

The Purrfect Tale Our second annual Purrfect Tale event was held in September 2019. It was a resounding success and secured its place in our annual planning for years to come. Thanks to many of you, our community, supporters from the Kirksville business community, our board, and volunteers, we were able to raise \$12,000. This is a huge amount for us. The money came from a variety of activities: Silent Auction, Live Auction, Table Sponsorships, Cash Donations, Gun Raffle, Push the Envelope board, and the 2020 Calendar sales. There is no way we can thank all of those who contributed to making this event such a success but we would love to give each and every one of you a big sloppy dog kiss and a contented kitty purr for all you did. Pictured is the check-in table at White Oak Barn, a view from the balcony, and our auctioneers in action.



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Cat Camp Update The Cat Camp, our stand alone cat facility, was completed in April 2019. This new building has worked out great for our cats and kittens. The space has proven to be even more flexible than we imagined. It provides all sort of opportunities for housing cats and kittens. They enjoy time outside in their catios and some even enjoy free roaming inside the building. Perseus is still the reigning cat-in-charge. Please come and visit our happy and healthy cats in their very own home!



SPAYghetti and No Balls Supper
Sat, Feb 22, 5:00 PM, \$7 adults, \$5 under 10
Benefits the new Surgical Suite
Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 N Mulanix, Kirksville, MO



Dear Members Welcome to 2020! With your help we are looking forward to another great year at the shelter. *This newsletter is your invitation to renew your membership or become a new member of our community shelter.* We need your help to ensure the good year we experienced in 2019 will continue in 2020. Through this newsletter we hope you will get a sense of what we were able to accomplish with your help this last year. Please complete the enclosed form and return as soon as you are able. We welcome suggestions. Please send input to kristab@cablone.net.



Santa Paws Once again, Santa provided great photo ops for our fur friends and their owners. The first two Saturdays in December, pictures were taken of Santa with anyone who wanted to participate. The highlight of this year was Polly, the chicken, who arrived all dressed up for Christmas. We want to thank Kirksville Farm and Home and Pawsitive Animalworks for hosting Santa. We would also like to give a big applause to Santa (aka Bert Johnson) for interrupting his busy schedule to help the animals. Thanks to Missy Decker, shelter manager, for being our photographer this year, and to everyone who came. If you attended the Kirksville Farm and Home event, your pictures are at the shelter. If you attended the Pawsitive Animalworks event, your pictures are available on our Facebook site.



Christmas Barrels

Thanks to HyVee, Tractor Supply, Kirksville Farm and Home, and Orscheln for hosting our Christmas pet supply drive. Cat food, cat litter, dog food and a variety of other items were donated and taken to the shelter for our residents. Thanks to everyone who put something in the barrels and box!



TSU Homecoming Parade Thanks to the Truman Pre Vet Club for walking the ACHS dogs in the TSU Homecoming Parade. The dogs greeted spectators and got lots of exercise. They loved getting out of their kennels and enjoyed meeting everyone attending the parade.

Adopt Me!! ACHS continues to participate in community Adoption Events at PetSmart. We love bringing our animals into the community for you to visit with. Check our Facebook page for upcoming events and for our adoptable pets.

Below are two adorable puppies finding their forever home! Congratulations to the puppies and their new families.



Above: ACHS Alumni & their pets at the Adair Public Library.

Left: Joyfull visitors at Cat Camp.

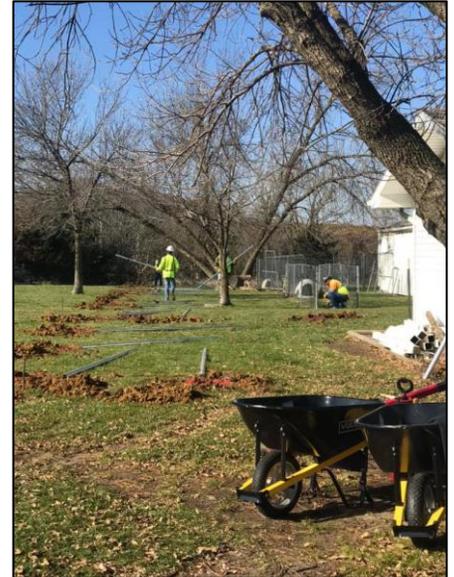


What's going on at the shelter?

Project Prosper Our dream of having a place for dogs and puppies to run and play has come true. An Ameren service project called "Project Prosper," named after one of Mark Twain's favorite dogs, Prosper, made it happen. With Ameren's Mark Twain Transmission Line Project nearing completing, crews and project officials wanted to give back to the community. The project consists of a fenced-in, 5,000 square foot dog play yard, which gives dogs and puppies time and space to get outdoors. For persons interested in adopting, the fenced area provides a place to play with the dog before deciding to take the dog home.

Project Prosper was made possible by Ameren and the Mark Twain Transmission Project contract partners L. Keeley Construction, Volkert Inc., and Contract Land Staff. The project includes fencing and posts donated by Ameren Transmission and concrete donated by O'Laughlin Inc. The project also included a large donation of dog food and much needed cleaning supplies for the shelter. We can't thank everyone involved enough. The donations have made a huge difference in the daily lives of our shelter dogs and puppies.

Shelter Improvements With thanks to our volunteers Rob and Cheryl Christianson, facilities at the shelter are improving. The back area for the large dogs has long needed maintenance. Last winter large sliding panels were added to the covered, but open-sided, structure. On nice days the panels can slide out of the way for good air circulation. On cold, windy, and snowy days the panels can be shut. Once the panels were shut we realized the lighting in the area was inadequate. Thanks to the Christiansons, the lighting has been totally updated with new lights down the center of the area and a light bulb above every kennel. What an improvement! But that is not the end of it. With cold weather here and the never ending challenge of keeping the water bowls from freezing, Rob came to our aid again. Rob and Cheryl installed heated water bowls to each kennel. Chipping ice is no longer needed. Thank you Rob and Cheryl!



Top: Project Prosper takes shape as Ameren contract partners work on the new play yard.

Above: Board President Kelley Grgurich accepts more Project Prosper donations.

Left: Newly installed lighting in the back kennel area and the heated water bowls.

Surgical Suite Work on the highly anticipated surgical suite housed in the old cat room continues. We have had a few delays which have pushed our target completion date to March 2020. At that time we will be able to host the University of Missouri Shelter Medicine participants to perform spays and neuters on site. That will be a big time and cost savings for everyone. Our animals will be much healthier! Stay tuned for more details.

Popcorn & P4P The December 2019 graduation class of the Puppies for Parole (P4P) program at the Moberly Correction Center included our very own Popcorn, pictured to the right. Popcorn came to us as a pretty feral fellow. But with lots of love and care from our staff, especially Natalie, Popcorn became a great dog. A highlight of graduation was learning the mother of the offender who trained Popcorn adopted him. The offender will be released at the end of January 2020 and Popcorn will be waiting for him.



In another great story from the December 2019 class is that Merle, also one of our dogs, was adopted by the Moberly Correction Center to serve in their Veterans Ward.

Graduation is an inspiration as we listen to the offenders talk about the dogs they care for, the impact the program is having on their lives, and what it means for their future. It is life changing for them and for the dogs they care for. The Adair County Humane Shelter has participated in this program for three years. We have a 100% adoption rate for the animals that go through the program. For more information about the program, go to the Puppies for Parole Missouri Department of Corrections website.



A Sampling of 2019 Activities and Events

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| <i>Adopt a Kennel</i> | <i>Kitty Palooza</i> |
| <i>Adopt-a-Thon</i> | <i>Pet Costume Party</i> |
| <i>Barkery Treats</i> | <i>Santa Paws</i> |
| <i>Colton's ACHS Night</i> | <i>The Purrfect Tale</i> |
| <i>Doggy Luau</i> | <i>The Dukum Inn: Pints for Pups, Popcorn for Paws, and Tito's Vodka</i> |
| <i>Donation Banks</i> | <i>Fundraiser</i> |
| <i>Grand Opening of Cat Camp</i> | |

Thanks to everyone for all you do!



Confused? Don't get confused if you see this van around town. We want to extend a huge thank you to Hound Around Hotel for the donation, Rob and Cheryl Christianson for the mechanical work needed on the van, and B&H Graphics for the graphics update.

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 state or national organization. The Adair County Humane Shelter is operated under the certification of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Annual Membership is \$25.00.

Adoption Fees

Adult Cats: \$40 and up Kittens: \$25
Adult Dogs: \$120 and up Puppies: \$80

ACHS Staff

Shelter Manager: Missy Decker
Shelter Assistant Manager: Corey Acton
Shelter Assistants: Gavin Bedford, Brandon Kesall

Executive Director/Treasurer/Newsletter

Krista Baker

Board of Directors

Greg Gordon	Joni Crouse
Kelley Grgurich - President	Nita Jeffries
Brenda Jones	Valerie Johnson
Janine Sevits - Vice President	Kim Smith

Shelter Veterinarians

Dr. David Moore Dr. John Moore

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.