



# Purrs and Grrrs Newsletter

May 2009

## Upcoming Events

- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Pet Adoption Day at Jefferson Feed
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Kitten Adoption Day at Petco in Kenner
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Pet Adoption Day at Jefferson Feed

## Dance with the Dogs!



**Dance with the Dogs on June 20th at Jefferson Feed.** We need volunteers to help us showcase the shelter's adoptable dogs on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson Feed.

Come out and enjoy spending the day with a great canine and help him find a forever home. Even if he isn't adopted that day, you've given them a great day out and about and a chance to meet people that may decide he will be the perfect pet for them.

Please e-mail RaeLynn at [kaneraelynn1958@hotmail.com](mailto:kaneraelynn1958@hotmail.com) to sign up for this event on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation is the key ingredient to finding homes for these animals.

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## FJAS Visa Card Now Available!

Friends of the Jefferson Animal Shelter now has a VISA Card that donates 1% of all purchases to our organization and also a \$25 first purchase bonus! No annual fee and low introductory rates.

Go to ....

<https://www.cardlabconnect.com/friendsofjeffanimalshelter> to apply for your FJAS Visa (you can pick one of our design or design your own card!) and start shopping to help the animals.

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## Happy Tails

Everett, now Carlos, is a kitten that was fostered by Becky and family.

*Carlos is doing great! He and the dog play real well together - Carlos (kitty) loves to attack Apollo's (dogs) tail when he least expects it! All is well, he is getting very big!*

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## Feral Spay/Neuter Day

Our **3<sup>rd</sup> Feral Spay/Neuter Day on May 31<sup>st</sup>** was another successful day with a total of **53 felines sterilized** (25 Females, 28 Males). Many many thanks to the trappers who are out there on a Saturday night scouring the city for those feral felines.

Our “Be a Lifesaver” Spay/Neuter Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ASPCA, PetSmart Charities, United Animal Nations (UAN), the International Fund for Animals (IFAW), and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

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### *FJAS Clothing*

We have T-shirts (both regular size and ladies tees), Denim Shirts, and Aprons with our logo. You can purchase these at Pet Adoption Days.

## It Takes a Village

**We need your help to reduce intake and euthanasia at the animal shelter.**

**Do you know someone whose kitten or cat is not spayed/neutered?** Let them know about our voucher program and the health benefits of spaying/neutering their animal. Also remind them that pet overpopulation is a serious problem and by spaying or neutering their pet, they won't be contributing to this problem.

**Do you or someone you know have strays in the neighborhood that are breeding?** TNR (trap-neuter-return) is the answer. Vouchers are available to have these ferals/strays fixed for \$10. Many organizations have traps you can borrow. Often the orphan kittens from these ferals/strays end up in the animal shelter and if a foster home is not available for these babies, they are often euthanized.

**Will you help us end pet overpopulation?**

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## Take Your Dog to Work Day®

June 26<sup>th</sup> is *Take Your Dog to Work Day®*, sponsored by Pet Sitters International (PSI). Take Your Dog To Work Day was created to celebrate the great companions dogs make and to encourage their adoption from humane societies, animal shelters and breed rescue clubs. This annual event encourages employers to experience the value of pets in their workplace for this one special day to promote pet adoptions. Learn more at [www.takeyourdog.com](http://www.takeyourdog.com)



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## Pawty at the Lake



For those of you who weren't able to make the Pawty at the Lake in Kenner, the City of Kenner went all out to make it a fun day for dogs and their people.

Laketown is a great venue for this type of event; there was lots of space so everyone was able to spread out. Unfortunately, the day was cut short by the weather, but we still had people come out between showers and adopt some of our animals. Thank you to all of the volunteers who braved the showers to help with the dogs; Dana and Sharon, Donna, Jim, Val, Frank and new volunteer Andre'. We, of course, could have used a few more volunteers, but having the cages to put the dogs in helped immensely.

Mayor Muniz honored several heroes of the animal community – Ann Bell with Southern Animal Foundation; Dr. Rollie Norris of Ark Animal Hospital; Sheila Stroup, Times-Picayune Columnist; Mother Teresa, a lovely black dog from the West Bank Shelter who was a mother to many; Kenner Police Dog Luca (who has passed over the rainbow bridge), and Lynn Morvant.

Thanks to all who helped put on this event. Also, thanks to the shelter staff for doing the paperwork. A very special thanks to Gary, JoAnn and Dees, who stayed to help Tom and I break down the cages in the pouring rain.



## Fostering

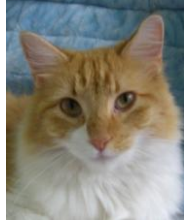
We'd like to welcome a new foster family – Jessica and Toby and their children.

During May, we took in 49 kittens and 3 mother cats. Peggy, Paula, Julie, Jessica, Sandra, Lina, Maria, Becky, Ralph, Alicia, Betty and the Vinets are fostering these intakes. Unfortunately, it was a rough month – we had several sick kittens and even with the best of care from our foster homes, we lost several of them.

Thanks to the Moutins for kitty sitting for Jen and Matt while they were out of the country, and thanks to the Ochoas for kitty sitting for Nicole and John while they went on vacation. Also, thanks to Kim for taking over 2 kittens from RaeLynn.



## June is Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month



June is Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month. Studies have shown that feline therapy eases anxiety by lowering blood pressure and releasing "feel good" endorphins. This time of year, our shelters are over-flowing with cats of all ages, so it is a great time to adopt a feline therapist to help heal your heart. Not only are you giving a shelter cat a second chance, you will also have a lifelong companion who will bring many years of love and devotion to your family.

Many people assume that if an animal is at the shelter, then something must be wrong with it or it wouldn't be at the shelter. This is not the case at all. Many people adopt and then discover that they are not ready for the commitment, so the animal ends up at the shelter.

So, make adoption your first option and improve your quality of life by adopting a shelter animal if you are ready for the commitment.

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### Purr Pad:

543 cats adopted since May 2003

### Pet Adoption Days

Our **May 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet Adoption Day** was **Cinco de Meow-O** held at **Jefferson Feed**. We had kittens fostered by Julie, Becky, Maria, Cathy, Sandra, Lina, the Ochoas, plus the felines at The Purr Pad.

RaeLynn, Tom, Kristi, Steve, Maria, Mike, Francisco and Wendi, Peggy, Paula, Jennifer, Jill and Meredith were there to help with our Feline Fiesta. The bake sale, boutique, and raffle tables had a steady stream of customers and the kitten area was quite busy with many looking for a new family friend. We had 7 kittens and 2 adult cats adopted that day.

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