Young and Larry Williams also helped with this project.

We are grateful for Theresa's initiative and dedication in making this significant improvement to our facility. What a difference it makes in helping us present our adoptable dogs in their best light. Come and see for yourself what wonderful dogs we have available for adoption.

Thanks Theresa Smillie and Sommersault, LLC for making this project a reality!

Stray of the Day

A special thanks goes out to Jackie Carberry and Warm Glow Candles for sponsoring our "Stray of the Day" program every Wednesday around 12:30 pm on G101.3.

Warm Glow started sponsoring this program in May of 2011. During these 44 weeks we have been able to showcase 57 animals at the radio station. We are so happy to announce the program is working! We have had 42 adopted into their furever homes in those 44 weeks!!!

Additionally, at Christmas we featured the "12 Strays of Christmas". Of the 13 animals featured, 10 have been adopted. What a wonderful Christmas present for them.



Thank You so much Warm Glow Candles! We know these animals are so happy to be in homes of their own!

Special thanks to our Kennel Manager Michelle Young and Board member Diana Bertnick who has taken off work every Wednesday to promote this project. Dave Snow of 101.3 is doing a fabulous job showcasing our animals!



HELP The Animals Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, April 14, 2012 1p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds (861 Salisbury Rd N.)

Enter from Salisbury Rd-follow the signs.

Dogs:

Rabies and Distemper/Parvo..... \$20.00

Cats:

Rabies and Distemper.....\$20.00

Puppies:

Distemper/Parvo \$10.00

Kittens:

Distemper

Under 3 Months Old..... \$10.00

Advantage Flea Treatment..... \$10.00-\$16.00

(depending on pet size)

(One month application applied at clinic)

CATS CITY TAGS

Altered \$8

Un-Altered \$15

DOGS CITY TAGS

Altered \$8

Un-Altered \$15

Micro-Chip Clinic \$20

Please make sure your pets are properly restrained at the clinic. Please, no females in heat!

Credit Cards, Cash & Checks Accepted.

Please make checks out to HELP the Animals, Inc.

H.E.L.P. The Animals, Inc. Flowering Hanging Basket Sale

Makes a great Mother's Day Gift—Sunday May 13th

Just \$20 Each

You can pick your baskets up at the shelter on
Saturday, May 12th, between 1pm-5pm.



Esme came to our shelter last spring with a litter of kittens. She was a wonderful mother and even “agreed” to help us out with an orphaned young kitten who came to our door needing help. She is a very loving, nurturing cat who would love to find her forever home.



This is Savannah, who came to our shelter recently with 9 puppies. All of her babies have been adopted. She is still waiting for her forever home. She is sweet, loving and looking for an inside home.



Please Mail your check to

HELP the Animals, P.O. Box 117
Richmond, IN 47375 by May 7th.

Each basket is \$20.

- # _____ Persian Violet Basket (hundreds of small lavender flowers)
- # _____ Vining Geranium Basket (red-pink-lavender) Please circle color desired
- # _____ New Guinea Impatiens (red-pink- salmon-lavender) Please circle color desired
- # _____ Boston Fern
- # _____ Petunia (red-pink-lavender or mixed) Please circle color desired
- # _____ Shade Impatiens (red-white-pink-purple) Please circle color desired
- \$ _____ Total Enclosed (# of baskets x \$20)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

We look forward to meeting you as you pick up your baskets at:
H.E.L.P. The Animals, 2101 West Main on Saturday May 12th between **1pm and 5pm.**
The animals at HELP the Animals Thank You!



Donations and Volunteers Keep Us Moving Forward!

In late February HELP was blessed with the donation of this van by **Sharon & Roger Gastenaeu** of Winchester, Indiana. Sharon saw a posting on HELP's Facebook page that identified our need for a transport vehicle. In just one day Sharon and Roger delivered the van to us!

Because we no longer have "in-house" spay/neuter services, all of our animals must be transported to receive their veterinary care. In addition, our animals participate in a variety of events such as parades, Pet Walk and school presentations. Our Board decided we need a vehicle to transport animals, equipment and supplies wherever we need to travel in order to share HELP's story and further our mission in the community.

Thanks again Sharon and Roger! This donation will make a huge difference in HELP's ability to provide for our furry residents.



HELP The Animals would like to THANK the following Animal Friendly Businesses for participating in our 2012 Paws for Love

A-1 Lock & Safe Shop
Ahaus Tool
Animal Hospital of Richmond
Belden Wire & Cable
Best One Tire
Centerville Jr. High
Curves-Westside & Eastside
Do-Ri-Me Bowling
El Rodeo
First Bank Richmond-all locations
First Merchants Bank –Chester Blvd branch
First Merchants Bank – Glen Miller branch
Headquarters Beauty Shop
Health Care Professionals Federal Credit Union
House of Style
Jack Daggy Florist
J & J Winery
Knuckleheads
Kroger
Le Crazy Horse Salon
Lee Bee's Tobacco
Lemon's Florist
Little Sheba's
Low Bob's / Lee Bees tobacco stores

Mercurio's Pizza
Mona Lisa Day Spa
NATCO Credit Union
Ova's Hairum
Papa Joe's Liquors –all locations
Personal Touch
Precision Wire Assemblies
Richmond Eye Center
Richmond Furniture Gallery
RP&L
Sign GrafX & Engraving
Studio 5th & Mane
Sunshine Café
Test Jr. High-Logos
TLC Pet Hospital
Uptown Hound
Vaile Elementary School
VFW 1108
Wayne Bank
Westview Elementary School
Williams and Keckler, LLC CPA's
Willie & Reds
WUFFACE Federal Credit Union





Easter Baskets!

The pets at HELP the Animals are truly grateful for special toys and treats. Most of them have never had their very own bone or toy to chew on.

The cats and kittens will play for hours with new catnip mice.

Easter is a special time for most people and we like to share our holiday spirit with the shelter animals.

Please give an "Easter Basket" if you can.

"Easter Baskets"

You can give an Easter gift to a homeless dog or cat who will spend Easter in our shelter!

Each Basket-\$10

Easter Sunday April 8th.

You will receive a photo of the pet (s) sponsored.

Please Mail to:

HELP the Animals, P.O. Box 117 Richmond, IN 47375 by April 4th

I would like to provide special Easter toys and treats for

_____ cats # _____ dogs

My Name Is _____

Address _____

Or, as an Easter gift to someone else (We will send a card and photo of the animals (s) Sponsored to that person)

Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

_____ cats # _____ dogs

Each Basket is \$10

Thank You!



THANK YOU!

We are a 501 (C) 3 Organization-Your donations to our not-for profit, no kill shelter are tax exempt.

Following our dream of a No More Homeless Pets Community.





Pumpkin



Meghan



Solomon



Aunkika



Odie



Olympia



Ralston



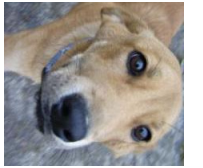
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Toby



Archer



Bryce



Georgia



Buttermilk



Katherine



Carson

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