



How Can We Thank You?

by *Jeanne Guise*
HSMC President

As the calendar year draws to a close, it seems natural to reflect on the year past. Most non-profits, especially in small communities such as ours, always need more money, more volunteers, and more support. We are no different.

We have been very fortunate this year, however, in encountering much generosity in the giving of donations, time, and encouragement. This issue is dedicated to emphasizing our appreciation of your gifts.

Any omissions are my mistakes and very much unintended. Please be assured we welcome and are grateful for every dollar, every minute, and every friendly word you give us.

Happy holidays and a peaceful new year for us all.

Changes at the Shelter

Some of you may have been fortunate enough to have met our new Shelter Manager, Sherry Miller, who was a caretaker with us for almost a year when she was promoted to her new position.

Sherry has impressed everyone with her compassion for our animals and dedication to our mission. These traits and her willingness to take the



This is Joy.

See her story on page 4.

extra step also earned her our Employee of the Year Award.

Sherry's promotion, effective July 1, 2004, followed a reorganization after the departure of Shelter Director Sue Jordan and Kennel Manager Ellen Jones, who left Morgan County for a larger animal welfare organization in another state. Both are well known and well respected in their profession, and they carried our good wishes with them. We know they will continue to be successful as their careers move forward.



For Fun and Fellowship, Join the New Volunteers Group

Join our dynamic, new Volunteers Group for fun, fellowship, and the satisfaction that you are helping the homeless and often abused dogs and cats of Morgan County. Together the volunteers want to strengthen our community presence and involve the community in making good things happen.

The group meets once a month to discuss new ideas, plan and implement fundraising events, and get to know each other better. The volunteers work hand in hand with HSMC's Board of Directors and the shelter manager to meet the needs in innovative and energetic ways.

Join them to promote Animal Awareness, Animal Compassion, and Animal Education. For more information, call Lynn Slaughter, 304-258-3323

New Shelter Hours

The shelter now has regular open hours for the public every day:

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tues. - Sat.
Closed Sun. and Mon.**

Caretakers are there every day and special accommodations can be made when needed. Call

304-258-5592.

Annual Dinner Brims With Comments, Volunteers, Donors

Our 27th annual dinner was held at Coolfont Resort and Spa on September 20. The theme was Speak!, and attendees were encouraged to offer comments and questions. A gratifying result has been the addition of volunteers, led by the energetic and talented Lynn Slaughter.

WDHC-FM received the business award of the year. Under Mike Fagan's management, the local radio station has been a steady booster of fund raisers, events, and shelter news for years and a good friend not only to us but to the many other community organizations.

Employee of the Year went to Sherry Miller, our new shelter manager. Sherry received the award for the outstanding job she did as caretaker during the prior year. She continues to give above and beyond in her new position.

The silent auction was our most successful yet, thanks to the many

wonderful treasures that were donated and to the people who bid on them. This year's very appreciated donors were:

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Thank You, Nature Niche

Nature Niche is a wonderful new store in Berkeley Springs, featuring delightful nature-themed merchandise both useful and decorative.

Owner Judy Webb gives us generous wall and counter space for announcements, raffles, and donations.

She recently had a 50/50 contest in which the winner had to guess the number of dog biscuits in a clear tubular display stand. There were 215, to be exact. One person guessed 214 and two guessed 216, so the three tickets were put in a can, and Nicole Anderson's 216 was drawn. She won \$118.50, the shelter got \$118.50, and the biscuits went to a dog who had visited Nature Niche and really, really, really wanted them.

Thank you, Judy, Claudia, and everyone who played.

Now Available at Nature Niche....

Whether large or small, all shelters, including ours, experience the types of situations described in a touching new book, *One at a Time: A Week in an American Animal Shelter*, now available at Nature Niche and at www.novoiceunheard.org.

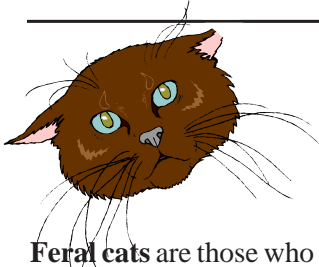
From www.novoiceunheard.org—

“Over half the households in America include an animal companion. Yet behind this immense love of animals lies an equally immense tragedy: Each year, community animal shelters take in 8 to 12 million lost and unwanted dogs and cats who face an uncertain fate.

One at a Time: A Week in an American Animal Shelter brings this issue vividly to life via a true account of seven days in a typical U.S. animal shelter.
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This charming wool wall hanging was hand-hooked by Susan Harris and donated to us to be raffled at the Apple Butter Festival. The lucky winner was Barbara Knight.



Trap Neuter Return IS Working in Morgan County

Feral cats are those who have become wild. They or their mothers were abandoned and, unlike stray domestic cats, they avoid human contact. Although these cats cannot be tamed, many caring people feed them or allow them to live on their property.

Until recently, animal shelters had little choice but to euthanize feral cats brought to them. Not only are the cats too wild for adoption, they are severely stressed by being caged and handled.

Thanks to organizations such as Alley Cat Allies, a new strategy was developed: trap/neuter/return or TNR. The cat is humanely trapped, spayed or neutered and vaccinated against rabies. While under anesthesia, one of the cat's ears is "tipped," i.e., a small portion cut off, to mark it as having been neutered. The cat is then returned to where it was trapped or released near another caretaker who ensures a food supply and shelter.

When feral cats are simply removed from a site, more cats arrive to take their place, but TNR creates a stable, sterile

At Nature Niche *(continued)*

shelter. With compelling photos and moving vignettes, it chronicles the stories of 75 animals who passed through a northern California shelter during one week. Their gripping stories include excerpts from actual shelter records; the words of shelter workers, volunteers and visitors; and the final conclusion of each animal's journey through the shelter system."

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Purchases made at Nature Niche benefit us. Call 304-258-0992 or visit the Niche at 168 N. Washington St., Berkeley Springs. \$16.95.

population. The unwelcome behaviors are alleviated: no more rival fighting, courtship yowling, pungent urine or countless new kittens. Vaccinations greatly decrease the threat of rabies.

A TNR program needs several components: a veterinarian willing to work with feral cats and with the flexibility to take them in when trapped (ferals are notoriously poor at keeping appointments); people willing to trap the cats, then provide food and suitable outside shelter; transporters to and from the vet clinic; and funding to cover surgical and medical costs.



We have finally been able to start a TNR program, thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers, Dr. Lisa Doherty of Needmore Veterinary Clinic, and caring citizens in Morgan County.

Since we began in August, 21 male and 14 female cats were humanely trapped, altered, vaccinated against rabies and returned to caretakers.

We started with a thousand-dollar grant and a generous gift and are now looking toward fund raisers such as the "Spaghetti" dinner and donations from the public to continue this long-needed project.

We don't think cats should have to die because somewhere along the line an irresponsible human abandoned them or allowed them to breed.

They also should not have to become pests, searching for food in human habitations in order to survive. Without

our help, they are often ill-fed and unable to resist disease, yet still produce litters several times a year.

TNR has been proven to work.

As the word spreads, more people are becoming interested in helping the feral cats in their neighborhood, and we are happy to report that Dr. Eric Hess of The Animal Ark in Hedgesville will also be working with us.

Please help us keep feral cats safe while reducing population growth. Every dollar you donate will go directly to TNR.

Make your check payable to The Humane Society of Morgan County, and enter TNR on the memo line. Send it to:

Friends for Life for Ferals
Humane Society
5366 Valley Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

or donate online at www.hsmc-wv.org

For more information on this program or to become a volunteer caretaker or transporter in Morgan County, please call Carrie Durst at 304-258-9224 during business hours.

Recycling Pays HSMC! A Simple Way You Can Help



Take your stuff
to the Rag Shop
and tell them
to send your
share
of the proceeds
to HSMC.

SPEAK! Notes from Pets and Their People

Ode to Joy

by Marcy Zipt, Caretaker

Joy, an expectant labrador retriever, became a boarder at the Friends for Life Animal Shelter and Adoption Center last June. She delivered her pups on June 15, three days after she was brought in to the shelter.

Joy stayed with us for six months, and during that time her nine offspring were one by one adopted into good homes.

I believe in love at first site. Joy had my heart the moment her big brown eyes looked into mine. Puppies milled about her feet as she rose to give me a proper greeting—a wagging tail.

Joy was losing hair; had a skin disorder, which sometimes happens to nursing dogs, and appeared to be malnourished. The fact that she was abandoned and found wandering the streets didn't help her situation much.

Even so, I could see through those sad brown eyes that there was something special about Joy. One day, I prayed, the perfect family would come through for her.

Many—maybe—potential owners could see the gentle nature Joy possessed, but none were able to take her due to the special care she would need. Consequently, she was often overlooked for adoption.

Joy had an Angel named Judy who lives in another state but had heard about Joy from a friend and drove a good distance just to see her. Like the rest of us at the shelter, Judy fell in love with Joy.

As caretakers, we showered Joy with tender loving care. Judy, however, went another step further by becoming Joy's benefactor. Judy paid for all of Joy's medical care: vet bills, medi-



A team of benefactors helped Joy find happiness, health and a good home.

cines, special shampoos, vitamins and the very best dog food. Within a few months all the attention and care began to show. Joy blossomed into a beautiful yellow Labrador retriever. If there was a "Swan Award" for dogs, Joy would have won paws down. I called her Queen of the kennels.

Clicking through the adoptable pets on Petfinders.com, Barbara and Harold saw Joy's picture and came down to see her. Before Harold could put his truck in park, Barbara was walking through the office door.

"Here they come," I said, "Joy's perfect family."

Their excitement about finding Joy was a "joy" to see, and this sweet dog responded in kind. Bittersweet though it was, we were very happy to see Joy going home.

The kennels are not the same without Joy. That's okay with us, though,

we love a happy ending at Friends For Life. Her leaving renews our purpose for being animal caretakers.

Congratulations, Joy!

LouE and ISABELLE

Just a short note to let you know that Izzy and LouE are doing very well. They have brought an incredible amount of joy, love, and laughter into our lives.

I was a bit concerned initially when Izzy did not seem to be putting on weight the way I thought she should, and I started feeding small amounts of canned cat food with their kitten chow three times a day.

She has gone from a first time weigh-in of 24 ounces (kitchen scale) to about 27 ounces after a week on this diet. I am going on the assumption that she will catch up in her weight as she matures.

I have a tabby named Hobbs that did that very thing when he was a kitten and has now filled out quite nicely. Late bloomers, I guess.

Izzy is very playful and loving and is the first kitten I have ever had that can purr while asleep. She is helping me type this e-mail.

LouE is growing at a normal rate and is also very active. His favorite activity is to attack Izzy when she least expects it and just chase her around in general. He also is very loving and after attacking us in his "bear posture," he will settle down and fall asleep in our laps.

He is very sweet and can give you a look that could melt an iceberg. He also seems to derive intense enjoyment from latching on to the hind legs of our Daisy (our Jack Russell) and Odie (our

last summer’s adoption beagle/basset). They will actually walk around with him hanging on to them and just give us these looks that say “Mommmm, get this thing off of me.”

LouE and Izzy sleep on our bed at night along with Daisy and Odie. When we are ready for bed, I call them with “Izzy, LouE, it’s time for bed,” and they will come into the bedroom and get up on the bed. It totally amazes me how something so tiny can understand and respond as they do.

Thank you for enriching our lives with these sweet babies.

From a Happy “Repeat” Adopter



Harmony reigns with shelter adoptees LouE and Izzy and their doggy siblings Daisy and Odie.



Diablo, the great dane-lab mix, and Tracy meet Brinks for the first time.

Love Knows No (State) Boundaries

Tracy and her 22-month-old Great Dane/Lab mix, Diablo, left Illinois at 3 p.m. on a Friday to adopt a puppy from us.

They arrived at the shelter about 10 a.m. the next morning, where they met Brinks for the first time.

Tracy had first seen the puppy on our Petfinders link. As the photo shows, the meeting was a success.

Tracy said she came all this way to adopt Brinks because she wanted a Great Dane mix that looked like Diablo, who has been through basic, intermediate and advanced puppy obedience, and will be going on to Citizenship classes.

Brinks will be going through the same training process when he is old enough.

DogFriendly.com

This site “lists and describes thousands of dog-friendly places throughout the U.S. and Canada, from lodging to outdoor restaurants, parks, beaches, attractions and more.”

It focuses “on listing only places that allow dogs of all sizes and breeds.” Also includes tips for traveling with dogs, newsletters, a photo gallery, and lists of dog-friendly events and employers. Browseable by location or type of place, or searchable. (Highlights sponsor listings.)

Eileen McIntire, HSMC Board member who also runs The Gatehouse at Sleepy Creek, a vacation retreat for families, says “We’ve been accepting pets for years, and we have had no problem with them. All of our guests have been responsible pet owners with housebroken pets. It’s a joy for me to see dogs able to run freely across the meadow with their owners and no one has to worry about cars or the other hazards and constraints of suburban and city living.”

•••• COMING UP ••••

Jan. 29th
Back by popular demand!
The Spay-ghetti Dinner!
 Benefits the
 Trap-Neuter-Return Project.

May 1st
Poker Run
 Not Just Motorcycles
 All Vehicles Welcome

June 5th
The Extravaganza Yard Sale!
 Date to Be Confirmed



“We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It’s the best deal man has ever made.” — M. Facklam

In Memory of:

Judy D. Braithwaite Stotler

From David L. & Brenda J. Feltner

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From Fred H. Clark

Long John, a unique, intelligent, and
talented companion.

From Eileen McIntire

In Memory of
Miracle "Mitsy Bitsy" Harris,
age 17 1/2,
who crossed Rainbow Bridge
on November 20, 2004.
From Susan Harris

In Honor of

Jane Broyles

From David A. Denten Jr.

Dogfighting Mastermind Gets 30 Years

On November 22, convicted South Carolina dogfighting mastermind David Tant was handed the strictest sentence ever given for dogfighting: 30 years in prison.

Circuit Judge Wyatt Saunders pronounced the sentence after Tant pleaded guilty to 41 counts of dogfighting, following a raid on Tant's property last April in which investigators seized dogfighting paraphernalia and 47 pitbulls.

The raid came after a surveyor was shot and injured by a booby-trapped gun on the property. For that offense, Tant was convicted of assault and battery and received ten years in addition to his 30 for dogfighting.

Tant's conviction marks a major victory in the fight against illegal, organized dogfighting. David Tant has long been associated with dogfighting groups and is well-known as one of the biggest breeders of fighting dogs in the world, selling dogs nationally and internationally.

Said South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster, who prosecuted the case under his newly-created, statewide, dogfighting task force, "This sends a message to dog fighters and people who would participate in this vicious, brutal activity that there are consequences for their actions."

Dogs Deserve Better Winter Campaign Begins

Dogs Deserve Better (DDB), an organization devoted to getting man's best friend off the chain and into the home with the family, has launched its winter campaign urging all caretakers to bring their dogs in from the cold.

A dog who is left outside at this time of year is subject not only to loneliness, fleas, worms, lack of food, water, and exercise, but also to intense cold, numbing wind, frozen water, and blowing snow in northern states.

Tammy Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, says, "Dogs are pack animals who need to feel part of the family, and that means being physically close to humans, especially in cold weather. It is at best neglect to chain a dog for life, but in the frigid winter months, neglect becomes the ultimate

form of cruelty."

DDB helps with housetraining, and even assists with fencing for dogs brought into the home as funds are available. It also fosters and finds new inside homes when possible and encourages all volunteers to work for improved laws for the dogs in their community.

Grimes tells the story of Dusty, a dog recently saved from the extremely cold Pennsylvania winter temperatures and whose photos and story can also be found at this link: <http://www.dogsdeservebetter.org/dustysuccess.html>.

"I got the call about Dusty on a Friday evening. I don't often go out to see a dog immediately anymore, since we receive so many calls, both for our

local area and across the country. Our normal pattern is to send a letter and see if anything good comes of it first. But since I would be doing a booth in his area on Saturday, and since his plight sounded so dire, I told the anonymous caller that I would stop by Dusty's home the next day.

"I was told that he was just a puppy, a black lab mix, and his chain was completely wrapped up in cords from a rug. He could barely move, had only about three feet of space, and he had no food or water anytime he was checked on.

"When I got to Dusty's home, he was there alone. I left information and a note for his caretaker to call me before Monday. Then I turned to assess Dusty, who was just left of the door where I'd been knocking. I wanted to document the case really well, as I've learned over time that photos are our best chance of getting help for the dog. He was a sad sight, although his coat was shiny and he appeared to be an otherwise healthy puppy. The conditions he lived in were downright shameful! A doorless shed, affixed to the house, full of garbage, tools, and other various sundries was his home.

"I gave him some biscuits so he'd know I was his friend, and then I set to work trying to get some of the cords out of his chain so that he could move a little freer, have even one more foot of room.

Somehow in my work with his chain, I set him free (I swear it was an accident!) and next thing I knew he was off and running. I thought, "Oh, no, I'm in trouble now!" At least two neighbors had been out there eyeing me, and I knew they'd probably taken my license plate in case they needed to report any evil-doing on my part. If that puppy ran off, I would certainly be hearing about it, and not in a good way. However, to my surprise and re-

lief, the poor little guy just ran up to my Dogs Deserve Better-covered-van and sat by the door, under the sign, waiting to get in as if to say, "this sign IS about me, right?"

I replaced him on the chain, and I hunkered down and hugged him with all that I had to let him know I was sorry. He leaned up against me as if to say, "Please help me. Don't leave me." I left heartbroken, with a sole-full of doggy-doo to remember him by on the drive home.

I sent a letter to his caretaker, with photos I'd taken, pointing out that I wanted to help with the dog, but I would be forced to turn these photos over to the authorities if I didn't receive a phone call by Monday. I also pointed out that there were several violations of animal cruelty law in these photos ... a too-short chain, no real shelter, and no visible water.

I got the call the next day. I talked with her, a single mother, about the options we have available. I had mailed her the action form, so she was already familiar with it. We discussed fencing and giving him up to rescue. She was torn, because she knew her kids wanted their puppy, but she was at school and work about 12 hours a day. It was just too much for her to deal with a dog right now, and she knew it.

I made an appointment with her to take Dusty into the Dogs Deserve Better foster program. By signing the action form, she was also agreeing not to chain or pen any more dogs for life.

Each and every time this form is signed my heart sings with joy, for that's one less person who will ever chain or pen a dog again. And one less dog out in the cold tonight."



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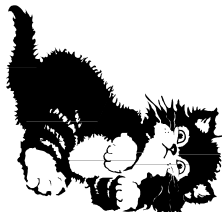
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April through November 2004

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to those who made our full-page ad in *The Morgan Messenger's Community Guide*, published May 2004, the best ad we've ever had. Featured were shelter alumni and their people.

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Community Guide (continued)

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United Way and the Day of Caring

We are pleased that we continue to qualify as a United Way member agency and have again been allocated \$9,000 for the year beginning September 2004. Part of this allocation comes from donations specifically designated for HSMC through the United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns. Thank you to those donors.

The coordinator for this year's Day of Caring for us was Carrie Durst. Helping her spruce up the shelter were Ryan Durst, Leroy Kesecker, Lynn Slaughter, and Sherrie Trinchera.

Part of that sprucing up included clearing a space for the chain link pen so generously donated and assembled by the folks at War Memorial Hospital. When spring arrives, the pen will be transformed into an outdoor play area for our cats.

Coolfont Mountainside Arts & Crafts Tour

Thank you to the artists and crafters who shared a portion of their sales with us:

Rosemary Bigelow • Joanna Herp
Richard Kaufma
Elias & Mary Ellen Tamari
Nancy Thompson • Pat Steers
Phyllis Yingling

Donation Canisters

Thank you to the businesses who keep our canisters on their counters and to those who put money in them:

Citizen's National Bank • Clark's
Community Garden Market
Cozy Critters • Nature Niche
Tony's Butcher Block
YouBawtWhat • Youngblood's

Professional & Technical Services

Thank you for sharing your expertise and donating your services in whole or in part.

Beddow's Septic Service, Inc.
Blue Flame
Boles, Kevin – computer repair
Byers, Tina, Esq. – legal counsel
Coolfont Staff – Chili Cookoff
Doherty, Lisa, D.V.M., and her team of fearless feral feline wranglers (Pat Bard, Linda Mellott) – spays/neuters, veterinary care.
Doyle, Jane, D.V.M. – veterinary care; rabies clinic
Gomez, Ellie – website design
Harmison, William, Esq. – legal counsel
Johnson, Hank – DJ and Emcee
Maslouskas, Cy – snow plowing
Pepper, Sally, V.M.D. – veterinary care, rabies clinic
Raps, Beth, Ph.D. – fund raising
Shenandoah Veterinary Clinic — spay/neuter on adopted pets
The Tone Hounds – Live Music
White, Dawn, L.C. – legal counsel

Humanitarian Level Gifts

Thank you to those who are able to give more and do:

Bailey, Melissa
Hofe, Michael
Loyal Order of Moose
Rigby, Judith

New Memberships & Renewals

April to November 2004

Asid, Kathi
Banebianco, Thomas
Betson, Betty
Borden, Russell & Ronald Tarr
Buddington, Robyn
Campbell, Sandra
Carrasco, Elaine
Doyle, Dave & Eda
Dymowski, Leo
Flanary, Louise & Charles
Goodman, Bill & Sandy
Grove, Jimmy & Eleanor
Grove, Stephen & Deborah
Harris, Susan
Hawvermale, Hettie
Haynes, Richard & Donna
Herrman, Barb
Hovermale, Laura
Kesecker, J. Philip
Lardner, Rosemary
Lavin, Lynn
Lewns, Donald
Lopp, Chlorene & Herbert
Metzner-Fischer, Laurie
Michael, Wanda & Neal Keene
Miller, Susan & Larry
Miller, Curtis & Lois
Mitchell, Kenneth & Doris
Morgan, Linda
Mott, Mary
Newbraugh, Maxine & John
O'Hanlon, Melodie & P.J. Laughner
Payne, Anne
Perry, Nancy Lee
Philips, Clare
Rose, Kathryn

Salen, Roger
Salzlein, Mary
Shockey, Peg & Thomas
Storhaug, Georg & Ruth
Street, Harry
Taylor, Susan
Tebben, Ron & Sharon
Velte, Robert & Grita
Witt, Patricia
Zimmerman, Richard

Friends for Life for Ferals Gifts

Thank you for helping to make their world better.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bell
Janice Biggar
Ed & Bonnie Duncan
Jeanne Guise
Michael Hofe
Susan Lee
Melodie O'Hanlon & PJ Laughner
Samantha Reinold

The Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our 25th Anniversary Raffle a/k/a the longest-running raffle in town. The winners were drawn by Hank Johnson at Radio Station WDHC-FM on July 4, 2004. All the winners chose cash. Congratulations to

Grand Prize, \$5025, Eddie Cave of Cross Junction, VA
First Prize, \$1,225, Evelyn Brydges of Berkeley Springs, WV
Second Prize, \$825, Dawn Adams of Buffalo, NY
Third Prize, \$525, April Michael of Berkeley Springs, WV
Fourth Prize, \$425, Jonathan Heath of Berkeley Springs, WV
Early Bird Prize, \$325, Linda Pollick of Berkeley Springs, WV

Thank you to Dawn Adams, Linda Pollick, and Jonathan Heath who donated part of their winnings to us. Many thanks, too, to the people who did such a great job selling the tickets.

Finally, Our Family

The Staff: They scrub/mop/laundry/feed/water/deflea/deworm/shampoo/trim nails/brush/cut mats/pet/play/snuggle/laugh/cry/go home/come back the next day/do it all again.

And that's just some of it. They're wonderful.

Shelter Manager, Sherry Miller, and Caretakers Jodi Schroeder, Marcy Zipt, and Sandy Brennan.

The Board of Directors: Dedicated, hands-on, passionate.

The Spouses: Stepping in where needed. Thank you! Ryan Durst, Buzz Lina, Patrick McBee, Roger McIntire, Rob Miller, Alan Scully, Andy Zipt

More than just an accountant: Carrie Durst, our 2004 Volunteer of the Year. Now Coordinator for Friends for Life for Ferals.*

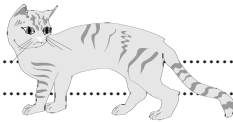
Volunteer Coordinator: Lynn Slaughter. New to our family but definitely a keeper.*

*When these two team up on a mission, do *not* get in their way.

**Thank You • Thank You • Thank You
for Each and Every Gift**

SHELTER STATISTICS for the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
Surrendered	229	550
Stray	65	186
Return Adoption	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Received	<u>297</u>	<u>738</u>



A grand total of 1,035 cats and dogs were taken in at the shelter from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004. In the previous year, totals were 369 dogs and 522 cats, 891 in all.

Disposition	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
Adoption/Rescue	202	210
Returned to Owner	16	7
Healthy Destroyed	45	355
Problem Destroyed	25	171
Stolen	0	0
DOA/Died	2	2
Ran Away	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>292</u>	<u>755</u>

Of 205 adoption applications, 181 were approved. Last year 177 out of 201 were approved.

Last year, 55% of dogs received were adopted, returned to owner, or sent to rescue, but only 26% of cats. This year, it was 69% of dogs and 29% of cats.

This year 15% of healthy dogs and 48% of cats were destroyed for lack of homes, while last year it was 34% of dogs and 38% of cats. Fewer healthy cats were put down in 2003 because panleukopenia destroyed so many first. We escaped this dreaded disease in 2004, but that merely shifted the statistics from one category to another.

Seventy spay/neuter financial assistance certificates for owned animals were issued for a total of \$2,330 compared to 70 for \$2,270 last year. (The amount given varies by species and gender.)

Thank you to:

- Susan Harris, who keeps our old database perking along.
- Eileen McIntire and Susan Lee, who make *Shelter Voices* look good.
- Ina Scully, who took over memorials & Food Lion Shop and Share.
- Sue McBee, Sharon Tebben, and Sue Unger Green who are so very good at educating the young ones.
- Vivian Snyder, who continues to save so many of our cats through rescue.
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, for letting our board meet in the undercroft.
- Francis Asbury United Methodist for sponsoring The Spay-ghetti Dinner
- Coolfont for sponsoring The Chili Cook-Off

And Thank You, Chuck Wheeler, Jody Wright

Ms. Wright's vivid acrylic portraits of appealing cats and dogs were featured at Mountain Laurel Gallery this past June, and a portion of the sales were donated to us.

She has also designed charming tee shirts, and Mountain Laurel Gallery generously continues to donate the sales to us. The shirts retail for \$20, and you can view them in color on www.hsmc-wv.org or, of course, at the Gallery itself on the corner of Fairfax and Washington in Berkeley Springs.

The legends on the shirts read: "There is a little bit of ... PURR-R-R-ECTION In Every Smile!" and If the World Is Going To The Dogs ... I Can Only Say ... REJOICE!"

Special Thanks to Dona Wilcox

Until her recent move to Ohio, Dona faithfully handled for many years the record-keeping and correspondence for the memorials and honoraria received by HSMC.

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Above: See some other members of this family and read an email from their happy human on pages 4 and 5.

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