

# PAWS & CLAWS

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Meet some *VERY IMPORTANT PETS* who are available for adoption at the Humane Society of Culpeper



Pumpkin was rescued by a local resident who participated in our TNR program. He has been in foster care for several weeks now and at the ripe old age of 4 months, he's ready to have someone spoil him silly! Please help support the Humane Society of Culpeper's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program by adopting a young kitten or by offering a donation to help us continue saving more lives through this program.



Slick is a friendly, sweet, dog with lots of energy. He is a one year old hound mix who gets along great with other dogs. He still has a lot of "puppy" in him so be sure to keep the chewy bones & toys around. He's house/crate trained, neutered and current on all of his shots. All he needs is a loving home to brighten with his wonderful personality.



Sherman has gorgeous dark red/brown tabby markings and is such a love. He's modest when compared to his siblings (Conner, Connie, and Hurley) but is no less willing to please! He's comfortable with his surroundings but tends to be more of an observer. We hope he'll find a family who appreciates his unique, sophisticated manner.



Davey had been stuck in a tree in the Jeffersonton area for days before he was finally rescued. With the help of several wonderful people, he is now safe and ready for adoption. He's neutered, friendly and full of personality. We think he's 1-2 yrs. of age. He's a very NICE CAT! He's mild mannered, loving, & he even enjoys the company of dogs. That's quite a find!



*Slick here with a reminder of what the holiday season is all about! When you're making out your Christmas list, please consider a donation to the Humane Society of Culpeper.*

**Dog and Puppy Adoption Fees: \$75**

*Fees include: Spay/neuter, rabies and DA2CPV vaccination, heartworm test, worming, free health exam, and 30 days of pet health insurance for \$1.*

*Dear Readers and HSC Supporters:*

*There are many things we could discuss and much to tell you about. The good stories of the people and animals we've supported and helped over the years, the animals who were rescued and benefitted from medical care, food and attention, or the small ways we try to reach out and educate people of the need in our community that exists...it's really hard to choose. And, a lot of new progress has been made by your board of directors, new and old volunteers, as well as from our pillar of office management, dotty Gallegos who attends to the daily business.*

*As a representative of the HSC, I'd like to briefly discuss the history of our organization. Traditionally, humane societies and other animal welfare organizations have focused on the importance of adoption and therefore made every attempt to see that both cats and dogs find their way to a permanent home. In 2000, when the HSC was founded, this was the very focus it had when its main function was to supplement the adoption efforts of the county facility or pound.*



*Now, almost nine years later, our mission is a bit different. We still hope to make a difference in the lives of companion animals by keeping them with their owners, and keeping others safe. We also want to prevent them from entering the shelter in the first place, which in turn may help to decrease the rates of euthanasia in our county facility. We'd like to continue to offer help and relief for those cases that need immediate attention, whether they are neglectful, cruel or accidental situations. We also strive to provide assistance in offering citizens access to low cost spay/neuter services and have a brand new Trap-Neuter-Return program for cats living outdoors and a way of bringing aid to those who genuinely seek to help their animals live healthy and happy lives.*

*Although we are proud to have a positive direction in which to conduct our work, these times have made it more and more difficult for our group to function. We now face the fact that more and more animals are entering the shelter system and more are being ignored that are living homeless (mostly cats) on their own, who eventually die from disease, hunger, cars...all because of pet overpopulation. There are simply too many.*

*For years, thousands and thousands of companion animals have died in shelters. Why did they have to die? Maybe irresponsible breeding, people failing to control the breeding of their animals, or others that roam intact freely in their neighborhoods....all of this having created a surplus of millions of animals that society has no homes for. For every animal that dies in a shelter, there is someone somewhere, responsible for its death.*

*Billions of our dollars are already spent annually by local governments to shelter and ultimately destroy millions of adoptable dogs and cats due to a shortage of homes. A few dollars of your donations could add up to one, two, three less animals who will die. A few dollars will bring us closer to ending the inhumane methods of controlling our growing companion animal population. We will put those dollars to good use the best way we know how...through spay/neuter services, education, financial assistance and overall rescue.*

*Please don't turn away or ignore these facts....please help us help them. This is an immense problem that we have the ability to handle if we work together. The solution rests on all of our shoulders.*

*Very sincerely,*

*Samantha Whitesides  
Vice President, Humane Society of Culpeper*

See more information at [www.adoptculpeperpets.org](http://www.adoptculpeperpets.org)



Sadie Girl is a lover. She misses her mom who recently passed, and needs a family to show her some attention. She'll return the affection in her coy, feline manner.



Marsha is a Domestic Medium Hair. She is loaded with personality and gets along well with other cats. She can also be quite charming around dogs!



Connie has been in foster care since she was 2-3 weeks old. Now she's 4 months and is a playful, well adjusted kitty. She has a twin brother, Conner, as well as other brothers and sisters. Please note that Connie and Conner can both be adopted for one low adoption fee of \$55. They come from a wonderful litter and are very fun, playful kittens.



Luke is a well mannered, shy young fellow who is in need of a caring home. Left behind with no food or water after his family moved, he was rescued from an abandoned home. He suffered weight loss but is doing better and is ready to meet his new parents. well with people and other cats.

Sandy will soon be ready to adopt and is so sweet. She is a black and gray tiger with silky medium length fur. She's



4 months old and almost angelic in personality. She's missing her left eye, probably due to an infection that occurred early in her life, but is now doing wonderfully. She'll be a great addition to any family.



Rosie is a cute little Calico who is ready for adoption. Like all of our cats, she's been through the Spay/ Neuter program and has had all of her vaccinations. She is a playful, loving girl.

**Cat and Kitten Adoption Fees: \$55**

**Fees include: Spay/neuter, rabies and FVRCP vaccination, feline leukemia test, worming, free health exam, and 30 days of pet health insurance for \$1.**

# Puppy Mills: A Growing Problem



“How much is that doggie in the window ?”

That depends.....

If we are talking about the cost to the animals or to the unsuspecting customers it is extreme.

Here are a few alarming facts about pet stores and puppy mills.

**Pedigreed is Better:** At puppy mills, dogs are bred for quantity, not quality. Unmonitored genetic defects and personality disorders are often passed on from generation to generation without being monitored. In many cases “the best use of the registration papers would be for house training your pup” claims one veterinarian who has seen too many owners with unhealthy puppies or ones that are too difficult to socialize. They are taken away from their mothers long before they are ready. The constant lack of human contact coupled with the deplorable living environment is a damaging factor in the development of any animal.

- \* 20% of shelter dogs are pure bred
- \* Most vets agree that mixed breeds can actually be healthier and live longer lives

Puppy mills are licensed and have strict inspections, Right?: **WRONG!** The AKC's 14 inspectors can only manage to check registered facilities once every 2 years, and this is nationwide. Many of the more problematic kennels have simply obtained registrations with services that don't perform inspections like Dog Registry of America, Sporting Dog Registry, All American Dog Registry, etc.

The USDA is supposed to monitor kennels to ensure that there are no violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Unfortunately this has become a low priority and many states claim that a lack of funding limits what they are able to accomplish.

## DO THE MATH!

There are more than 2,800 exhibitors, 4,500 dealers, and 1,000 research facilities in this country. To monitor them there are only three APHIS sector offices with a total of approximately 70 veterinary inspectors to perform the unannounced inspections. That's 70 inspectors for over 8,300 facilities nationwide.

The pet stores around here don't use puppy mills: You'd be surprised! “Pets Bel Air”, an upscale pet boutique in Beverly Hills that is frequented by many Hollywood celebrities, assured customers that their puppies were raised by private breeders. The HSUS found that their puppies were shipped to them from a Midwest factory. Sadly, this is becoming the rule rather than the exception.

There are only a few places that are substandard: The number of abuses is staggering! Females are typically kept in solitary confinement and bred over and over until they die of exhaustion or, in many cases, go mad. For video footage of what goes on in puppy mills visit these websites: [stoppupmills.org](http://stoppupmills.org), [prisonersofgreed.org](http://prisonersofgreed.org), [pupmillrescue.com](http://pupmillrescue.com), and [peta.com](http://peta.com) (media center)

**How can I help?** The aforementioned sites, have many helpful suggestions and ways to get involved. [Helpinganimals.com](http://Helpinganimals.com) is another good one, but just Google “puppy mills” and you'll see many organizations with creative ideas of how to get involved or how to make a meaningful donation.

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# ADOPTION *Tails*

LOOK AT PEOPLE AND PETS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE



**Meet Buddy:** He was saved by Jill Breeden who tells us that she had been interested in him for a while. She kept seeing his picture in the paper but was hesitant because she already had pets. Then one day her daughter decided that he would be the perfect birthday gift for Jill. After the first arranged visit with his foster "mom" Buddy was a hit with the whole family. Even the older cat didn't seem to find anything wrong with him. "He's just the sweetest boy" Jill says. "Christmas came early for all of us!"



**Meet Walter:** He came to us under very sad circumstances. His owner, Mrs Marie Silzer, passed away leaving a dozen loved, and well cared for cats behind. We were particularly worried about Walter because he had only 3 legs, and unfortunately, many potential adopters would find that undesirable. But, luckily Walter found his angel, Courtney Ashby, who rescued him. As you can see, he's become quite the fashion statement in his new home. Courtney tells us that he just loves his costume and purrs the whole time he has it on. He even poses for the pictures!



There are still 2 members of his family who need homes. Please visit our website [www.adoptculpeperpets.com](http://www.adoptculpeperpets.com) and check out Sadie, and Marsha. Like Walter, they are amazing animals. Also, a very special thanks to Mrs. Silzer and her generous donation to the Humane Society. People like Marie make a big difference in the lives of the animals they love and we know her cats miss her. So do we.



**Meet Belle:** She came in to my life in January of this year and I was going to foster her for the Humane Society. Belle was a one-year-old, small, very-mixed breed, who was absolutely terrified of everyone and everything. She spent her first year on a chain, in an outdoor pen, with very little human contact, and only the company of her 2 siblings and mother. I knew I had my work cut out for me! Still, she bonded very quickly, and enjoyed playing with some puppies I also was fostering at the time, as well as my old Lab mix (when she could entice him to join her!). After about a month or so, I knew I could not let her go. Despite her background, her sweet and enthusiastic nature was incredible (the vet agreed), and she has become a source of great joy. Candy

♪ ♪ We Wish you a Merry Christmas ♪ ♪  
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### *The Heart of the Hoedown*

*There would have been no Hoedown without the support of these organizations and businesses. Thanks to their generosity, the day was full of fun, surprises, and many golden memories!*



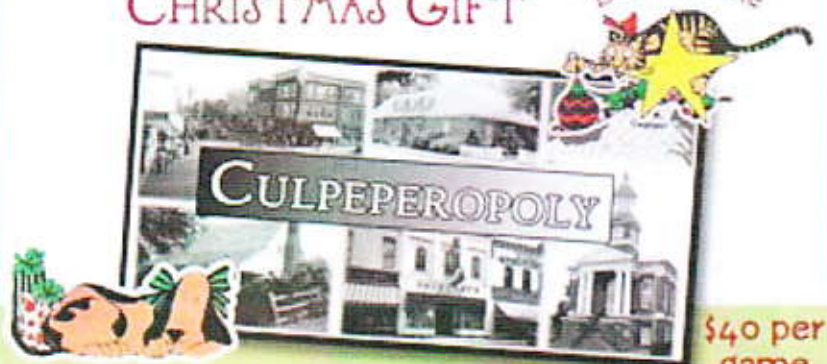
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## Cold Weather Tips For Your Pet

Although dogs often grow a winter coat, it is no reason to leave them outdoors all night in the freezing weather of winter. Illness, premature age related problems, and even death can be the result.



The belief that dogs can exist outdoors in extreme temperatures (which includes the heat of summer as well) as long as they are in a dog house is not true or healthy. Even as temperatures seem to be getting warmer due to "global warming", it only takes one unexpected cold snap to cause considerable damage to your pet's health.

Your dog's appetite will probably increase in the colder weather, especially if he spends a lot of time outdoors. Serve your pet's meals warm, and loaded with a few extra calories. Also, be careful with the "extra" treats. Leftovers or any change of diet can cause severe indigestion or diarrhea.

## Keep Your Loved Ones Safe This Holiday

Although they are beautiful, Poinsettias and Holly are poisonous to dogs and cats.

Keep chocolates, cookies and sugar items out of reach. It only takes a second! You may want to watch those trash cans and pantries too!



Tinsel is dangerous if swallowed. It is basically plastic with aluminum colored paint that most likely contains lead.

A house full of guests can stress your pet. Make sure he has a quiet place to retreat, lots of fresh water and some exercise time of his own, like a nice walk.

Review your dog's stocking or "gifts" and make sure you do not get bacteria laden pig's ears or dried rawhide bones that can break off and choke him. Try to stick with the healthy treats.

Watch those glass ornaments. Some pets like to play with them and others like to chew on them. Either way, they'll probably break.



Although your pet may think he's indestructible, he's not! So be careful and have a safe holiday!



## TNR Program Update!!!!!!!

It is important to note that the Humane Society of Culpeper has managed to spay and neuter over 80 adult cats in the county since May 2008 and is in desperate need of money to continue this new program. Many calls continue to come in daily and we are temporarily without the adequate funding to address these concerns. Without your help, more cats will continue to have kittens who will not live long enough to grow up healthy, safe lives. More adults will continue to compete for resources, food and shelter and more will fall victim to the cruel actions of impatient and uncaring citizens who want them removed from their living areas.

The time is now and without our help, more of these same animals will wind up killed in a shelter. And, what's worse - this only perpetuates the growth cat by cat when it is cheaper, kinder and more effective to simply spay and neuter. We understand that not everyone has the money or can do this on their own. That's why we are offering our services through this program to assist in identifying the need, trapping, offering low cost spay/neuter and providing sound advice that helps cats living outdoors.

If you would like to sponsor a needed spay or neuter for a friend, neighbor or someone who is already registered on our waiting list for financial assistance, please do so - call us today - 540-727-7554 or email us at [info@adoptculpeperpets.org](mailto:info@adoptculpeperpets.org). For \$5, \$20, \$50 - you could help a cat live a safe and happy, unproductive life.

Dollars really do equal life for these animals. We have proven our abilities to help people and cats in need - it's up to you to help us help them. Also make note of the following upcoming event.

### ***December 7th - HSC Fundraiser to Benefit Homeless Cats in Culpeper***

In honor of all the animals we've helped since May of 2008, the HSC would like to invite you to a Candlelight Fundraiser on Dec 7th. This event will take place at the Depot Conference Center at 112 E Commerce Street in Downtown Culpeper, from 4PM to 6PM.



For a minimum donation of \$20, a candle will be lit to honor a feral, stray or homeless cat and/or a special caregiver. The funds raised will support the HSC's ongoing TNR program that is in desperate need of money for things such as spay/neuter surgeries, veterinary care, kitten care, medicine, food and shelter.



There will be wine and chocolate to enjoy, as well as an update on the HSC TNR program, its goals for the coming year and a quick TNR tutorial/demonstration. The money for this event will support the residents of Culpeper in their desire to respond to the growing population of cats living outdoors.

Call us today for more details and be sure to come see us! 540-727-7554 or [info@adoptculpeperpets.org](mailto:info@adoptculpeperpets.org)



## *In Loving Memory of a Special Man*

*JOHN "BUZZ" AMOS*

*We are told that Buzz was a very gentle man of few words who loved all animals, not just his pets. He even befriended a skulk of foxes that he fed every night for five or six years. If ever he was late with dinner, they would lie in the back yard and patiently wait. They knew he'd be there and, afterwards, they would wander into the woods, only to return the next evening.*



*Buzz had two dogs that he loved dearly, and when they died he grieved for days. On the evening the second dog died, a cat showed up on the porch. She just sat and looked through the storm door as if she knew she belonged there. She was the same yellow color as the dog who had just been hit by a car earlier that day. That was about 9 years ago and the cat still lives in his house.*

*During his illness, she sat with him every day and slept on the foot of the bed every night. On that final evening when Buzz passed away, she refused to get on the bed, and it was several days before she would return there.*

*All of the animals that Buzz had contact with seemed to have a very gentle manner with him. It was as if they knew he would always care for them in that generous, loving way of his. We know that they miss him and have lost a very caring friend.*

*We're sure that Buzz would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Culpeper Humane Society in his name. It is quite a testament that such an amazing man is still finding ways to help care for so many animals. He will surely be missed.*



### **Donations in Memory of John "Buzz" Amos**

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### **Mark Your Calendars for December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21!**



**The Culpeper PetSmart is sponsoring "Santas Photos" for the holiday season! Be at PetSmart from 11:00 - 4:00 on any of the days mentioned above and have a special photo of your "loved one" taken and framed for you by volunteers of the Humane Society of Culpeper!**



## *Are You Prepared for a Disaster?*

*A disaster could strike at anytime. Are you and your entire family prepared? Yes, those of us with companion animals need to make a few extra preparations. In addition to creating emergency kits for other family members and plans on what you would do in an emergency, emergency kits and plans should be made for your pets. A portable pet supply kit should be stored in an easily accessible location, and periodically checked to keep up to date, and to freshen supplies. Although such kits can be purchased in which you would still need to complete, you can make a kit yourself.*

*You'd want to store the following items in your kit in sturdy waterproof containers / bags:*



- *Copies of medical records, extra medications, name & number of your veterinarian, and a photo of you and the animal for possible identification if needed.*
- *Food and Water for at least 3 days. Remember if the food is not in easily opening cans, a can opener will need to be packed as well.*
- *First Aid Kit.*
- *Leash, harness, or collar with an ID & rabies tag attached.*
- *Crate or carrier with bedding, and bowls. The crate should be transportable, sturdy, comfortable, and "right sized" for the animal.*
- *Cleanup supplies such as litter, litter box & scoop, bags to collect waste, bleach, and paper towels.*
- *Toys & Treats.*

*Evacuation shelters do not accept pets. Therefore, you'll need to plan before a disaster strikes as to where you'd find a safe place for your family and pets if you need to leave your home for any period of time. If family*

*or friends out of the disaster area are not a possibility; there are options:*

- *Hotel / motel that accepts pets. Policies as to size and number of pets vary as do fees.*
- *Kennels. Boarding facilities outside the potentially effected area.*

*Call as soon as possible to make reservations when you are evacuating. Make arrangements with a relative, friend, or neighbor to assist in evacuating your pet in case you're not home when an evacuation is necessary.*

*You can find more information about emergency preparedness on the web:*

- *[Humane Society of the United States](http://www.hsus.org/ace/18730)  
[www.hsus.org/ace/18730](http://www.hsus.org/ace/18730)*
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- *[www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)*
- *[www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)*

*You may also get printed material through the Humane Society of Culpeper, American Red Cross, or at Target.*

*When we take our companion animals into consideration as part of our disaster planning process, we can be less stressed knowing that provisions have been made for their comfort and safety.*

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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*we appreciate your help in this effort! We also sincerely thank Terri Crawford who proposed and has coordinated this fundraiser! Don't miss your chance to participate in this vital endeavor. Your donations will be used immediately and in full to benefit area cats.*



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readers to Petfinder to find adoptable pets on its jacket flap. A Dog Named Christmas is now available in stores and would make a lovely Holiday gift. Find out more at <http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/display.pperl/9780385525985.html>

My Dear Santa,  
 I have been a "good girl" this year, so I was hoping you could bring me..... a loving home?



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*The Humane Society of Culpeper extends a heartfelt thankyou for the generosity show by members of the community. Without your help, we would lose so many of the programs we provide.*

### *In Loving Memory*

*Bert Wood Jr. & Bert Wood III  
in memory of Libby Timmons*

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