



# PAW PRINTS

**Finney County Humane Society**

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Spring 2007

## Creature Comforts



Marcella Scholl shown with a few of the hundreds of pillows that she made for animals!

Once Marcella Scholl decided to make a few pillows for foster homes to use for their cats, there was no stopping her.

Almost 500 pillows later, she thinks that she may stop for now. She has made pillows stuffed with fiberfill, pillows stuffed with shredded paper, and pillows stuffed with cut-up material and pantyhose. She has also made pads with several layers of material to be used for litters of kittens or puppies. The pads and the pillows stuffed with shredded paper are great for the shelter cats and dogs because they can be thrown away after each animal uses it to avoid spreading germs. The ones stuffed with fiberfill or material are comfy and washable.

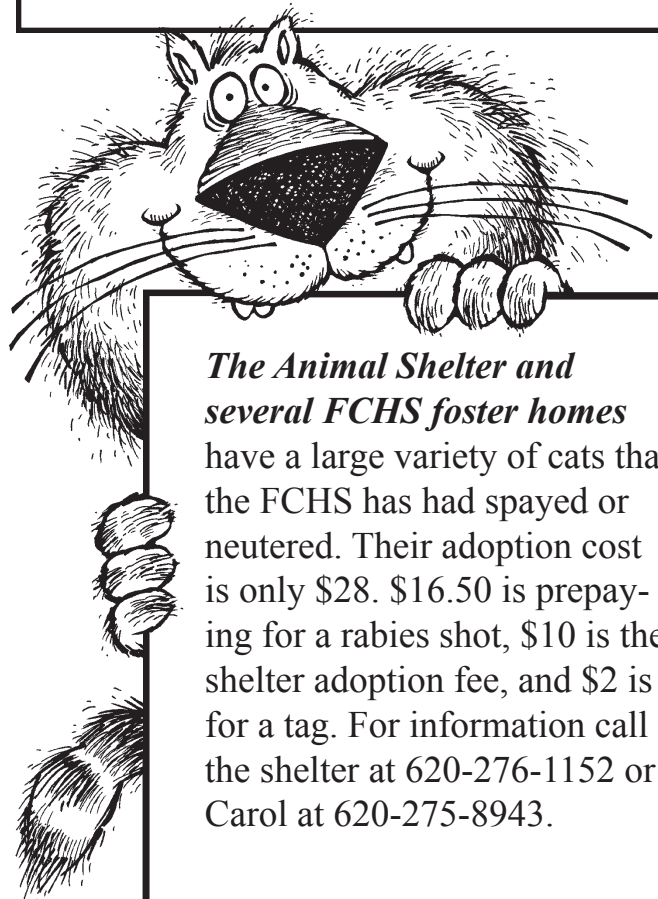
Most of the foster homes have pillows from Marcella and report that their cats and dogs love them. The cats and dogs in the shelter are a little more comfortable as a result of the pillows and pads. Some pillow recipients have said that they have put some throwaway pillows outside for feral cats in their neighborhood. The pillows have even been distributed to Silent Angels in Leoti, and Great Plains Angels for Animals in Liberal.

Marcella Scholl sure found a great way to make a difference.

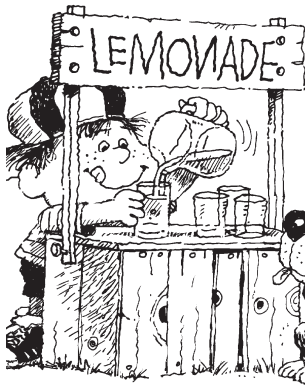
## "COUNTRY GOONESS" Cookbook

The FCHS has produced a delightfully unique cookbook using a collection of recipes from FCHS members. The

cookbook sells for only \$6.00 and you can purchase it at the Paperback Book Nook, 1808 ½ E. Kansas Avenue, in Garden City.



*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.



## Hats Off to our Youth!

Since January we have had some very special young people helping the animals in their own ways. Haley Anderson and Emily Burns set up a lemonade stand, during the warm spell, and gave their proceeds to the Humane Society.

Cody Hill has been doing many things this year. He has sold bracelets, donated collars to the shelter, saved half of his earned money and donated it to the Humane Society. He has also walked dogs at the shelter and put up flyers for the Humane Society.

Carson Brennaman is still walking dogs and helping in the cat room when she can.

Levi Prince walks the larger dogs, that are hard for some of us to walk on Saturdays. And, he even adopted a dog from the shelter.

We appreciate it so when the youth support and help the animals!!



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 shelters 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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*The FCHS would like say  
"Thank You"*

*to the kind people that donated to the  
FCHS in the memory  
of Eugene Dugan:  
Bobby & Sherry Stalter  
Doug III & Leona Crotty  
One anonymous donor*

### FINAL FREE PARVO CLINIC OF THE YEAR!

The FCHS will have the final free Parvo-Distemper clinic of the year on June 16, 2007. It will be at the Animal Shelter parking lot from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome to bring their dog if it is not current on shots. Litters of puppies welcome if they are 6 weeks of age or older.



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

To Donate Call 620-260-7658



**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.

# *In Memory*

## **Charlie Guy**

Charlie Guy was a big man who loved animals. He loved big dogs like Ben, a Rottweiler mix adopted from the shelter and he loved small dogs like Sarah, a Maltese. He loved middle sized dogs like Mark, a poodle/terrier mix that went with him everywhere before the dog became sick with cancer.

Charlie even loved cats, particularly the ones that were the permanent residents. He tolerated the many other cats that his dear wife Mary regularly added to the count. Eventually he built her a "cat house" to try to keep down the numbers in his own house.

Charlie was a friend to all of God's creatures who needed his help. He even befriended a homeless man, gave him a place to live, shared his food, and tried to restore his dignity by providing him with meaningful work, and most importantly, he gave him his friendship.

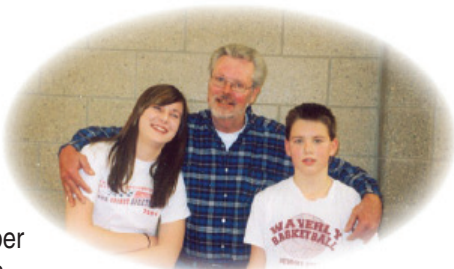
Charlie dearly loved his children and grandchildren and wanted the world for them.

For many of the Humane Society's early years, Charlie regularly loaned us a van to take our animals to Denver Dumb Friends League. He was just that kind of "guy".

Thank you to those of Charlie's friends that chose to send a memorial in his name to the FCHS.

Lee & Brenda Reeve  
Helen Batchelder  
Phil & Marilyn Webb  
Wendee LaPlant  
Mr. & Mrs Eugene Heiman  
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*Many Thanks*  
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The family and friends of Marilyn Thomas were  
very generous to donate to the FCHS  
in her memory. *Thank you.*

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Paul & Stephanie Bogner



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## • Bob Park

he first time I met Bob Park was on the phone. I was handling the February spay/neuter rebates that year and Bob called to get a rebate form for his new dog Rocky. I could tell by the enthusiasm in his voice that he was crazy about his dog. He described him in great detail and I could hear the pride and love in his voice for this puppy. He was going to get him neutered though as he knew that was the best thing for the dog and the responsible thing to do.

The next time I ran into Bob was several years later when he and his granddaughter Hailey came to Wal-Mart on a Saturday to help us with the animals on display. He gently encouraged Hailey to pick out the dog she wanted to walk, and he chose another, and off they went with their chosen ones, to get the fresh air and exercise the animals so sorely needed. Both man and child were delighted to spend their afternoon attending to the needs of the animals. At the end of the time there, Bob inquired if this was a regular event, and we promised to let him know when we next took the animals to Wal Mart so that he and Hailey could help again.

And so began a pattern of grandfather and granddaughter looking for ways to enjoy each others company while at the same time helping the animals who needed them. They rode on the float in the parades in the spring and summer; they helped with the concession stands in the fall; they helped with the flea market, and they were regulars at the shelter on Saturdays. Bob even started driving the van to WalMart on those Saturdays when the weather cooperated enough to take the animals there.

When the shelter received a Boston terrier mix, knowing that Bob loved the breed, we let him know. He took one look at her and knew that she should be Rocky's companion. He often took both dogs with him and even brought them to our flea market fundraiser. For years Rocky went to work with Bob. Man and dog had a bond that only they could appreciate. When his employer told Bob that Rocky would have to stay home due to safety or liability concerns, both man and dog were saddened that they would have to spend their days apart from then forward.

Last fall Bob fell ill with cancer. Despite his failing health and the weakness that accompanied it, Bob still brought his granddaughter to the shelter almost every Saturday until the very end of his life. Love of animals and the desire to help those in need was a passion that they both shared. It was part of the fabric of the bond between them.

We didn't get to spend enough time with Bob....none of us did....but he set an example of compassion, stewardship and devotion to his family and his pets that all of us could appreciate and should emulate. We will miss him.

Danna Jones



## Pet Haven Cemetery and Crematory

Pets are becoming more and more a part of our families, and also is the need for the services

of a pet cemetery.

The Pet Cemetery offers a comforting solution when owners don't know where to turn during such an emotional time. Most owners don't know that they have a choice when they are faced with that decision and some probably just prefer not to think about what happens if they just leave their pet at the veterinary clinic after it dies.

Private burials are offered in the cemetery, which is just a short distance from Dodge City, or a private cremation may be a better option for some who might be considering moving and would want to take their pet's ashes with them. The cremations are quickly becoming more popular due to the fact that people seem to travel or move around more with their jobs, and this is a convenient way to have their pet's memory with them.

**For pictures and more information about Pet Haven Cemetery you can go to [www.pethavencrematory.com](http://www.pethavencrematory.com).**

To contact Teresa you may call:

620-385-2503 (home) • 620-227-8651 (work)  
620-338-1103 (cell)

### **Greensburg Animals Needed Help Too**

It was a dark and stormy night. Everyone has read that comic line before. Well, on May 4, 2007 there was nothing funny about what happened in Greensburg. Incredible devastation for people and animals is what took place that Friday night. But, come Saturday, something else incredible happened. Incredible compassion and dedication to helping! People not only thought to help the humans, they also thought to help the animals.

Along with police officers, the Garden City Police Department sent Animal Control Officers, Karen Casanova and Travis Bailey, to help. Dr. E. David Sells and his wife, Becky, spent all of the weekend in Greensburg helping to care for animals. Mark Morrell and Doree Bates loaded up the FCHS van with animal cages, food, leashes, and other necessities and spent an exhausting several days ensuring that they could help as many animals as possible. Although the need never arose, dozens of citizens in Garden City volunteered to foster Greensburg animals.

The FCHS is so proud of the volunteer's hard work and willingness to help and we would like to say a humble Thank You!

*Thank You*

A memorial to the "FCHS Reward Fund" was given for Mary Jones. Mary was the mother of long time member and volunteer Bill Jones. The memorial was given by Carole and Dale Gabel. Thank you for the generous donation to a very worthy cause.

For more information on the FCHS Reward Fund, please call Nancy at 620-275-6364



**To many of us** the answer is clear, build! But, not everyone would agree with that answer, and some of them sit on the City and County Commissions. That was when we decided to try and provide complete, im-

partial, and accurate information to all parties so that they could conduct factual discussions.

Mark Morell and I put together a presentation of pictures and a small packet of information to be presented at each of their respective meetings. Some of the commissioners had not been to the shelter and had no information about the existing conditions. Mark presented the pictures, explaining each one. They highlighted such areas as: overcrowding, lack of ventilation, broken furnace, food storage problems, one entrance for both people and animals, no hot water, and the inadequate animal disposal facility.

We were pleased that both groups asked many questions throughout the presentation. The County Commission asked: Could the FCHS raise the money to build a new shelter? Do we really need a new shelter? Can't we just fix this one? Could we go to Denver every week to take care of the overcrowding? The City Commission questions were a little different because they had been looking at this question for two years and their Citizens Committee put it on their "high priority" list for capital improvements. Some of their comments were: Would we have to buy land? Wouldn't it be better to spend money on people than animals? Do we have individual supporters that could help with the costs? Why doesn't the Humane Society run the shelter?

Mark and I felt that we provided information that the commissioners did not have previously and that they could continue to review in the future. There will be a joint committee formed to research all of these questions. Members of the Society will be part of that group. We are grateful that we are to be included.

Nancy Garhart



## **\$1000 REWARD OFFERED**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, between 5 and 6 pm at East Garden Village, someone shot a tiny Chihuahua as it was crossing a street. The dog was cared for by Danna Jones until it was determined that the dog was injured too severely. He then had to be euthanized. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for information leading to the conviction of the person that did this to him. If you have information please call the FCHS at 620-272-5651.

Several caring people have donated to the reward fund.

The Finney County Humane Society

Helen Batchelder

Carole & Dale Gabel

Danna Jones

Paul & Debbie Karkiainen

Dena Stattler

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FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED FOR  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

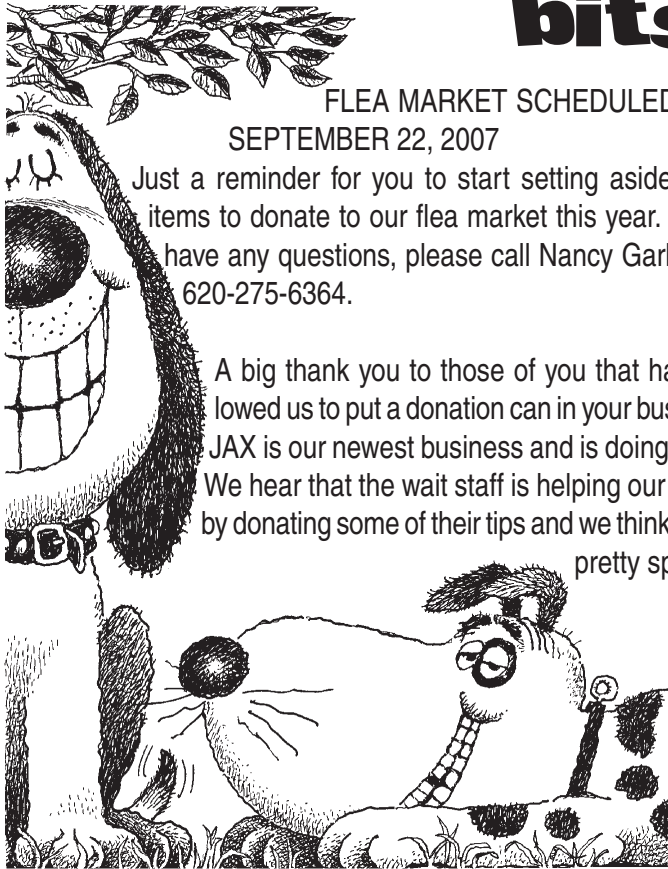
Just a reminder for you to start setting aside good items to donate to our flea market this year. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Garhart at 620-275-6364.

A big thank you to those of you that have allowed us to put a donation can in your business. JAX is our newest business and is doing great! We hear that the wait staff is helping our cause by donating some of their tips and we think that is pretty special.

**Dear Micky,  
Thank you for taking us for walks.  
Love, The Shelter Dogs.**

Thank goodness it has been over a year since the FCHS has had to confiscate abused or neglected horses. (All of our previous cases have ended with the owner being found guilty of abuse.) It is a sad situation when there is no alternative to the FCHS taking action, but action will be taken if necessary. The biggest problem faced, when horses are involved, is where to foster the horse without paying high fees. The second problem is the cost of feed. If you have space and are willing to board a horse for us, or if you have hay to donate, when the need arises, please contact Nancy Garhart at 620-275-6364.

Life has been a little easier for cat foster homes thanks to The Watering Hole and 3<sup>rd</sup> & Kansas Liquor Outlet for donating cardboard flats for use as litter boxes. We sure appreciate it!



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To prevent cruelty to  
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fering among animals,  
and to promote the  
extension of  
humane education