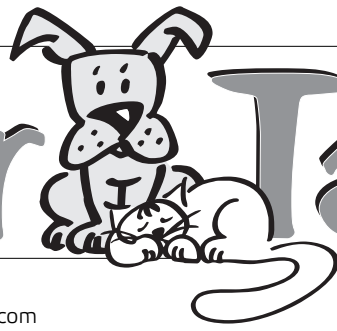
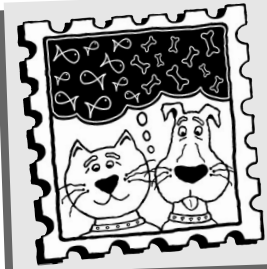


# Shelter Tails



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## Postcards From Home...

### MATTHEA GOES HOME!

LAST NEWSLETTER, I shared with you the story of Matthea, who touched everyone's heart that met her. I am happy to say that Matthea was adopted by a wonderful couple named Susie and John, who recently lost their own Golden Retriever. Here is an update from Matthea.

Hi! It's me again, Matthea. I wanted to tell you about a happy ending. My happy ending. Which is also my new start! My new life! One Saturday while I was still living at the Humane Society of Warren County, my nice caretakers told me that a wonderful couple was very interested in me and were coming over 4 hours away to come visit me. I was so nervous but very excited! I wanted to be a good dog but was a wee bit scared because I was still leery of new people (after all, they weren't the people at the shelter who I had come to love and trust). After visiting with me, the couple (Susie and John), filled out an adoption application and passed with flying colors. So, it was true! I was actually going to go to a new home. A loving home! Not tied to a tree on a chain, forgotten in some backyard, starving and near death. A home with a warm fireplace, a bed of my own, and two people who will love me very much. Before I knew it I was in the car and off to my new home.

My first morning in my new home I woke up in my crate in Susie and John's bedroom. Susie and John

caught me looking out the door and gazing at the River. A river! Water! Hey! I'm a water dog! I think they saw my big grin!

When I first arrived in my new home I had to work on potty training because I was not housebroken. I worked very hard at this because I wanted to show Susie and John I was a good dog. They were understanding during my potty training and were never upset with me if I had an accident. I think they realized I had a very rough past. But no more accidents for me! I am completely housebroken now!

It didn't take me long to settle in and now I get to go on car rides and

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### MRS. DEAVERS

IT IS WITH great sorrow that the Humane Society of Warren County has lost one of their beloved friends, members, and supporters. On December 23, 2007, Ms. Jessie B Deavers of Front Royal passed away at Warren Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Deavers, as many of you know was a member of the Humane Society of Warren County for many years. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Humane Society in the position of Treasurer for four years. Mrs. Deavers left behind 5 cats, 3 of which (her eldest cats, a 17 year old, 14 year old and 13 year old) were all adopted together into a wonderful loving forever home. The other two cats will remain at the Humane Society until they too can find a forever home together. Mrs. Deavers was a tireless spokeswoman on behalf of cats, dogs, rabbits, birds and other pets, stressing the need for humane treatment and responsible pet ownership. She was a very kind, compassionate woman who was truly dedicated to this cause. She will be deeply missed for what she represented for the animals.

### The Importance of Spaying and Neutering

#### *Pet Over Population and Owner Statistics*

AS A NATION, we claim to love cats and dogs. Millions of households have pets, and billions of dollars are spent yearly on pet supplies and food. But as a nation, we should take a hard, sobering look at a different annual statistic: the millions of dogs and cats given up

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A WISE DOG  
ONCE SAID:

### *“A Prayer for the Animals”*

For our friends the animals,  
Especially for animals who are suffering,  
For any that are hunted or lost or deserted  
Or frightened or hungry, and all that must  
be put to sleep.

We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity,  
And for those who deal with them we ask a heart of  
Compassion and gentle hands and kindly words.  
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and  
So to share the blessings of the merciful. 🐾

*by Albert Schweitzer*



*Lady is thankful today! She now has a nice house to get out of the weather and relax in.*

### **The Story of Lady**

WHEN THE HUMANE Society of Warren County heard the story of Lady, we knew we had to help! The Humane Society was told about a dog named Lady who was living in a crate with a tarp over it for shelter. The owners were extremely kind people who love Lady very much, but just did not have the financial means to get proper shelter for Lady. Shelter Director Jeanette Farrell, who collects doghouses for just such reasons, took Lady a new doghouse stuffed full of warm straw bedding, and a 40 pound bag of donated dog food. Lady was ecstatic and immediately went into her new house! The Humane Society is in the process of getting a cable runner for Lady so that she will have much more exercise and be taken off her chain. If you have an old doghouse or would like to donate a new one for cases like Lady, please contact Shelter Director Jeanette Farrell at 540-635-4734. 🐾

### **Importance of Spaying and Neutering** *from page 1*

to shelters or left to die on the streets. Their numbers tell only half the story.

Every cat or dog who dies as a result of pet overpopulation, whether humanely in a shelter or by injury, disease, or neglect, is an animal who, more often than not, would have made a wonderful companion, if given the chance. As tremendous as the problem of pet overpopulation is, it can be solved if each of us takes just one small step, starting with not allowing our animals to breed. If you would like to help with this problem, please fill out the enclosed form and return to the Humane Society 🐾

GENEROUS DONATIONS WERE made in the memory of the following pets:

- Baxter and Jerry Schwartz
- Wonder and Magic Brown
- Apollo Baxter
- Jingles Purington
- Norma Mayo

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

- Myrtle Totten
- Ms. Jessie Deavers
- Connie Kinsley
- Corey Snyder
- Stuart Rudacille
- Helen Coney Naylor

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. 🐾

# memorials

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absolutely love them. At first, I was apprehensive, because I wasn't sure if I was going to be left somewhere, but no, I've come to realize that Susie and John are NOTHING like my previous owner. I have a nice sized closed in area in our yard that I can run and explore and I get to go out there several times a day. John has a workshop and I get to go there almost every day for more fun and games. I am very busy. Susie and John also have family members who have dogs that come to visit and I get to play with them. Susie has been working with me on manners. I am learning to sit, stay, walking correctly on my lead, and coming when I am called. I have lots of toys and balls that I get to carry around all the time.

When we go down to the river, I get to go off lead. When I first went down to the river I learned very quickly just how cold the water was! So for now,

I play on the dock and go to help out on the boat. I now realize that I am a good water dog and am sure that I will do much more swimming once the water warms up. Susie has promised to take me kayaking and throw balls in the water for me to chase when it gets warm! I hope John and Susie know just how happy I am.

I have my own new doggie bed and

several older ones to choose from, but most of the time I sleep with Susie and John on their bed at night and use my bed for day time naps.

My hair is growing in and filling out and getting much thicker. I can now eat regular food and no longer gulp my food; for fear that I may never get any again.

Well, I've sat still for as long as I can to write this. I have to go play now. I just wanted to let you know that I am all right. I have found my forever home. I never thought I could ever be this loved. And I wanted to say thank you. Thank you to all the wonderful employees who took care of me in my time of need and thank you to all the members who support the Humane Society of Warren County. Your donations make stories like mine come true. For you, I am forever grateful.

Sincerely, Mattea 🐾



*Curled up by a warm stove in the arms of my loving owner, I am grateful.*

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

DENIS VOROZHKO WAS born and raised in Moscow, Russia where he spent the first ten years of his life. He later migrated to the United States and relocated to Charlottesville, Virginia, where he attended the Miller School of Albemarle, a private boarding school for nearly seven years. After graduating, Denis decided to continue his education at Virginia Tech in International Business in the fall of 2005. Unfortunately due to personal differences and low satisfaction with the school, he decided to take leave and venture on to other fields of study and growth. Hesitant to transfer back to a four-year institute right away, Denis made the decision to move temporarily to Front Royal to live with his mother and attend Lord Fairfax Community College for two years until he could choose the appropriate career choice and gain clarity in where he wanted to be. It was at that time Dennis came to the Humane Society of Warren County. Dennis initially came into volunteer, but the staff was so impressed with his knowledge and love of ani-



mals, he became an employee! Eventually, Dennis plans to continue his pursuit of his Bachelor's degree and eventually a Master's and a PhD in Psychology, and a minor in International Relations.



MARY "BETH" BOIES is a native of Front Royal. Her husband is also a native of Front Royal and together they have 6 children ranging from 17 – 35. Beth has always been a stay home mom, but after suffering Empty nest syndrome she decided to find a part time job. She had been volunteering at the Humane Society and was then offered a part time position helping Traude, the shelter's bookkeeper. Beth has owned (or should we say she was owned and loved by) many animals. At present, Beth owns 4 cats (one named Oliver was recently adopted from the Humane Society of Warren County), two Australian Shepherds, seven chickens, two ducks, and two horses. Beth is very proud to be a part of The Humane Society of Warren County and we are proud to have her as part of our team. 🐾

## SPAY DAY USA Event: February 23, 2008

IT IS TIME for the Humane Society of the United States' annual campaign to inspire people to save animal lives by spaying or neutering animals. It's not just rabbits who multiply like rabbits! Thousands of kittens and puppies are born every hour in the United States. While these puppies and kittens are adorable, the fate of most of them is tragic. Spaying or neutering animals is the most effective way to reduce the vast numbers of animals who are born only to die prematurely and without a family who loves them.

The Humane Society of Warren County will be hosting a rabies/microchip clinic on February 23, 2008 from 10am - 3pm at the shelter. We will also be partnering with the Humane Society of the United States that day by hosting an event for National Spay Day USA 2008/Prevent a Litter Campaign. All of the money raised will be used to offer financial aid for spay/neuter services in our area.

Our planned activities include pet photos, Bark Bark Bakery (animal treats), a bake sale (human treats), face painting, refreshments from the Daily Grind, information on Warren County Council on Domestic Violence (after all, animals are victims of domestic violence situations too), and PETCO will be there with many fun treats.

If you or your business would like to participate in this special event to help us raise awareness and funds to help the animals in this community, please contact Kim Vohs at 635-4734. 🐾



**It's not just rabbits who multiply like rabbits.**

Spay or neuter your pets. Help stop pet overpopulation.



## Spay Day USA 2008

Tuesday, February 26, 2008



**Enter the Spay Day USA Online Pet Photo Contest!**

Visit [humanesociety.org/spayday](http://humanesociety.org/spayday) between Jan. 15 and Feb. 29 to enter.

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## Because of You

BECAUSE OF YOU, our last newsletter's new programs were a huge success!!

BECAUSE OF YOU, we received our first check from Food Lion MVP share program!

BECAUSE OF YOU, we sold 10 bricks in the memory of animals!

BECAUSE OF YOU, we received more new members!

And BECAUSE OF YOU, we raised over \$2500 on our anonymous donor match program!

BECAUSE OF YOU, the animals at the Humane Society have chances they would never have! 🐾

