

## 10 Ways to Help

- 1) Donate a Kong, a Nylabone, or a Hercules.
- 2) Transport a dog locally for vet care.
- 3) Donate MONEY (collect your change for a week or a month and donate that).
- 4) Donate a dog/cat bed, towels or other bedding- type items (blankets, afghans, towels, rugs or other soft fuzzy items to use inside a crate). Gently used dog/cat equipment is always welcomed.
- 5) Donate some treats or a bag of food.
- 6) Donate an x-pen or baby gate.
- 7) Donate a food dish.
- 8) Donate a leash.
- 9) Donate a collar.
- 10) Donate a crate.

**MOSES:** A purebred Bluetick Hound who is an absolute joy to be around. He is a big love bug (weighs about 75 pounds) who thinks he is a lap dog. He loves everyone he meets and is very gentle.



Moses is in foster care and needs a forever home

## MCAL Monthly Meetings

MCAL will begin holding monthly meetings at the Union Library. The meetings will be the third Thursday of each month. Dates are as follows:

August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th and January 20, 2009.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. Meeting begins at 6:30.

Please bring a smile on your face and an attitude that lends towards helping the animals in our county!

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# The Barker

*& Meow too!*

abbreviated edition - Spring/Summer, 2008

**Monroe County Animal League, Inc.**

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304-772-4445—information line  
mcalwv@hotmail.com ~ mcal.petfinder.org



*The Dog Days of Summer are here*

Make a summertime donation of \$75 or more and we'll send you a hand-woven Mayan Hammock.

This hammock can be sent to you directly or can be sent to anyone you wish. Whether it be their birthday or just a thoughtful gift to relax in the shade.

You will enjoy your hammock even more, knowing that by getting it ~ you helped save a homeless pet's life!

**Send a generous donation today!**

# Doggone Dinner and Fur Festival of Fun - October 25<sup>th</sup> - 3rd Annual Auction

Mark this date in your calendar and join us! If you're too far away, you can still be a part of the fun and success!

Talk with your friends and family. Ask them to talk with their friends and family. We're still accepting donations for our auction. Package deals (3 day, 2 night stay), dental services, car detail, jewelry, furniture, event tickets, farrier services, home decorating, gift certificates, etc. It's amazing what people are able to donate. They need only be asked. Be creative in your ideas! Ask!

Would you be willing to sell raffle tickets? We'll send you a couple of books ~ sell away! Do you simply want to buy a raffle ticket in support of our efforts ~ call or e-mail now!

Auction, raffle, membership, donations ~ *THIS* is how our work for the animals is supported!  
**We need your help today. Please be generous in**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MONROE COUNTY ANIMAL LEAGUE**  
**\$5.00**  
 1st Prize \$300 cash  
 2nd Prize \$200 cash  
 3rd Prize \$100 cash

Help support our animal friends. All proceeds will support the MCAL puppy program, spay/neuter program, foster program and general efforts to help a 4-legged furry friends.  
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your giving of time, product, and/or money.

## Petfinder posting September 9, 2007:

Hilary is an 11 year old, long haired, mixed breed dog. She came walking up the road on January 20, 1997, and made herself at home on my mother's front porch. After several unsuccessful attempts to find her owners, Mother named her Hilary, because January 20th that year was Bill's inauguration. That makes Hilary approximately 11 to 12 years old, since she was a young adult at the time she picked my Mother's house.

Mother is now 86, living alone, with senility fast settling in. There will come a time when she will have to go into assisted living. (one month/one year). At that point there is no one in the family who can take Hilary. Hilary is a sweet dog, who loves to be petted. She is used to cats. Kind of disappears when children appear. She likes to eat. And Mother can't stand to think that she might be hungry. As a result, she is obese. She has a history of bladder infections. And her long hair is more than Mother can handle. I took her to the vet and had her long hair stripped off by a groomer this August. She feels much better.

It would be ideal if I could find someone who would consider being on standby for when the time comes that Mother can't care for Hilary at all.

## As a result of posting her on Petfinder

Hilary was taken-in by a family in Ohio April 12, 2008. A MCAL volunteer had checked on Hilary the Monday prior. During the week something terrible had happened. Hit by a car, kicked by a cow? We'll never know. Hilary was living alone under the porch of her Ballard home because Mother had been in a nursing home for weeks (she was being fed by a neighbor). Hilary suffered head and hip trauma. She made numerous trips to the vet and emergency room with her new care givers. In a short time, she became comfortable in her new home. She was showered with love and affection (and hamburger). In spite of her troubles, she found happiness again.



## Surrounded by love

Hilary crossed the Rainbow Bridge June 27, 2008—R.I.P.

*There are a lot of pets with a story similar to Hilary's. She dedicated her entire life to her caregiver; then her caregiver had to go away. Please consider the adoption of a "rescue" pet. Please consider the adoption of a senior pet.*

## Membership / Donation

Sign up for:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Membership	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Paw Pal (recognize your pet!)	2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor A Pet	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> General Donation	
	Subtotal: _____
	Total: _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Your summertime donation ensures that MCAL can keep up its lifesaving work. In return, our wish for you is that good fortune will smile on you as a result of your kindness.**

We are considering changing the way we distribute our newsletter. The change will help offset the cost of printing, paper, ink, and postage. We would like to encourage you to receive your newsletter by e-mail. This would allow MCAL to use the funds normally allocated to the newsletter to be put toward the care of the animals. We understand that your privacy is important. It is our strict policy to never sell or give away any name in our database. Your support is important to us and we would never jeopardize that. If this is something that you're interested in please send your e-mail address to mcalwv@hotmail.com with "newsletter" in the subject line. Or, when you reply with this form, simply check this box.

**Within the heart of every stray lies the singular desire to be loved.**