



Humane Society of Morgan County, WVa

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Horrific Animal Cruelty Case Leads To Reward Offer

On July 30th a badly injured dog was picked up by Animal Control in Morgan County on Meridian Rd. At first it was thought the dog had been hit by a car. But two veterinarians determined that the injuries were caused by the dog being dragged behind a vehicle. The dog was first treated by Dr. Jane Doyle of Animalia and on Sunday night August 1st had emergency surgery performed by Dr. Mark Roberts of Berkeley Springs Animal Hospital.

The seven month lab mix puppy, now named Booboo, had injuries that included her back paws being worn off with ligaments and tendons missing and the bone exposed; a hernia from hitting objects in the road and her front feet with severe injuries. She also had infected tissue removed. Dr. Roberts also placed splints in her back legs, treated her other injuries and spayed her. The dog has a strong spirit and wags her tail as soon as she is approached.



Booboo on her way to recovery

Dr. Roberts is very pleased with her medical progress despite her injuries. She is being cared for at Berkeley Springs Animal Hospital until she is well enough to be released to the Humane Society. Rehabilitation will take three to six months before she can be released to a forever home. Over one dozen people have come forward who wish to adopt Booboo. Other individu-

als have donated over \$1,000 for the medical expenses and care of Booboo. Dr. Roberts is waiving most of his fees for the surgery, care and treatment.

A number of individuals have come forward through the Humane Society to offer a reward of \$4,600 for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved in this horrific act of animal cruelty. In addition, Mike Mahrer, Director of

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Development and Marketing at the National Humane Education Society (which is the parent organization of Briggs Animal Adoption in Charles Town, West Virginia) has pledged \$2,500 to the reward fund bringing the total to \$7,200. It is expected to grow further as the story spreads.

The case is being investigated by the Morgan County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information should contact the Sheriff of Morgan County at 304-258-1067 or the Humane Society of Morgan County at 304-258-5592.

Annual Dinner To Be Held On September 20th

The annual dinner for the Humane Society of Morgan County will be held at Cacapon State Park Lodge on September 20th at 5:30 P.M. for a social hour followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$30 per person or a table of eight for \$200. Over 100 people attended last year's dinner and a similar number are expected this year.

Summer Wyatt, West Virginia State Director of the Humane Society of the United

States will be the featured guest speaker at the dinner. A 24 year old graduate of Concord University, Summer has always been interested in animal activism and lobbying for animal cruelty laws. This passion for the well-being of animals became a crusade for Wyatt, spurring her Miss America public service platform: "Making the Connection: Animal Cruelty and Family Violence." Wyatt served as Miss West Virginia 2007 which

allowed her to make public appearances across the state in support of her platform including humane education presentations to over 120 schools.

Wyatt said in a previous interview "I didn't make a platform to compete, I competed because I already had a platform. It's my lifelong platform. It won't stop after this year as Miss West Virginia — it's my career, it's everything I do."

Wyatt's interests in animal activism spread beyond the link between animal cruelty and human violence to issues such as animal neglect, the importance of spay and neuter programs, irresponsible hunting practices, exotic animal ownership, horse slaughter, puppy mills and other related issues. In working with the HSUS, Wyatt will be able

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Happy Tale . . .

Adoption Success

by Susan Kemenyas, HSMC Volunteer Community Liaison

"Lassie is the love of my life," exclaims HSMC Board Member, kennel caretaker, the driving force behind the Unchain WV Dogs campaign, life-long animal advocate Gary Brock. He met this sweet Jack Russell Terrier/Springer Spaniel on the 13th of July 1999. At that time, Gary and Mike were living in a tent waiting to have their foundation poured the next day, when Gary had stopped at Cozy Critters where he saw a photo of Lassie (then Sassy) on HSMC's bulletin board. They went to HSMC where she was in the last kennel on the front.

She'd been surrendered to Animal Control - found at 16 weeks old with a heavy chain around her tiny neck. When the HSMC caretaker let her out to meet them, Gary threw a stick which Lassie brought right to him and licked his face! Mike said they couldn't get a dog yet but Gary and Lassie knew better! There is no force strong enough to keep a person from their life dog. The rest is history.

Now 11, Lassie loves to ride in the truck to the HSMC shelter. She even saved Gary's life once by barking very weirdly to keep him from stepping on a copperhead! She loves her



stuffed cuddly toys and loves to catch rats and mice when they go to the barn to close up the chickens. Gary says "I thank God for bringing us together."

From the way Lassie looks at Gary, you may be sure that she more than echoes that sentiment.

Happy Tale . . .

Two Missing Cats Result in Donation to HSMC

by Pamela Brenner, professional groomer and owner of the Hancock Pet Salon

On July 28th, a panicked Lisa came into the shop with fliers of her cat Midnight who'd been missing for two weeks. Midnight had escaped from the car when her parents, Jerry and Elizabeth Fike were passing through town and had stopped at the Hardees on Main Street in Hancock. About a week after posting the flier in the shop window, I got a phone call from Robin Younker telling me she had a cat that looked like my shop cat, Pistol. Since Pistol was napping in the shop window, I knew it wasn't him and thought this might be Midnight. So I closed the shop, grabbed my cat crate and dashed up the street to Robin's where I picked up the cat she'd found. I returned to the shop with the cat and called Lisa to tell her a cat had been found. Her description of Midnight's marking exactly matched those of the found cat.

Although a reward was being offered for finding Midnight and reuniting him

with his owners, the joy in their voices was worth it all and was reward enough. Rather than accept a reward for doing what I'd want someone to do for me as I'd needed when my other shop cat Daisy was missing earlier this month, I suggested they make a donation to the Humane Society of Morgan County instead. The Fikes thought it was a wonderful idea and a great way to celebrate being reunited with Midnight. As a result this Happy Tale has two good outcomes: a beloved pet reunited with its family and a donation to help homeless animals.



Annual Dinner

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to work on these issues and many others right here in the Mountain State. Among her accomplishments thus far, Wyatt worked with HSUS Emergency Services to remove 49 dogs, 30 rabbits, and 49 horses, mules, and donkeys which were emaciated and

abused from a Wayne County property in May.

There will be a silent auction and door prizes. For further information contact HSMC at 304-258-5592. The event is being coordinated by Pam Farnham.

Rabies and Microchipping Clinic

The second rabies clinic of the year will be held at the Humane Society of Morgan County on Saturday September 11th from 9 A.M.-12 P.M. HSMC is located at 5366 Valley Avenue, four miles south of Berkeley Springs. Dr. Robin Townsend of All Creatures Veterinary in Hedgesville, WV will again perform the rabies vaccinations.

Dogs must be on leashes. Cats must be in carriers. Rabies shots are \$10 per animal. Microchipping will also be available for a cost of \$10 per animal. It will be performed by Barbie Ginck, Assistant Shelter Manager for HSMC. Further information can be obtained by calling the shelter at 304-258-5592.

Rolling with the Big Dawgs

HSMC's Annual Ruff Rider Poker Runs

by Susan Kemenyas, Volunteer Community Liaison

The 6th Annual Ruff Rider "Git Yer Motor Runnin' Fur the Animals" Poker Run began with the Kick-Off Dinner hosted by the Kelvin and Mary Langley, held for the second year in a row at Angus and Ale, adjacent to the Best Western where the Corning, N.Y. Contingent stays each year and

hot food in Troubadour Park where WDHC 92.9 Radio did a brief remote broadcast and Jonathan McBee, Red Guitar Entertainment, deejayed as the day's main entertainment. The event culminated with HSMC Board President George Farnham doing closing announcements, awarding



Morgan the Cat (Juliette Wilder) greets event participants

the Langley's host the event's Hospitality Suite. The event on Saturday, July 10th was sponsored by Raz, Hancock Pet Salon, Portals, Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, Tony's Butcher Block, Dr. Frank Rainieri, Clark's, Berkeley Springs Cottage Rentals, Blue Flame, Luke Christie, Enviro-Tech Pest Services, Hunter's Hardware, More than A Geek®, Red Guitar Entertainment, Unchain WV Dogs and Valley Wildlife Care Inc. George and Pam Farnham, Susan K., and Larry and Sandy Ziegler. HSMC Mascot "Morgan the Cat" (Juliette Wilder) greeted the event participants.

At the end of the 100 mile/3 checkpoint route, riders returned to the relax in the best weather we've ever had for a Poker Run with cold drinks and

prizes for the top poker hands and drawing the 50/50 raffle. The top poker hand was held by Karen Smith of Hedgesville who donated her cash prize to HSMC. Terri Templar of Corning, NY, who has ridden in the Poker Run for several years, won the 50/50 Raffle and also donated her winnings to help the animals.

A great time was had by all according to the consensus of comments and evidenced by the fact that many who attended from out of state have already reserved their rooms at the Best Western for the weekend of Saturday, July 9th, 2011- the date of our 7th Annual Poker Run. This was in no small part to all who volunteered and helped to pull off the event this year, as the Langleys and I had

Raffle Results

HSMC's first raffle was an unqualified success. Run by board members Beth Reedy and Kathi Draper nearly 300 tickets were sold with a net profit of well over \$4,000. The proceeds from the raffle are being used to upgrade the intake facility so that a large new bathtub and water heater are in place. The work is being done by board member Kelvin Langley. In addition, the dog kennels will receive a new epoxy finish.

The winners of the raffle drawing are:

1ST PLACE - Luxury Weekend Getaway in Berkeley Springs

Cheri Bever of Berkeley Springs

2ND PLACE - Relaxing Sunday Getaway in Berkeley Springs

Peggy Brenn of Arlington, VA

3RD PLACE - Child's Oak Rocker

Michele Mejia of Hagerstown, MD

New Officers For Humane Society

Effective at the annual dinner new officers for the coming year will take office. Pam Farnham, current board member will replace George Farnham, as President. George Farnham will remain as a board member. Beth Reedy, current board member, will replace Ed Duncan as Vice President. Duncan will remain on the board. He previously served for three years as President.

Cady Roberts will become the new Treasurer of HSMC. She is currently the Secretary and will replace Kevin Langley. Langley has served in the position for the past five years and is one of the main people for reshaping HSMC into the organization that it is today. He will remain on the board. Kathi Draper will replace Roberts as Secretary. She is currently a board member.

HSMC Important People

Board Members:

George Farnham, President
Ed Duncan, Vice-President
Kelvin Langley, Treasurer
Cady Roberts, Secretary
Andrea Anderson, Shelter Mgr
Ed Vogel, Director
Pam Farnham, Director
Gary Brock, Director
Kathi Draper, Director
Beth Reedy, Director

Others:

Barbie Ginck, Asst Shelter Mgr
Ellie Gomez, Website Design
Clare Phillips, Newsletter Design

In addition, there are too many staff members, volunteers and supporters to list individually but HSMC could not be as successful an organization as we are without their constant support. Thank you everyone.

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HUMANE SOCIETY OF
MORGAN COUNTY, WVA

Visit us at:
5366 Valley Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Phone: 304-258-5592

Visit us on the Web:
www.hsmc-wv.org

Shelter Hours
Tues. through Sat.
11am to 4:30pm
Closed Sun. and Mon.
E-mail: hsmc-wv@peoplepc.com

HSMC's Annual Ruff Rider Poker Runs

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planned and staged it. Event
volunteers included:
Event Manager: Susan K. The
Parking Lot team: Sandy
Hevner, LuAnn Jamison, Pat
Camm
The Registration team: Chris
Lina, Ruth Phillips, Cady
Roberts

The First Card/ Final Card
team: Andy Erdman, Ed
Duncan, Pat Fenton
The Mascot and Mascot Escort:
Juliette Wilder, Mary Langley
Liberty Express Stop Check-
point in Paw Paw, WV - Brian
and Trish Henry
Schoolhouse Kitchen Check-

point in Old Towne, MD -
Andrea Anderson
RoadKill Café & AlleyCat
Crèmes Checkpoint in Artemas,
PA - Kelvin Langley, Skip
Fenton



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DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORM

I would like to contribute \$_____ to support the following:

\$25 membership (all donations of \$25 or more from below
automatically become members)

- The feral and homeless cat spay/neuter program
- Everyday Operating Expenses
- Make Improvements to the cattery
- Hire dog walkers/trainers

I would like to volunteer at HSMC

- I would like to be considered for the Board of Directors
- I would like to volunteer at offsite adoption events
- I would like to volunteer walking and exercising the dogs
- I would like to volunteer to play with the cats
- I would like to volunteer in the office

Newsletter

- Remove my name from the printed newsletter mailing list
- I am sending names on a separate sheet of people who
may like to receive the e-mail version of the HSMC newsletter

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to HSMC

Please return this form to Humane Society of Morgan County
Post Office Box 705
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

