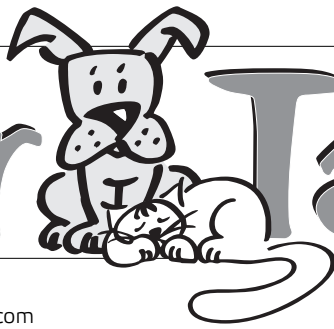


# Shelter Tails



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## BECAUSE OF YOU...DIVA BASH AND SILENT AUCTION

THE FIRST ANNUAL Humane Society of Warren County Diva Bash and Silent Auction was a howling success! Nearly 50 people attended the banquet and over \$2000 dollars was raised to help the animals at the Humane Society. The Humane Society's wonderful staff was on hand with several dogs to speak with the community regarding adoptions and pet ownership. One elderly dog was adopted several days later due to the event! There was great food, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and of course the Diva Beauty Pageant. Congratulations to the Diva winner, Marquita! The Humane Society would like to say thank you to everyone that donated items to our silent auction, our attendees, and to the "Diva's" for

making it a wonderful evening. A special thank you goes to Kathy Tredway for her incredible work on organizing the pageant and to Bowling Green County Club for hosting the event! Pictured below.

### And Because of YOU...

Our new cat kennels are here! They arrived the first week of November and I don't know who is more excited, the cats and kittens or the staff. These cages are state of the art, with shelves for cats and kittens to sleep on (or to jump off of in the midst of playing) and holes in which they can run through into another cage to have even more room to play. Thank you to those of you that donated to us especially for this cause. The cats and kit-

tens could not be happier! Please come by and see what your donations have done to make our animals happy. 🐾



*New cat kennels! Thank you all!*

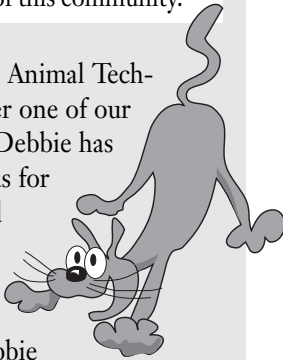


*Divas collected dollar votes in their band bags all night to determine the winner.*

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

THERE IS NO doubt about it. Employees at the Humane Society of Warren County are among the best of any shelter in the United States. These loving, dedicated and talented individuals make up a wonderful team. In each issue of Shelter Tails we will put the spotlight on two employees. We want you to get to know the people who serve the people and animal of this community.

**Debbie Barr**, Animal Technician, is another one of our cat caretakers. Debbie has also been with us for a short time and works at HSWC every other weekend. Right away, Debbie became part of the cat team because of her love and devotion for the cats. Debbie has learned very quickly and still continues to learn as much as possible. She is continuously asking questions so that she can benefit the lives of the cats here at shelter. Debbie just recently adopted a cat from our shelter.



**Justine Miller**, Animal Technician, is a full time dog caretaker. Justine joined the dog team in June and has learned a lot about the job

since. She has genuine concern and compassion for her work and the animals and takes her job very seriously. Justine is currently enrolled in the Veterinary Technician at Lord Fairfax and is further learning about animal care and health related issues. Justine has been a wonderful addition to the team at the Animal Shelter. 🐾

## Continuing Education for Our Staff

TECHNIQUES AND STANDARDS for the animal care field are constantly improving and becoming more efficient. Having a view to the future is an important skill for examining how key issues such as trends, innovations and standard shifts affect animals, individuals, and organizations. Shelters who explore the future learn how to avoid the consequences of unexpected changes, how to minimize risks and how to take advantage of opportunities that lay hidden around the next curve in time. In order for us to ensure we are maintaining these skills, which are of significant importance to us, we must continue to educate ourselves and our staff.

**Jeanette Farrell**, Shelter Director, and **Kim Vohs**, VP Board of Directors attended the **Southern Regional Spay/Neuter Leadership Conference**. We brought back with us the knowledge to further educate our community on the urgency of this overwhelming dilemma as well as providing us with the information towards a solution for our county and how to accomplish it. The topics included: *Working with veterinarians to end the companion animal surplus; Successful strategies coping with feral cats; Involving the county; Finding and keeping good staff; Fundraising;*



*Grant writing; Designing effective Spay/Neuter education programs; Pediatric Spay/Neuters*

**Angela Arrington**, Cat Kennel Manager attended **Animal Shelter Operations**

**Boot Camp** cosponsored by The Humane Society of the United States and Loudoun County Animal Care and Control. Angela learned the latest in best practices and standards of care, while gaining new techniques and knowledge, which have already been implemented at our shelter. Workshops included: *Sanitation and disease control designed to keep animals and staff healthy; Most recent vaccination protocols, disease recognition and zoonotic risks; Feline sheltering-programs to help reduce intake and euthanasia; Assessing the need for and implementing new practices; Gaining support from staff and volunteers; Team-centered management-achieving missions and goals; Customer service and public relations programs to increase adoptions and public visibility.*



**Claire Herrell**, Dog Kennel Manager attended the **2007 American Humane Annual Conference** in Alexandria, Va. American Humane's Annual Conference gives animal welfare and protection professionals a compelling and powerful environment and was a great place for shelter workers to exchange ideas, enhance their careers, attend informative workshops, and network with fellow professionals from all over the country. Claire's workshops consisted of *canine profiling; Dangerous dogs; Canine Influenza-recognition, diagnosis and management; puppy love-understanding puppy behaviors; and benefits of spaying & neutering.* 🐾

## MEMORIALS

Generous donations were made in the memory of the following pets:

Cricket Klein  
Tootsie Maxine  
JJ Oster  
Dixie & Beauty Wines  
Scheisskopf Rochez

Contributions have been received in loving memory of the following people who dearly cared about animals:

Tom McIntyre  
Warren Williams  
Garnett Odessa Ward

We sincerely regret if a memorial gift has not been recognized. Please call the shelter at 540-635-4734 to inform us of any inadvertent omissions. Thank you.



## Children Making a Difference

SEPT 29<sup>TH</sup> – Save the Animals- Children from the Front Royal Church of the Brethren collected over \$300 and brought the animals of the Humane Society a large amount of much needed donations. While visiting the Humane Society, the children were able to name several animals that were up for adoption; one of which “Church” was adopted while the children were still touring the shelter!



July 2007 - The Cardinal Baseball team of Front Royal did a huge food drive for the Humane Society of Warren County and donated all these wonderful items. **Pictured:** Rebecca and James 🐾



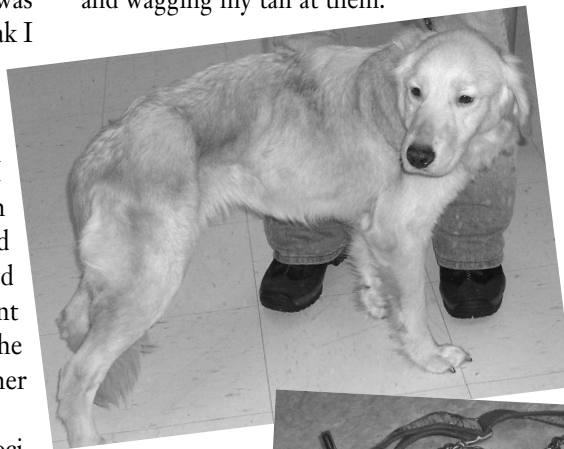
## The Story of Matthea

HELLO, MY NAME is Matthea. I don't remember my old name, in fact, I don't remember much about my old life at all, because I didn't have much of an existence until now. I want to share with you what I do remember so that perhaps you can help others like me.

I am a 1-1/2 year old female Golden Retriever mix dog. I was found tied to a leash in front of the Humane Society of Warren County. My leash was about 3 feet long and completely saturated in urine, feces, and dog hair. I think I was tied to that my entire life. I was so weak I could barely stand. I was so anemic my gums were white. And it was so cold outside! My old owners must not have cared much about me because I was skin and bones, and covered with fleas and ticks, and saturated with mud and urine. I don't know if some kind person found me and tied me out front of the Humane Society or if it was the only sensible thing my previous owner has ever done.

Since I have been at the Humane Society of Warren County, I have been to the doctor three times. Even the staff at the veterinary hospital stared at me in disbelief that someone could be so mean to me. They said I only weigh 25 pounds and should weigh about twice that. I've been placed on doggy medicines and 5 small meals a day. 5 meals a day! Can you believe that? I've never been fed so well in

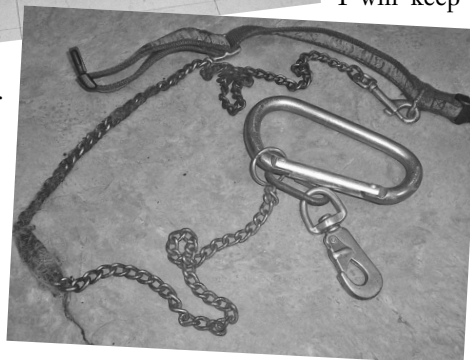
my life. I have a warm bed, fresh clean water, toys, and many people to look after me and make sure that I have everything my heart desires. One of the shelter employee's sons named me Matthea because it means, "Gift from God". The shelter staff must be able to see that I was a good dog, even though my old owner didn't. Why else would he make me spend my life outside on a chain with no food or shelter? I try to let the shelter staff know that I am grateful by giving them many kisses and wagging my tail at them.



The shelter staff is so kind to me, they talk to me gently, take me for walks, and hug and love on me all the time. They also told me that if it is

wasn't for you, the supporters of the Humane Society of Warren County, that I would not have care like this at all. Because of your donations, I was able to get medical care, and have warm bedding, and 5 meals a day! So, that must mean that there is hope for all those dogs left on chains, beaten, forgotten and hungry. You are their hope. I am proof of that. Once I lived on a chain, was forgotten and starved. Once I was unloved, but I learned that good things can come from humans and most humans love us dogs. Those that don't, those that do mean and evil things to us, are themselves evil. I didn't do anything to deserve the treatment I got in my previous life; I just wanted to be someone's best friend.

I am lucky. I know that and I just want every other animal to be half as lucky as I am. I've included pictures of me when I first arrived at the Humane Society, skinny as can be, and of my chain. I promise I will keep you updated on how I am doing. But what I really wanted was to say thank you! Thank you for what you did for me and for all the animals you support at the Humane Society of Warren County.



Sincerely, Matthea 🐾

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GIVE A BOWL is just one of the programs from Purina® Pets for People™ that helps support animal welfare organizations throughout the nation. They are devoted to our cause, to the volunteers who work so hard to improve pets' lives, and to the dogs and cats that come through every door to enrich our lives.

Please go to Giveabowl.com and get a free \$4.00 off coupon on Purina dog or cat food. While redeeming your coupon online, please mark the Humane Society of Warren County as your shelter of choice and Purina will donate a \$1.00 worth of Purina® brand pet food coupons to us. We will be able to earn an unlimited amount of donations thanks to you! 🐾

## You Are Important! December is DOUBLE Our MEMBERSHIP Month

THANK YOU FOR your membership! Do you realize how important your membership is to The Humane Society of Warren County? To you it may add up to a donation with a few side benefits, but to us it provides a safe haven for hundreds of homeless animals.

Currently we have 280 members. And what does that mean? It means that December is the Humane Society of Warren County's membership drive to DOUBLE its membership. We have included an extra membership form with this newsletter. Do you know a friend that has thought about becoming a member? Please pass along our membership form. Have you thought about giving a membership as a Christmas gift? What a great idea! Because of members like *you*, who care, we can reach our goal of doubling (or maybe even tripling our membership). Please join today, and ask your family and friends to join, too. Together we can show that we expect animal overpopulation to end! 🐾

## New Programs

EVERY NEWSLETTER I like to bring to your attention some of our great new programs just to let you know that we are striving to make this the best animal haven around!

### MVP Added Benefit

The Humane Society of Warren County (HSWC) has enrolled in the Food Lion Shop & Share program. What is that? Lion Shop and Share is an easy, convenient way to raise money for the Humane Society while you shop. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to us. Please help HSWC by linking your MVP card and shopping at Food Lion. You may link your MVP card by completing the

enclosed MVP customer sign up form and returning it to us, or by going online to: <http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/> and registering your MVP card and picking the Humane Society of Warren County as your organization of choice. Thank you!

*(This program does not interfere with the MVP discounts and no MVP product has to be purchased to participate. Please note: All registration information will not be used for any other purpose and will be shredded after enrollment).*

### Animal Cupboard for Holiday

The Humane Society of Warren County is starting a new program, Holiday Companion Animal Cupboard, for needy dogs and cats in Warren County. We are asking citizens and businesses to please help us stock up a Winter Cupboard consisting

of dog and cat food, dog and cat treats, and dog and cat toys to be given to Warren County's neediest pets during the Holiday season. For businesses wishing to be involved, we are looking for locations to serve as drop-off points for the Holiday Companion Animal Cupboard. Please keep an eye out on Telula's Tidbits for drop-off points.

### Buy-a-Brick is Back!

The Humane Society of Warren County is holding a Buy-A-Brick fundraiser to help celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Each 4 x 8 inch brick sells for \$100 and includes a personalized engraved plaque -perhaps in memory of a beloved pet, in honor of a person or in celebration of a special event in your life. The bricks will be incorporated into the existing brick wall memorial in the lobby of the Humane Society. 🐾