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Animal Adoptions

Animals available for adoption daily at Pet Harmony. Store Hours 9am - 7pm Tues - Sat, Sun 12-5pm. Adoption Events are also held the first and third Saturday of every month at PETSMART from 1-3 and cat adoptions are also every Wed from 6-8PM. Visit animalcompassionnetwork.org for an up-to-date calendar, information.



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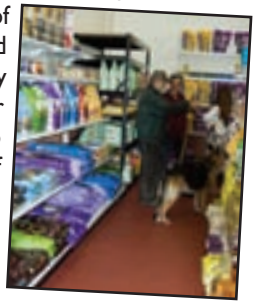
Our pets live in foster homes and take turns visiting Pet Harmony. Our cats and kittens stay for a week or so in "Kitty City," and our foster dogs come to play in the "Dog Park" every day and then go home to their foster families at night. If you fall in love with a pet online, we'll happily arrange a meeting at Pet Harmony.

We know so many of you want to adopt a humane society pet in particular, and now you can at Pet Harmony. Through our partnership with Asheville Humane Society, many of the cats in our adoption room have been pulled from the local shelter, and shelter dogs visit several days a week. We love that they get a day out of the shelter to come and play and get extra exposure for adoption.

Best of all, none of the rescued animals at Pet Harmony, including the rescued shelter dogs, are ever under threat of euthanasia. ACN is a safe-for-life organization, meaning that our foster animals stay

in foster care until adoption. And even after adoption, they will always be guaranteed a foster space with ACN if they are returned – even if it is 10 years after an adoption.

With the costs of medical care and supplies, ACN rarely breaks even on our the adoption fee, so to reach our goal of making Pet Harmony's second-chance pets everyone's first choice, we have developed some great services at Pet Harmony to make the adoption center possible.



Pet Harmony offers quality pet food and supplies - the products we endorse are the ones we give our own pets! Our foods are all natural, American made and affordable; our store manager Linda is an expert in pet nutrition and is happy to serve as your personal shopper to help your pet receive the best nutrition. Her specialty is special-needs pets – finicky eater, sensitive stomach, allergies. Linda can help. Our full line of homeopathic supplements are overseen by our three resident pharmacists.

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Phaidra Foor, 8, holds a cat up for adoption at Pet Harmony. Foor and her third grade classmates raised nearly \$600 through small fundraisers for Pet Harmony and the Animal Compassion Network. 6/2/08 - Erin Brethauer (ebrethau@citizen-times.com)

and her 25 years of grooming experience at (828) 775-2718. Linda Gavel, a certified trainer, also offers training classes. Call 247-3647 to enroll.

Prop 2

by Jackie Teeple, - Courtesy HSUS.

November 4th was an historic day for everyone, and that includes the pigs, chickens, and cows! On that day, California voters approved Proposition 2, which will ban some of the worst cruelty to animals raised for food in that state: keeping egg-laying chickens in battery cages so small that they can't spread their wings, veal calves in crates for their entire miserable short lives, and pregnant pigs in crates so small that they can't take a step forward or backward or turn around. Farmed animals in California will be given these basic necessities by 2015

On the other side of the country, Question 3 passed, which will ban greyhound racing in the state of Massachusetts by 2010. Dogs who are used for racing typically spend 20 hours per day confined to cages measuring only 32 in. by 42 in. by 34 in. Many of the dogs can't even stand completely upright. The animals are also highly susceptible to injuries, including fractures, dislocations, lacerations, and amputations. And because injured dogs are no longer of use to the industry, they are often simply killed. Because the phase-out will occur over a period of 14 months, greyhound advocacy groups such as Grey2K USA are confident that they will be

able to find homes for any racing dogs who become available for adoption.

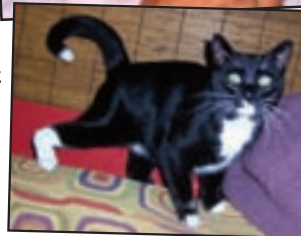
The Boots Fund

by Jackie Teeple

Boots was adopted to a great family who cherish him as their sweet, gentle, perfect little boy. In that, he is not unique. ACN is able through their foster care program to match pets with just the right families. But Boots is a little different - he was born with malformed back legs and a heart murmur. The family who found the surprise litter went to great lengths and expense to care for him with daily massage and 'boots' crafted from finger splints, though allergies and their lease forced them to give him up. So Boots found his

way into my foster room (by way of Craigslist; I can't seem to help myself.)

Boots got along just fine on his three fit legs, but his heart murmur required a specialist's attention. So a few volunteers and I held a yard sale at Pet Harmony to raise the money necessary to help this special needs kitty. The sale was so successful that we raised enough money to establish the Boots Fund, a program designed to assist ACN foster animals whose special needs exceed ACN's budget. Proceeds from several items at this fall's Taste of Compassion were earmarked for the fund. What a difference one little stray kitten and a group of caring people can make - especially to a special needs animal who just needs someone to give him a chance.



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Volunteers Needed

ACN is looking for just the right people to fill the following volunteer positions. Please email Krista Luck at LoveScotties3@yahoo.com if you are interested. Nothing feels better than lending a hand - and giving your heart - to a pet in need!

PetSmart Cat Care Coordinator: Schedule volunteers to provide care for the cats housed at PetSmart, oversee the volunteers in their duties (maintaining litter, food and water, and socializing), and laundry drop off and pick up. This is a big responsibility with a huge reward for the individual with good organizational skills and a true commitment to our felines friends!

Volunteer Coordinator for Pet Harmony: Help new volunteers find their place at Pet Harmony, keep a volunteer schedule, and organize special volunteer events with the ACN assistant volunteer coordinator. Join the dedicated community of volunteers at Pet Harmony!

Taste of Compassion a Tasty Success

The Fifth Annual Taste of Compassion Wine Tasting and Silent Auction held at Coleman Place was a huge success this year raising almost \$13,000. Over 150 items were presented for bidding along with a vintage Jaguar car, antiques, beautiful jewelry, pottery, golf outings, spa treatments and more. The food - sponsored by Laughing Seed, La Paz, Nona Mia, Well-Bred Bakery, filo, and Ferenze cheese - was plentiful and delicious. Mutual Distributing Company featured complimentary wines from Biltmore Estate, Red Truck, and Rosenblum. Great entertainment from One Leg Up and Clear Channel's Kim Mathews kept the bidding going for the entire evening. Everyone had a great time and went home knowing that they'd done something good for homeless cats and dogs.

ACN on the Web

If you haven't already, check out our new and improved animal compassion network. org. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Suzi Katz of Alice Web Design for donating her time (much more than she bargained for) and considerable talent to making our new website such a glorious reality. To anyone looking for a web designer, Suzi is the best in the business. She is fast and efficient, creative and really, really patient. It's a rare person who can interpret someone else's ideas and create a final product with such accuracy and flair. It is professionals like Suzi who most deserve our support and business in return.

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From left to right: May, Suzi and Ella Kate

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From Our Executive Director by Eileen Bouressa

Some are calling Flicka's tale a Christmas miracle, but that would mean that it's inexplicable by natural law, and the universe is filled with examples of random elements looking for what completes them. It would also mean that this story is unique, when in fact it's just one of hundreds we have to tell. It's more fitting to call this a story about finding harmony and the way Animal Compassion Network helps homeless pets and people become whole again.

Flicka was a working dog in an outlying county, a Catahoula Leopard dog, bred to hunt everything from large game to small birds. There were many times when she was kicked and beaten, although she never knew why. She didn't understand the difference between the birds she was trained to hunt and the chickens on the farm.

September 11 will forever be remembered as a day the world changed, and that couldn't be any truer than for Flicka on that fateful date this year. Early that morning, Flicka had committed another crime against the chickens. But this time, the man vowed to make sure it never happened again. He concentrated mostly on the offending part of her, leaving her mouth bloody and swollen. But then something out of the ordinary happened; the man bestowed upon her perhaps the first and last kindness he ever would. He dragged her into the animal shelter and surrendered her for a certain, albeit humane, euthanasia. Fortunately, the euthanasias were finished for the day when they arrived, and Flicka was granted a weekend reprieve.

I have met many angels in this line of work, but few affect me like Donna, a truly selfless volunteer. She volunteers her time in this particular outlying shelter, trying her hardest to find homes for these animals against all odds. When she fails, she comforts them until they leave this world. Donna is a giant amongst our kind. But on this particular Saturday, Donna had some joy in her step as she walked the shelter rows, because this was one of two weekends a year when she could pull dogs out of her shelter and bring them to Asheville for the Subaru Pet Adoptathon. Today, they had a chance.

As Donna began the process of selecting the dogs she would take, she hesitated at Flicka's cage. Watching Flicka attempt to disappear into the corner under her gaze,

Donna knew she wouldn't show well for adoption. But as she thought more about it, she decided that the least she could offer this trembling dog was a weekend of sunshine, fresh air and the love of the volunteers. Flicka had made the cut.

Donna was right. There wasn't much interest in a dog who avoided eye contact and cowered. Sadly, it did not seem likely that even ACN's tradition of transferring all unadopted shelter dogs into our foster homes at the end of the Adoptathon weekend would save her. There simply was no foster home who could take on such a large, scared dog in need of so much rehabilitation. That is until Krista Luck, ACN president, saw her – the lone dog being loaded up for her return to the shelter. Krista knew she was not in a position to give Flicka everything she would need to become a family pet, but this time she knew she had something that would make all the difference for this dog: Pet Harmony.

Pet Harmony is ACN's pet store for rescued pets. It's a joyful place for foster dogs and cats to play and be adopted. Fortunately, it's also a place where ACN staff and volunteers can pour their hearts into helping an animal in need, even one as critically shy and scared as this Catahoula girl. No sooner had her physical healing started than the Pet Harmony crew began the difficult work of emotional healing. Flicka spent the nights at Krista's house but came to Pet Harmony daily for socialization, affection and training to build her confidence. Overseeing her training was Pet Harmony's manager and lead trainer, Linda Gavel, and soon you could almost see the dog Flicka was capable of becoming. It was a painstaking process, but that didn't matter. All animals at Pet Harmony are safe-for-life and Flicka could take all the time she needed. A few weeks in, Flicka was still melting with fear when strangers, especially men, approached her. It was this image that brought the memories crashing back to Mary that first day she walked into Pet Harmony and met Flicka.

Thirteen years earlier, Mary, her husband Bob and their two teenage sons had met a little Lab/Chow puppy who stole their heart, despite her shyness and fear of men after being rescued from an abusive home.

They named her Bailey and spent the first half of her life convincing her that she would never be hurt again. Mary describes, "Over time Bailey came to love all of our family and, to my surprise, loved Bob as much as she loved me toward the end of her life." But the hardest part of sharing our lives with the cats and dogs we love so much is the inevitable goodbye. This August, Bailey lost a bravely-fought battle with lymphoma, leaving the family, in Mary's words, with "a huge void in our hearts and lives."

Everyone reacts differently to the loss of a pet. Some try to turn their grief into a positive by immediately saving another animal. Others cannot even consider another pet for years. Mary knew neither she nor Bob were ready for another dog. She says, "Nothing could replace Bailey." But she also knew that she couldn't live without her "dog fix," as she calls it, so she called ACN about volunteering at Pet Harmony. Mary was enjoying her



volunteering very much, but every time she spent the day with Flicka, all she could see was Bailey - the deep-rooted fear, a sad history, her desperate need for a family to teach her to trust again. There was a connection that would not be denied.

Weeks went by with Flicka rarely far from Mary's mind. Both she and Bob knew that

Flicka would progress more quickly if she were in a home with a family experienced in dog trauma, but they continued to stumble over the memory of Bailey. Then one day, as Mary was leaving Pet Harmony, she and Flicka exchanged a final look that resonated deeply with Mary. Suddenly Mary knew she had to do more. She went home to talk to Bob - what if they just fostered Flicka? With Bob in agreement, Flicka took her first questioning steps into her new temporary home.

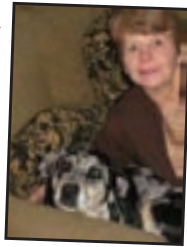
Almost immediately Mary and Bob realized that they needed her as much as she needed them, and so began "the healing process for all three of them." A few weeks later, we got the call we all suspected was coming. Mary and Bob had found with Flicka the completion they had lost with Bailey's death. Flicka had found a new home and the family had found their harmony once again.

Today Flicka still carries the scars from that last beating, but you can only really see them when she lifts her chin to smile at

you, which she does frequently now. Many people were responsible for saving her life, but the only reason ACN could say yes to giving her a chance was a place called Pet Harmony. A place that gives us the freedom to help a cat or dog who wouldn't make it anywhere else. A magical place where people and animals come to feel whole again.

We have hundreds of these stories to tell, many of them only possible thanks to Pet Harmony. Sadly, as donations and grants taper off in this struggling economy, Pet Harmony is now in jeopardy. We need your help to keep this life-giving adoption center open. You can go to Pet Harmony today and donate a heart plaque for the Giving Tree or sponsor a habitat in Kitty City as the perfect holiday gift. You can also donate online at www.animalcompassionnetwork.org. Even if you cannot donate now, you can still support us. Pet Harmony carries quality pet food and supplies (look for a fabulous one-time coupon in this issue) and offers training and grooming, too. All of the proceeds from Pet Harmony fund our lifesaving adoption center. We need your help. The dogs and cats still cowering in abusive homes and shelters out there need your help. Do you hear the whispers of those who cannot speak? Answer them that help is on the way by supporting Pet Harmony today.

Flicka and Mary



The Legacy of All Creatures by Jackie Teeple

I failed him.

That's what I keep thinking over and over, five months after Operation MoveOut moved in to the All Creatures Shelter in Hendersonville to shut the place down. It was a coup ten years in the making, but for so many animals, ten years too late. His name was Good Dog, one of the wonderful volunteers who had previously worked at the shelter and now joyfully watched it empty told me. How he came to be living - if that's what you'd call it - at this no-

kill shelter, and how long he'd been there, she couldn't say. Months. Years. He had been moved from a 10'x10' chainlink pen on "The Hill" - an area of crates and pens thick with waste, rats, and garbage that flooded in the rain - into a small crate inside the building a few weeks ago. Every hour of every day in a cage. Can you imagine that life? For several hours I worked in a concrete room with the other volunteers from HSUS, scrubbing feces and fur from rusty crates and the floor, and for all that time Good Dog lay curled on the newspapers of his metal box, shivering uncontrollably. The volunteer told me he'd been doing that since they brought him in. My god, I think now: scared to shaking, each hour of each day... When the first load of clean laundry came out of the dryer, Eileen - our director - brought a warm (if torn and chewed) blanket from the pile, draped it over the crate, and scooted another beneath him. His shivering lessened a little. Good Dog would be on the top of the list of animals we would take if possible, she said. But Good Dog failed his aggression testing, and while he would no longer suffer the constant fear, hunger, and loneliness in this place, he would neither know love and peace in a real home.

I'm grateful that ACN exists. I'm honored to be a small part of an animal's life as he or she moves from an uncertain limbo to a forever home. I keep a photo album of my temporary 'children.' But ACN can't do it all. We are each and every one of us members of a community that must take care of our own; there is simply no other option. A woman determined to dump her cat on ACN sneered and asked our cat coordinator "Where's the compassion in Animal Compassion Network?" when it was explained the we don't have a shelter and our foster homes were full. If she could foster her own cat until we found it a suitable home...? But no, she was uninterested in taking responsibility for her own pet.

The most important choice you can make is to have your pet spayed or neutered and talk to others about doing the same. How many kittens and puppies were born this year, doomed before they even opened their eyes? Because I want my child to witness the 'miracle of birth' (death from lethal injection at a shelter is less miraculous, I can assure you). Because my dog is so unique and wonderful that it would be a crime to not make just one (or more likely four or five) more. Because I already

have homes lined up for them. Because I don't want my pet to get fat, or because it's only natural for my cat to have one litter, or maybe because - and I love this one - neutering my dog will emasculate him (and by association, you too, I guess?). For every reason to not have an animal fixed, there was a dog or cat at All Creatures languishing. And today there is a cat or dog or litter of babies at the humane society or in a rescue waiting for a home because another took its place.

I don't remember Good Dog's face clearly; I must have seen a hundred dogs that day. But I can go into my spare bedroom right now and pick up Laura, the last of my foster cats who came from All Creatures. I'm grateful I have a part in helping her. But I feel as if I failed Good Dog. That is... unless I can convince each and every one of you to think about - to care about - the needy animals in our community and our country, and to feel responsible for them as you do your own. So I'm asking you, please, fix your pet and help a neighbor, friend, or coworker do the same. Then offer to take a dog off it's chain for a walk, volunteer at the shelter, or take in that stray that everyone feeds by nobody really cares for. Sure, we're all busy, but who can't make a little time, or go the extra mile, to make such a monumental change in a cat or dog's life? Let there be no more Good Dogs without the love they deserve and a home to call their own.

Four pets rescued from the All Creatures Shelter remain in ACN foster care awaiting their forever homes - meet them on page 7. Our special thanks go to Dr. Sharp and the staff at Swannanoa Valley Animal Hospital for their assistance caring for our All Creature pets.

Cat Lovers Rejoice!

by Jackie Teeple

On November 15 Asheville had a visit from a feral's best friend. The Humane Society of Buncombe County hosted a Trap-Neuter-Return workshop with Bryan Kortis of Neighborhood Cats at the Humane Alliance Spay/Neuter Clinic in Asheville. Bryan and two neighbors began Neighborhood Cats in 1999 to help a colony of feral cats in their Manhattan neighborhood, and the group has gone on to become the primary trap-neuter-return education and advocacy group in New York City. Trap-neuter-return - or TNR - is a proven, highly effective method of population control in feral cat populations in which individual cats

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are sterilized and returned to their colonies to be monitored by a dedicated caretaker. TNR is used widely throughout Europe and many progressive American cities, which Asheville, with its community of energetic and compassionate animal-lovers and the outstanding Humane Alliance Spay/Neuter Clinic, is poised to join. With TNR, the health of feral and abandoned cats improves, tax dollars are better spent, and euthanasia numbers drop dramatically. The Humane Society of Buncombe County is dedicated to uniting feral caretakers in their efforts through their Friends 2 Feral program. Since spring of '08, the group has already sterilized over 350 cats and they're just getting started! Currently, volunteers are needed to help trap, transport, and care for cats during recovery. If you missed the workshop, no worries. TRN info is available at www.neighborhoodcats.org and alleycat.org. Prevention is wiser than destruction!

Nancy Scheiter of the Humane Society of Buncombe County may be reached at 828-301-3377 (leave a message) for further details.



ACN's Top 5 Holiday Gift Ideas



With the tough economy this holiday season, the gift pile under your tree may not be the only thing suffering. Charities like the Red Cross and Salvation Army are feeling the pinch with donations down around 20 percent from last year. The good news is that supporting ACN is easy and painless. Check out the top 5 Gift Ideas below and you'll be giving more than just another pair of slipper socks this year!

#5. Just about anything! Shopping online through sites like Benevolink.com and iGive.com will raise funds for needy animals and won't cost you a thing. In fact, you'll likely find some great deals and exclusive bargains while you're there!

#4. Donate a heart plaque for Pet Harmony's Giving Tree. Heart Plaques come in denominations of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and are hung in Pet Harmony with your name to let everyone know you're a hero to rescued animals.

#3. Locally made art, jewelry, and gifts are aplenty at Pet Harmony. All the proceeds from sales go directly towards animals in need, and you won't find better quality for your money when it comes to our pet food, supplies and goodies.

#2. Sponsor an ACN cat or dog in honor of someone special. Your tax-deductible sponsorship donation of \$100 will go to pay medical and foster care expenses for one lucky cat or dog until their 'forever home' is found. You or your chosen recipient will receive a Sponsor-A-Pet certificate with your animal's picture, name and story for you to proudly display. Check the website or use the simple form on the back of this newsletter for info.

#1. A new best friend! There is no greater gift than to promise a lifetime of love and commitment to a new pet. But please don't adopt impulsively! Keep in mind the chaos and activity of the holidays, travel plans and the needs of every person in the home. If you wish to make a gift of a pet to a child, consider creating a "gift certificate" or even a stuffed animal representing their new pet. Once the holidays pass, visit an ACN adoption event or Pet Harmony and spend time finding the perfect pet for your family and home!



Asheville Breaks Chains and Builds Homes

In 2005, Asheville city ordinance changed requiring that any chain keeping a dog be 15 feet long. However, there are still hundreds of dogs in this city

on chains 24/7, some in violation of the ordinance and some on 15 foot chains, but their plight is still the same. They live in their own feces, many are parasite-ridden, bored, made to become aggressive (or sadly broken) and suffer through heat, stress, anger, neglect, and freezing cold. During this time of year, when these dogs cannot escape, many will suffer immensely.

That's where ChainFree Asheville steps in. With their "no dog is left behind... on a chain" mantra, volunteers are building fences to free tethered dogs throughout the city! And along with that feat, they're working to provide backyard dogs with proper housing. The First Annual Dog House Drive "Home for

the Howl-idays," through their subsidiary Habitats for Hounds will work to furnish every backyard dog in Asheville with a safe, warm dog house to protect them from the elements.

New and used houses are needed! Email julia.craven@yahoo.com and they'll happily come to you home to pick up or you can drop it off in West Asheville. And all are welcome to join their monthly 'fence-raising' events! Contact Peggy Irwin at 828-337-2448 or email to peggyfordogs@aol.com for more information.

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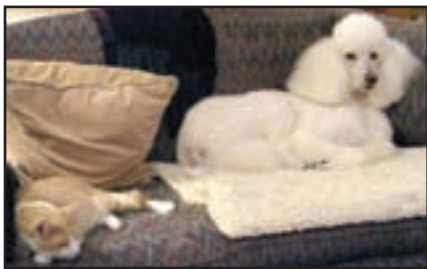
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Our Happy Tails... *rescue and adoption success stories*

Murphy was one of the many cats ACN rescued from the All Creatures Shelter in Hendersonville when it closed down. He was pretty scared and suffered from an untreated viral infection in one eye, but he loved to play! With a whole room to run through after his life in a small cage, this boy soon learned to be a happy cat and to trust and adore people. So when Pat Lipsey brought her standard poodle Annie to an adoption fair to meet Murphy, we all held our breath. After a cursory tail-sniff (with Annie standing stock-still), Murphy hopped up on Pat's lap with a "when do we go home?" look and it was all over. Now Murphy and Annie are best buds and this handsome big boy has a family who loves him as their special boy.



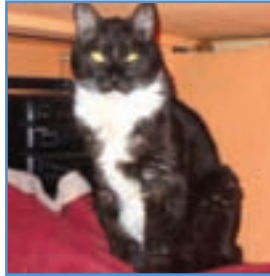
MacGregor

MacGregor is a young Scottish Terrier mix who was rescued from a high-kill shelter and was slated for euthanasia when room ran out. Luckily he ended up in a great foster home with children of all ages and other dogs and cats to play with until his forever home found him and fell in love. MacGregor now lives with his canine pal Sophie, and his new mom reports they're the best of friends. Sophie grooms him, and they often nap side by side. What a lucky boy!



Zilgen

Zilgen was named after the company that makes drums and guitars. His previous owners were going to take him to the shelter because they had just had a baby, but a caring foster family could not allow that and took him in to their home to care for him until his real, forever home was found. After over a year in foster care, Zilgen's perfect family came to an adoption fair and knew he belonged with them. Now he's a treasured pet who will never be discarded again.



Justice, Otter, Hazel and Buster

were rescued by their foster mom as they were headed to the shelter. A sweet and wonderful bunch of puppies, they were smart and took to crate training easily with their foster mom, a vet tech. In their foster home, these siblings were raised with dogs, cats, and children, so they were fully prepared for their new adoptive families! As is ACN policy, the parent dogs were altered with the help of ACN's Betty Fund so that no more homeless pups will result from careless breeding. These four were lucky to find themselves in the care of a loving foster home, and eventually in their own, perfect forever homes!



... and Hopeful Placements

Looking for the perfect home.

Lily is an absolutely gorgeous female long-hair brown tabby. She's about 3 years old now and has had a rough start in life. She had been adopted as a



kitten from another group but her guardians didn't take very good care of her and she was hit by a car. Her back leg was broken and her family never took her to the vet's office to have it fixed. She now walks with a slight limp and the vet recommends she take a joint supplement daily. Lily doesn't require a lot of attention and would love to just sleep on your bed all day long looking lovely. She gets along fine with other cats and dogs but would love to be an 'only child' and be spoiled from here on out.

Brown Bear is a very handsome classic Black and Tan Coonhound who was pulled from a shelter when



his time was almost up. He is very sweet and easy going but very shy; his life

before the shelter was probably not a easy one. Now Brown Bear is in a wonderful foster home where he is learning to trust people and has other dogs and cats to keep him company. He's crate trained and seems to particularly likes men, but children make him nervous. He'll make a perfect canine companion for someone looking for a faithful and grateful friend and who is willing to be patient while Brown Bear learns to trust and love.

Our All Creatures Shelter Rescues Available for Adoption!



Angel is a very pretty 9 year old white cat. She was abandoned and had lived outside for years until a nice lady took her in, and now she knows what she was missing! Angel loves to be petted and sleep in bed with her foster parents. She's a quiet girl who deserves a home that will love her forever. Come meet this sweetie and fall in love.

Lucy is a cute little terrier mix. She and her brother



Snoopy were dumped in a driveway as puppies. Now 9 months old, Lucy is a doll and loves everybody. She's a playful, crate-trained puppy who is housebroken and great with little kids and cats. She can be dominant with other dogs but is a couch potato who wants to be beside you - or better yet, on your lap.

Keller is searching for a very special, loving home. She's a senior cat, deaf, and doesn't really like sharing her people with other cats, but she's a little sweetheart who loves sitting in your lap and being petted. Keller really enjoys being brushed and passing the day looking out a window. She has a sweet little purr and a loud meow because she can't



hear herself talking! If you are looking for a darling lady, spend some time with this lovely girl.



Dozer is a one year old Shepherd mix. This big boy is all play and energy! He is very sweet

and loving but will require room to run off his puppy energy. Buster will do well in obedience training as he is smart and willing to please. He needs an active family with older children who can withstand his need to play and romp.

Gretta is a 3 year old Shepherd mix rescued from the All Creatures shelter. She's a sweet girl who loves attention and affection. And what a face!

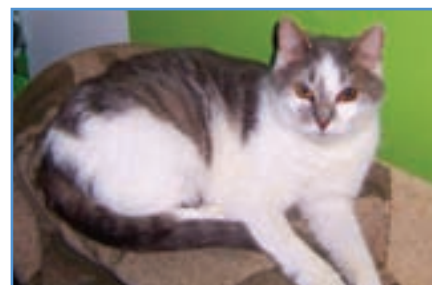


Marcie is believed to be about 3 years old and a Shepherd mix. Marcie is currently being fostered with other dogs and is doing very well. She is best described as the strong, silent type. She is a sweet and friendly girl who enjoys attention and affection. She has truly been given a second chance at life. She b o n d s quickly and is certain to make a loyal canine companion.



Laura is a lovely little girl who came from the All Creatures shelter in Hendersonville. She's a very sweet girl who just adores

people and will make a fantastic companion. She gets along fine with other cats once she's spent a little time with them and is calm and good natured. Come meet this wonderful girl!



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