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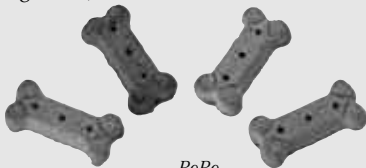
A New Beginning

MISSION STATEMENT



The Shamrock Foundation

is a non-profit organization whose mission is to end pet overpopulation, reduce the number of companion animals destroyed in local shelters and save or enhance the lives of animals in need in our community. This is accomplished through spay/neuter, education, emergency medical assistance, rescue, foster care and the adoption of pets into lifetime homes. We are a group of highly committed, unpaid volunteers who have a passion for our mission and its goals. 🐾



BoBo



The year 2006 has ended and the new year 2007 is almost half way over. In my last article, "Beginnings and Endings," I wrote about the passages and endings of life, grieving the loss of our pets, and my elderly little poodle named Granny. I adopted her late in her life at the age of twelve. I had the privilege of sharing my life with her until her death at the age of nineteen. She passed away quietly in her sleep on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. When I arrived home, after running errands, I found her in one of the dog's bed. It took my breath away. She was my baby and I wanted her to be with me forever. The pain was piercing, left a huge hole in my heart and a massive void in my life. I have always loved the "old ones" and when I...or when she adopted me, the bond was instant and it was a beginning for us to build a life of memories together. We did just that.

For months, people would tell me about other dogs available for adoption but I wasn't ready to let another take her place. There was one that came close but this sweet little thing was in a safe place with a very caring foster family.

On Monday of Christmas week, I received a call that Metro Animal Services had two small older poodles that had arrived separately as strays and were put together in a cage to keep each other company. The larger of the two was approximately 8 years of age and the other was 10-12 years of age with only one tooth. Shamrock put a hold on both dogs and requested that they keep them until after the Christmas holiday. On the Friday of Christmas weekend, I received a call that one of the veterinarians wanted to adopt the larger one which would leave the other one alone during the holiday. I could not stand the thought of that little being spending her time by herself in a cage on Christmas. So, I went directly to Metro Animal Services from work to get her. When I arrived they were extremely busy and everyone was scurrying from one place to another. I had to wait but that was okay. It was great to see Metro so busy!!! They brought her to me in a small towel and she was shivering. My heart sank as I consoled her and at that time I knew she would be my new companion. She was going home. She weighed only 3 3/4 lbs. but now reaches 5 lbs. She has blossomed and has more than one tooth...she has three.

As I have said many times, give me the old ones. They are so appreciative and adapt so quickly to their new environment. We may not have a whole dog lifetime together but we will have a wonderful lifetime together. The joy of having her in my life will be far greater than her loss. I wouldn't miss this journey and our new beginning together for the world!

Please consider adopting an older dog. I am sure you will be glad you did! 🐾

Humanely Yours,
Sharon Mayes
*President of
The Shamrock Foundation, Inc.*

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The Shamrock Foundation is seeking two individuals that are knowledgeable and committed volunteers to help us by their presence at various community events. Please contact

Ted Bressoud at 502-899-9680 if you are interested.

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THE ORDINANCE *Frequently Asked Questions*

LICENSING

What is a multiple pet license?

It is a license for people who own four or more altered animals that are kept primarily for companionship. This may be purchased in lieu of individual licenses and could result in a savings. The license is \$28 plus \$6 per animal over four animals

When, where and how do I license my cat, dog or ferret?

You can license your animals at Metro Animal Services or through many veterinarians. (Please refer to the list provided on Metro Animal Services website). An application can also be downloaded from the Metro website: www.louisvilleky.gov/AnimalServices.

What other types of animals need to be licensed or require a special permit?

Wildlife is not permitted unless otherwise indicated by state law. Rehabilitators are required to obtain a state permit as are any other parties keeping wildlife as allowed by state law.

Do I need to license my cat, dog or ferret every year?

Yes, licenses expire annually. However, you now have the option of a three year license if your cat, dog or ferret is altered. You will need to have a three year rabies vaccination in order to qualify for a three year license.

Does my cat or dog need to wear its tags?

Yes. They need to be attached to their collar. Microchipping is another form of identification that we strongly encourage and has to be combined with the tag.

Why are the license fees for unaltered animals higher?

Because we have a terrible pet overpopulation problem in our community. By offering a lower licensing fee for animals that are spayed or neutered we are trying to encourage people to have that done. The over population problem is generated by the animals that aren't altered.

Do I still get a senior citizens discount?

Yes. As a matter of fact you can get the discount for up to two altered pets. However, the discount no longer applies to unaltered animals.

If I am visiting Louisville, what type of permit do I need for my animals?

If you are staying less than thirty days you don't need anything except proof of a current rabies vaccination. We would recommend that you have all of your vaccination records and or license (if applicable) available.

What do I need to do if I want to sell or give away my litter of puppies or kittens?

The mother must be licensed in order to sell or give away puppies or kittens. All forms of advertising must contain the current license number, and the name and address of the buyer or recipient of those animals must be reported to Metro Animal Services. The other options are to obtain a Breeder, Dealer or Kennel Permit.

What if I want to sell or give away an adult animal?

The animal must be licensed and all form of advertising must include the animal's license number.

UNALTERED DOGS

What are the requirements and restrictions on my dog if it is not spayed or neutered?

If your dog was not previously licensed you will need to get an *Unaltered Dog Permit*. The cost is \$50. This provision of the ordinance will become effective April 5, 2007. We strongly recommend that you spay or neuter your dog if you are not a breeder, or involved in other activities that would dissuade you from doing so.

RESTRAINT SPECIFIC

Is there a leash law?

Yes. As it applies to Puppies & Dogs: If you are in your own yard with your puppy or dog the animals should either be confined in a secure enclosure or accompanied by the owner and under his/her direct control. If you are off premise with an altered dog, (where permission has not been granted) the dog must be restrained by a leash or lead and under the control of a person who is physically able to control the dog. Unaltered dogs are required to be kept on a leash that is no longer than four feet. Dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs are also required to be muzzled and kept on a leash that is no longer than 4 ft.

Can I keep my dog in my yard on a chain?

A dog may not be exclusively restrained to a fixed point chain between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm or for more than an hour at a time in any eight hour period.

Can I use an invisible fence to restrain my dog?

Yes, if your pet is altered. No, if it is not.

If you pick up my animal, what will it cost to get it back?

The cost varies. If your animal is wearing its license your redemption fees are discounted for the first

offense. The redemption fee for a first offense on an altered animal wearing its tags is \$7.50 plus the boarding fee which is \$5 a day. This is a 50% reduction. If your animal was impounded by an Animal Control Officer a \$25 impoundment fee also applies. The normal daily boarding fees range from \$10 to \$15 a day. The redemption fees range from \$15 to \$60. If they are dangerous or potentially dangerous the fee is \$100 plus \$25 a day for boarding. You may also have to pay for a violation fee ranging from \$30 to \$250 as well as medical costs if required. If the animal is not current on vaccines and license, a late fee will apply and it will be required that vaccines and license be brought up to date.

How much are the fines if my dog, cat or I am caught violating the ordinance and I receive a violation notice?

The fines increase per offense: 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$60, 3rd - \$120, 4th - \$250.

NUMBER & TYPE OF ANIMALS ALLOWED

How many dogs can I own?

If your animals are kept inside your home there is no limit as long as you can properly care for them. If you have dogs that reside outside in your yard and you live in a residential area on less than half an acre you cannot have more than three outdoor dogs. If you live on more than a half an acre but less than two acres, you are not allowed to have more than seven outdoor dogs.

Is there breed specific language in the ordinance?

No, none.

Is it legal to own a Pit Bull?

Yes.

What other types of animals have restrictions?

All livestock weighing more than 40 pounds, except horses, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, fillies, ponies, miniature horses, mules, jacks, jennies, goats, kids and sheep must be kept in a fenced tract or lot that is at least a half an acre or more. Horses, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, fillies, ponies, miniature horses, mules, jacks and jennies, must be kept in a fenced tract or lot that is at one acre or more. You can have one crowing and 5 non-crowing birds on less than half an acre. More than this must be kept on tracts or lots of at least half an acre.

GENERAL

Is there a pooper scooper law?

Yes, it is the responsibility of all pet owners to carry something at all times in order to clean up after their pet and to dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

What can be done about barking dogs?

You can make a service request to address the issue of a barking dog or dogs. We will send an officer out to talk to the owner and educate about the ordinance. If this doesn't work we can investigate the situation further and proceed based on the evidence. Our officers are now able to take a sworn written statement from the complainant who has witnessed a violation and the circumstances of the violation and it will be filed with District Court.

How long does Metro Animal Services hold strays?

We hold all strays for five days. The first includes the day the animals arrive at the shelter. We recommend that people visit the shelter every two or three days to look for your dog or cat. We cannot identify animals over the phone because descriptions vary and the margin for error is far too great.

Does Metro Animal Services adopt animals?

We sure do. We have the largest selection of potentially adoptable animals in one location. Once an animal is placed for up for adoption it stays there until it finds a home or placement group to care for it, unless extreme circumstances compromise the adoptability of the animal.

When do I have to have my animal revaccinated?

Only when your vaccination expires or if you are acquiring a new animal that was not previously vaccinated by a veterinarian.

BREEDER SPECIFIC

What type of kennel license do I need to breed and sell animals?

There are a few different types:

Class A: Applies if you are breeding, buying or selling puppies or kittens. You will need one permit per five animals. Each license for five animals or less is \$150.00

Class B: Applies if you are showing dogs, puppies, cats, or kittens (including but not limited to field trial competition, hunting trail competition, herding, conformation and obedience competition). The license is \$100 for five animals or less. Each animal in excess of five is licensed individually.

Class C: Applies if you are training dogs or puppies for guard, sentry, field, obedience, whether gratuitously or for free. Each license is \$100.

How does the Land Development Code (LDC) affect having a kennel?



ART FOR THE ANIMALS!

Every year when Art for the Animals is winding down I take a deep breath and think wow, it can't get any better than this! Yes, it happened again this year, and it DOES get better every year. The main reason it gets better every year is because of the commitment of every one of the volunteers. This event, as you know is a massive undertaking and simply cannot be done without the devotion and hard work of the volunteers. The people that come together year after year and the new people that are involved for the first or second year now, YOU make all the difference in the world! Because you care we can help so many more animals this year, because you went above and beyond, we will have raised over \$61,000 when all is said and done. A simple thank you never seems to convey the gratitude that I have for all that each of you do. But I will say it anyway, Thank you. And I'm sure the animals that we help and care for daily thank you. So take a deep breath, pat yourselves on the back, and be proud of what we have accomplished! By the way our first meeting for the 2008 Art for the Animals will be Thursday... just kidding... kind of! 🐾

Traci Willman, *AFTA Chairperson*

ADOPTION DAYS

Dogs & Puppies

FRIDAYS FROM 7:00PM-8:30PM

Middletown Feeders Supply

Go to our website, shamrockpets.com to view dogs and cats and obtain an application.

Email us at adoptions@shamrockpets.com with questions.

Cats & Kittens

SATURDAYS 2:00PM-4:00PM

Middletown Feeders Supply

SATURDAYS 1PM-4PM

Feeder's Supply, 315 Baxter Avenue

Call for More Information

585-3220

Greyhound Adoption

Call for Adoption Days Times & Location

Jennifer Watkins 241-3140

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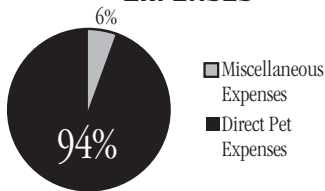


In 2006 94% of all expenses incurred by the Shamrock Foundation were pet related.

Our operating costs are very low and we do our best to keep focused on our mission.

This would not be possible without your donations. Please consider making a donation today so that we can continue this important work in our community.

SHAMROCK FOUNDATION 2007 EXPENSES



Advertising	255.60
Bank Service Charges	1,284.62
Total Fundraising Expenses	2,444.00
Total Insurance	1,828.49
Licenses and Permits	105.00
Newsletter	1,280.00
Office Supplies	432.26
Postage and Delivery	2,592.15
Printing and Reproduction	269.05
Total Supplies	643.89
Telephone	1,220.66
Uncategorized Expenses	964.66
Total Utilities	1,007.48
Other Expenses	300.34
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$14,628.20
Gifts	3,185.00
Total Pet Expense	236,455.50
Reimbursement	4,567.70
Show Expense	36.00
Direct Pet Expenses	\$244,244.20
Total Expenses	\$258,872.40

ADOPTABLE CATS

All of our cats and kittens have been tested for feline leukemia and the adults have also been tested for FIV. All our cats and kittens have their required vaccinations and have been wormed and spayed or neutered. Our list of available pets changes every week, so please visit **Cat Adoption Days** or our website, www.shamrockpets.com to see the many wonderful felines that are looking for homes.

Please consider adopting an older cat who is often overlooked because kittens are so cute & playful!



Simon is a playful and affectionate little fellow. Born on October 20, 2006, he now needs a family to call his own. If you can provide him with a permanent, loving home, please contact Jean Burton through Shamrock.



Jessie thought she had a permanent home but was returned because her owner's boyfriend was allergic to her. Now, she'd really like a forever home to call her own and someone to love her. If you are looking for companionship, Jessie is your gal. Though she doesn't like to be scruffed, she loves to be held and petted. She gives kisses, and she'll even talk to you (in catspeak, of course). She's very playful and active and will give you hours of entertainment. To adopt Jessie, please contact Barbara Berry through Shamrock.



Lucy is a 2 yr. old, front-declawed female. Because she has no claws in front and couldn't defend herself, it's very important that Lucy not be allowed outside. Serene and beautiful with her gray coat and green eyes, she'd make a wonderful addition to your family. For more information or to adopt Lucy, contact Barbara Berry through Shamrock.



Cooper is truly a sweetheart, and he's a beautiful boy as well. He's about four months old, and he loves to be loved. He's gray with a white chest, and about all he needs in the world is a family to call his own. If you can be that family for him, contact Karen Harris through Shamrock.



Chi Chi 2-year old male.

This is CHI CHI! He is about 2 years old, and loves other cats and all people. He is a very laid back guy, and would be content to have a nice window to look out of, while laying in his comfy bed. His adoption fee is \$110.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services (502-361-1318) for more information.



Panda 2-year old male.

Meet Panda! Panda is a true love-bunny. He is about 2 years old and enjoys the company of other cats. His adoption fee is \$110.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services (502-361-1318) for more information.

ADOPTABLE DOGS

All of our dogs and puppies have been tested for heartworms, have their required vaccinations and have been wormed and spayed or neutered. Our list of adoptable dogs changes on a weekly basis so please visit **Dog Adoption Days** or our website www.shamrockpets.com to see the many wonderful dogs and puppies that need homes. Please consider adopting an older dog or open your heart and home to a Special Needs dog.

Betty Boop 5-year old; *Spaniel mix.*

Betty Boop is a sweet 5-year old black spaniel mix whose owner cannot keep her. She is good with most dogs and children but not cats. Betty is 40 pounds, houstrained and crate-trained. DOB 6-2002

Peanut 1 year old; *Beagle bound.*

Peanut is a 1-year old beagle rescued with her sister Candy. Very cute, she gets along with other dogs, cats and kids, although she is a little shy of men. She has beautiful long beagle ears and weighs 17 lbs. DOB 4-2006

Taz 5-year old; *Pomeranian.*

Taz Evans is a 5-year old red pomeranian who is as sweet as can be. His owner is very ill and wants us to find him a new home. He is not quite houstrained but is crate-trained and does well with other dogs. Taz is a very lovable 10 pound lap dog who needs a home where people are home a lot. DOB 3-2002

Tommy Lee 4-months old; *Shepherd mix.*

Tommy Lee is a 4-month old shepherd mix puppy, one of nine born to a rescued pregnant little girl. He is a happy dog who loves to play with his toys and his littermates. Tommy is a handsome boy! DOB 2-17-07

Bee Gee 1½-years old; *terrier mix.*

This is BEE GEE! He is about 1½ years. Bee Gee is a very smart dog. He was able to learn shake and high five in just a few minutes. He has lots of energy and would be great with children. He loves to play fetch, and enjoys long walks. His adoption fee is \$35.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services (502-361-1318) for more information.

Sally 4-year old ; *beagle.*

Sally is as sweet as they come. She is an absolute treasure. She gets along with other dogs, and agrees with everyone. She is about 4 years old, and is a very petite dog. Sally would be great with older children. Her adoption fee is \$35.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services (502-361-1318) for more information.

We often feature a cat and dog available from **Metro Animal Services.** Please consider them when you want to adopt a pet. ***You'll be saving a life.***



WHAT DOES A GROWL TELL YOU?

At a recent doggy event I was sitting next to someone whose dog growled when other dogs came closer than 3 feet. She grabbed his muzzle and told him to hush. She was embarrassed and did not want others to think her dog was unfriendly. Most of the dogs who heard the growl backed right up, getting out of the growler's space. Most of the owners looked at her with disapproving looks, not even looking at what their dogs were doing to cause this growl.

So what should you do if your dog growls at another dog? First, you need to understand what the growl means. Most people think a growl means the dog is itching for a fight. Actually, growling is used by dogs to prevent a fight or even a bite. But it will be followed by a bite if you don't act.

It is very clear to other dogs that a growl means "Back away! I don't like you so close!" Timid dogs, those who have been attacked by other dogs and very protective dogs often growl to be very clear in their messages to other dogs. Punishment may stop your dog from growling but it will increase the likelihood of a bite with no warning.

A growl tells you that your dog is uncomfortable in that situation for some reason. Instead of scolding him, it would be better to check out what is causing the problem and address it. Remember that he has no option to move away; you are keeping him there. So it becomes your responsibility to control his environment and help him avoid problems.

If you see a dog approaching too closely, you can say very clearly to the owner, "Please keep your dog back. My dog does not like his space invaded." You can also try moving to a spot where your dog is not approached by so many dogs. Sitting away from crowds and letting your dog watch the action from afar for 10 minutes or so allows him to 'read the room' and gain some confidence.

Dogs will also growl to protect something they value, like a bone or even a bowl of water. In this case you should remove the valued item and let him have it later when he is alone and can enjoy it. Some dogs are just not into sharing and you need to accept that! 🐾

~Michele Reilly
Dog Committee

THE SHAMROCK FOUNDATION, INC.

METRO ANIMAL SERVICES

New Animal Shelter

Mayor Jerry Abramson today announced the site for the city's new animal shelter and his commitment to include \$1.1 million in the upcoming budget plan to design and begin construction on the project.

The mayor's budget also includes funding for two new animal control officers and an adoption coordinator.

"This budget continues my commitment to improve public safety and improve customer service for our residents," Abramson said. "I am confident the new central location will help us increase the number of animals adopted and decrease the time it takes us to respond to service calls in every corner of this community."

The shelter for Louisville Metro Animal Services will be constructed on city property located at 3520 Newburg Road, just outside the Watterson Expressway.

Last year, Abramson pledged \$4 million over four years to construct the new animal shelter complex. The fiscal year 2006-07 budget included \$750,000 for purchasing property. Since the new shelter is being built on existing city property, Metro Animal Services will pay \$400,000 to have a Metro Public Works District located at Newburg moved to an existing city property at 617 Outer Loop. Metro Animal Services will have \$350,000 of that previous allotment left to put toward the cost of a new facility.

Abramson's proposed fiscal year 2007-08 budget includes the additional \$1.1 million in capital for the new facility, bringing the total for design and construction to \$1.45 million.

A request for design proposal will be issued within the next 30 days. The Public Works facility will be moved to the Outer Loop by fall. Construction on the new adoption center will begin before the end of the year. The adoption center should be open to the public by 2008.

The complex will be built in phases after the adoption center. The next building on the drawing board would be the medical center, followed by an education wing and the animal control operations. The facility on Manslick Road will remain open until the entire facility is constructed. Construction is expected to take five years.

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Some kennel operations may fall under the (LDC) and require special permits in addition to meeting the requirements of a Metro Animal Services for a kennel permit.

If I am visiting Louisville for a show, competition, or scheduled breeding what type of permit do I need?

If you are visiting for less than thirty days all you need is a current rabies vaccination.

If I am in Louisville for a competition with my dog and it gets away from me and ends up at the shelter will it need to be spayed or neutered before I can get it back?

No. We understand that accidents happen. It helps if you report your missing animal to us and if it is wearing identification or is microchipped. We understand that accidents happen and will not require that your dog is altered.

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ANGEROUS DOGS

What do I do if I'm attacked or bitten by a dog or cat?

Contact 911 or call a physician and Metro Animal Services.

What can happen to me if my dog threatens, attacks or bites someone?

Depending on the details of the attack, your dog could be declared *Potentially Dangerous* or *Dangerous*. A Potentially Dangerous Dog is defined as one that bites, scratches or bruises any person in an unprovoked manner. Dangerous Dog is defined as one that commits an unprovoked severe attack on any person, or inflicts death or serious injury in an aggressive manner. It also includes any unrestrained dog that maims or kills a domestic pet or livestock and includes dogs used in the commission of a crime.

What is considered cruelty, animal abuse or inhumane treatment?

Cruelty and abuse are a result of the failure to provide adequate food and water; failing to detect the need or withholding veterinary care; creating or allowing unhealthful living conditions; infliction of suffering, injury or death to an animal by striking, beating, dropping, kicking, dragging, choking or by the use of an object or weapon; causing pain, injury or death by the means of caustic, flammable, boiling or heated substances; causing suffering, injury or death by suffocation or drowning; failure to provide health related grooming. In-humane treatment relates to the provision of necessities. In-humane treatment includes failure to provide wholesome food and water, proper shelter and humane care and treatment. The living area should be clean, free of debris and accumulated waste (namely fecal matter). The animal should be able to walk or lie down without coming into contact with debris or waste. All shelters should be clean and regularly maintained. The shelter should be dry and insulated to protect the animal from extreme temperatures. The floor should be dry and insulated. Bedding that is dry and insulated should be provided during inclement weather. In addition to shelter all animals should have access to shade, such as a tree, awning or other structure.

What do I do if I want to report cruelty, animal abuse or inhumane treatment?

You should call Metro Animal Services (363-6609) with the following information: a specific address of the situation and an accurate description of the conditions. All calls are anonymous.

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ANIMAL WELFARE/RESCUE GROUP SPECIFIC

What type of license or permit do I need if I foster animals for an animal welfare/ rescue group or organization?

You will need to be registered or on record as a foster for an animal welfare/rescue group or organization and included on their permit. Otherwise the law applies as it would for any other pet owner. All animals must be licensed by the group.

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HUNTING SPECIFIC


How many hunting dogs can I have?

It depends if they are inside or outside, where you live and your lot size. (See question #4 under Restraint Specific.)

What type of license do I need to get for my hunting dogs?

It depends on how many dogs you have. You can license them individually or get a Class A or B Kennel License if you live in a non-residential area. If you currently have an active Kennel License you will be grandfathered in despite your lot size in a residential neighborhood.

Am I violating the restraint law when my dog is hunting?

No, as long as you are hunting or training in an authorized area. When a dog is not hunting it is treated as any other dog. 

LOUISVILLE CANINE COMPANY

Introducing Shannon Luber



My name is Shannon Armstrong Luber. It was my love of dogs that led me to found Louisville Canine Company in 2005 where my mission is to train dogs and their best friends - You.

I am a professional dog trainer certified in a variety of dog related training and skills. I have certifications in basic and advanced obedience, behavior modification, puppy development, breed identification, pet first aid, personal protection, police K-9, scent detection, retrieval, tracking, and utility and am also trained in handicapped assistance and puppy temperament testing.

Prior to working with dogs, I earned a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Kentucky and worked in public relations, marketing, and pharmaceutical sales for 13 years. However, I became overwhelmed with the knowledge that many people gave their dogs away because they could not deal with fairly simple behavioral problems such as housebreaking. It was very upsetting to me that someone could discard a canine family member because of a problem that, with some consistency from them, could be remedied. So I decided I wanted to make a difference. By working with dogs and educating their owners more dogs could stay in their homes and out of shelters.

Louisville Canine Company's standard rate for an in-home lesson is \$60. We also offer residency training programs with comprehensive training for the dogs. In those cases I will take a dog into my home and design a specific training program followed by lessons with the owner.

I am very proud of my affiliation with The Shamrock Foundation and will offer a 10% discount to members of The Shamrock Foundation. If you need help with your canine companions, please call me at (502) 599-6540 or send me an email at louisvillecanine@insightbb.com. I look forward to hearing from you. 🐾

~Shannon Armstrong Luber
Professional Dog Trainer
LOUISVILLE CANINE COMPANY

Tips for Calling The Shamrock Foundation

CALLING 585-3220

Please,

- Listen carefully to the message and follow the instructions.
- Understand that rarely will a person answer the phone; volunteers pick up the messages and return calls.
- When leaving a message, speak clearly and be sure to leave your numbers.
- Be patient; our volunteers try to return calls as quickly as possible and in order of importance.

To insure a return phone call be sure to:

- Leave your number or numbers.
- Leave a brief message regarding your situation.

If you haven't received a return call within 48 hours, please call back because a volunteer may have tried to return your call.

- Make sure the numbers you leave are correct.
- Perhaps a family member or someone in the household has taken a message and has not relayed it to you.
- Please know that your caller ID will not show Shamrock Foundation's number; therefore, you may have received a return call and not realized it.
- If you don't have an answering machine or voice mail, it is difficult for a volunteer to leave a message. Volunteers will try to return a particular call up to 3 or 4 times and have to move on to other calls.

We can **always** use volunteers. Please call 585-3220. **Ginny Stottman**
Voice Mail Coordinator & Board Member



OPERATING BUDGET DOUBLES

ADDS NEW OFFICERS

The proposed fiscal year 2007-08 budget also includes new dollars for new positions in the agency.

The mayor increased the operating budget by \$300,000 to hire three additional employees and cover other personnel costs within the agency, such as rising pension costs, staff raises and increased health insurance premiums.

Since 2004, the operating budget for Louisville Metro Animal Services has almost doubled. The staff has increased 25% since 2005.

INVESTMENTS IN ANIMAL

SERVICES

In addition to the new facility and personnel, since merger Abramson has helped update the department's equipment and technology.

"The investments we've made have taken Metro Animal Services from a pencil and paper agency, to a professional department that can now track trends, data and response times with sophisticated software," Abramson said.

Investments since merger include:

- Radio System
- Full-time veterinarian
- Education/Volunteer coordinator
- Spay/Neuter program
- S.P.O.T. (Step Pet Overpopulation Today)
- Mobile clinic
- Air-conditioned transports that increase efficiency when picking up animals
- Uniforms
- Safety gear for officers, including catchpoles and tranquilization kits




Last year, Louisville Metro Animal Services responded to more than 23,000 calls for service and took in more than 14,000 animals. 🐾

~Jackie Gulbe
Assistant Director for
Community Relations,
METRO ANIMAL SERVICES



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A cat belonging to someone in the village.



Dr. Bennett examining a dog while children look on. The children looking on is paramount in this effort.



Dr. Bennett worming a horse.



A puppy getting some attention.

*Another reason to give generously to
The Shamrock Foundation
to support their outreach programs.*

RED BANK, BELIZE

Every July about 20 or so people from Okolona Church of Christ board a plane for Belize. Our goal is to help the people and animals of a moderately sized village, Red Bank, in the Southeast part of the country. The village consists of about 1400 people as of now. It has been steadily growing over the 4 years my husband and I have been going. This will be our 4th trip this July.

As part of our mission, our group conducts a week of Vacation Bible School, college level teacher training for the teachers of the village school, various handy man lessons and education, computer training (we leave computers as well), medical services, and veterinarian services.

The people of the village have become our friends, truly. We care very deeply for many of them. My first year there was probably one of the most difficult times of my life. The people broke my heart, but the animals put me over the edge. Well after crying uncontrollably in the bathroom of our hotel, my husband said something to the effect of "I know this breaks your heart, you can either continue to cry or you can do something about it." Really he said it in the sweetest, caring way and he was right. After some searching and a hand from God, I made contact with some generous and caring people. Hence, this mission you're reading about was born.

Dr. Bennett, a wonderful Belizean veterinarian, along with some volunteers from the Placencia Humane Society join with me in providing some vet care for the animals of that village. This is really the first real vet services they have received. As I mentioned, there is a simple ignorance with some about how to care for their animals. Education is what is needed. I've always felt that it was my place, as a soul on this planet, to alleviate suffering wherever God showed me. This is why I do this in Belize. My hope is that by the animals being healthier, the people of the village will be, but more so, I would hope that hearts and minds would change. With a little education and tender example, Red Bank, as with any place, will become a better place for both 'man and beast. 🐾

~Pam Naylor
Shamrock Volunteer



A foal getting an exam.



Here he is removing a bot fly larvae.



A typical dog in Red Bank.



This is Grace and her mother: Her mother did not make it. As it has turned out, neither did little Grace. She was just too young and needed the nutrition from her poor mother who was in no condition to help her.



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(in the parking lot, just after Bittners)

digs will be featuring the art work of **Eileen Peterson**, stain-glass artist and **Vennita Cantrell**, mixed media artist. The event is in conjunction with the First Friday Trolley Hop. The artists, as well as digs, will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Shamrock Foundation.



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Hop on a free TARC trolley this Friday, December 7 from 5 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and take a ride along the Main, Market Street and 4th Street corridors. Plenty of free parking at the corner of 9th and Market. There is no cost to participate, you can start at any location, the trolleys run every 15 minutes!

Please come by to support the Shamrock Foundation and greet the animals available for adoption!

**December 7, 2007
5PM to 9PM**