



Vernon County People for Pets – June 2009 Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS

Bushwhacker Days June 10-13

June 10th/11th we got rained out during the registration for the Dog Show on Wednesday. We had about 22 dogs turn out to sign up, but we had to reschedule for Thursday. Many of them returned, but more new ones came out and in all we had about 25 participating in the actual categories for the event. It was well attended, and the crowd really enjoyed the show.

Our mascot Fido even entered in a category or two and was a crowd favorite. Well, with the people at least – other dogs weren't too sure what to think of a 5.5 ft. dog.

Special thanks to 4-H'r Brett Snead who designed and printed our certificates for category and placement. They looked great!

June 12th / 13th we had our booth setup on the SE corner of the square with Homemade Dog Biscuits, Pop, Pet supplies and even a Pet Cookbook for sale. Many people stopped by to see photos of our adoptable pets and share stories of their pet pals.

Our float took first place in the Parade! Check out our website for photos. The theme was fun for all seasons – and I think we covered them all! Once again, our volunteers really outdid themselves this year. These events are a lot of work but we had a great turnout of volunteers to help with the booth, float, dog show, etc.

Dog Wash / Flea Dip!

The group held a fundraiser Dog Wash/Flea dip during a Pet Adoption event at Orscheln in Nevada. The turnout was low but a few dogs enjoyed the rub-a-dub-scrub. This is a monthly event for the next few months to help pets get some relief from the fleas and ticks this summer. Call 448-9799 to find out when the next one is scheduled.

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

Why Spay/Neuter ? Here are some reasons and benefits.

- Spaying female dogs and cats **eliminates the possibility** of ovarian cancer and reduces the incidences of breast cancer.
- Neutering male dogs and cats **reduces** the incidences of prostate cancer.
- Spayed and neutered dogs and cats have **healthier lives**.
- Spayed and neutered animals are calmer, more obedient, **more affectionate** pets.
- Spaying **eliminates the female's heat cycle** which can occur two times a year in a dog and three or more times a year in a cat.
- Spaying **eliminates the spotting or staining** which is part of a female dog's cycle.
- Neutered cats are **less likely to mark** territory by spraying.
- Spayed or neutered pets are **less likely to bite**, be aggressive, bark excessively, or exhibit destructive behavior.
- Neutered pets are **less likely to roam** the neighborhood, run away, get into a fight, or be hit by a car.

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

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Memorial funds have been setup to receive contributions on behalf of the following who have recently passed away.

Annie E. Reed, 18, passed away on Sunday May 24, 2009

Veda Edmonds, 92, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2009

MEETINGS OPEN TO EVERYONE

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

Pet-Cook-Books now on sale. We have compiled a list of pet-friendly recipes that you can prepare for your pet from treats to meals. If you are interested in purchasing one of these books, please call 448-9799 or stop by Fido's Flea Market!