



## Vernon County People for Pets – April 2009 Newsletter

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### FOSTERING AND ADOPTIONS

#### **Many Happy Tails!**

We have found homes for 56 dogs and one cat from January to April this year!

We promote our pets on the internet, via our website and [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), on the Radio station KNEM/KNMO 98.9, in the Nevada News, in the pet aisle at Wal-Mart, on our dog-house coin canisters at local vendors, at our charity shop Fido's Flea Market, 325 S. Cypress, Nevada, and other bulletin boards around the area.

The pets we take in are either owner surrenders, dumped, strays, unwanted litters or transferred from the Nevada Animal Shelter. This year we have taken in 5 litters of pups, made up of 8 labs, 8 beagles, 4 pom-poops, and 5 schnauzers. Fortunately, most all of them have found homes. In many cases it is easier to find homes for the young puppies, I guess you call it "Puppy Love".

In addition to the young dogs, we also took in some senior pets. For example, Opal a 9-yr old Pomeranian who is still in foster care waiting for her new home, and Willie a 6 yr. Dachshund who has been adopted.

Then there are some dogs that have been in foster care since puppies and are now full-grown adult dogs. Bill, for example, was one of a dumped litter we took in 2006. He is a great little guy who gets along with other dogs and loves kids, likes to ride in the car and just craves your attention. He has been to many of our adoption events in and out of town, but hasn't yet found his forever home. He is a medium sized, lab-mix, dark brown, 3 yrs old, just your average ordinary dog. Could he be your next best friend?

We spay/neuter and vaccinate all of our pets prior to adoption. While in foster care we provide them food, shelter, toys, flea/tick prevention, additional vaccinations and medical attention as needed. All of this can add up quickly and we rely solely on donations. Would you like to sponsor a pet? Consider a regular monthly donation to help us keep providing

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Putts for Mutts – Saturday May 23rd**

VCPFP will be hosting our first annual fundraising Golf Tournament at the Frank E. Peters Golf Course in Nevada, MO.

**2 Person Scramble, Entry Fee \$50 pp./ \$100 team**

**Target Hole in One prize – 2009 Jeep Patriot!**

**Coupon for FREE Magique Golf Club or Bag for contestants**

**Non-target Hole in One Prizes: Nike SUMO Driver or Irons, Bose**

**Wave Music System, \$500 Visa Gift Card**

Entry forms and sponsorship applications can be downloaded from our website [www.vcpfp.org](http://www.vcpfp.org).

We are actively seeking volunteers, sponsors and golfers to help us make the event a huge success! All proceeds from the events will definitely go to the dogs! 448-9799 for more info.

### SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

**As of March 31, 2009 VCPFP has assisted with 1789 Spay/Neuters for dogs/cats in our community since 2006.**

Thanks to the three local Veterinary Clinics who work with us.

54 Veterinary Clinic, W. Austin, 667-8381

Countryside Animal Hospital, E. Hickory, 667-5013

Nevada Veterinary Clinic, S. Ash, 667-6081

### FUNDRAISING

Change of plans with our Save-a-Label program. We recently were notified by the Best-Choice Save-a-Label programs that they only honor Best Choice labels. We had been sending in Always Save labels too, but they do not count in the program.

Please keep clipping and sending 'Best Choice' labels for us to turn into cash. \$30 for each 1000 collected. We appreciate everyone that has been "clipping and sending" labels to VCPFP.

### MEETINGS OPEN TO EVERYONE

We hold regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Our meeting location is Pizza Hut, Nevada and everyone is invited to attend.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help us with many of our upcoming events like the Golf Tournament, Bushwacker Days dog show, booth and parade, Dog Wash/Flea Dip, Adoption events, and general fundraising ventures. If you have the time we have things for you to do!