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Message from the Board

We want to thank the membership for all the hard work to increase our presence in the community. The events have been a great success. It's only through your continued involvement that we can help these animals who so desperately need help. -- Sally Berryman, Hazel Fannin, Roy Phelps, Lynn Taylor, Christine Fisher, Marilyn Phelps, Diane Weibert, Mary Ferber, Susan Wilson, Shirley Albert

JUNE Is Adopt- a-Cat Month

June is a very special month; it's been designated as "Adopt a cat month". It's a challenge to get people to adopt a cat and get it in a good home. But adoption, be it cat or dog, can be a rewarding experience for both pet and new family.

Here are 10 reasons to adopt a cat:

1. You may be saving a life.
 2. If you're a first time cat owner, you may learn a lesson, preconceived expectations aren't always correct; there are so many stereotypes that are simply untrue. Cats are their own best ambassadors.
 3. Growing up with pets develops a stronger feeling of empathy, and teaches kids about responsibility.
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4. Cats teach patience and to respect the sensibilities of others. A dog is instantly there when you snap your fingers, cats respond on their own time and in their own way.
 5. Cats are nonjudgmental. They don't care if you're rich or poor, young or old, they just give love.
 6. Cats are sensitive. If you're having a bad day and no one else notices, your cat will, and will respond with purrs and love.
 7. Cats are especially adept at making us smile. And, smiling helps us feel good.
 8. Cats are good for our health. Purring is thought to be self-calming for cats, and research indicates it relaxes people, too.
 9. Cats possess grace and agility.
 10. Cats don't want to go for a walk at 5 in the morning, they just want to cuddle a little closer and purr.

Adopt a cat, no matter what color, size, shape, age, there's a cat waiting to sit on your lap and purr.

Kittens, Kittens, Everywhere We Look Kittens!!

Female cats (called Queens) are termed “seasonally polyestrus”. This is because their multiple heats are influenced by seasonal changes in the amount of daylight. Cats usually have heat cycles between January and September. Starting around January, a female cat will keep coming back into heat every 7-10 days until she is bred or the amount of daylight decreases (usually around October). Cats kept indoors and exposed to artificial light may cycle year-round.



Once the Queen starts cycling, her cycle may last 1-2 days, or just a few hours, it is not consistent. During this stage the queen is very vocal, repeatedly calling for a male cat. The male cat is attracted

to the queen but she will not let the tom near her. She will roll on the ground and constantly rub against furniture or your leg.

During the next cycle, which lasts about a week, but can be longer or shorter, the Queen exhibit’s the same signs as during the beginning cycle, but now she will exhibit the breeding posture with her head and front legs near the ground and the rump area held high. Now she will allow the Tom to approach her and mate. Mating may last 1-20 seconds. The Queen may allow more than one tom to mate with her, so it is possible for a litter of kittens to have different fathers.



If she was not bred , the queen will enter an intermolecular stage, and she will show no sign of reproductive activity during this stage. This lasts about a week, then she starts through her cycles again. If her mating is successful she will go through an approximately 63 day pregnancy.

Cats go through puberty between 6 and 9 months of age and can become pregnant as young as 5 months of age. Spaying and neutering controls over-population, and eliminates the risk of ovarian cancer and infections of the uterus as well as greatly decreasing the risk of mammary cancer.

**SHOW YOUR PETS YOU
LOVE THEM –
SPAY AND NEUTER.**



Spay/Neuter Applications

If you need your pet spayed or neutered and meet the low income requirements of our program, we will try to help . You may call the CCHS at 931-728-0903 and leave a message about your need for this service, with your name and address, and we will mail you an

application to complete. Verification of income is required such as pay stub, unemployment benefit statement, entitlement letter for Food Stamps, SSI eligibility, etc. Applications are also often available at local

veterinarian offices. In addition, the CCHS tries to help with routine or emergency veterinary care for families under financial hardship, as our funds allow.

Animal Care Pet Expo 2011, May 4-7, 2011

I recently had the experience of attending Pet Expo 2011 in Orlando, Florida. The event is sponsored by the United States Humane Society and held annually. Next year it will be in Las Vegas, Nevada and in 2013 it will be in Nashville. A venue that I hope will allow more of us to attend.

In 3 days they offered 66 seminars broken into 11 tracks - **Beyond the Shelter; Building Humane Communities; Emergency Services; Equine Protection; Executive Leadership; Field Services; Fundraising and Money Management; Humane Society International; Saving Lives; Shelter Challenges; and Shelter Services.**

Choosing which seminars to attend was tough but I chose, It's All About the Cat!; Investigating and Responding to Horse Neglect; School Realities: Standards for Success in Humane Education; Messaging Your Mission to Donors: How Branding Impacts Fundraising Results; Effective Fundraising Strategies; Work Smarter not Harder: Transforming your Volunteer Program; and Tax Tips and Traps for Nonprofit Organizations.

All of the seminars I attended were well done and provided a wealth of information that I hope to share with the group over the coming months and maybe produce some ideas that will help us. In addition to the seminars there was an Exhibit Hall with over 200 vendors. Everything that was free I took. Everyone who offered free services, I took their information. It will probably take me till next year to sort through everything.

But it was an overwhelming experience finding out who is out there to help us and realizing that we're not alone in this battle. I encourage you to start saving so in 2013 you can make the trip to Nashville. The knowledge you bring back can only help us grow.

Diane Weibert

From Their Website

Animal Care Expo 2011 has drawn to a close. With over 1,700 attendees, more than 75 workshops, and 175 exhibitors, this year's Expo was bigger and better than ever!

<http://www.animalsheltering.org/expo/#id=album-90&num=content-1715>

Expo is the largest international education and training conference and trade show in the fields of animal care and control, rescue and emergency services. The conference is proud to provide attendees with workshops for shelter and animal care professionals, emergency managers and responders, veterinarians and vet technicians, and equine protection.

**Animal Care
Expo 2012!
May 21-24,
2012
Rio All-Suite
Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas,
Nevada**

**Animal Pet Care
Expo 2013
May 8-11, 2013
Gaylord
Opryland Resort
Nashville, TN**

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Because Coffee County Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) organization, utilizing foster families to house its pets, certain tax deductions are available to those families, if they file the long form for their taxes. Out-of-pocket costs of maintaining foster animals that may be deductible, if provided by you and not CCHS include: Cost of food, medical care, crates and supplies. In addition, your mileage to and from adoption events and medical appointments is deductible. Contact your personal tax preparer for information on the documentation you will need and let CCHS know you will need a letter of participation in the foster program.

We Get By With A Little HELP from Our Friends

May the Beatles Forgive Us

Coffee County Humane Society is a 501(c) (3) corporation, that depends on grants and donations for its funding. Without some very special people we would not be able to accomplish the things we do. **We would like to send a special thanks to these people:**

- Petco in Murfreesboro, and especially manager Willie Wells, for their sustaining food donations and products, and support of Pet Adoptions.
- Petco Foundation's \$2,500 for the Families in Crises Grant.
- Petsmart in Murfreesboro for their pet adoption support.
- Food Lion in Manchester and Tullahoma for their food donations.
- The Criminal Justice Class of Coffee County High School, who held a pet food donation drive for us.
- Walmart in Manchester and the Walmart Foundation for the \$2000 community grant we received from them in March.

- Abigail Casillo, Blue Springs Vet Services and Royal Canine Petfood for donating and delivering to us a pet food donation.
- O'Charley's Restaurant and all their support during our recent and successful Pancake Breakfast.
- VIAM Manufacturing who has supported us with 2 pet adoption days and a \$2,000 donation.
- GFWC Centennial Women's Club of Tullahoma for their \$500 donation.
- Spay/neuter grants from
 - Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee - \$5,000
 - Two Mauds Foundation - \$5,000
- Manchester Starbucks for product donations
- Fairy Tales Photography in Tullahoma, for opening their doors and hearts to support us on pet adoption days.
- The United Way of Highland Rim who just notified us that we will be receiving a \$500 allocation from them.

- Sheri O'Neal of Coffee County Funeral Chapel and John of Manchester Copy and Ship for working with us on the trifolds
- The many people attending Parkapalooza who dropped their change and dollar bills in our donation jars.
- And the Girl Scouts who put in hours of enthusiasm on our behalf chanting "support Coffee County Humane Society".
- And to our members and volunteers who give their all, as always warm puppy kisses and kitten purrs.

A special **Big "Thank You"** to the local vets who participate in helping us deliver services to families and animals in need. We could not help nearly as many animals without the support of many area veterinarians:

Veterinarian Clinics

- All Creatures
- Animal Health Clinic
- Blue Springs Vet. Services
- Coffee Vet. Hospital
- Hackett Animal Clinic
- Pet Medical Center
- Old Stone Fort Mobile Veterinary Services

So Why Spay A Cat?

A Cat Can Have Up To
5 litters Per Year.

Each litter can average 3 kittens
up to 6 kittens or more per litter.

Doing the math, that is 15-30 kittens
per year per female cat.

http://www.sacanimal.org/cat_reproduction_FAQ.pdf

**FOOD DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Coffee County Humane Society is experiencing the spring influx of kittens, puppies, cats and dogs and is desperately seeking food donations. Please bring a donation of pet food to our meeting the last Tuesday of each month or contact us at 931-728-0903 to arrange for a pick-up. Speak to your store where you buy pet food and ask if they would like to make a donation. Do you have Scout troop, 4-H group or school class that could put on a pet food drive for us? We need everyone's help.

Call For Volunteers

Talents needed!!!

Can you walk a dog?
Help with Adoption Day?
Help with pet food distribution?
Be a Foster Parent?

You don't have to be a Foster parent to help CCHS. We need volunteers for next year's events.

Contact Mary Ferber
931-728-8108

Pet Supplies Needed

- Leashes
- Collars
- Feeding bowls
- Watering bowls
- Hay
- Blankets
- Dog houses
- Fenced Kennels

Financial donations can be made online at www.coffe humane.org
We use PayPal

Happy New Beginnings

**WRANGLER FINDS A HOME
AND A BLUE RIBBON**

He's a cute ball of fur, 3 months old, and named Wrangler by his new family. Wrangler was adopted in May at our Petco adoption day. On May 21st Wrangler's new family took him to the Bell Buckle Mutts in May event and he strutted away with a blue ribbon for "Cutest" in show. Watching him at the event it is evident that Wrangler has found a very loving forever home.



TOM FINDS A HOME ON THE FARM

Tom was the terror of the neighborhood, fighting and attacking other cats and kittens, But Mary and Harry Ferber knew all Tom needed was a loving home. Thanks to our VIAM event that became possible.

Tom was trapped, neutered and taken by Keith Hayes, Executive Vice President of VIAM, to be a barn cat. Tom has taken admirably to his new job and has found his forever home. Coffee County Humane Society would prefer that our cats be "indoor only", but sometimes it's more important to save a life and do what's in the cats best interest.

That is our mission at CCHS to rescue, rehab and rehome animals.

From Your Companion's Point of View

Please remember that caring for a pet -- cat, dog, horse – or any animal is a big responsibility. And caring for the animal also has a financial component. We all know that “Life Happens” to all of us. But please, please don't forget “that other member of the family” that you have pledged to care for. They cannot fend for themselves, open food cans or food bags.

So please remember your commitment to your pet and new family member and understand your companion's point of view. This month we thought we might look at something with a funny bent about some of our favorite pets, the Cat. We hope it will make you laugh!!

Cat Rules

1. The cat is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the cat is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The cat is allowed in all the rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The cat can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine, the cat is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the cat is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The cat can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
8. The cat can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The cat can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the cat.
11. If the cat wants a treat, the humans must always obey!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM YOUR DOG

- . **Live in the moment**
- . **Take a nap and sleep hard**
- . **Discover the simple joy of a long walk**
- . **Celebrate each snack with anticipation**
- . **Get outside as much as possible**
- . **Greet everyone, always, no matter how long
He or she has been gone**
- . **If you love someone, show your affection**

A Busy Month

April showers may bring May flowers, but for the Coffee County Humane Society it brought a very busy month.

On April 2 we had our first pet adoption at Tractor Supply in Tullahoma. The day brought sunshine and wind and new homes for 6 dogs and 1 cat.

On April 12 we were back at VIAM Manufacturing for our second visit, with 4 more dogs finding a new home. VIAM even adopted a dog for their plant and reports indicate he is becoming a very spoiled dog!

On a blustery, cold April 16 we had our first Dog Days of Summer for the year, combined with a yard sale. In defiance of the weather 6 dogs found forever homes and the yard sale raised \$500.

Fortunately for us April 23 brought much better weather for our Tullahoma Road block, with \$795 raised.

On April 30th we returned to Fairy Tales Photography for another cat adoption day. While interest was steady everyone returned to their Foster homes.

All this was in addition to our usual Saturday and Sunday pet adoptions at Pet Smart and Petco. Lets all hope for sunny days in May and June to help us through Parkapalooza and Bonnaroo.

Bonnaroo, Golf , Adoption Days and Meetings

Only Summer Events

For the long hot summer (June already in the 90's), it has been decided that CCHS will have only limited events for this very hot summer. The events will include our group outside the Bonnaroo gate asking for donations, a golf tournament on Thursday August 4, 2011, our adoption events and our regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

Willowbrook Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament
Thursday August 4, 2011
Hole Sponsors Needed
Sponsor Fees Benefit
Coffee County Humane Society
Sponsor Fee - \$200
Co-Sponsor Fee -\$100

But don't worry, Coffee County Humane Society will still be working behind the scenes rescuing cats, dogs, horses and all the offspring that we can handle. We will still need your generous donation to continue our work. So don't forget us and we will see you somewhere this summer.



Financial donations, checks or money orders, can be mailed to

Coffee County Humane Society

P O Box 252
Manchester, TN 37349

PHONE:
931-728-0903

E-MAIL:
webmaster@coffeehumane.org

Coffee County Humane Society, Inc. is a separate, corporate entity designated as a 501(c)(3), non-profit ,corporation.

Although we often work with both shelters, we are not directly associated with either the Manchester or Tullahoma Animal Shelters.

CCHS receives no direct funding from any federal, state or local agency budget. Our funding comes only from donations from private individuals and businesses or corporations, and from grants

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.coffeehumane.org

Donors for Upcoming Golf Event Needed!!!
Step right up and Sponsor a Hole!
Thursday August 4, 2011
Sponsor Fee \$200
Co-Sponsor Fee \$100
Call For Details



Who is this Cat?? Is she yours?

Call Mary at 931-728-8108 in Manchester, TN if you can identify this cat. If you can tell us the AVID chip number in her, she will be gladly returned.

She is a great cat.

Help CCHS Solve The Identity of this Mystery Cat!!!

She is approximately 6-7 years old. She has an AVID ID chip. The AVID chip was sold to the Hickam Veterinary Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii. Is she a military cat? Did she transfer to Arnold AFB with someone? Help CCHS get this cat to her rightful owner. All we need is proof of your purchase of the AVID ID chip.

About Our Organization

The Coffee County Humane Society is an all-volunteer group dedicated to the prevention of suffering, neglect, abuse and cruelty to animals. We seek to provide humane care and treatment for animals needing protection, increase the number of animals spayed and neutered, seek suitable homes for animals without owners, develop a program of humane education, and interact with the community with an emphasis on those who are in economically disadvantaged situations,

in order to enhance the animals' well-being by helping these owners provide necessary care for their companion animals. The CCHS has four main programs to achieve these goals: Spay/Neuter assistance for low income families; Foster homes for dogs, cats, and horses; Cooperative Adoption Program with the Coffee County and Manchester Dog Shelters, and Education and Outreach to schools and the community.

We are a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and donations to us are tax

exempt to the full extent of the law. We receive no city or county funding and are dependent on grants and donations to provide our services. We welcome new members and meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Coffee County Administrative Plaza Building. Our mailing address is: Coffee County Humane Society, PO Box 252, Manchester, TN 37349. More information may be obtained by calling 931-728-0903 or visiting our website at www.coffeehumane.or