



PAW PRINTS

Finney County Humane Society

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Special Edition 2006

Donations and Memberships Needed

We feel that in 2006 this organization made a difference in this community. Please read the "Did You Know" article for some specifics. But, as you know, what we can do is limited by the amount of the donations to us and by the amount we get from membership dues. We have a number of ongoing projects for 2007 and we would like to be able to afford to start new projects as well. All of the projects benefit animals in some way.

So, as the end of the year approaches, please consider helping with a tax deductible donation and/or your membership dues for 2007. Remember, the FCHS consists of all volunteers, no paid positions. And the FCHS is a 501c3 not for profit organization.

For future help, consider the FCHS when writing your will or planning your estate. You can also let your loved ones know that it is your wish to name the FCHS as a memorial in your honor at the time of your passing.

join us!

GREAT NEWS!!! ALERT!! CHECK THIS OUT !!

The Animal Shelter and several FCHS foster homes have a large variety of cats that the FCHS has had spayed or neutered. Their adoption cost is only \$28. \$16.50 is prepaying for a rabies shot, \$10 is the shelter adoption fee, and \$2 is for a tag. For information call the shelter at 620-276-1152 or Carol at 620-275-8943



From the President

Members,

I would like to challenge you to help us with our membership campaign this November. Would you please fill out your membership application and find one new family or individual to join us for next year?

Because of all the activities we must do for the animals we really do need "more man power". There are so many ways folks can help. We had some who saved old towels for the shelter, some who would buy extra puppy food when it was on sale and share. When we had our flea market there were many who donated items for us to sell. Our concession stands always need people to work that day and donate food. Of course the dogs in the shelter need to be walked and the cats need to be loved.

When we have a special activity there are posters to be made and flyers to be handed out. When we send out our newsletter we need help updating the mailing list and addressing. Some drive our van with animals to out of town rescues, such as Denver.

The list goes on and on. So that a few members do not carry all the burden we do need more to help. Won't you join a special group of people who are saving the animals? Please mail your and your friends memberships in today.

Nancy Garhart

Memorial Thank you

to the following people that donated a memorial in the name of Eugene Duncan.

*Mr. and Mrs Doug Crotty, III
Bobby and Sherry Statter*

Memorial to Alan LaShier

The following is a list of those that donated to the FCHS in memory of Alan Lashier: *Thank You*
Jeff and Marla Linenberger, Susan Burgardt, James and Karen Dechant, Lucy Linenberger, Gary Powers, Mr. & Mrs Gary Salyer, Loyde Gerber, W.T. and Anne Rooney Roger and Marla Powers



GREAT TURNOUT FOR FLEA MARKET!

The MarketFest Flea Market was a success from beginning to end.

To begin with we were given a great location to hold the Flea Market so a huge thanks to the Finney County Preservation Alliance for letting us use the Windsor Hotel.

We were fortunate to have several items donated for us to sell and Helen Batchelder did a fantastic job of organizing and pricing the items. Helen gave tirelessly of her time to make the Flea Market a success. Other volunteers helped to price items and helped on the day of the sale. A good crowd of people stopped by to purchase items.

In the end the hard work paid off with a profit of \$1,696.92. This money will be used to help keep the "Hound Hauler" running.

Antique and Craft Show Successful

The FCHS booth at the Antique and Craft show on Oct. 28 & 29 was a success. We made \$377. Several people donated wonderful handmade art and/or craft items to make having the booth possible. Merlene Whampler donated a painting and several adorable pet travel bags. Jim Mathews gave us some of his wonderful pottery. Candice Horner made us some beautiful Afghans and throws. Kay Gillespie gave us several of her Bottle Art items. Mary Davis made fun gift baskets. Kent and Nancy Garhart donated some of their collectible items. Jan Beckette made gorgeous jewelry. Helen Batchelder donated collectible cookbooks. Daryl Hopkins donated hand drawn cards and a carved letter opener. Barbara Kearns and Danna Jones contributed delicious baked goods. Tim Adams gave a painting and his wife, Maurita, gave us pot holders.

Nancy and Kent Garhart planned, set up, tore down, and worked at the booth almost the whole weekend. That is dedication that everyone is grateful for. Every donation and purchase at the show was also greatly appreciated.



The Very Best Pet Network (VBPN) is a group consisting of Purina, Wal-Mart, and the American Humane Association. These companies have gotten together to help shelter across the United States promote animal adoption. Each time this message appears in our newsletter or at one of our events, the animal shelter gets points from VBPN toward an end of the year prize.

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CLASSIFIED ADS: To help us defray the cost of postage for our newsletters, we have decided to sell space, the size of a regular sized business card, in our newsletter. For \$20 you can have your business card printed, place an ad for items for sale, use the space as a memorial to a lost pet or person, publicize an upcoming event for your business or organization, or just have your name listed. To place an ad, please contact the FCHS message machine at 620-272-5651.

AUCTION CONCESSIONS

Don't forget to
save your used
inkjet and laser
cartridges!



To Donate Call
272-5651 or
275-6364



For Adoption



Peaches has beautiful creamy yellow soft fur. She is litterboxed trained and would love a nice indoor home. She is currently at a foster home. Her cost is a \$30 deposit and you would receive a \$25 refund with proof of her being spayed. Call Carol at 620-275-8943.

For Adoption



Callie is a gorgeous white with gray and yellow calico. The FCHS has had her spayed and she is currently in a foster home. If you want a loving indoor cat, her cost is \$28. Call Carol at 620-275-8943.



Thanks to Larry Johnston we have run the concession stand at his auctions as a fundraiser. We have done several now and would like to thank all of those that have volunteered with food items and with working the stand. Christy Botts is in charge of this and we simply could not even attempt this without her. She cooks a lot of food, shops for our items to sell, and tirelessly works the stand from beginning to end. Thank you Christy!

We hope to be doing more concessions in the upcoming months and we need your help. We need people to work the stand for what ever amount of time that you can give. We need people to make pies, soups, cookies, burritos, enchiladas, etc...If you can't donate your time and you don't want to cook, we can always use donations of small packages of chips, sliced cheese, deli meat, cans of pop, Styrofoam coffee cups or bowls, and store made desserts.

To help, call Nancy
at 620 275-6364.

PET FOOD NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Contributions of small bags of dry, and also cans, of dog and cat food would be appreciated. The FCHS is still trying to fill the pet food needs of seniors and handicapped individuals that receive Meals on Wheels. However our supply has run low. To donate please call Nancy at 620-275-6364.

STRAY CATS NEED HELP TOO!

Remember, please help stray cats to stay warm and fed this winter. The cats that are roaming neighborhoods are stray through no fault of their own, but because they didn't have responsible owners.



To help them, consider doing the following:

1. Provide food for them. Even cheap dry food would be a huge help to them.
2. Provide shelter for them. You could use a dog house, a cage, a barrel, or carrying crate with protective covering on it. Put dry straw or blankets inside.
3. Provide fresh water for the cats. Each day ensure that it is not frozen. Electric bowls can be purchased that will keep the water from freezing.
4. Consider leaving your garage door up a few inches so that a cat can take refuge in your garage.
5. When you find a roaming cat with a tag, try to locate its owners. If it has a city tag, call the shelter at 620-276-1152 to see who the tag is issued to.
6. If you see a cat that looks like it is hurt or sick, take it to a vet or to the animal shelter. Remember, if the cat goes to the shelter it will most likely be euthanized.
7. Take the cat to the vet for vaccinations and worming so it will at least be healthy.
8. Place a "Found" ad in the G.C. Telegram to try and find the owners. The Telegram will run a "Found" ad for 3 days at no cost to you.
9. Make flyers with a picture of the cat. Place them around your neighborhood and in busy stores. (This would be good for finding previous owners or to try and find a new owner.)
10. Try and find an inside home for the cat. Place an ad in the paper, send out emails to friends, and talk to friends and coworkers.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To prevent cruelty to
animals, to relieve
suffering among ani-
mals, and to promote
the extension of
humane education

DID YOU KNOW?:



That in 2006 the FCHS furnished the treatment room at the shelter so that Dr. Boos can spay/neuter cats, and so that shelter animals can be treated for minor injuries and illnesses? The spayed/neutered cats can be adopted from the shelter for \$28.

That in 2006 the FCHS held 2 Parvo clinics to provide free parvo vaccinations?

That from January through October 2006 the FCHS transferred 493 dogs and 59 cats to DDFL? And, 32 dogs were sent to rescue groups? That is 103 more dogs and 59 more cats than we took in 2005!

That in the first 9 months of 2006 the FCHS spent \$4,500 in gas and upkeep for the "Hound Hauler" van?

That from January through October 2006 228 dogs and 47 cats were adopted from the shelter?

That in 2006 the FCHS had volunteers helping to walk the shelter dogs almost every Saturday?

That in 2006 the FCHS had volunteers spend an uncountable number of hours helping at the animal shelter?

That in 2006 the FCHS distributed pet food to some of the recipients of Meals on Wheels for their pets?

That in 2006 the FCHS put on a flea market and raised \$1,656.92.

That in 2006 the FCHS put the "Kind News" in 11 3rd grades and every 5th grade classroom in Finney County?

That in 2006 the FCHS took pictures for the Pet of the Week in the Garden City Telegram, for the FCHS website, for the Garden City website and for cable channel 8?

That in 2006 a volunteer with the FCHS was on Q-97 every Thursday to promote Pets of the Week?

That in 2006 a volunteer with the FCHS was on KUPK every Friday to promote Pet Pals?

That in 2006 the FCHS volunteers ran concession stands on Saturday auctions to raise money? So far this year \$1,810 has been made.

That in 2006 the FCHS submitted 5 grant applications to help fund the organizations projects?

PROTECT YOUR PETS THIS WINTER

To protect you pet during the cold winter months, please follow these safety tips:

- When it falls below 20 degrees, you'll need to keep all of your pets indoors. Shorthaired dogs, cats and puppies should be kept indoors when the temperature dips below 40 degrees.

- Keep your pet's coat well groomed. Matted fur won't properly protect your pet from the cold.

- Check your garage and driveway for antifreeze and other chemicals. Antifreeze tastes sweet to pets, but most brands are very poisonous if consumed and can be fatal. Should your pet ingest any amount of antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately. Consider using a pet-safe antifreeze.

- Regularly check your pet's water to make sure it isn't frozen. When your pet is outside, make sure there is plenty of fresh drinking water available. Animals can't burn calories without a fresh supply of water and if they can't burn calories, they can't keep warm. Also, use a tip-resistant, ceramic or hard plastic water bowl rather than a metal one, as your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to cold metal. Several stores in town sell the water dishes that you can plug in to an electrical outlet. This will ensure that the drinking water won't freeze. Even if you don't have outside pets, this would be good to use to provide stray cats with a vital water supply.

- Provide a dry, draft-free doghouse if you must keep your dog outside for any period of time. This would also be good to provide for your outside cats or for any stray neighborhood cats. Don't forget, cats need shelter too! The doghouse should be large enough to allow your dog to sit and lay down comfortably, but small enough to hold his body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doghouse should be turned to face away from the wind and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic. Buy a few bales of hay and stack it against the doghouse on the north side to act as a wind buffer. A few stores in town sell electrical heating mats that are made for putting in a doghouse to provide warmth. A regular heating pad made for inside is not a good substitute! It would be dangerous for outside use.

- Get into the habit of slapping the hood of your vehicle before starting it. In their search to keep warm outdoors, cats often take refuge next to a warm car engine or tire.

- Keep snow from piling high next to your fence. A packed snowdrift will provide a boost for your dog to jump over the fence and escape the safe confines of your yard.

- Use a damp towel to wipe your pet's feet and underside when they come inside. Ice-melting chemicals can irritate and burn the pads of your pet's feet and will cause serious injury if ingested.



Current Members:



FINNEY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY MEMBERS

Renew Your Membership for 2007



We are in the process of updating our membership files and mailing labels.
Please remember to renew your membership in our worthy organization.

Membership dues provide a large part of our operating and projects revenue.
Not only does it help pay for fuel and maintenance for the Hound Hauler and medicine for sick animals,
it also pays for printing and mailing of your Paw Prints newsletter.

PLEASE clip the coupon below and renew your membership **NOW!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Individual \$15

Family \$25

Business/Corporation \$100

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Thank You!

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Thank You! Please let us know who referred you: _____