

Annual Newsletter – January 2018



This 2018 newsletter is dedicated to Jackie Eaton who died in 2017. Jackie served on the Adair County Humane Society Board of Directors for many years as Treasurer. However Jackie was much more than a treasurer. She was the inspiration and energy of the shelter. We are just beginning to learn of the many behind-the-scenes activities Jackie performed. Her dedication to the wellbeing and care of the animals was unsurpassed. She will be greatly missed by many.

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Puppies for Parole

This past year the Adair County Humane Society has been fortunate to partner with the Missouri Department of Correction and their Puppies for Parole Program (P4P) at the Moberly Correctional Center.

This unique program allows carefully selected offenders the opportunity to become trainers to shelter dogs.

The program saves dogs lives in communities across our state. Many dogs that graduated from this program were dogs that may have been unadoptable otherwise.

Adair County Humane Society is fortunate that 18 of our 20 dogs that have graduated from the program have found their forever homes.

The offenders work with the dogs to teach them basic obedience and socialization skills. P4P gives the offenders the skills necessary to support successful rehabilitation and reentry.

The correctional centers benefit as well. This program has proven to boost staff and offender morale.



Thanks!

The AHCS Board of Directors extends our utmost thanks to Shelter Manager, Missy Decker, her assistant Shelby Snelling and all of those working at the shelter.

Missy spends countless hours doing a large variety of tasks. She and Shelby go above and beyond to help our animals. Missy keeps the shelter running with her great organizational skills and ability to work with everyone.

There are lots of good things happening every day at the shelter due to the great staff. Thank you!

The Traveling Operating Room

During 2017, the Adair County Humane Society (ACHS) continued working with University of Missouri College of Veterinarian Medicine and their Shelter Medicine Program's mobile shelter medicine unit.

The University brings their "operating room on wheels" to the shelter grounds and performs spay and neuter surgeries. These services are provided to the ACHS

at a minimum cost for vehicle expense only.

Surgeries are performed by veterinary students under the direct supervision of a professor.

This program provides the students with valuable experience in animal surgeries and allows the shelter animals to go to their "forever" home the day they are adopted.

Each time the shelter has

a minimum of ten animals ready for surgery the big bus arrives. During 2017, 116 ACHS animals benefitted from the project. Thanks to the MIZZOU Vet School and everyone involved in this great program.

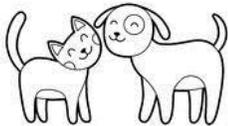




Joyful Celebrations 2017

103 puppies & dogs and 58 kittens & cats were placed in adoptive homes.

Additionally 62 puppies & dogs and 10 kittens & cats were transported to rescue sites.



The solution to lowering the shelter population is pet population control.

Please have your pets spayed or neutered and urge all pet owners to do the same.



Consider adoption when looking for a new pet!

Community Support

As a result of the efforts of many in our community, the Adair County Humane Society (ACHS) continues important work for this area. There will never be enough opportunities to say thank you for all of the work done on behalf of the ACHS. We would like to take time to recognize things that were done this year to support the shelter. If we have overlooked any event, group, or individual, we sincerely apologize. * Christmas donations of

treats, food, pet accessories, cards and more
* Communications from those who have adopted from the ACHS, including pictures and stories
* Individuals adopting the shelter for their birthday or special event
* Groups and businesses who requested a display from the ACHS
* Local businesses sponsoring our Doggy Banks
* Pawsitive Animal Works sponsorship of the annual

Doggie Luau with proceeds going to the ACHS.

* The sponsorship of Tractor Supply, Hy-Vee, and Orscheln for the barrels to collect pet supplies during the holiday season.
* Visits from area schools.
* Visitors bringing gifts and good wishes.
* Help from Petsence with cat and kitten adoptions.

All of these things mean so much to the staff and board members of the ACHS.

Wishes...

ACHS does its best to provide for the animals while they look for their forever homes, but we couldn't do it without support from pet lovers in our community. Here is our wish list of items that help us care for the animals.

Bath/beach towels, Blankets, Bleach, Clay Cat Litter, Collars, Dawn Dish Detergent, Dry Cat Food, Dry Dog Food, Fabuloso Cleaner, Hand Sanitizer, and Soap, Harnesses, Large Dog Toys, Laundry Detergent, Leashes, Paper Towels, Pet Carriers, Tissues, Trash Bags, Treats, and Wet Cat Food.

Any monetary donations towards vet care or utility bills or gift cards from Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Tractor Supply are also greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. You can bring any donations to our location at 22376 State Highway 6, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Time for a Fresh Look

The mission of the ACHS is to provide a nurturing and safe environment for the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in the Adair County area. Occasionally it is beneficial to take a look at our ability to fulfill our mission.

We need your ideas. As members of the ACHS, you have a role in shaping what the future looks like for the shelter. We encourage you to visit the shelter, ask questions, and understand what is

happening there. We welcome your ideas for ways to improve.

Do you think about the animals at the shelter when it is extremely hot or cold, as it has been this winter? Do you know what the physical limitations are of our shelter to care for our animals? Learn. You might be surprised. You might be motivated to become more involved. We belong to the ACHS because we care about animals and our community. It is that

shared concern that should drive everything the shelter does.

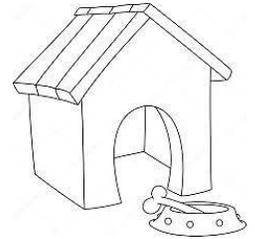
Did you know there is an annual member meeting? The membership meeting for 2018 is November 8, 2018, 6:00 at the Adair County Health Department. Mark your calendar now. If you have questions, ideas or just want to talk about the shelter, please contact Missy Decker, the shelter manager, or any of the board members listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Priceless - *We do not pay our volunteers. It is not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS.*

As with any not-for-profit organization, volunteers make up the backbone of the group. The ACHS is what it is today as a result of our many volunteers, their time and their donations. Thanks to those individuals, organizations, and businesses. Special

thanks to the City of Kirksville, the Kirksville Schools, Truman State University, AT Still University, the University of Missouri, Moberly Correctional Center, and our veterinarian partners.

If you are interested in volunteering at the ADHS the please contact Missy at 660-665-8038. All volunteers must attend an orientation. Volunteering hours are 12 PM - 4 PM on weekdays.



AHCS Staff

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Missy Decker

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Krista Baker, Treasurer and Newsletter
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Janine Sevits
Lonnie Burns
Valerie Jackson

Shelter Veterinarians
Dr. David Moore
Dr. John Moore

Each animal at the shelter is required by the state to have a rabies shot and be spayed or neutered upon being adopted. Drs Moore assist us in making sure we are following these requirements.

Memorials

The ACHS extends sincere gratitude to each family who chose to make memorials to the shelter in the name of their loved ones who died during 2017.

Thank you for designating the ACHS to receive memorial donations. Thank you to all who gave memorial donations. Memorials were received for the following:

- Alan Clark
- Amy Metzger
- Anna Still
- Bambi Fox
- Bill Otten
- Candy Phillips
- Charlie Long
- Dennis Harlow
- Dixie Branscom
- Donna Billington
- Florence Shepard
- Foster McDonald
- George Roebach
- Harold Riney
- Jackie Eaton
- Lorraine Nyman

- Paul Muir
- Phyllis VanVleck
- Sharon Slavin
- Verna Wright

Donations were also received in memory of the following pets.

- Comet
- Tommy Parrish

Thank you to those who gave gifts honoring their pets.

Looking at the Financials

Thanks to everyone who has made this shelter the wonderful place it is. Financials are an important part of our organization especially as we look to the future. With your continued support we can continue the legacy left to us by those who came before.

Our income depends on our members and on our community. Donations, memorials, membership dues, gifts, and the donation banks placed around town, contribute

about half of our income. Our contract with the City of Kirksville provides about forty percent and adoptions fees and a few miscellaneous items make up the rest.

As with most organizations, payroll makes up the largest part of our expenses. This is followed by building utilities, maintenance, and supplies. Other expenses include veterinarian care, pet supplies, insurance, and several smaller items.

It is interesting to note that money spent for the actual care of the animals is a small part of our finances. Perhaps this is possible due to donations of veterinarian services, food, pet supplies, and the countless hours donated by volunteers to socialize our animals. We thank everyone for their support.



Adair County Humane Society

Mon - Fri: 9 AM - 4 PM
Sat: 9 AM - 12 PM

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We're on the Web!
<http://adairhumanesociety.org>

Facebook

Like us on Facebook for news about the shelter

Instagram

Follow us on Instagram to see pics of our beautiful babies

Petfinder

Visit our Petfinder page to see our animals

The Adair County Humane Society is a not-for-profit (gifts are tax deductible) organization funded by donations from the citizens of Kirksville and the surrounding area. It 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.

ABOUT the Adair County Humane Society

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. Donations are welcome and tax-deductible.

Adoption Fees

Adult Cats: \$115 and up Kittens: \$40 (\$40 sterilization deposit)
Adult Dogs: \$120 and up Puppies: \$40 (\$40 sterilization deposit)

The sterilization deposit is paid upon adoption and returned once proof of sterilization is presented.

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.

City and County Agreements

During 2017, the City of Kirksville and the ACHS continued with their agreement to care for animals confiscated by the city. This contract, to care for and house animals brought in by the City Animal Control Officer, provides a portion of the ACHS income. During 2017, 116 dogs and 182 cats were brought to the shelter by the city. The ACHS greatly appreciates the cooperation and support of the City of Kirksville.

During December 2017, the ACHS and a representative from the Adair County Commission met to begin negotiating an agreement between the two parties to care for animals the county gains possession of. A mutually accepted agreement is expected to be reached in early 2018.

Membership

The ACHS could not exist without the support of our members. Thank you. Take a minute to look at the newsletter address label. If the year on your address label is **2018** your membership fees are up to date. If it is not, your annual membership fee of \$10 is due. If there is no year on the label, you are receiving this newsletter in the hope you will become a member. Use the enclosed remittance envelope to send your fee. An additional envelope is enclosed for you to share with a friend and help grow our membership.

Costs to run the shelter continue to increase. Please consider making an additional donation. Membership fees and donations are tax deductible. They make up a substantial portion of the ACHS income. Thank you again!

We are trying to get our membership up to date so if there is an error on your label, let us know.

Any comments or questions should be sent to kristab@cablone.net