

The Paw Print



SECRET CITY FESTIVAL

For the second consecutive year, the City of Oak Ridge invited us to participate in the Secret City Festival in conjunction with the Children's Events. We were asked to conduct a dog wash and pet parade/contest geared toward children and their pets, although adults were more than welcome to participate and did. Approximately 15 dogs were washed along with the volunteers who, I'm sure, didn't mind, with the temperature as high as it was that day. This year for the pet parade/contest our MC was Peggy Hanrahan, owner of Realty Center. Judges were Sparky, the Fire Hall Dog; Rex Lynch, Mayor of Anderson County, and Shawn Phillips, Anderson County Animal Control Officer. Participation from volunteers, pets, and their people provided all the right ingredients for making

our events loads of fun.

At our booth, located in the Children's Area, we conducted a silent auction of donated items arranged in baskets valued from \$50 to \$300. Although public participation in the auction was minimal, money collected from donations, the auction, and the sales of small pet items were worth the effort. Many festival goers were impressed by and interested in the baskets but were reluctant to commit to the larger valued baskets. Next year we are contemplating holding another silent auction with baskets valued at no more than \$100 in hopes of soliciting more bids; hence, allowing us to provide spay/neuter assistance to more residents.

Please take a moment to look through the following lists of individuals and business that so graciously donated items for our baskets:

Individuals

Robin Biloski
Ray Blakney
Michele Brandenburg
Ron & Karen Bridgeman
Mary Nel & Jack Campbell
Joan Cassens
Michele Cloutier
Nikki Cook
Margo Davis
Kim Denton
Joy Henderson
Mary Henderson
Meg & Don Jared
Bobbie Marcum
Melanie May
April Meldrum
Gloria Nelson
Kristin & Jimmy Olsen

Betty & Ward Plummer
Clare Radford
Julie Rorie
Liz Suddath
Mary Pat Williams

Businesses

CarMax
Clinton Drug Store
Git-N-Go Markets
Hoskins Drug Store
Jack Daniels Distillery
Jackson Square Animal
Hospital
Oak Ridge Feed
Oak Ridge Pool Supplies,
Inc.
Project Solutions
Salvage and Building

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who put the baskets together, helped at our booth, and helped with the pet events. Without volunteers, we could not raise the money needed to continue our much needed community service. Providing spay/neuter assistance to low-income Anderson County residents has been our focus for many years. However, we also offer educational programs to schools and other organizations as well as general information through our answering service and newsletters.

Each year that we participate in the Secret City Festival allows us to improve on the

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Animals of Anderson County,
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Flea Market
372 Warehouse Road,
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Saturdays 10:00am to 1:00pm



previous year. All in all, our participation was a success, and we are looking forward to bigger and better events next year. We hope to see you there next year!

Michelle Cloutier, President



DONATIONS

The Estate of Beulah H. Perkins
Elizabeth A. Cantwell
Barbara Gamblin
Susan Blackford
BR Brooks

MEMORIALS

IMO **Harold P. Courine** – Earl & Connie Eversole
IMO **Leonard Ernest “Len” Hart** –
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth T. Miller Jr.
IMO **Albert & Virginia** (Michelle Cloutier’s parents) –
Albert & Alice Feldman
IMO **Maxine** – long-time kitty companion of Louise McKown
– Bob & Barbara Stone

watch some wildlife, which is great as long as your pet’s life is not threatened.



ANDERSON COUNTY FAIR

Kristin Olsen, Humane Society board member, organized a successful pet contest fundraiser at the Anderson County Fair on Saturday, July 22nd. Judged by Michele Cloutier of the Humane Society, Jim Harris of WYSH and Cecil Narramore of the Clinton Animal Control, contestants paid a five dollar entry fee and competed for prizes such as an iPod and a nineteen inch television. Prizes were donated by, among others, Pat Hess, candidate for Juvenile Court Judge, and David Stuart, candidate for General Sessions Judge. Contestants competed in the following categories: *Best Fetcher* won by Rudy and owner Jeremy Horton; *Best Kisser* won by Wilson and owner Destiny Brummet; and *Look-a-Like* won by Buddy and owner Morgan Watson. *Most Dog Bones Consumed*, without assistance from his dog, was won by owner Eric Blevins. The proceeds benefit the Humane Society’s spay and neuter program.



FLEA MARKET STATUS

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. Michele Cloutier, manager of the flea market, reports that all old stock has been removed, and the shelves are stocked with new items, including auction remnants donated by Smoky Mountain Antiques. Categories of goods include the following: lamps, toiletries, china, linens, collectibles, games and toys, as well as records and videos. Store shelves have been repainted, and the store is much more spacious and inviting. Please consider visiting on a Saturday morning; all proceeds benefit the Anderson County spay and neuter program.

COYOTES

Protect your animals from coyote attacks! Coyotes have become much more prevalent all across eastern United States. Although they will eat almost everything, they love to make a meal out of your cat or small dog. Walk your animals on a leash. Coyotes won’t usually enter a fenced yard, since it is hard to escape with the quarry, but they have been known to jump a fence as high as 8 feet. Coyotes especially like to hunt at night, so do not let your pet out unguarded at night.

Coyotes have been seen in and around Oak Ridge - notably in Rivers Run, Ezra Gate, and the western most greenways of Roane County. They have become a nuisance and threat to small animals, including young farm animals. Elimination by gun, traps or poison is not allowed in Oak Ridge. Anyone shooting a gun in Oak Ridge will be prosecuted.

If you see a coyote enter your property, make a lot of noise, run them off with a big stick. Then call Randy Wolfe of Varmint Busters, Inc., (865) 671-1154. Randy has been in the varmint control business for 18 years.

Do not call the police department or the city’s animal control. Do not call the TWRA as they don’t handle personal problems with wildlife. If you call the TWRA, they will probably tell you to just enjoy the opportunity to

THAT FACE AT THE WINDOW

by Sharon Slaton Howell

*One of the best things about coming home,
besides loving to be there,
is driving up and seeing
our doggie’s expectant face at the window.
No matter how long we’re gone,
she’s almost always at her post.
Who but a person’s dog could
show that level of devotion?
Money couldn’t buy such fidelity,
and certainly nothing could compel it
that we could do or say.
We keep telling her – as do others –
with your huge brown eyes
and blonde coloring,
you’d be a cinch to sell
just about anything on TV.
But we don’t want her to
have to work for a living.
All we want her to do is just be –
keep being happy and adorable;
keep showing that heart-tugging
face at the window.*





OAK RIDGE

EMERGENCY SERVICE

On a Sunday afternoon in June, a Humane Society member was dumping off trash at the Oak Ridge Recycling Center. A German Shepherd puppy was racing back and forth as pickup trucks pulled in with their loads. The staff volunteered that the puppy had indeed been dumped. With no place to keep a large puppy and lack of experience with dogs in general, Michele Cloutier, Humane Society President, responded to a call for help with the puppy. Also contacted at its business number of 483-1334, the Ideal Veterinary Hospital led to an answering service, who then paged Dr. John Shaw, and who in turn, was extremely helpful in placing the puppy into a safe situation. This was a first and highly positive experience of the Oak Ridge Emergency Service, an association of Oak Ridge veterinary clinics including Ideal Veterinary Hospital, Oak Ridge Veterinary Hospital, Jackson Square Animal Clinic and McArthur Animal Hospital. These clinics are working together, so that their clients have access to an on-call veterinarian's advice seven days a week until 11:00 pm. Those who are not clients of these clinics are forwarded to a pet emergency clinic willing to answer questions and give advice; thus, all who call have a pathway to receiving pet emergency assistance after regular business hours. Thank you again, Dr. Shaw, staff and Michele, for your help with this stray puppy.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Researchers from Stanford University School of Medicine found that on a day reaching just 72 degrees, a car's interior temperature can heat up by an average of 40 degrees within one hour. Cracking a car window had a minimal effect on both the rate of heating and the final temperature after an hour.



(<http://mednews.stanford.edu/releases/2005/july/hot-cars.htm>). Cats and dogs regulate temperature by panting and by releasing heat from the paws of their feet; obviously, neither pets nor humans can survive for long if trapped in a parked car in summer, and heat stroke followed by death is likely to be the outcome if the situation is not quickly remedied. If you should see a pet trapped, get the license plate of the vehicle and call for assistance. In Clinton, the police would respond to such a call for help. In Oak Ridge, the fire department is authorized to respond. In Oliver Springs, the police department would respond, and also the animal control officer, David Aytes, would be relied upon for assistance. In Anderson County, the sheriff's department reports that Shawn Phillips, the animal control officer, would be contacted. Lake City's police department would call Mr. Phillips. If at all possible, do seek official help; a negligent owner is likely to be highly defensive. For more tips and strategies on helping pets cope with the high temperatures of summer, check the Humane Society of the United States' website at the following address:



http://www.hsus.org/pets/pets_care/cool_it_summers_he_at_can_be_deadly_for_your_pet.html.

SHIMA

In 1986, Linda had followed her Marine husband, Jim, to Okinawa where he was stationed for three years. Linda found life lonely on Okinawa, as Jim was often deployed elsewhere. One day Linda found someone who could keep her company - a small cat softly meowing in Japanese. Linda fell in love with this quiet cat and took her home. The cat had very unusual coloring. The fur appeared black on the outside but when she moved, one could see white closer to the skin. Linda named the female cat, Shima, the Japanese word for "island".

At the end of three years, Linda and Jim were returning to the USA. Linda wanted to bring Shima and their dog, Maki, back to the states. Her parents told her she was crazy and that she ought to just leave the animals in Okinawa. But Linda and Jim were steadfast. They had committed to these animals and refused to dispose of them when no longer convenient. So, they all boarded a military plane for the long, bumpy flight to California.

The adventure was not over when they reached California. They bought an old truck to drive back to Florida. On the way, they camped in the hills of Utah. As they were packing up to leave one morning, they could not find Shima. They searched for three days and were about to give up when Linda heard some Japanese meowing in the bushes. Linda scooped up Shima and they continued on their journey.

From Florida, they settled in Oak Ridge, TN. After 17 years, Shima has finally learned English, although when she is disturbed she will let out a forceful Japanese expletive. Now, in her old age, Shima is blind and deaf with complications of high blood pressure. The family takes great care in providing her with an easily manageable and calm environment. Fortunately, she lives in a household that will continue to love and protect her until she passes quietly into cat nirvana.

Animal Stories

Please send us your animal story. It should be about something, unusual, exciting or exceptionally loving about your animal. The stories need to be between 200 and 350 words. The editors of Paw Prints will select one story to be printed in each edition of Paw Prints.

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

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