

FURRY



FRIENDS

Shelter Location:

3456 Tchulahoma Road
Memphis, TN 38118
(901) 362-5310

www.memphisanimalservices.petfinder.com

Shelter Hours:

Monday- 10:00 to 3:00
Tuesday-Friday- 10:00 to 5:00
Saturday- 10:00 to 3:00
Sunday- Closed

Adoption Fees:

Dogs/puppies- \$75
Cats/kittens- \$70

(includes shots, spay/neuter & micro-chipping)

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NEWS TO KNOW

- Public Services and Neighborhoods director Ken Moody and deputy director Yalanda McFadgon are retiring. This division oversees Memphis Animal Services. Their last day will be July 10.
- Animals at the Memphis Animal Shelter are 2 for 1 for the month of July! You can get 2 cats or kittens fully-vetted for \$70 or 2 dogs or puppies also fully-vetted for \$75. *(I personally think this is a terrible idea and devalues animal lives. I believe it may attract individuals who only want a bargain and care little about the animals. I would like to see all animals adopted from the Shelter however, this encourages people getting more than they can afford and care for. The animals end up suffering in the end.)*
- Tennessee legislators passed legislation that requires basic humane care standards for dogs kept at abusive puppy mills, and requires that these mass dog producing facilities operate as legitimate businesses, subject to licensure and inspection. The Tennessee Commercial Breeder Act (H.B. 386/S.B.258) passed both chambers by wide margins of 93 to 3 in the House and 26 to 2 in the Senate. The Tennessee Commercial Breeder Act requires large scale commercial breeding operations with more than 20 unsterilized female dogs maintained for breeding purposes to acquire a license from the Department of Health; establishes inspections as a prerequisite for licensure; and requires humane care standards for dogs and cats. The bill also requires commercial breeding operations to comply with state sales tax requirements, and holds commercial breeders accountable to consumers by forcing adherence to the Consumer Protection Act. Tennessee currently has no statewide law to regulate puppy mills. The new legislation will crack down on the worst abuses at large-scale puppy mills, and will not affect responsible breeders who already raise dogs humanely.
- During 4th of July festivities, more animals are lost than at any other time of the year. Loud noise from fireworks frightens animals due to their heightened senses of hearing, and they become willing to do anything to escape the noise. So, if you or a friend has lost their pet, check with local shelters immediately. Take a picture to the shelter and information to leave just in case your dog hasn't come in yet.
- Amy Kalbrenner was appointed to the Memphis Animal Shelter Advisory Committee on June 16th. She is the Executive Director of Mid-South Spay and Neuter Services (formerly Animal Protection Agency).
- Sweet Bella Rose was rescued from MAS and is featured on [The Animal Rescue Site](#). Also check out her blog, [Bella's Blog](#). Bella's incredible survivor story was also featured in our December 2008 newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 🐾 July 11: ~~Wal-Mart Adoption Even~~ **CANCELLED (heat)**
577 N. Germantown Rd 11-4
- 🐾 July 18: Petco Adoption Event
Poplar & Highland 11-4
- 🐾 July 25: Wal-Mart Adoption Event
577 N. Germantown Rd 11-4

CATS & COLLARS



Did you know that 56% of dogs and 71% of cats that enter animal shelters each year are euthanized (with higher numbers at the Memphis Animal Shelter)? More cats are euthanized than dogs because they are more likely to enter a shelter without any owner identification. Only 15% of dogs and 2% of cats that enter animal shelters are reunited with their owners.

Collars aren't just for looks but can be a real life saver if your pet is ever lost. They also make it easier for people to identify your cat as a lost cat, rather than a feral or your dog as a stray. And if your pet is an inside-only pet, they still need identification. There are times when a door could be left open and they slip out. They have no way to tell someone where their house is or who their parents are.

Yet, when shopping for a cat collar, safety should be your first consideration. Cats love climbing up furniture and crawling through narrow passages. Cats that are allowed outdoors can put themselves at even greater risk because you can never cat-proof your entire neighborhood to make sure your cat stays out of trouble. Think about this likely scenario: Your cat climbs on a shelf with some pegs under it, slips while jumping off it and its collar gets caught in a peg. It is up to you to make sure Kitty is wearing a safe cat collar to save her from hanging. There are two types of safety cat collars—

- Elastic cat collars are made of stretchy material that allows them to grow larger as the cat pushes against a collar that is caught in something. The cat can wriggle its head out of the collar that way and break free.
- Breakaway collars have a special clasp that breaks open when enough pressure is applied. The body weight of a cat caught up against a peg should be enough to make the collar break open and let the cat fall freely and safely to the ground.

[Source: Cat Collars Safety Guide](#)

NEW SHELTER UPDATE:

Bids for the new Memphis Animal Shelter, which will replace the current 40-year-old shelter on Tchulahoma, have been received & will be voted on July 7. The committee agenda states: "Resolution approving the appropriation of \$7,167,641 for the construction of the Animal Shelter Replacement" (resolution attached). In January 2009, the city of Memphis filed a \$7.5 million permit application with the city-county Office of Construction Code Enforcement to build a 34,000-square-foot facility that will house Memphis Animal Services. The facility will sit on 13.73 acres near Appling Rd & I-40. Records show that approval for the project came more than three years ago, & the city on Nov. 1, 2005, purchased a 21.8-acre site for the new shelter from Earth Ventures for \$1.2 million. The property is on the west side of Appling Rd, south of Reese Rd & north of I-40. The Animal Services facility will occupy about two-thirds of the site. Next to it will be a 7.67-acre parcel that will house the city of Memphis Motor Vehicle Inspection Bureau's new inspection facility.

SUMMER SAVINGS

- Greenies Treats— free sample: [Click Here](#)
- Save \$1 on Tidy Cats Cat Litter: [Click Here](#)
- ASPCA Free Pet Safety Pack: [Click Here](#)
- Flushable Dog Waste Bag sample: [Click Here](#)
- Save on Hill's Pet Products: [Click Here](#)
- Save \$1 on Fresh Step Cat Litter: [Click Here](#)
- Rachael Ray Nutrish Dog Food sample: [Click Here](#)
- \$1 Off Hartz Crunch 'n Clean Cat Treats: [Click Here](#)
- Flushable Dog Waste Bag sample: [Click Here](#)
- Frontline- Buy 6 doses and get 1 free: [Click Here](#)
- Advantage Flea Killer BOGO Coupon: [Click Here](#)
- Heartgard- Buy 12 doses and get \$5 back: [Click Here](#)
- Save \$3.00 on Yesterday's News Cat Litter: [Click Here](#)
- Free Subscription- Dog's Life Magazine: [Click Here](#)
- K9 Advantix- Buy 6 doses and get 1 free: [Click Here](#)

Additional Pet Freebies: <http://www.freebiefree.com/pet.html>



PAW PRINTS AUCTION GALA

Benefitting the Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County

Saturday, August 22, 2009

6:30 -- 11:00 p.m.

Temple Israel at 1376 East Massey Road



Featuring the 75th Anniversary Buddy Dog Auction!

Tickets: \$125 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10

Early Bird Tickets: Purchase tickets by July 15 for \$100 each!

Contact: 901.937.3911 or online at www.memphishumane.org

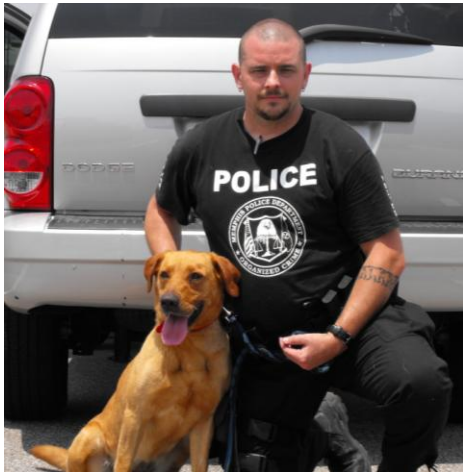
COMMERCIAL APPEAL MUST-READ

[My Words: No, you can't judge a dog by his coat](#)

“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.”
~ELIZABETH ANDREW

DOG PARK REOPENED

The Off-Leash Dog Area at Forgey Park in Germantown, recently closed for renovations, celebrated its grand opening May 29. Workers have installed controlled-access gates & expanded the parking lot. Improvements to the park also include gravel on the park interior, new landscaping & a new utility access gate & fence. Users must follow new guidelines including attending an orientation class, registering, paying a fee & receiving an access card before being able to use the park. For more information, contact Germantown Parks & Recreation Dept. at 757-7375 or dhalpern@germantown-tn.gov.



WHAT A 2ND CHANCE

Dixie, who was saved by [Dogs 2nd Chance](#) from death row from the Olive Branch Animal Shelter, graduated school and now is serving Memphis as a drug dog!

TODAY I FOUND NOBODY'S DOG



Today, I found Nobody's Dog
Her ribs were beginning to show through.
At first, she tucked her tail tightly and ran,
Then, ever hopeful, returned with a tentative wag.
I bet she was cute as a puppy.
Somebody picked her out special, took her home,
And made her believe she would always be loved;
But some humans change their minds
As often as dirty socks.
Even so, the betrayed black dog is still loving them,
Futilely waiting for them to come back for her.
She had a name once, and now she can't understand,
For you see, a dog's love never dies.
Today, I found Nobody's Dog.
One of millions abandoned each year
By owner's who take the cowardly way out.
They won't see her slowly starve or freeze to death,
Be hit by a car, or live at the mercy of strangers,
As she begs for a scrap of attention.
Today, the Shelter rescued Nobody's Dog.
There, she'll be fed, she'll be loved, and hopefully
She'll be claimed by a more fitting, deserving human.
If not, she'll go to an even better place,
One where dogs are always loved,
And are never thrown away on a cruel whim
But, she still yearns.....
To be Somebody's Dog once more.

BY HEIDI TIDD

MY DOG IS COOL...IS YOURS?

www.MyDogsCool.com is a website that can help people save dogs from dying in hot cars this summer.

The "dog days" of summer can be dangerous for dogs — especially those dogs left inside hot cars. Every year, countless dogs die after being locked in cars while their owners work, visit, shop, or run other errands. These tragic deaths are entirely preventable.

Through this website, you'll learn about what you can do to protect dogs from the dangers of hot cars. You can find out how quickly cars heat up in warm weather, whether it's too hot to take your dog along today, and how to get the word out that it's just not cool to leave a dog in a hot car, even for "just a minute."

(I found this website to be very informative and it has many downloadable flyers and brochures to help spread the word about keeping dogs safe this summer.)





JEANNE'S SO SKIRT!

I personally cannot say enough kind words about MAS volunteer, Jeanne Chancellor that would describe the dedication and compassion she has to helping save the lives of animals in Memphis and at MAS. Nominated by Jan Courtney, another incredible animal advocate, *Skirt Magazine* featured Jeanne in their June issue- [Click to view her feature](#). Although the nomination had to be in 50 words or less, Jan wrote some compelling words about how truly wonderful Jeanne is and how lucky MAS and more importantly the animals are for having a wonderful advocate on their side.

Jeanne Fraser Chancellor was brought up in the old Hutchison School atmosphere encouraging polite behavior and conversation. Imagine her parents' surprise if they could see her in adulthood, changing puppy paper at the dog pound. She has been volunteering at Memphis Animal Shelter longer than any of the employees have been working there--over 20 years. In an environment that inspires most people to say, "I just can't go in there," Jeanne not only goes in, she makes a difference to each and every life at the shelter by going in five or more days a week, photographing every animal, and posting them on the Internet, where many adoptions begin. Keeping a website up-to-date in a high volume kill shelter is a very difficult task.

She is, literally, the voice for those who cannot speak. When the animals are in crisis, Jeanne is the first one to know--and to get help. Whether the situation is due to employee problems, or lack of legislation, Jeanne tackles it and has an astounding degree of success. She has spearheaded legislation on a municipal level, and has a deep understanding of urban shelter issues.

In addition to all of these things, she is a strong advocate for the employees, and volunteers often hear them tell her, "We don't know what we would do without your help." As for new volunteers, Jeanne somehow makes time to support their emotional growth, when the shelter environment becomes almost too much to bear. Many times, she has changed the mind of a potential "quitter" by reminding them what a difference their efforts have made.

Jeanne has been a key player in helping many of the local rescue groups. They often cannot leave their jobs to do the paperwork necessary to save a dog from the euthanasia room. Jeanne has been kind enough to take the time to fill out paperwork, loan the adoption fee from her personal funds and even transport the dog to the rescue group!

The Memphis Animal Shelter and the community of Memphis is a far better place because of this local 'Shero!' -Jan Courtney



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Memphis did include the Animal Shelter Replacement, CIP Project Number PS01010, as part of the Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, seven bids were received on June 5, 2009 for the Animal Shelter Replacement, with the best complying bid from Barnes & Brower, Inc. in the amount of \$5,973,034.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate \$7,167,641.00, CIP Project Number PS01010 funded by G. O. Bonds General for the Animal Shelter Replacement for the following:

Bid Amount:	\$5,973,034.00
<u>Contingency:</u>	<u>\$1,194,607.00</u>
Total:	\$7,167,641.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that there be and is hereby appropriated the amount of \$7,167,641.00, CIP Project Number PS01010, funded by G. O. Bonds General for the Animal Shelter Replacement with said appropriation being credited as follows:

Project Title:	Animal Shelter Replacement
CIP Project Number:	PS01010
Total Construction Cost:	\$7,167,641.00