



Humane Society of Morgan County, WVa

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Farewell to Two Great Friends

The Humane Society of Morgan County is sad to report the loss of two great ladies who meant a great deal to this organization as well as to many pets.

Jeanne Guise, former Board President of HSMC for many years and staunch animal-welfare advocate with FOHOWV (Federation of Humane Organizations of West Virginia) went over the Rainbow Bridge on January 14, 2011. In addition to having personally rescued over 150 cats and 7 dogs in her lifetime, Jeanne is to be credited with HSMC becoming a no-kill shelter. She was also very instrumental in the passage of



Jeanne Guise

SB 588 in 2005 raising the penalties for cruelty to animals in WV. A Tribute to Jeanne Guise page is being built on the HSMC Website www.hsmc-wv.org. Others are encouraged to send their own tributes, impressions or information for inclusion to hsmc-wv@peoplepc.com.



Bonnie Duncan

A tribute story will be in the next edition of The Animals' Voice and be published in June 2011.

Bonnie Duncan, wife of former Board President/current director, Ed Duncan, passed away November 29th. Bonnie was well known for her

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many hours of volunteering for numerous HSMC events. She is also fondly remembered for being an excellent baker having supplied an endless supply of goodies for Board meetings and fundraisers.

HSMC is very touched by the many people who have made donations in Jeanne and Bonnie's memory. Most donors asked to not be publicly acknowledged so we are respectively not printing their names.

Petapalooza Dance on March 26th

The Humane Society of Morgan County will hold its second annual Petapalooza Dance at the American Legion in Berkeley Springs on Saturday March 26, 2011. The dance is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Musical groups will include The Flashbacks, who are back by popular demand from last year. Other groups will be The Black Cat Music School of Rock, The Stereo Space Craft and The Injectors. Once again, the music is being coordinated by Jonathan McBee, HSMC's newest Board of Directors member.

Tickets for the dance are \$12.50 for single tickets or \$25 per couple. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the shelter at 304-258-5592. Tickets may also be purchased by using Paypal through the



The Flashbacks, one of the many bands scheduled to play at Petapalooza.

shelter's website at www.hsmc-wv.org. As always, tickets can be purchased at the door. There will be food, drinks, a cash bar, door prizes and silent auction items.

Last year's dance was

attended by over 100 people. An even larger crowd is expected this year. A great time was had by all last year and a better time is expected this year. Please make plans to attend this event and bring your friends!

Mutt Strut To be Held May 21st

Calling all dog lovers . . . to help plan and participate in our 3rd Annual Mutt Strut scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. We're still in the early planning stages but there will be many contests with prizes. We could use some more help with this event. If you want to volunteer for this event then call us at 304-258-5592 to sign up. Same number if you want information on entering your dog(s) for this event. It is always one of our favorites and everyone, particularly the dogs, has a great time.

PAWSitive Pet News

Adopters Success Stories

Emma:

Hi Everyone, I just wanted to let you know that Emma is doing great!! She is so perfect for our family. Our girls, Lexi, 4 years old and Carly, 2 years old, fell in love with her!!!! . She is great with the girls and is already starting to protect them!! We're looking forward to summer time so we can take her camping with us. I'm hoping she likes the water so we can take her for boat rides and swimming this summer as well!! The whole family played in the snow today and wanted to share some pictures!! - Amanda M.

Writer (Susan K.'s) Note: Emma has a special story to share about the importance of spaying/neutering. Emma wasn't spayed by her previous owner. As a result, her ovaries burst at her first heat causing undetected internal, nearly fatal adhesions. When Emma was surrendered to HSMC, Assistant Center Manager Barbie Ginck knew something was wrong with Emma and took her to Dr. Mark Roberts. After an extensive and successful surgery, Emma was returned to fully recuperate in HSMC's clinic. She stayed with me over Christmas weekend in case any post-surgical complications arose.

Quincey:

This week has been great with Quincey! We couldn't have asked for a better dog! He is definitely such a joy to have around the house (especially after the death of my last dog). Quincey and Spike have been getting along fine! It was interesting the first few nights, Quincey was very submissive and played gently with Spike and vice versa. Quincey has only had two accidents in the house, which took about 5 days to happen, but I think it was just because we hadn't let him out as fast as he would have like to

get out! He loves his walks in our neighborhood and in Baker Park here in Frederick. There are many new noises and he gets nervous, but tolerates it all. He is such a good dog. Everyone who has met him or seen a picture of him here at the house has fallen in love with him. He follows us around in the house and couldn't get enough of belly rubs!! The first night I actually put him to sleep with a long belly rub. He's so sweet. We set up a crate for him, which we only put him in when we aren't in the house (which has only been about 4 times for less than one hour) ... but he sometimes goes in there on his own and takes a nap! There has been a few times where he tries to get on the counter to get food, or he will try to chew on gloves or socks or jump on the bed and we simply have to tell him no and he seems to understand and listen pretty well.

Thank you so much for allowing Quincey to be a part of our life Like I said, he is such a joy!!

Bridget K.

Berkeley:

Dear Animal Shelter Friends: We are writing from Ellicott City, Maryland. Several years ago, Jackie Daley stopped by your shelter and came home with a wonderful friend and treasure. Berkeley, the home and office cat once resided at your animal shelter.

Today, Berkeley is a working cat. Jackie Daley Realty is run from a residence. Berkeley is now the distinguished Vice-President of Security. We have never been robbed so we know he is doing an effective job. Berkeley keeps all in the office company. He demands petting so he keeps us from getting too tangled up in our jobs. He sits on our chairs with us to review our work. He even has an executive litter box

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Emma enjoys snow time with her new sisters Lexi and Carly.



Quincey (center) with new owner Bridget and brother Spike



Berkeley



Darcy Fournier, owner of Warm Springs Cafe, Pam Farnham, HSMC Board President and Geri Bilka, Warm Springs Cafe Server help with Meowy Christmas.

County Commissioners Give HSMC \$5,000 Grant

On January 13th the Morgan County Commissioners voted 2-1 to give HSMC a \$5,000 grant for it's spay and neuter and trap and return program. This is the third year in a row that the grant has been given to the shelter. Without it HSMC would not have the funds to continue this program

Pam Farnham, President of HSMC, stated "We are grateful for the continued support of our County

Commissioners. We're now able to trap, neuter and return feral and stray cats and help to control their populations."

Brenda Hutchinson made the motion for the grant. It was seconded by President Stacy Dugan. Brad Close, despite his campaign pledges of support for HSMC, voted against the grant claiming it is better to euthanize cats and that it is his belief that there is no feral cat problem in the county.

HSMC Important People

Shelter Manager - Andrea Anderson
 Assistant Shelter Mgr - Barbie Ginck
 Website Design - Ellie Gomez
 Newsletter - Clare Phillips

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.

HSMC Board of Directors 2011

President - Pam Farnham	Director - Paul Murtha
Treasurer - Andrea Anderson	Director - Ed Vogel
Director - Ed Duncan	Director - John McGranahan
Director - George Farnham	Director - Jonathan McBee

Bits and Pieces

WV Crossroads

HSMC will be the featured topic of the WV Crossroads broadcast on Sunday March 13th at 8am on Sports Talk 1550 AM. Tune in to hear what's going on with the Adoption Center/Animal Shelter. Audio will also be posted on HSMC website after March 31st.

Spring Fling Scheduled for April 10

Sunday, April 10th is Spring Fling Day for at the Warm Springs Cafe at 495 S. Washington Street in Berkeley Springs. All day, from 8am - 7pm, the café is donating a portion of its proceeds from all meals and the servers are donating a portion of their tips to help us help the homeless animals. Real Good food at real good prices in a family-friendly atmosphere for a great cause - purrrrrfect.

The Humane Society of Morgan County thanks the Warm Springs Cafe for hosting Meowy Christmas on December 8th (see photo on left). Many came out that day to enjoy really good food for homeless pets. The Humane Society also thanks everyone who donated prizes, sold tickets or bought tickets in the Holiday Hodgepodge Raffle. Photos of both can be found at www.hsmc-wv.org, on left column click on Donations and Gift then on the Garden of Thanks.

The dogs in the HSMC kennel send a great big thank you to all who offered their treadmills to help them keep active and exercised during cold and inclement weather. There's now one in place in the clinic and dogs are being taught to use it. Baby Girl is the first dog who's mastered walking on the treadmill. You go, girl!

HSMC always needs help with fundraisers. If you're willing to help with one, as a volunteer or as an event chairperson, please call HSMC at (304) 258-5592.

The RAG Shop in Berkeley Springs - open Thursday - Monday 10am - 6pm - is the place to donate items of all kinds to benefit HSMC. It's also where you can see adoptable cats from the HSMC cattery many Saturdays.

Food Lion has replaced their Shop and Share program with the Community Rewards program. We need folks to sign their Food Lion card up to designate HSMC in this program. To receive donations from this program, a minimum of 25 must be signed up designating HSMC for us to receive that benefit. It's so easy to sign up. Just go to our website, click on the Community Rewards logo on the left side of the index page and follow the 2 prompts. We appreciate your help.

PAWSitive Pet News

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in the basement.

During the recent Real Estate collapse many pets have been left behind in vacant houses. Seeing the fate of these animals made us want to do something for animals. Since Berkeley is so important to us we did a drive for his animal shelter. Without the Humane Society of Morgan County, we would not have our Berkeley.

Please find enclosed a donation check. In the next few weeks we will be visiting you to bring cat and dog food, towels and some toys. Thank you for the great work you do.

Warm wishes,
 Jackie Daley - Broker
 Patricia Adams - Office Manager



HUMANE SOCIETY OF MORGAN COUNTY, WV

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



P.O. Box 705
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411



DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORM

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

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

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 be involved with fundraising

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

