



## The Purrfect Tale

White Oak Barn was the beautiful setting for The Purrfect Tale. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, members and friends of the ACHS gathered to socialize and learn about the shelter’s history as well as future plans. This event was a resounding success with approximately 130 attending and donations totaling \$2,600 given for the shelter. Many local merchants and individuals donated time, food, door prizes, and money for the event. Harry the Homeless Hound made an appearance shaking hands and barking. The decorations, music, food, informative posters, and speakers all made it a good evening to share our mutual concern for pets. The door prizes, varying from bottles of wine, gift certificates, and plants, added to the evening. We thank everyone who attended and donated. It was such a success we hope you will mark your calendar for the third Thursday of September next year when we will celebrate the next installment of the “Purrfect Tale”.



Above: White Oak Barn the evening of The Purrfect Tale. This was taken before we had to put up more tables.

Left: Keaton Flynn ACHS employee, Harry the Homeless Hound, and Missy Decker, Shelter Manager all enjoying the Purrfect Tale.

### Charlie



Charlie came to the ACHS as a stray during the summer. He is a sweet little guy. However a variety of health issues made all of us concerned that he might not be able to find a permanent home. Here he is on his way to Kansas City where he was adopted by a kind lady and her lab Mac. Charlie has had a lot of dental work, medicine, and sleep. But most importantly, he now has lots of love! Congratulations to Colleen, Mac and Charlie!

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## Big News – Our New Cat House

As announced at The Purrfect Tale, the ACHS is building a new Cat House! Construction started at the beginning of October and we hope to be in the building by the end of the year. This 24' x 50' building is the first major improvement at the ACHS in many years and is made possible by two generous donations. One is from the estate of Linda Breuer and the other is from Carol Baier in memory of her parents Richard and Pam Baier. Gordon and Motter Construction, Inc. is the builder for our project. This new building will greatly improve the living conditions for our cats. It will provide a healthier and much less stressful environment. We are confident this will lead to more adoptions and a shorter time spent by the cats and kittens in the shelter prior to being adopted.



This new building will include separate rooms for intake of cats and kittens, two isolation rooms for sick cats, and three separate areas for healthy cats. The ADA compliant building will also include a staff restroom, laundry/kitchen room, and a public meet and greet area for prospective adoptees to interact with the cats and kittens. Screened porches for the cats to have access to the outdoors through cat doors will also be provided.

This is a HUGE project for our shelter. Later this year we will announce our Grand Opening date. We hope many of you will come and see what is happening at the shelter and tour the new cat building.



## Adoption Events

Hopefully you have seen the ACHS at many of the recent adoption events held around Kirksville. Missy and the staff and volunteers can be found several times a month at both Petsense and PetSmart with some of the animals from the shelter. In addition we have been at Rue 21 and Tractor Supply with our pets. Thank you to these businesses for supporting us. We appreciate the opportunity to take our dogs & puppies and cats & kittens into the community where they can visit with possible adopters. Every other month you can see our cats at either Petsense or PetSmart. Remember you can always meet and visit with our animals at the shelter too. We have wonderful dogs and cats looking for their “furr-ever” home!

*Above* are shelter staff and volunteers at the Rue 21 event. *Below* is Missy Decker at the right and board members and volunteers at the left on the morning of the grand opening of PetSmart. Shelter animals were adopted at both events.





## Furnishing the Cat House

Construction is underway for our new Cat House. The site has been prepared, the plumbing roughed-in, and the footings and foundation poured. As this is being written framing is set to start. It is time to consider the inside. We hope you are as excited as the shelter staff is about the new environment.

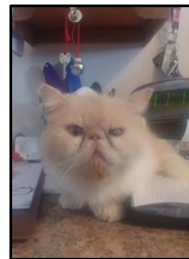
If you would like to be part of the fun of furnishing the interior, please consider the insert in this mailing for a list of needed items. We hope you were able to take a look at the fabulous new Cat Condo at the Purrfect Tale. It is pictured here also. You have an opportunity to help purchase two more of these condos. There are many needs, but there many of us. We can have a fantastic place with your help!



## Staff Training

The staff at the shelter work every day to take care of our animals. In addition to the day-to-day tasks of feeding and cleaning, the staff works to ensure the animals are comfortable, healthy and happy. We want to support our staff in learning all they can to care for our animals. Six people from the shelter will attend the MU Veterinary Shelter Medicine Conference in Columbia, on Saturday, October 27th.

Sessions will include the following topics: Biological Risk Management; Updates on High Volume Spay/Neuter; Implementing a behavior and enrichment program for shelter dogs; Future of Sheltering; Heartworm Management and Treatment in Animal Shelters; Community Cat Programs; Euthanasia; and Compassion Fatigue. This is a great opportunity for our shelter staff.



## The Office Monitor

Perceus was brought to the shelter as a stray. He decided he likes the front office very much. He will greet you when you visit with his surprising face!

## Board of Directors Vacancies

We have two vacant positions on our Board of Director. If you are interested in serving the ACHS in this way, please contact Missy Decker at [adairhumanesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:adairhumanesociety@yahoo.com) for an application or pick up one at the shelter.

## Member Meeting Postponed

Our annual Member Meeting has been rescheduled from its normal time in November until after the new year. Look for the date of the meeting to be announced after the first of the year.



From Left: Missy's little Ollie with the face you can't resist; Suzanna, Jean and Linette from Hardin, Cummings, Moss and Miller. Thank you for our income tax preparation and being good friends of the shelter; Tim and Krista's foster puppies; Table Top Cats at the Purrfect Tale event.

## Barrels and Banks

During the upcoming holiday season, be sure to look for our donation boxes and barrels. They will be scattered around town at various businesses for you to drop off a donation. A shelter volunteer will pick up the donations throughout the season. This is an important resource for the shelter. Last year the donated cat and dog food sustained the shelter well into the early summer. The animals appreciate it so much!

## Thank you!

Below, Linda Frazee and Leann Haynes at Farr Accounting have taken good care of the ACHS finances for many years. We will miss Linda but wish her well with her retirement. Thank you so much, Linda!



Below: Board members Val Johnson, Kim Smith and Krista Baker at the ACHS table at the Community Roots Festival on the Kirksville town square. Right: Adoption event at PetSmart



## Pictures with Santa

Santa will be in Kirksville soon to visit you and your pets. If you would like a picture with Santa and your pets, the shelter is sponsoring Pictures with Santa on the following dates and times. Proceeds will benefit the shelter.

**Farm and Home, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 - 2:00**  
**Pawsitive Animal Works, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - 2:00**



## About Adair County Humane Society

Hours: Mon - Fri: 9 AM - 4 PM, Sat: 9 AM - 12 PM  
 Location: 22376 State Highway 6, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-8038

**Our mission** is to provide a nurturing and safe environment for the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in the Adair County area. We are a privately run 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (gifts are tax deductible) funded by donations from the citizens of Kirksville and the surrounding area. ACHS is not affiliated with nor does it receive funds from any county, state or national organization. The Adair County Humane Shelter is operated under the certification of the Missouri Department of Agriculture

### Adoption Fees

Adult Cats: \$115 and up      Kittens: \$25  
 Adult Dogs: \$120 and up      Puppies: \$40

Volunteering - We happily accept offers to volunteer at the shelter. All volunteers must attend an orientation. Volunteering hours are 12 PM - 4 PM on weekdays.

### Membership

If the year on your address label is 2018 your membership fees of \$10 per year are up to date. If it is not, your annual membership fee is due. If there is not a year on the label, you are receiving this newsletter in the hope you will become a member. Use the enclosed envelope to send your membership fee or a donation. Membership fees will increase to \$25 in 2019.

### AHCS Staff

Shelter Manager, Missy Decker  
 Shelter Assistant Manager, Shelby Snelling  
 Shelter Assistants: Corey Acton, Keaton Flynn, Alicia Albrecht, Alyssa King, Taylor Duncan

### Director

Krista Baker

### Board of Directors

Lonnie Byrns  
 Greg Gordon  
 Nita Jeffries  
 Valerie Johnson  
 Janine Sevits  
 Kim Smith

### Shelter Veterinarians

Dr. David Moore  
 Dr. John Moore

