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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DOG HOUSE

Lynda and I really want to thank all our members who have volunteered, donated, and otherwise contributed to the work of rescuing and adopting out the neglected animals of our parish over the past year. Your help is always needed, but it is also **always** appreciated. Our rescued animals will live out their lives in safe, loving homes because of your generosity and ongoing support. Your continued participation makes it all possible. Thank you, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to you all! **Randy**



PAWS FOR THE CURRENT NEWS

🐾 We were honored to have two speakers at our meeting in November. Mr. Jeff Dorson, animal rights activist, gave us an update on animal abuse cases in and around our parish. It saddened all of us to hear of the abuse happening in our own neighborhoods. Many horrendous photos were available for viewing; his investigations are on going. Jeff also stressed the need for volunteers to participate from within our chapter; no matter how small the job, your help is needed. The need to educate our school children on humane animal treatment was brought up and discussed among the group. Stew Gegenheimer, and new member, Scott Ploof, volunteered to speak in schools on behalf of our Chapter, if proper training and presentation materials were made available. We hope to accomplish this goal in 2008. Then candidate Robby Miller, who was in a run-off for Parish President, paid us a visit and spoke of his past experience with the Humane Society of LA. He offered his support to our Chapter. Thanks to Jeff and Robby for sharing with us part of their valuable time. Door prizes, disguised as "doggie bags" were given out to lucky winners. Coffee and refreshments were available at the conclusion of the meeting.

🐾 Our 2nd Pet Adoption Day, held on Saturday, November 24th, turned out to be a very cold and windy one. We had three adorable youngsters, and Buster, a sweet 1-1/2 year old energetic mixed breed. He didn't seem to mind the cold at all, and had a great time romping around and greeting all the families passing by our tent. If you know someone who is looking for a pet, please refer them to the website: www.tangihumane.petfinder.com.

🐾 Some not-so-good news: Our power washer was stolen from the shelter last month; it was used to clean the pet cages on a daily basis. We had little choice but to buy a replacement for it.



HOLIDAY HEALTH TIPS FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

'Tis the season to "deck the halls" with all sorts of holiday plants and decorations, but did you know there are a few holiday greens that may be dangerous to your pet?

🐾Holly & Mistletoe: Ingesting these festive holiday plants can lead to serious diarrhea and tummy upset. It's possible that mistletoe may also cause cardiovascular problems.

🐾Poinsettias & Lilies: Both can upset your pets belly and bowels, but poinsettias are particularly irritating to the mouth and can be poisonous.

🐾Christmas Trees: Keep thirsty pets away from tree water. It's often mixed with fertilizers, which tends to upset the stomach. And if the water has been sitting for a while, it may also harbor potentially harmful bacteria.

🐾Pine needles: If swallowed, can pierce the stomach or intestines.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HSLT ANGELS:

🐾ALL who donated dog and cat food at our November meeting. It was a great success. We received enough pet food to feed our rescues for 2-3 weeks.

🐾Sandy Baham, Joan Bly, Joselynn Canizaro, Judy Edwards, and Scott Ploof for signing up for the animal food donation list; you will be contacted with more details after the holidays.

🐾Doris Harding and the great folks at St. Vincent de Paul for donating numerous bags of blankets and towels over the past year.

🐾Rebecca and Tammy at Cool Cats/Hot Dogs in Ponchatoula for sponsoring a dog & cat food drive in their shop for our rescues, from November 24th through December 15th. Thanks also to everyone at Cool/Cats/Hot Dogs for hosting our first two Pet Adoption Days earlier this year.

🐾North Oaks Medical Center, for donating the use of their tent for our Pet Adoption Days.

🐾Kelly Blackwell, Teri Gegenheimer, and Jackie Wharton for all their help with our Pet Adoption Days.

🐾Teri Gegenheimer, for updating our chapter information and adoptions listings at Petfinder.com.

🐾Members of the Tickfaw Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to support our rescue efforts.



WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PACK

Sandy Baham
Kelly Blackwell
Bill & Myrna Brewer

Barbara Eleser
Inez Mandella
Scott Ploof

Doris Poirrier
Herbert Ridlen & Susan Sevin
Pete, Mona & Isabelle Wharton

Dear Fellow Members:

I have always been an avid animal lover and have recently been looking for an organization to join that would allow me to help our four-legged friends. I joined the Tangipahoa Chapter of the Humane Society of LA just two weeks ago when I volunteered to help at the Pet Adoption Day. I was expecting to learn about a shelter in Tangipahoa where these animals are kept safe as other shelters do. Instead, I learned that these hopeful "pets" were given a home with Randy and Lynda Stegall! I was astounded to find that this couple had taken the shelter to a whole new level and is actually caring for these animals at their home. I have never seen this type of situation and I just wanted to commend them on a job well done. It truly takes a special person to open their arms to those in need and here, at the Humane Society of LA-Tangi Chapter, we have two people that have made a life of giving. I am truly honored to be able to help in any way. As a new member, I thought I may be able to give a bit of thanks to Randy and Lynda, since it is a difficult task to find people that care this much! I am very excited about the road ahead of this organization, and I am proud to be a part of it!

Sincerely,

Kelly Blackwell



SPOTLIGHT ON: S H E L B Y



Shelby is one of our "special needs" rescues. She is five years old, and a Hurricane Katrina survivor. During the storm, Shelby found refuge under a raised house in Ponchatoula. When the owner of the house discovered her, she found a frightened and traumatized dog. The original owners were eventually found, but because they were moving, they asked if Shelby could stay on at her new home. Shelby continued to live under the raised house, where she was cared for, but she never came inside—unless it was thundering outside. Shelby is now afraid of thunderstorms, and understandably so. Ultimately, Shelby was turned over to us when her second owner had to take in a sick relative, and was no longer able to care for her.

As you can see, Shelby's a pretty girl, who loves and gives affection once she feels comfortable with you. She is shy when first meeting new people, and especially so with rambunctious children. Shelby really needs to find a forever home with someone who can give her the love and understanding she needs to overcome all that she has been through, and return to the loving sweet dog that she truly is. We are confident that Shelby will turn out to be a GREAT pet for someone who can give her the patience and TLC she needs to shine once again.



HELP WAG OUR TAILS: PLEASE VOLUNTEER OR DONATE

🐾 Do you love to search the net? We need a volunteer to help research ways to obtain training and presentation materials, so we can begin giving presentations on humane animal care in our local schools. We have all the basic information you would need to get started. We also need a volunteer to help us locate shelters, sanctuaries, organizations, and services that either help or accept feral cats.

🐾 Do you have experience with website posting or design? We need some help with website design, as we prepare to post our very own website in the near future. If you would like to help with either of these tasks, please contact Teri Gegenheimer at: terihg@gmail.com

🐾 We are still looking for a printing company that will help us with our copying and printing needs as a donation, or at a discounted rate. Any assistance from our members in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

🐾 Leads...Collars... Harnesses... Many of our dogs have outgrown their original collars and need replacements soon. New or used large and X-large sizes are mostly needed. If you have extra leads that are not being used, they would be very useful to us on adoption days. We could also use new or used harnesses in all sizes. Adjustable ones are great too. These would be ideal for the safety of our pets when we show them on Pet Adoption Days. Please contact Randy Stegall at: tangihumane@charter.net, or Teri Gegenheimer at: terihg@gmail.com if you have any items you wish to donate.

🐾 Of course, one-time donations are always welcome, and can be made payable to: Humane Society of Louisiana-Tangipahoa Chapter, P.O. Box 1743, Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454



2007 YAPPY ADOPTIONS & UPDATES

Brutus, the Pit Bull, now has a new home in Holden.
Freckles, the Corgi mix, now has a new home in Mandeville.
Gator, a mixed breed, now has a new home in Hammond.
Sophie, the American Standard Bull Dog, now has a new family in Slidell.
Taco, the Chihuahua, moved with his new family to Texas.
Tuffy, the Pomeranian, now resides in Robert.
Chloe, the yellow lab, now has a nice new family in Ponchatoula.
Buster, a large mixed breed, now has a new family in Ponchatoula.

In addition to these great adoptions, we have been able to place 18 of our rescued animals into other no-kill shelters, or specialty no-kill rescue groups.

Over the past year, Randy & Lynda have conducted numerous animal cruelty investigations, resulting in two convictions of two misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty. There are also two felony charges of animal cruelty currently pending in the courts, as well as three more misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty underway.



TAIL WAGGIN' PHOTOS

We would like to start adding pictures of member's pets to our newsletters. If anyone has a cute photo that they would like to share along with a short description, please contact: Jackie Wharton at: jackentm@bellsouth.net or Teri Gegenheimer at: terihg@gmail.com



Suzie Q (Westie Terrier) in her first costume at just over one year old.
Owners: Tom & Jackie Wharton



HOWL OF THE MONTH

On the 1st day of creation, God created the dog.
On the 2nd day, God created man to serve the dog.
On the 3rd day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.
On the 4th day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.
On the 5th day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.
On the 6th day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.
On the 7th day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.



YAPPY HOWL-A-DAYS

The Humane Society of LA-Tangipahoa Chapter would like to wish our members, their families and friends a Blessed & Joyous Christmas. We also hope the New Year brings good health, prosperity and God's blessing throughout 2008.

Our animals send a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has cared deeply enough to give this past year. Their tummies are now full, and hopes of a "forever" home don't seem so far away. Please keep our rescues in your prayers.

"HEAVEN'S THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE DOGS AND CATS YOU'VE EVER LOVED COME TO GREET YOU AND WELCOME YOU HOME"

