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## A Note from the President

### A journey of great patience

By Vicki Palmore

Two years ago I started on a new journey. After attending an Association of Pet Dog Trainers conference, Kelli Stropes and I participated in an arduous dog training study through the Karen Pryor Academy, started a new dog training business and began training dogs through positive reinforcement.

One of the key elements involved in this type of training is having patience and waiting for new behaviors to happen so one can capture and shape exciting new behaviors in a dog's repertoire.

The Humane Society of Johnson County's journey to the beginning of construction of our facility has also been a journey involving great patience. Everything has a time and place which fit into the great picture of Creation.

While we have been faced with several delays, the light seems to be at the end of our almost one year long tunnel from architectural drawing release to ground

breaking.

Patience is paying off.

The Power behind the dream and the Faith in the dream will push this project forward.

We sincerely hope to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new facility and to honor all of those who have had faith in this effort sometime in the late spring or early summer of 2011.

Please join us in this effort by contributing your time by volunteering, your money to support the construction or become a member of the Forever Fostering Friends circle to support the continuing care of animals in need of our service.

— Vicki Palmore

President, HSJC Board of Directors

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**Ty runs to Amanda Kilgore during the annual Dachshund Derby.**

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## Largest construction project in our history

By Jerry Hornback

I am excited to be apart of this phase of construction with the Humane Society of Johnson County (HSJC). This next phase of construction for the Pet Center will be phase 3; reconstruction.

This will be the largest construction project the Humane Society has seen in its history. The facility will be transformed from a 12,800-square-foot horse stable and arena to a full functioning adoption center.

The design of this facility was developed by four main sources of input: our internal board of directors, surveys from other animal facilities, Curran architectural associates and their supporting engineering groups. Together we conducted multiple meetings and design revisions until the board was fully satisfied with the final design.

A lot of design preparation was needed to receive city, county and state design releases due the change of use of this site and to meet all the latest rules and regulations mandated for a commercial building. This took many meetings with our civil engineer, architect and all associated government officials to make this happen, and many thanks to all of them for the diligent work to make it come together.

Our general contractor selection was rigorous but thorough, and we decided to go forward with CPM Construction from Indianapolis. This selection was based on many factors. Some the most important items were price, experience, attention to detail, providing immediate answers to our board, warranty and workmanship commitment, construction efficiency and company financial stability.

One of the directives given to CPM is to use as many Johnson county subcontractors as possible to

employ local people in the area. There will be approximately 25 subcontracting companies needed to complete this project which is estimated to take four to five months and to cost nearly \$1.2M.

The basic layout of the facility will include 24 dog runs, eight separate feline rooms, a surgery area, adoption rooms and multiple staff working offices and working areas to maximize working efficiency.

Some of the design features of this facility are:

- Open air dog kennels to mitigate disease and reduce the mental stress of housed dogs
- HVAC system upgrades to provide superior control of odor and air borne bacteria
- Natural lighting to reduce electrical expenses and to simulate natural setting
- Retail appeal of all of the animal quarters and front lobby
- Large multipurpose room that can be used for dog training and open rental use.
- Pet cemetery to accommodate donors who want to provide permanent resting place for their pets.
- Consideration to noise abatement and noise separation to ease younger K-9 animals and felines.
- Will have a fully quarantined area for incoming animals for screening and surgery room to accommodate most medical needs.

I feel the design of this new facility will be appreciated by all who are an advocate for animal welfare. I am looking forward to a grand opening in the spring of 2011.

— Jerry Hornback  
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## Volunteer Voice

### Giving more than just a check

By Loren A. Snyder

**G**iving to our favorite charities is something most of us would like to do sometime in our lives, but how and when can we do it?

There are many ways to give to the Humane Society of Johnson County or your other favorite charities, besides just writing checks or giving cash.

I will go into a little more detail on some of those options in the following:

1. Gift of Appreciated Securities (stocks)

Over a lifetime many individuals have accumulated securities which have appreciated in value. If an individual were to sell those appreciated securities they would have to pay capital gains tax; however, a recognized charitable organization does not have to pay the capital gains tax. So instead of selling the stock and giving cash to the organization, which the individual will pay tax on, give the appreciated security to the organization.

2. Name the Charitable Organization as a Beneficiary of a portion of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

When naming the beneficiaries of an IRA account, generally people think about family and friends. Charitable organizations can also be named as a beneficiary to a part of your IRA. Naming the charity as the beneficiary instead of your family or friends also avoids taxation on the IRA. Family members as beneficiary of an IRA will have to pay taxes but the charity won't. So if someone has \$50,000 in cash and a \$50,000 IRA and would like to split the total between a family member and a charity, the cash should be given to

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the family member and the IRA to the charity.

3. Establish Charitable Trust  
During your lifetime you can establish a charitable trust that gives your spouse, children, family, and/or others income for their lifetime and upon their passing the principal amount in the trust goes to the charities outlined in the original trust agreement.

4. Bequest Through Your Estate/Trust

By way of your will/trust, any portion of a person's estate can be given to a charitable organization. The bequest must be through a legal document that states the exact wishes.

By no means is this list limiting, because there are other ways to give to the Humane Society and other charitable organizations, but these are some of the more common. I don't care; give now, give later, or give after you are gone, but give to the things you care about.

— Loren A. Snyder

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## Fostering saves lives

By Karen Buckler

I have now made it through two months here at the Humane Society of Johnson County (HSJC). There are so many things going and so many directions to go, it is hard to keep up with myself.

We have had the Fall Festival, the Dachshund Derby, the Paw Pounder and numerous meetings out in the community. I have met with the K-9 Group from the Franklin Community High School and the 4 Paws group at the Greenwood Middle School. The kids in both of these groups are such a benefit to our organization. My biggest focus is explaining who we are and what we do here at HSJC.

Our Annual Meeting is planned for Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Artcraft Theatre in Franklin. This will be a fun evening with some new twists to the event. We will be sending out more information, so watch your mailboxes and your e-mails.

I became a foster parent! I have now had two foster dogs. The first was adopted within a couple weeks. I now have my second foster, Yang. I find fostering so much fun.

My own dogs, Herbie and Sally, are so used to all their four-legged "nieces and nephews" coming over, having an extra dog in the house is more fun for them. I do believe my foster dogs are ready to be adopted because they go just about everywhere with me and are so tired by the end of the day. They are ready for a forever home so they can stay home and sleep.

I do get excited knowing my foster will be adopted, because I get to foster a new dog.

I know I am helping my fosters to have a good life while they wait on their forever home. This is just one more dog HSJC can bring into the organization and save.

I wish we had more foster homes so we did not have to turn away so many of the animals that come to our door every day. If you are not ready for a forever commitment for a companion animal, consider fostering. It can be a short term commitment to help save the life of one more animal.

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— Karen Buckler,  
Executive Director, HSJC

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### Dec. 14: Annual meeting

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**Where:** the Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Featuring:** Annual award presentations

**Cost:** Free

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## Dachshund Derby: Run for fun and fundraising



Sixty-six dachshunds registered for the annual Dachshund Derby, a HSJC fundraiser held in conjunction with the Franklin Fall Festival.

We had "racers" from as far away

as Zionsville, Carmel, Mooresville and Nashville travel to Franklin to join the fun.

There are still Dachshund Derby T-shirts available at Townhouse Gifts in Franklin. The selling of the

T-shirts still goes as a donation to the Humane Society of Johnson County.

This annual event is sponsored by Heartland Community Bank and Townhouse Gifts.



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**Top:** Steve Bechman watches as the dogs leave the gates. **Above:** Ty runs to owner Amanda Kilgore of Greenwood during the derby. **Right:** Weiner dogs leave the gates and run to their owners in the derby.



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## Spotlight: Changing lives with spare change

By Jessica Underwood, Volunteer Coordinator

Jim and Nancy first learned of the Humane Society of Johnson County when our then executive director, Marian Pohley, gave a presentation to the Lions Club in 2007.

Since that time, the McCay's have not only been active supporters of the Lions Club, they have been valuable volunteers for HSJC.

In addition to Nancy's weekly volunteer time spent in the office, Jim and Nancy travel to local businesses to collect the money deposited in the Humane Society's donation banks.

The donations are then returned to the Pet Center where they are tallied and tracked in Nancy's donation bank binder. We currently have 28 banks located throughout Johnson County.

Thanks to a volunteer who is employed at White Castle, HSJC has donation banks placed at the Sheek Road, State Road 135 and Franklin locations. A friendly competition was started between these three locations to see who can collect the most donations for HSJC.

Each month, Jim and Nancy collect and tally the amounts



Baby and Lady McCay with one of HSJC's donation cans.

collected at each location and the one with the most donations wins an employee party.

Humane Society donation banks can be found all around town. Please help us help the animals of Johnson County by donating your spare change in our donation banks, and patronize the businesses that are supporting our efforts!

Jim and Nancy live in Franklin

with their 15-year-old cockatiel, Mickey, along with their 6-year-old Chihuahua mix, Baby, and Baby's daughter, 3-year-old Lady, whom they adopted from HSJC.

If you would like more information about placing a donation bank in a local business, please contact the office at (317) 535-6626.

## Spotlight: Birthday girl gives to animals



Kiera proudly poses with a full donation can from her birthday party.

When Kiera Guckenberger's parents asked what she wanted to do for her 7th birthday party, what she suggested surprised them. This surprise quickly turned to pride as their soon to be 7 year old daughter announced instead of presents she wanted guests to donate to the animals of the Humane Society. On October 3rd, Kiera and her approximately fifteen guests enjoyed her party.

Kirk Guckenberger, Kiera's

father, noted that a great number of friends, neighbors and teachers donated to Kiera's birthday as soon as their heard of her generous heart. Kiera collected \$211 to help the animals. Thank you to all of you who helped make Kiera's birthday a happy and heart-warming event.

Happy Birthday, Kiera! The dogs and cats of the Humane Society of Johnson County thank you for helping them.

Kiera is the daughter of Kirk and Debbie Guckenberger of Franklin.



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## Canine rehabilitation and physical therapy

By Tess Axe, RVT, Hillview Veterinary Clinic

Canine rehabilitation and physical therapy is basically applying and adapting those concepts used in human physical therapy to canine patients. Those concepts are also applied to other species, such as cats and horses. The main goals of rehabilitation are to increase speed of recovery time, decrease pain, and to improve quality of life and function.

Rehabilitation is a non-invasive approach to helping animals recover or improve from a wide variety of conditions including but not limited to: orthopedic or neurological conditions, surgery, injury, obesity, arthritis, muscle loss, conditioning for performance animals and cardiac or respiratory issues.

These issues are addressed on a patient-to-patient basis with a specific plan developed by the therapist depending on the condition of the patient. Along with therapeutic exercises, stretching and massage, there are quite a few modalities that are commonly used. Depending on the facility, certain modalities may or may not be available. A few examples of modalities include therapeutic ultrasound, heat and cold therapy, therapeutic laser, electrical stimulation and underwater treadmill.

One of the common conditions seen in canine patients is loss of activity due to the aging process. Most people are not aware that rehabilitation is an option for their elderly dog that can no longer chase after squirrels or go on hikes with the family. This is often a devastating thing for owners to witness and the main concern may be: Is my dog in pain? A veterinarian will determine the cause of the decreased activity level and also if the dog is in pain.

If pain is present, medications may be prescribed to alleviate the



pain. Although pain medications are helpful in specific situations, rehabilitation with a therapist may be prescribed to help build up muscle mass, increase joint range of motion and decrease pain.

With the initiation of rehabilitation, the veterinarian may be able to decrease the amount of medications, which will decrease the likelihood of side effects due to long-term use.

The most fundamental exercise for our four-legged friends is leash walking. During the recovery period, controlled, low-impact activities are best. Leash walks allow the owner to control the speed and distance that the dog walks. If the owner has the dog walk at a slow and steady pace, the dog must bear weight on each limb relatively equally. They will also have to perform greater joint range of motion compared to that when running.

Rehabilitation can be a way for owners to bond more with their dog(s) as well as get in better physical condition. If the dog needs to go on a leash walk each day, guess who else gets to go on a walk each day? YOU!

It is a wonderful thing to witness a dog and owner happier and healthier each time they walk in the door.

Therefore, in addition to recovering from injury, surgical procedures or the aging process, rehabilitation is also beneficial to dogs that are overweight or just out of shape.

Even if your dog is not a performance animal, it is still an excellent idea to have them exercise a few days per week. During the warmer months, swimming in lakes, ponds, or pools is a great low-impact activity for canine patients.

It allows them to use muscles and joints without having to bear their weight. Obviously, dogs should be monitored closely during this activity to assure that they do not panic and injure themselves. Another great low-impact activity is walking on an underwater treadmill. The treadmill belt allows for the same control as leash walking while the water allows for buoyancy and resistance to build muscle mass and increase joint range of motion.

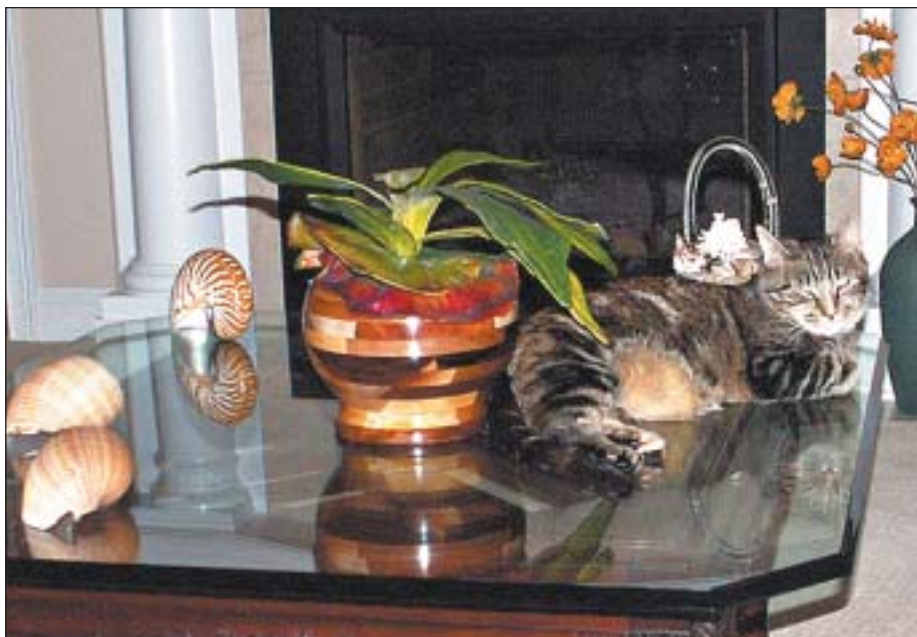
Rehabilitation in the veterinary setting is still a relatively new concept. There are quite a few practices in the surrounding areas that do offer physical therapy services that will benefit every patient if done consistently. In addition to issues dealing with muscles, joints, tendons, and ligaments, rehabilitation can also be useful in patients with wounds, cardiac and/or respiratory issues.

One of the modalities commonly used, the therapeutic laser, can increase the speed of healing time of wounds. Controlled, low-impact exercises can aid in a number of cardiac and/or respiratory issues by slowly building up endurance.

Canine patients should be evaluated by a veterinarian before beginning rehabilitation to assure they can handle the activities and that there are no other medical issues that need to be addressed.

## Happy Tails: She's come a long way

By Sherri and Bill Rightmyer



Today we give thanks for receiving a little angel into our family. Lilly, previously known as Clover, has come a long way from the scared little kitty we brought home on Thursday. She loves playing with the mice that we bought her.

Hunter, my late kitty, used to settle beside me every evening while watching television. Lilly learned the drill very fast. We even have a new coffee table ornament, as you can see from the picture.

She received a clean bill of health from our veterinarian on Friday. We love her and thank you for taking such good care of her until we were introduced.

## Featured Pet: Lucy looks for her forever home

By Karen Buckler

Hi, I am Lucy. I am a Lhasa Apso about 3 years old. I was with a breeder and she couldn't keep me any longer, so I came to the Humane Society of Johnson County. I was lucky they had room for me.

After a few weeks, the folks realized I was pregnant. Boy were they surprised! I delivered five puppies on August 25, 2010. I was a great mom; however, I am very happy all my babies are now adopted. I am going to be spayed and I am kind of scared about the surgery; however, I am excited I do not have to have anymore babies.

Everyone says I am very sweet, calm, and have a great personality. I like other dogs too. I love being with people and getting lots of attention. I am looking for my forever home. I need a family to love.



Lucy is sweet, calm Lhasa Apso who needs a home.

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By Marian Pohley

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We are especially grateful to Debbie Phelps, office manager for the organization. She has led the charge for Office Pride as they continue to support the goals of HSJC of caring for homeless animals in Johnson County.

Thank you Debbie and Office Pride.



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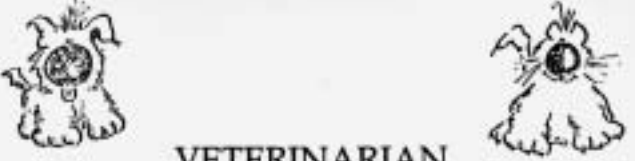
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