

What's happening at the shelter

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Schwann Fundraiser** Nov. 10
<https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/16713>
- **Kids Club** Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.
 6-7 PM at shelter. Grades 2-6
- **Photos with Santa** Nov. 22
 from 4-6 PM. \$20 for 5x7 photo of your pet and Santa
- **Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Bar** Dec 6th 12-4 PM at the shelter. Free to enter. Make our own dozen cookies and they will be \$6.00 per dozen
- **Pampered Chef Open Party**
 Month of November; come to the shelter to place your order!

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Keeping Outdoor Cats Warm Through Winter

No matter what we do, some cats may only feel safe outside. But you can still keep kitty snug and warm this winter. Once nighttime temps dip into the low 40s, your outdoor pet should have shelter, Sonnenfield says.

"If you're dealing with an outdoor-only cat, be sure kitty has a warm, dry shelter and fresh water," McGeorge says. "If you live in an area where water will freeze, consider using a birdbath heater in the water."

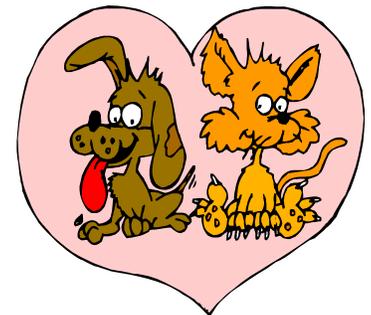
Providing shelter for cats in cold weather doesn't have to be hard. You can use an already manufactured pet house, a wooden box, even a

cardboard box. Insulate all sides of the shelter with foam board, old blankets, or plastic, then line the bottom with an old sleeping bag, coats, fleece, even inexpensive hay. No matter what you use, "check the bedding regularly," Sonnenfield says. Dirty, wet bedding could literally be the death of your cat. So each morning when you check kitty's water to be sure it isn't frozen, also check the bedding to make sure it's dry.

Try to place the shelter in a garage, covered porch, or beneath a carport, all of which can provide a few additional degrees of much-needed warmth. And be sure to raise the

refuge off the ground to keep the cold from leeching up through the shelter's bottom while giving your feline friend a sense of security.

To read this article in it's entirety go to www.petmd.com/features/prepping-your-pet-for-winter.



Casino Night a Huge Success!

If you didn't attend our first Casino Night/Silent Auction fundraiser on October 10th, you missed an exciting night! The event was a huge success! Those who attended had a great time playing blackjack, craps, and card

and the crowd was thrilled when silent auction items were awarded and a few things were auctioned live! Thank you to all the area businesses and individuals who donated auction items. Each item sold helped raise needed money for the shelter.



Featured Furry Friends

Hemi is a wonderful young, neutered, black lab mix approximately 10 months old. He loves to play with toys and the other dogs here at the shelter. He is great with children and even went to the library to listen as they read their stories to him. He is very energetic and would love to be someone's jogging or bicycling partner. He is very smart and loves fetch but would like to learn other games as well.



Name: Hemi

Breed: Black lab mix

Gender: Neutered Male

Age: 10 months old

Personality traits: Full of energy but able to calm down and great with children!

Adoption Fee: \$100

Handsome Grant

You won't find a sweeter boy anywhere than me, GRANT! I'm a NEUTERED brown mackerel tabby who was brought to the shelter as a stray in early June. I was not used to all the kind attention from people, but now I know that everyone here loves me a lot! I've relaxed and now spend my time playing with all the toys in Kitty

City and chasing after the other kittens here with me. But I don't want to stay forever. I really want a forever home with a loving person or family. Could that be you?



Princess Sophia

Have you ever thought of having a small animal as a pet? Small animals like rabbits and guinea pigs can make great first animals for a family. Did you know they can even play with toys? Rabbits love to be active and can be trained to do tricks! Come on out and meet Sophia and her friends!



Name: Sophia

Breed: Rex

Gender: Female

Personality Traits: loving

Age: 2 years old

10 reasons to adopt an older dog

1. What You See Is What You Get

Older dogs are open books—from the start, you'll know important things like their full-grown size, personality and grooming requirements. All this information makes it easier to pick the right dog and forge that instant love connection that will last a lifetime. If you're not so into surprises, an older dog is for you!

2. Easy to Train

Think you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Hogwash! Older dogs are great at focusing on you—and on the task at hand—because they're calmer than youngsters. Plus, all those years of experience reading humans can help them quickly figure out how to do what you're asking.

3. Seniors are Super-Loving

One of the cool parts of our job is reading stories from people just like you who have opted to adopt. The emails we get from pet parents with senior dogs seem to all contain beautiful, heartfelt descriptions of the love these dogs give you—and those of you who adopted dogs already in their golden years told us how devoted and grateful they are. It's an instant bond that cannot be topped!

4. They're Not a 24-7 Job

Grownup dogs don't require the constant monitoring puppies do, leaving you with more freedom to do your own thing. If you have young children, or just value your "me time," this is definitely a bonus.

5. They Settle in Quickly

Older dogs have been around the block and already learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack. They'll be part of the family in no time!

6. Fewer Messes

Your floors, shoes and furniture will thank you for adopting a senior pooch! Older dogs are likely to already be house-trained—and even if they're not, they have the physical and mental abilities to pick it up really fast (unlike puppies). With their teething years far behind them, seniors also are much less likely to be destructive chewers.

7. You Won't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew

There are those who yearn for a doggie friend of their own, but hold back because they worry what might happen in their lives in the years to come. And they are wise to do so—a puppy or young dog can be anywhere from an 8- to 20-year responsibility, which is not appropriate for the very elderly or those with certain long-term future plans. Providing a loving home for a dog in her golden years is not a less serious commitment, but it can be a shorter one.

8. They Enjoy Easy Livin'

Couch potato, know thyself! Please consider a canine retiree rather than a high-energy young dog who will run you ragged. Not that older dogs don't require any exercise—they do—but they're not going to need, or want, to run a marathon every day.

9. Save a Life, Be a Hero

At shelters, older dogs are often the last to be adopted and the first to be euthanized. Saving an animal's life offers an unparalleled emotional return on your investment, and you'll feel the rewards every day you spend together.

10. They're CUTE!

Need we say more?



Calling all readers!!!

Do you love to read? Do you love animals? Then we might just have a program for you! Whether you're new to the skill or a seasoned professional you can help a cat to feel more comfortable while waiting for its forever home. Cats are very easily stressed and tend to hide when they feel uncomfortable. Believe it or not the simple task of a human sitting with them and reading aloud can help them to feel safer. The safer they feel, the more they move about and the healthier they are. That means they will be easier for potential adopters to see and fall in love with! The program is called "Reading to Cats" and currently has one superstar reader

helping the cats to find homes. Hayden Gresley loves reading to the cats and they love him! He is really making a difference in their lives but he can't do it alone!



If you're interested in scheduling your child reading time, please call Sandy at (260) 244-6664. Children must bring their own books and be accompanied by an adult during each session.



HSWC Wish List

DOG FENCE FUND DRIVE

One of the biggest challenges to shelter dogs is kennel stress. We would love to be able to provide an outdoor area for them to romp any play and get out their energy.

For \$3 you can purchase one square foot of fence and help make this dream come true. Come to the shelter and make a donation today.

SHELTER VAN FUND DRIVE

The van we currently use has been dependable for over 10 years and served the needs of the shelter well. Donated by Dr. Colleen Quinn, the shelter's van is showing its age and needs to be replaced. We're accepting donations towards the purchase of a newer van. You can bring your donation to the shelter or mail it in today.

WISH LIST

Postage Stamps

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