



ADAIR COUNTY  
**HUMANE**  
SOCIETY

May 2019  
Kirksville, Missouri

## You Did It - Cat Camp Opens!



On a cool, crisp Saturday afternoon in March, our new Cat Camp officially opened. What a joy it was to see so many people come to help us celebrate! The City of Kirksville worked long and hard to get our parking area ready and our staff worked to get the new building ready for its debut. The cats were curious and ready to see new people. We welcomed many individuals who made the building possible: our two major donors, our contractors, public officials who have cooperated with us all along the way, our board of directors, staff, shelter members, volunteers, and interested community members. Thanks to everyone who attended!



**Top:** Carol Baier, major donor, cuts the ribbon! **Left:** Carol Baier and Missy Decker, Shelter Manager. **Center:** Cat Camp **Right:** County Commissioner Bill King, Senator Cindy O'Laughlin and Kelley Grgurich, ACHS President. **Bottom right:** Curtis Gordon, Brent Motter, John, and Keith from Gordon and Motter Construction, builders of our fabulous Cat Camp. **Bottom left:** Krista Baker, ACHS Director; Virgie Breuer, sister-in-law of our other major donor; and Missy Decker, Shelter Manager.

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## Staff Spotlight: Alicia Albrecht



### The Spotlight is On!

We would like to recognize Alicia Albrecht who has been working at the shelter for seven months. Alicia is a great fit for the shelter as she loves dogs of all kinds, shapes, sizes, colors, and breeds. Alicia is originally from Greencastle, Missouri, and graduated from Truman State University in 2018 with a major in Agriculture Science. Alicia and her fiancé Zack Powell will be getting married in June and will be living in Green City. Alicia is a great asset for the shelter. Thank you, Alicia!



### A Fresh Look

You might notice the ACHS has a new look. Britta Burris of Britta Burris Design has created a new logo and designed a new website for the shelter. Please take a look at the new website. We are very proud of it. Thank you Britta! If you have feedback about the website, please use the Contact tab to send us a message.

[adairhumanesociety.org](http://adairhumanesociety.org)

## More good news at ACHS

The ACHS and the Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Missouri have been partners since March 2017. Our small shelter in Kirksville has benefitted greatly from this partnership.

Many animals have been able to be spayed/neutered through this program prior to going to their forever homes. The staff, board, and volunteers at ACHS have learned a great deal together.

When the big yellow and black surgery van pulls into the parking area at the shelter there are smiles all around. This has been a win for the veterinarian students, win for the animals, and a win for the shelter overall. Not enough can be said for the great relationship that has developed between Shelter Manager Missy Decker and the doctors from Mizzou: Dr. Amie Burling and Dr. Leon Tu.

When we decided to build the new Cat Camp, we had a dream that the room vacated by the cats could be put to a good use. We dreamed about a surgical room where the shelter pets would receive all needed procedures before they were adopted.

We are happy to announce our dream is coming true. Dr. Amie Burling, at the Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Missouri has been instrumental in applying for and winning a grant for us to do that very thing. This grant has awarded us \$50,000 to be used for that purpose. No longer will we have to depend on the weather for the big surgical van to travel. This new room will ensure our animals are all fixed before they are adopted. This is a major step in taking care of the animals in our area. ACHS will need to contribute to have the room cleaned, painted, and have some remediation work completed as soon as possible. More good things are on the way at the shelter! Stay tuned for more details about the grant and surgical room.



## Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the Hudson family who won the **Name the Kitties** raffle at the Cat Camp Grand Opening. They named Ellie's seven gorgeous babies after the Seven Dwarfs:

Bashful, Sleepy, Happy, Doc,  
Grumpy, Sneezzy,  
and Dopey.



## Marvelous Menards!



When you are out shopping during the month of May please stop and add something to the Donation Box at Menard's. They will be collecting pet supplies for the shelter during the entire month of May. Also, you might seek out their manager and tell them how grateful we are for their support.

## ACHS in the Headlines

Your shelter is making news and we hope you are proud! Did you see?

- Coverage of the Grand Opening of the Cat Camp on KYOU News
- Presentation of a check from White Oaks Barn Dueling Pianos event in the Kirksville Daily Express
- Recognition of contract with Adair County and check presentation in the Kirksville Daily Express
- Express Eight Q&A with Missy Decker, Shelter Manager, in the Kirksville Daily Express

## In Memory

During the first quarter of 2019 many memorial donations have been received. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those family and friends who donated to the ACHS in memory of their loved ones. Thank you so much.

Beau Ballanger  
Kathy Fillman  
Donna McCartney  
Marjorie Partin  
Donna Schonhoeft

Dakota Davis  
Abbie Fones  
Michael Mulford  
Olive Reiser  
Billy Davison

Pet Memorials were received for:  
Gypsy Spitiz Reba Bismarck

## Sponsor a kennel

You now have the opportunity to sponsor a kennel at the shelter. With the new Adopt a Kennel program your sponsorship will cover the following for a cat or dog:

Medication and Vaccinations  
Food and Nutrition  
Toys and Enrichment  
Laundry Expenses  
Cleaning supplies  
Spay/Neuter



Your sponsorship will include:

- ✓ A sponsorship sign on one of the kennels of the option you choose. Sign can include an image of a loved one or even a corporate logo,
- ✓ Your name and/or website link will be added to our Adopt a Kennel Page on our website
- ✓ New sponsors will be mentioned in our quarterly newsletter.

### PRICING - Annually

#### Dog Kennel Options

Inside Dog Kennel	\$200
Outside Dog Kennel	\$250

#### Cat Kennel Options

Cat Condo	\$100
Free Roaming Room	\$150
Catio	\$150

To sponsor a kennel please visit our website at <http://adairhumane.org>. Select the Donate tab.

**Thank you!!**

## New Kennel Sponsors

### Cat Kennels

Cindy Cordray  
Sandy Ciccone for the Adair Public Library  
Krista Baker  
Sharon McGahan  
Stacey Hudson, in memory of Mary Lou Ferry

### Dog Kennels

Cindy Cordray  
Frank and Judy Oberle  
Kim and Larry Gibson  
Thom, Deni, and Jordon Bahr in memory of Reba



## Volunteer Spotlight: Susan Shoaff-Ballanger

Let the light shine on Susan Shoaff-Ballanger for all of the help, advice and good work she is doing to ensure thank you notes are getting sent to our members and donors. This is detailed work which is most appreciated!



## 2nd Annual Critter Cruise & Poker Run

The 2nd Annual Critter Cruise & Poker Run, in memory of Angus, was held April 27th, 2019. Angus was a special dog who belonged to Kim and Todd Smith. The Smith's host this event in memory of Angus. There were 32 side-by-sides in attendance and \$700 was collected for the Adair County Humane Society. Thanks to Marla Roan, Teresa Peters, Teresa Dolan, Kristy Harden, Garla Mills, Marty Martin and our wonderful sponsors: YC Powersports, S&R Landscape, Kirksville Farm and Home, Jepson Lumber, Ft. Chariton, Tina's, Sampson Cattle Company, Golden Harvest-SCC Ag, Lindy Lindquist, Kirksville Yamaha-Honda, Mandy Taylor, and LG Seeds-Smith Brothers. The ACHS would like to thank the Smiths and all who contributed in any way.

## 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.

### Adoption Fees

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

**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.

### ACHS Staff

Shelter Manager: Missy Decker

Shelter Assistants:

Corey Acton    Alicia Albrecht    Gavin Bedford  
Lillie Church    Taylor Duncan    Brandon Kesall

### Director/Treasurer/Newsletter

Krista Baker

### Board of Directors

Derick Garr – Secretary      Greg Gordon  
Kelley Grgurich - President    Nita Jeffries  
Brenda Jones      Valerie Johnson  
Janine Sevits – Vice President    Kim Smith

### Shelter Veterinarians

Dr. David Moore      Dr. John Moore

## Members are Appreciated!

Members are what make ACHS a success. We appreciate you very much! Often times we do not thank you enough for your support.

We want to be responsive to you, listen to your opinions, share your dreams for the shelter, and include you in all we do. We have heard from some of you that you would like to receive your newsletter and other correspondence from us by email. Thank you for helping us save postage and communicate more efficiently. Please be patient with us as we move in that direction.

If you would like to visit the shelter or talk with someone from the shelter please email us at [adairhumanesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:adairhumanesociety@yahoo.com) to set up a time to do that.

So far, we have about 90 dues paying members for 2019. We accept membership any time. If you would like to renew your membership for 2019 or become a new member, please visit our website at <http://adairhumanesociety.org/> and select the Donate tab.

Thank you!



### Thank you!

### Adair Foods

for the generous donation of pet supplies and cash.

What great community support!



2<sup>ND</sup> Annual  
Purrfect Tale  
Sep 19, 2019



## Lady Goes Home

This cutie pie disappeared from her home. Her owners were distraught. Two little girls didn't understand. They were trying to adjust to life without Lady when they made a visit to the ACHS.

Lo and behold, when little Lady's owner walked into the shelter office and saw Lady there, she was shocked and delighted! We don't know how Lady got lost but we love when a story ends happily. It makes it all worthwhile.

