

The Paw Print



SHELTER ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER IN OAK RIDGE

For years, Harry's Aquarium & Pets has advocated the adoption of unwanted or discarded dogs and cats. "Being a pet shop, we heard almost daily the question 'Don't y'all carry dogs or cats?'" We would always inform the customer that buying a dog or cat from a pet shop only perpetuates the overpopulation and over breeding that exists. Puppy mills and pet shops that sell dogs and cats for a profit displace the poor puppies, kittens, dogs and cats that otherwise could have found a home and instead are euthanized. When a pet is adopted, a shelter animal is placed with new "parents" for a low fee that includes the spaying or neutering of the animal (which stops further breeding i.e., overpopulation) vaccinations and micro-chipping to relocate the owner in case of separation.

"We recommend that if you absolutely have to have a pure-bred pedigreed dog or cat that you find a reputable breeder or better yet adopt from a pure-breed rescue. Shops that sell dogs and cats may buy from a company (puppy mill) that mass breeds and sells at a low price to shops so the shop can make a profit. I have seen shops selling mixed breeds for \$300-\$400, and pure breeds up to \$1,000! That is a huge profit for a store!"



Because of their firm belief in adopting shelter and rescue animals, and spaying and neutering, the owners of Harry's Aquarium & Pets never wanted to be mixed up in the sale of dogs and cats. They occasionally accepted kittens to offer for adoption and were successful finding good homes for every kitten brought in. After years of consideration, they finally decided to take the plunge . . . to act as a satellite adoption center for the Oak Ridge City Animal Shelter. "We understand that people don't particularly like to go to the shelter. It's sad if you don't choose one, it's sad if you do choose one and leave the rest. In our shop, you can feel good about choosing one or not choosing one at all! Here at Harry's Aquarium & Pets, we house one litter of puppies and kittens at a time. We have them until they are adopted. People don't have to feel guilty if they don't choose one and can make a rational decision of whether a dog or cat will fit their lifestyle."

How does the adoption process work? Harry's Aquarium & Pets has the adoption paperwork on site. They fill it out for you, schedule a time to have the animal "fixed," and they collect the \$68 adoption fee that the Animal Shelter charges. "The only thing we do require, that the shelter does not, is the purchase of a 'starter kit.'" This includes the things the new family needs for their new pet and it is the only way we can recoup some of the cost (supplies, time, etc.) of housing the animals. There are different kits, some are basic and others are more elaborate. We feel that the customer is getting a tremendous deal considering what the adoption fee includes and the satisfaction they have of saving a life!!" The shelter staff doesn't have to destroy so many animals, and hopefully we have a happy family of customers. We also get a great deal of satisfaction that we have helped it all happen. It's a win-win situation all the way around. For more information, contact Harry's Aquarium & Pets in the Grove Center Shopping Center in Oak Ridge at 865-483-5025.



Submitted by Natasha _____
Harry's Aquarium & Pets

Since October 2006, Harry's Aquarium & Pets has found loving homes for 95 puppies and at least 18 cats.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED – CAN YOU SERVE?

The spay/neuter program continues to be the Humane Society's main focus in promoting the general welfare of domesticated dogs and cats through sterilization, but we need your help. Each year in March, new officers are elected at a specially called board meeting. Presently we have nine board members in accordance with our by-laws. However, a few of those members will soon fulfill their obligation and will need to be replaced. Being on the board is not a difficult duty. They meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday to go over finances, new business, grant proposals, etc. If you are interested in becoming a board member or if you would like more information, please join us on March ___ at 7:00 pm in the large conference room of the United Way, 161 Robertsville Road, Oak Ridge. Even if you don't want to serve on the board, we can still use all the volunteer help we can get. In particular, we are in need of someone with experience in writing grant proposals. If you, or someone you know, has this ability, please contact us at 865-381-1550 or by email at <http://www.andersoncohumane.org/> or <http://www.oakridgehumane.org/>

We look forward to your help in the coming months.

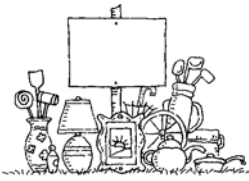


OXYGEN MASKS FOR PETS

Kristin Olsen is on a mission; a mission to save your pet's life. After seeing recent articles of oxygen masks in other parts of the country to save a pet's life in a fire, Kristin has been on a mission to get these masks put

in Anderson County fire stations. Tuesday night she presented the masks that come in small, medium and large to the Anderson County Fire Commission. It was decided that Anderson County will need 11 sets of masks in order to cover the entire area. This would include Norris, Lake City, Clinton, Andersonville, Briceville, Oliver Springs and Oak Ridge. Each set of three will cost \$60.00. She is hoping to find someone or a business that is willing to donate \$60.00 to provide an important life saving device to help our furry friends; making this project called S.A.F.F. (Save a Furry Friend) a success. "A pet is family to most people," Kristin said, "I wouldn't want to lose my three dogs or two cats to a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning." She hopes this will help you breathe a little easier along with your pet. If you would like to donate you can e-mail Kristin at saff2007@comcast.net or call 755-7929.

FLEA MARKET 75% OFF SALE



The Humane Society Flea Market, located on Warehouse Road near the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter, and in the same block of warehouses as Larry's Antiques,

is open from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturdays. This coming Saturday, March 17, all current stock will be sold at 75% Off. All items left on the shelves will be donated elsewhere and the shelves will be completely stocked with new items. Categories of goods include the following: lamps, toiletries, china, linens, collectibles, games and toys, as well as records and videos. Please consider visiting on a Saturday morning; all proceeds benefit the Anderson County spay and neuter program.

DONATIONS

Hollingsworth Co.	John Howell
Michael & Barbara Gamblin	Bill Brooks
Deborah & Kenneth May	Patricia P. Clark
D.O. Horton	Helen Kapral
Milton Meacham	Eugene & Judy Roy
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MEMORIALS

IMO **June Eldridge** – Wilma Brantley; Micki Camp; John & Mary Harvey; Anne Sekula
IMO **Harold Fell** – B. Andrew Plant
IMO **Pat Stallard's "Catsy Ann"** – Robert Lyon; Mrs. Joseph Lyon; Lucille Millipugh
IMO **Randy Goodpasture** – Mark & Debby Spann; Crystal Schroff & Jason Taylor; Robin King; William & Sarah Nowlin; Dennis Connelly; David & Cheryl Baxter; Patsy & Rodney Wilson
IMO **Mary Julie Thorpe** – Earthworks, Inc.
IMO **Dr. A.H. "Mickey" McArthur** - Bob & Betty Dreyer; Margene Lyon; Ward & Betty Plummer; George & Pat Brandon
IMO **"Bailey" & Mary Collins** – Ken & Laura Miller
IMO **Julia Adams' Lab "Retro"** – Raymond Adams
IMO **"Cleo"** – Cathy Marciante
IMO **Polly** – Meg Schrieber

PRESENTATION AT SOUTH CLINTON ELEMENTARY



On March 2, as part of their "Dog-Gone Reading" program, Kristin Olsen spoke to about 80 kindergartens and 1st graders from 8:15 until 9:00 am and to about 80 2nd and 3rd graders from 9:15 to 10:00 am. She took her dog Autumn. Kristin spoke about the three important things for your pets, which is food, water and shelter and the most important "love". For the second group she called all four teachers up and whoever had the best bark won a bag. The kids loved seeing their teachers bark and they got to judge who had the best bark.

WHO ARE WE?

The purpose of the Humane Society, Inc. is to promote the humane care and responsible treatment of animals. The Society has been in existence for over 30 years during which time its board members have succeeded in designing a very successful spay/neuter program as well as educational programs.

The spay/neuter program provides much needed financial assistance to Anderson County pet owners who are not able to afford to spay or neuter their pet(s). Income guidelines are mirrored from the National Poverty guidelines. Prospective clients fill out an extensive application divulging information such as, household income, number and ages of residents living in the household, number and types of pets, etc. Income is verified if necessary.

Our educational programs are designed to educate the community on the humane care and treatment of animals by conducting presentations using materials designed for this purpose; i.e., live pets, handouts, coloring books, stickers, etc. Presentations are offered to any group requesting education and presentations are geared toward that particular age group.

The Society receives all of its monies from memberships, grants, Anderson County non-profit funds, the local Wal-Mart community's fund, donations, fundraisers, memorials, and a flea market on Warehouse Road. The Society has no paid employees or offices, an extremely low overhead and all programs and fundraisers are run by volunteers. Raising money to cover this popular program is always a challenge.

Over the years, the Society has conducted various fund raisers. One yearly event is our Christmas pet photos. These photos are taken on a Saturday in November. If you missed them this past Christmas, please look for advertisements in the local newspapers and our quarterly newsletter for Christmas 2007. As in 2006, Captured Events Photography will once again provide us with their excellent photography services.

In June 2006, the Society participated in the Secret City Festival by providing dog baths to festival pets. Some dog bath recipients, as well as others participated in our pet parade and contest which was MC'd by Peggy Hanrahan of Realty Center and judged by Rex Lynch, Anderson County Mayor; Shawn Phillips, Anderson County Animal Control; and Sparky the Firehouse Dog. As a fund raiser, the Society conducted a silent auction of gift baskets. The event was a big success and we are looking forward to returning in 2007.

For many years, the Society has operated a flea market, located at 372 Warehouse Road, Oak Ridge. It is open every Saturday, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and accepts donations of sellable, non-clothing items during those hours or occasionally other arrangements can be made for pickups. The Society has a devoted list of volunteers that help run the flea market, as well as two people who price and display everything that is donated. Our location is a small bay in a warehouse row. The Society is currently renting a storage unit, at a reduced rate, to accommodate any overflow. It would be wonderful if the Society could find a space large enough to display all donations including furniture without renting storage. If anyone knows of a place that the Society could rent, at a much-

reduced price or better yet, a donated space, please contact us. The Society provides a much needed service to Anderson County and with everyone's help we can do even more. Please visit our flea market for tremendous deals on gently used items while helping the Society continue its mission.

The Society can be reached by telephone at 865-381-1550 or <http://www.andersoncohumane.org/> where you might find answers to your questions or have the opportunity to send an email. Those who leave a message or send email can expect a response within 24 hours. For obvious reasons, we discourage emergency messages. Please contact us with your concerns, questions, or to inquire about our volunteer opportunities. Spay/Neuter Program applications are available by contacting the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter, Anderson County Animal Control, Clinton Animal Control and most of your local Anderson County veterinarians. Your donations and memorials can be mailed to: Society, 969 Oak Ridge Turnpike, PMB 366, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

Why Should you Spay or Neuter Pets?

- ✓ **Over 10 million animals are euthanized each year at animal shelters nationwide. There are not enough homes for all the animals.**
- ✓ **While it is a myth that neutering your male animal will make him a "sissy," it will help curb his wandering instinct.**
- ✓ **Neutering your male will lessen the chance of testicular cancer and save you costly veterinarian bills.**
- ✓ **Unneutered male cats out on the prowl will get into fights, sometimes resulting in serious injuries.**
- ✓ **Spaying your female will stop undesirable heat cycles, uninvited males and unwanted litters.**
- ✓ **Neutered males are less concerned with marking their territory with urine and have less desire to run away or roam in search of a mate;**
- ✓ **Unspayed female cats have heat cycles occurring every two to three weeks, lasting 4-5 days.**
- ✓ **Spaying your female can also prevent her suffering from costly and sometimes fatal uterine infections.**
- ✓ **Spaying or neutering your cat or dog will make him/her a better pet.**

In 2006 approximately 3030 dogs and cats were euthanized at the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter. Most of these deaths could have been prevented. Please consider adopting your pet from an animal shelter because for every pet that is bought from a breeder, one is euthanized at a shelter. It is a myth that purebred animals are superior to mixed breeds. In many cases mixed breed pets are less likely to have the medical problems that are associated with purebreds. Products from unwanted pregnancies end up at shelters, dead in the streets, poisoned by cruel or irresponsible humans or killed by predators. The Society's hope is that animal shelters, including Oak Ridge, will one day be places to adopt but not euthanize. If pet owners would spay or neuter their pets to keep them from reproducing, our hope might one day be realized. Help us save lives by being a responsible pet owner. Please spay or neuter your pet.

The Humane Society, Inc.
Serving All of Anderson County and Oak Ridge
PMB 366, 969 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Individual voting membership \$20.00
(only one name may be used for this)

Family voting membership \$30.00
(two votes allowed with this membership)

Supporting membership (two votes allowed in more than one name) as follows:

Friend	Patron	Benefactor
\$50 - \$99 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 - \$199 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$200 plus <input type="checkbox"/>

I wish to contribute \$ _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to The Humane Society, Inc.

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