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board of directors.

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A Note from the President

Volunteers make HSJC a success

By Vicki Palmore

Animals have a way of tugging at our heartstrings and then they leave permanent, indelible paw prints on our hearts. Over the past year several dogs with personal stories of neglect and abuse have crossed my path as well as those of several other volunteers.



Jake, a Pitt Bull Terrier, and his buddy Boomer the Australian Cattle Dog, were doused with gasoline and set on fire by their owner.

Wilbur, a Pitt Bull Terrier puppy left in the back of an open pick-up truck in a wire crate standing in eight inches of water.

Trinity, a white Shepherd mix puppy, was thrown from the back of a pick-up truck. She broke the growth plate of her femur and tore her knee apart as a result of the impact with the road. The driver of the truck kept on going. Trinity underwent an amputation of the rear leg.

Moxie, a boxer mix, found with a broken

hind leg. Moxie underwent surgery to repair the fracture. The first surgery was unsuccessful and she underwent a second surgery to amputate the leg.

Happily each of these dogs are in new homes with loving forever homes all because of the efforts of a committed group of volunteers.

The successful rehabilitation of these animals depends on volunteers. Too often we get caught up in the day to day activities of our lives and our rescue efforts. We get caught up and fail to stop and say to one another, "Thank you for a job well done!"

So with this letter, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteers for the Humane Society of Johnson County for a job well done. We know that you join us in our efforts because of your passion and love for animals.

We ask you to continue to work with us and for us as we make positive changes in our community for the animals that share our lives.

Vicki Palmore

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Austin Gorrell won a \$30,000 BMW for his hole-in-one in August at the Critter Classic. HSJC photo

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New Board Members

HSJC welcomes the following new members to the board of directors. They took office Feb. 1.



Michael Baun

Michael Baun was born in Denmark in August 1966 and did his military service, which is required in Denmark, in the K9 unit for one year. At age 22, he started his business "Danish Multi Service." It contains three different businesses: cleaning, computer and catering.

He started his business management education in 1988 and earned the degree in 1992.

He arrived in the United States in May 2003 and married his wife, Brenda, in September 2005.

In 2008, he started his own agency with Prepaid Legal Services Inc.

Michael is a member of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International.

He loves to help people and make them smile and loves animals. He adopted two border collies from HSJC in 2007.



Matthew Cree

A lifelong resident of Johnson County, Matt graduated from Franklin College with a bachelor's degree in finance and business and received his juris doctorate from Ohio Northern University.

Licensed as an attorney and counselor at law in both Texas and Indiana, Matt practices commercial litigation with the Van Valer Law Firm in Greenwood, where he also resides with his wife, Tania, son, Benjamin, three dogs and two cats.

Sharing the desire to improve the lives of Johnson County's residents, both human and animal, Matt is excited to join the HSJC's board of directors."



Carol Weir

Carol Hitchcock Weir joined the Humane Society of Johnson County board of directors on Feb. 1.

After living in Florida, Carol, her husband, horses and border collies moved to Indiana in 2005. Carol is a certified equine sports massage therapist and her business is Winning Hands Equine Sports Massage Therapy Inc.

Carol graduated from Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla., and received her MBA from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.

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Society Events

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

Critter Classic (see registration form on Page 6)

HSJC is ready to kick off its major fundraising activities for 2011. First up is the 4th Annual Critter Classic. This year, the golf outing will be held at Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood. Golfers will have a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start for the scramble on May 12th. Golfers may register to play golf for \$80/person. Get you foursome registered today! Following the outing will be a dinner, awards and maybe even a silent auction in the clubhouse.

Last year, Austin Gorrell won a \$30,000 BMW with his hole-in-one. This year, golfers will have the opportunity to win another car! There will also be prizes on three other par-3s, longest drives, closest to the pin and more.

HSJC wants to thank the early bird sponsors, Elona Biotechnologies, First Merchant's Bank, Mutual Savings Bank, Roland Truck Services, and Crane Federal Credit Union.

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Paw Pounder

The Paw Pounder is scheduled for June 11th at the Franklin Community High School 4K walking trail from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. We are changing up the event a little this year. HSJC wants the entire family to come out and enjoy a day filled with activities. You and your favorite four-legged friend will walk the nice 4K walking trail around the high school, browse several pet related vendors and enjoy some good food. You will have a chance to participate in dog talent contest, Frisbee catching contest, maybe even a raffle with all proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Johnson County. HSJC is even scheduling a children's author and illustrator to sign its new book. Also, while at the Paw Pounder, learn more about adoptions from HSJC and our low cost spay/neuter program. HSJC will also be offering lower cost microchipping. Bring a blanket or a couple of lawn chairs to watch all the people and dogs. Remember to bring cash for purchases, food and contests, much of which will benefit HSJC. Unfortunately, credit cards will not be accepted for the day. Watch for registration forms for vendors and to register to walk at the event.

Art Unleashed

Later in the year, HSJC is hosting an art show and silent auction. Stay tuned for more information.

Special Adoption Events:

April 2 ☆ Franklin Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
April 10 ☆ Greenwood Middle School 1-3 p.m.

Director's Desk

Supporters Make It All Possible By Karen Buckler

I continue to be swept up in the whirlwind world of the Humane Society. There are so many happenings, and it is so much fun to be a part of all of the action. I enjoy seeing the organization moving in so many directions, including becoming a larger part of the community. One of the most exciting things I see is how the community is starting to recognize the difference between the Humane Society and the Johnson County Animal Shelter. The support HSJC gets from the community is outstanding.



These community supporters include the Daily Journal and our many Tattletail advertisers. This is the third issue of the Tattletail that the Daily Journal has produced for the Society. We are so pleased with the look and feel of the new Tattletail.

The Journal staff spends many hours working on each issue, including arranging for the advertisers. If all of our advertising space is not filled, then the standard cost the Journal has agreed to charge HSJC for printing leaves us in the red. The last two issues, the Daily Journal has chosen to not pass on the difference in cost to us. This issue, thanks to our advertisers, we break even.

At a time when the economy seems to be affecting more and more people, the community is helping with advertising and donations, both financial and in kind. With this support the Society is able to continue to offer the new Tattletail, stock our food pantry, offer emergency veterinary assistance and provide the low cost spay/neuter program. So now more than ever, we need your continued support and assistance.

Karen

— Karen Buckler,
Executive Director, HSJC

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Health

Avoiding flea infestation

From fleacontrols.com

Spring is around the corner it is time to stop flea infestation before it starts.

Fleas are parasites, feeding directly on humans or other warm blooded animals. Usually you or your pet serves as these hosts.

A flea can jump 7 to 8 inches vertically and 14 to 16 inches horizontally. A skin reaction to a flea bite appears as a slightly raised and red itchy spot. Sometimes these sores bleed. Fleas usually require warm and humid conditions to develop.

Due to the flea cycle and weather conditions, many people don't realize they have a flea problem until they return home from vacation or after a move to new premises and are confronted by hungry fleas. Fleas are attracted to body heat, movement and exhaled carbon dioxide.

Adult fleas feed on blood; the larvae eat "flea diet" consisting of dried blood.

Fleas go through a complete metamorphosis. There are four distinct stages: eggs, larvae, pupae and adult.

Flea eggs are laid on the host or are deposited on the floor or ground. They also are often found in upholstery or pet's bedding. A female flea will continue to lay a few eggs every day until she has yielded up to 200 to 400 eggs.

These eggs will develop into flea larvae within two days to several weeks, depending on the temperature and humidity.

Flea larvae are active and look like maggots. The larvae will feed on organic debris, but particularly like to feed on feces of the adult fleas. This "flea diet" contains undigested blood.

The flea larvae are hard to spot and are found deep in the carpets or the cracks and crevices of floors



and upholstery. They are very difficult to vacuum, because the get entwined in the carpet fibers.

The next stage, called the pupae, look like a cocoon and are also hard to spot. Under warm conditions many adult fleas will emerge from this protective cocoon within seven to 14 days, longer under less favorable conditions.

Whenever you see adult fleas crawling on your pet, it is only a symptom of a much larger problem. Current studies indicate that adult fleas account for only 5 percent of the total flea population in any given situation.

Eggs account for 50 percent, larvae account for about 35 percent, and the remaining 10 percent are the pupa cocoons.

That means that for every single adult flea living on your dog or cat, there are 10 eggs, seven larvae and two cocoons.

These various life cycle stages will be found anywhere in the pet's environment, but will be most concentrated in the areas that the pet spends most of its time, like the pet's bed area.

Remember, when the adult flea lays an egg on the pet, it will fall off the hairs in just a few minutes, similar to sowing seeds. If the pet usually walks through certain paths (either indoors or outdoors), there will also be a substantial amount of eggs scattered in those areas.

(SEE **FLEAS**, PAGE 8)

Spotlight: The joy of volunteering

By Loretta Richardson



This is my faithful friend, Lassie. We rescued her in 2004.

The Humane Society of Johnson County Mission Statement: Humane Society of Johnson County benefits companion animals and the community by:

- Enhancing the companion animal-human bond
- Facilitating adoption
- Supporting spay/neuter programs
- Educating the public on the importance of responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals

The mission above is always met. The staff always follows this statement. It is proven by their faithful and hard work.

I have always loved all animals. For many years I have wanted to become a member and a volunteer of the Humane Society of Johnson

“Volunteering for the Humane Society has been very rewarding in so many ways.”

County. The time was right when I approached the Humane Society’s booth at the Johnson County Fair in July, 2010. The volunteers were very helpful in providing me the information I needed. So, in August of 2010, I became a member and volunteer.

Volunteering for the Humane Society has been very rewarding in so many ways. I never leave an adoption event without smiling and having a few laughs. Also, it has been a wonderful experience seeing

the happy faces of families taking home their new adopted friend. Even the animals seem to smile, too.

They just seem to know they are getting a new “forever home.”

I have enjoyed these past few months working with the staff and making new friends with the other volunteers and, of course, making friends with the wonderful animals.

I plan to continue being a part of this caring and compassionate organization for many years. I wish everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the rewards of the experience of being a part of this Humane Society.

This is a great quotation that is so true: “Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened.” –Anatole France

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Featured Pet

Blind Husky a Special Girl

By Karen Buckler



Helen is a 3-year-old Husky mix and she is a very special girl. She is totally blind and has been from birth. It is absolutely amazing how she gets around. She knows where every tree is in the backyard and can easily run and play with the other dogs. Once she learns where obstacles are, you can hardly tell she is blind. She has a very sweet personality and is well worth meeting. She is looking for someone to love her and give her a forever home.

◆ Fleas

(FROM PAGE 6)

What this means is that environmental flea control must be spread over the pet's entire environment, focusing on the areas the pet spends the majority of his or her time: the sleeping areas and the walking paths.

Thoroughly vacuum frequently of all carpeted surfaces and seal the vacuum bag and throw away (as it will contain fleas and eggs). If you have a bagless vacuum, dump outside in a trash bag and seal immediately.

Frequently dust, sweep and mop all surfaces where pets or you have been. Eggs are laid on the pet and drop off as it moves. All affected pets should be treated at this time and removed from the premises for 4 to 6 hours. Remove birds from the home if you are using liquid insecticides.

Cover or remove aquarium fish and turn off the pump. You should keep covered shoes on until all treated areas have dried (4-6 hours) if you are using liquid insecticides.

Talk to your veterinarian about preventative flea care or treatment of fleas.

Information provided by <http://www.fleacontrols.com>



Dear Johnson County Humane Society,
Thank you so much for the financial aid for Tiger's surgery. There really aren't words sufficient enough to express my gratitude for your help in our time of need. Tiger is doing very well now, and we are extremely grateful for your kindness.
Wishing you all a very happy holiday season,
Kristin + Tiger Mize

Happy Tails: Two dogs find happy homes

Hello from Brown County!
I just wanted to let you know that Razzle (we re-named her Miss Molly, just felt right!) is doing WONDERFUL at our house! She is filling out nicely and getting even prettier. I hope her puppies are finding homes too.

We love her so much and can't imagine life without her, and that is just the humans! Vinnie is in love and I think the feeling is mutual. They sleep, play, eat together. They even lick each other like cats do when they are grooming.

She is so lovable and sweet. Vinnie has become like a puppy again. He even looks younger. I just wanted to let you know how happy we all are.

— Carrie and Gary Deckard and family



Iwanted to share pics with you of Peek A Boo ... now named Keady. She is doing great. The vet said she healed great for her getting spayed and is doing very well.

She had a great Christmas and looks forward to all of her new adventures in 2011. We love her and we thank the Humane Society of Johnson County for taking care of her while she was young!

— Sara



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Community Corner

Giving back: Area schools, business help HSJC

By Karen Buckler

Several area schools, organizations and businesses thought of the Humane Society of Johnson County during the holiday season:

- Mrs. Kern's third-grade class and Mr. Davis' fourth-grade class at Isom Elementary School in Greenwood decided they would not exchange gifts for Christmas. Instead they collected their money together to give to HSJC.

These kids did not think of themselves, instead they thought with their hearts and gave to needy animals in their community. In addition to their holiday gift, the two classes have challenged each other to see which class can raise the most money before the end of the school year. The winner will receive a prize for the classroom.

- Cheerful Christmas trees provided a happy holiday for the



Mrs. Kern's third-grade class at Isom Elementary School in Greenwood.

pets of HSJC. Kroger of Franklin, for the second consecutive year, donated a percentage of their Christmas tree sales to the Humane Society.

Thank you to Kroger and its employees and customers for helping save more homeless pets in our community.

- To participate in Blue Fridays

the Colts and the Humane Society.

- The Johnson County Museum of History sponsors a Dec-A-



CVS in Franklin donates Blue Friday proceeds to HSJC.



Franklin Community High School K-9 Service Club members with their tree.

and show their Colts pride, the employees of CVS in Franklin had to make a small donation. The employees chose to donate their Colts fund to the animals of HSJC.

Thank you to all of the CVS employees for their support of

Tree contest during the holiday season and in conjunction with the Downtown Franklin Holiday Lighting celebration.

Each year, community organizations decorate a themed tree and visitors vote by making a small donation for the trees they like best.

This year, the Franklin Community High School K-9 Service Club decorated a pet-themed tree for HSJC. Their design was playful and fun, just like our pets, and received second place.

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