Carroll County Humane Society Newsletter

February 2012

Only through our members, volunteers, donors and supporters are we able to help the animals in our community.   Thank you for helping us be there for those who cannot speak for themselves. Donations are tax deductible and go directly to helping animals in need.

Adopt A Life-Long Friend!

Out and About

Saturday, February 4 was a great day for Carroll County companion animals, and CCHS was proud to be a part of it all. The VCA Carrollton Animal Hospital open house, the rabies clinic and other activities at the shelter, and the Doggie Dash were all wonderful. We got to spend time with a lot of animal lovers, educate a lot of people about services available for their pets, and even get some adoptions of shelter animals! Thanks to all the groups who invited us to take part in the good times, and thanks to the folks at the Carroll County Animal Shelter for doing all the work of getting the shelter dogs (and their paperwork) ready to go to the offsite adoption event.

THANK YOU!

Guests at **Emma Engel's** animal-themed 9th birthday party were asked to bring pet food to donate to our Empty Pet Bowls pet food pantry in lieu of gifts. Emma collected over 20 bags of food! Thank you so much, Emma!

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Professors Hullender and Heard, and their UWG biology classes recently collected over 950 lbs. of dog food. The food collected was shared between the shelter animals and the CCHS Empty Pet Bowls program. The latter program distributes free pet food to individual families and to social service agencies so that pet owners do not have to give up their pets due to financial hardship.

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Thank you to **Pet Supplies "Plus"** of Carrollton for their ongoing donations of pet food for our Empty Pet Bowls program.

Our Calendar

CCHS will be participating in a number of events in the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please call 770-830-2763. We hope you'll join us!

Adopt Me Downtown
(Adamson Square, Carrollton)
Sat., March 3,
12:30pm-2:30pm

CCHS booth at
Prance Your Paws
(Villa Rica)
Sat., March 17,
10am-3pm

**Charter Bank
Adoption Event**
(Dixie St, Carrollton)
Fri., April 27,
10am-3pm

CCHS booth at
Mayfest

CCHS volunteers brought some shelter dogs to the Doggie Dash and gave them a day on the town! Pictured l-r: Pamela and Chloe Saunders, Teresa Leslie, Judi Edens, Ashley and Valerie and their mom with Red and Speedy.

(left) Dr. Harden of Carroll County Animal Hospital and his staff organized and sponsored the Doggie Dash.

(right) Liberty, who is in the CCHS foster program and available for adoption, had a great time at the Doggie Dash. She made a great impression because she was so well behaved!

(left) Laura Clawson demonstrated nose work with her dog Missy. Nose work combines a dog's natural scenting ability with its love of food in a game that provides mental and physical exercise.

Training Tip of the Month:
Wait at Doors

by Laura Clawson
Start by putting a leash on your dog. Then, ask your dog to sit next to you about 5 feet in front of a closed door inside your home. Say "wait" and move your hand down in a swinging pendulum motion in front of your dog (not too close--at least 8 inches away so as not to frighten him). Then move your hand to the doorknob. If your dog stays, continue to open the door. If your dog moves, say "oops" and gently close the door, dropping your hand back to your side. Wait 5 seconds and then try again. Do not proceed to opening the door fully until your dog remains in the sit position.

Once the door is open and your dog is still sitting (what a smart dog!), say "good boy" or "good girl" and then immediately give him a yummy treat. Pre-select a word such as "release" or "go" and step forward through the door to give your dog permission to move through the doorway.

As your dog improves, practice "wait" at various doorways inside your home and then finally practice at the door to the

(Adamson Square, Carrollton)
Sat., May 5

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For more information about these events, please visit our website or Facebook page.

To view our complete calendar, go to our website at carrollcountyhumane.org and click on "Calendar of Events."

Thinking of adding a pet to your family?
Don't Shop. Adopt!
You'll save a life!

Sadly, between 3 and 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year in the United States simply because too many people give up their pets and too few people adopt from shelters. Because there is limited space at shelters, staff members sometimes need to make very hard decisions to euthanize animals who haven't been adopted.

The number of euthanized animals could be reduced dramatically if more people adopted pets instead of buying them. By adopting from a private humane society or animal shelter, breed rescue group, or the local animal control agency, you'll help save the lives of two animals--the pet you adopt and a homeless animal somewhere who can be rescued because of space you helped free up. (www.humanesociety.org)

Empty Pet Bowls
Need Help Feeding Your Pets?

If you are a Carroll County resident and are having trouble feeding your pet, Empty Pet Bowls can help. Please contact us at 770-830-2763 for more information.

The CCHS Empty Pet Bowls pantry is located at the Carroll County Animal Shelter, 251 Automation Drive, Carrollton.

Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday 8am-5pm.

outside. This same technique may be used for car doors to teach your dog to wait for permission to exit the car. Please be careful not to injure your dog's nose as you close doors during training. You may use your body to prevent your dog from getting too close.

To learn more about training your dog using humane, positive reinforcement methods, contact Laura Clawson at 770-871-8656 or visit www.unleashthepawsitive.com. Laura is Certified Dog Trainer through Animal Behavior College and a Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Trainer.

Carroll County Animal Shelter Wins Special Toys For Tots Trophy

CCHS would like to congratulate the staff of the Carroll County Animal Shelter for the recognition they received from the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. The foundation awarded the shelter the 2011 Community Cup Trophy for their creative two-pronged contribution to this community-wide event. In November and December of 2011, people who donated a toy at the shelter's drop site were given the opportunity to adopt a homeless animal from the shelter at a reduced price. As a result, 312 lucky shelter animals were adopted during that two-month period, and the shelter collected a record 550 toys for needy children in a year when donations were reportedly down overall. 2011 was the second year that the staff has volunteered the animal shelter as a drop site, and they are already looking ahead to November/December 2012 to make it their third year.

The shelter will get to display the trophy for the whole year until it is passed on to next year's winner. At that time, they will receive a permanent plaque honoring this achievement. So the next time you stop by the shelter, be sure to look for it!

Thank you for your efforts in getting these precious animals into forever homes!

Not a Member of CCHS? Here's How to Join!

Go to our website at www.carrollcountyhumane.org and click on the "Membership" link to access the membership form. Just fill it out and mail it to the address provided with your $15 membership fee.
~OR~
You can now pay your membership dues online!
Just click on the "Donate" link on our website.

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