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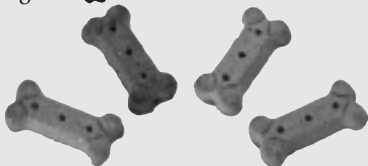
EVERY NINE SECONDS

MISSION STATEMENT

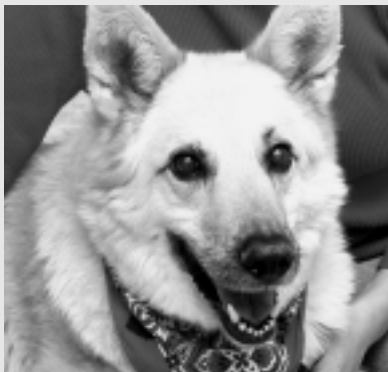


The Shamrock Foundation

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. 🐾



In Memory of Murphy Gulbe, 1992-2005.



“EVERY NINE SECONDS, AN ANIMAL IS EUTHANIZED AT AN AMERICAN ANIMAL SHELTER.”

Source: Humane Society of the United States.

Fresh starts and new beginnings can happen at any time—from the time that puppy in foster care finds a “forever home,” to the 10-year-old kitty whose owner has passed away. Thanks to you, Shamrock Foundation is responsible for hundreds of “fresh starts” every year!

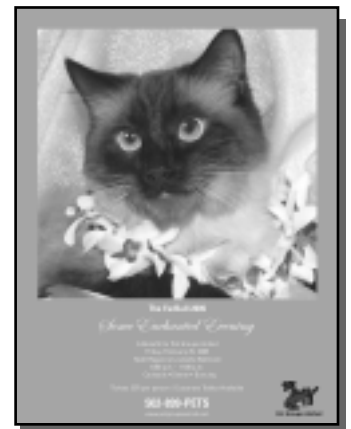
Five years ago, Shamrock joined **Pet Groups United** as a founding member to create a new era of cooperation between rescue groups, foster networks and shelters. Its success has been heralded and copied throughout the country. We’ve learned that it’s amazing what people can accomplish when they don’t care who gets the credit.



One of the largest projects Pet Groups United undertakes is **The FurBall**, an annual black-tie optional, fundraiser which benefits all member groups equally. This festive evening features the stories of often-unknown people and animals, an exceptional dinner, dancing, a huge silent auction and many surprises throughout the evening. Many guests return annually, even though they aren’t members of any animal charity. It’s quite a party! This makes all of us very proud to have such an impact.

This year’s FurBall will be no exception. I’ve peeked at the essays written by the public, and have determined that no amount of money could make me choose one winner in each category. The stories leave me with a sense of awe and wonder that people and animals can conquer their environments or make such important contributions. Each essay illustrates the selflessness and humility of volunteers, or the courage and devotion of an animal. You’ll feel that lump in your throat—guaranteed.

Please join us for the festivities of “Some Enchanted Evening” on Friday, February 25, at the Hyatt Regency Louisville. Tickets are \$75 each, and you can request your invitation by calling 899-7387 or visiting www.PetGroupsUnited.com. It’s an event you’ll be talking about for quite a while! 🐾



~Sherri Marcoski
President, PET GROUPS UNITED

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION.

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This issue is dedicated to the memory of Joyce Vincent A loyal volunteer and friend.

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The quarterly publication of The Shamrock Foundation.

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Very

VALUED VOLUNTEER

IF YOU NEED SOMETHING DONE, GIVE IT TO A BUSY PERSON. This mantra of volunteer organizations certainly applies to our featured volunteer Wendy Griffin.



Wendy Griffin & Duke

Wendy works a full-time job that usually has odd hours so she is often available for the offbeat rescue missions that Shamrock conducts. Trap in hand, Wendy can be found waiting for the mama dog and puppies to get hungry enough to come out from under a porch. Or she crawls in there to get them.

Do you need a dog transported cross-country? Wendy will volunteer to drive a leg of that trip. Does a feed store have dog food to donate? Wendy will load up her van and deliver food to whoever needs it. Are you stumped for a person who can foster a testy puppy? Wendy likes that challenge.

Every Saturday volunteers at Petsmart on Hurstbourne Parkway look forward to the arrival of Wendy and her menagerie of dogs, puppies and teenage volunteers. She parks her van and sets up her x-pen, chairs, umbrellas and water bowls, ready to talk to potential adopters at the Shamrock adoption day. For most of us it ends at 2pm. Wendy stays until 3 or 4 o'clock to talk to people in the hope of finding a permanent home for one of our dogs.

You might also see her at the cat show or the dog show sitting at the Shamrock booth to raise money and make more contacts. Did we mention that she also helps other volunteers by fostering cats, too?

Wendy has a reputation as an animal advocate who speaks up and tells you clearly what she thinks. It is very lucky for the animals in Louisville that Wendy is here.

"I wish that one day all people will have compassion for all living creatures—compassion for all life no matter what form. I would hope that one day people would be responsible pet owners and that the nation would be responsible and pass a nationwide spay/neuter law." Wendy Griffin a very valued volunteer. 🐾

~Michele Reilly
Volunteer, Shamrock Foundation, Inc



Very

VALUED DONOR AND SPONSOR

Mother and daughter—alike in so many ways. Both Elizabeth and Sara believe that all forms of life need to be respected. They feel that in being members of The Shamrock Foundation they have found a group of like minded people.

Elizabeth has been a member of The Shamrock Foundation for the last 8 years. She has Co-Chaired the *Art for the Animals* event for 2 years, has donated artwork for 7 years, and is currently designing a line of jewelry from which she donates a portion of the proceeds to The Shamrock Foundation (You can see her work at the Jewish Community Center and Alter Ego). She will, on a commission basis, do a portrait of your four legged child. She is a nurse by trade, an animal lover who cherishes helping those in trouble.



Elizabeth & Sara Kirkwood

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SHAMROCK ROCKS!



You can help Shamrock Rock in the following ways:

- Visit Little Bit of Bybee Pottery, 11617 Main Street in the heart of Middletown, KY (502 245-0557). Please mention the Shamrock Foundation and 20% of the total sum of your purchases will be placed in a special account. When Shamrock needs a donation for a fund-raiser, the sum total of all purchases in the name of our organization will then be put toward any item or items of our choice in the store.
- Volunteer to help put on this year's *2005 Art for the Animals* event. Call 899-9680.
- Donate a piece of art to *2005 Art for the Animals* which you have created or one you own.
- Does your company supply *matching funds*? If so, call 585-3220 and leave a message as to whom we should contact.
- Visit Raven's Nest Collectibles Mall, 4034 Preston Highway, (502) 368-0606. The total sale of any item you purchase at the Raven's Nest that is marked with "B22 & SF" will go to the Shamrock Foundation.
- We are in need of volunteers to check voice mail. You can do this from your home one or two days a week. Call 585-3220 to volunteer.

THE CASE OF SPINNER

Spinner is a one of those special cases that we come across from time to time. His story is unusual and amazing. He is a ten month old Pit Bull or Boxer mix who was shot when he was just three months old. He is paralyzed in his back legs due to the wounds sustained during the shooting. He is currently being kenneled by a veterinarian who says he is adapting well in his canine cart but needs a home and someone to love him. Spinner is current on all of his vaccinations, neutered and weighs about 25 pounds. He is very friendly with people and other dogs. Please contact us if you are interested in adopting this special guy. 🐾



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A few years ago Sara moved to Louisville to be near her mother, she happened to find a property near her mother's that had indoor *and* outdoor kennels. Sara's home became a place that Shamrock could place special needs animals to socialize the dog with her three dogs. She also makes sure that the dogs are ready to go to one of our many adoption days.

In addition to Elizabeth donating her talent as an artist and Sara donating her home as a haven for those others would discard, they both will foster animals and help in the adoption process. When you spend any time being involved with The Shamrock Foundation, you realize we care about each other like family, we are very happy that Elizabeth's family helped to grow ours. 🐾

~Mary Casey
Vice President of Shamrock Foundation, Inc

SHOCKING STATISTICS

It is often hard to comprehend the extent of **PET OVER-POPULATION** until you understand the huge numbers of unwanted animals put to death each year in Jefferson County alone! Here is how Shamrock Foundation spends your money fighting this problem.

Shamrock Foundation 2004

	Cases	Cost
Spay/Neuters	1233	\$46,575
Emergency Medical	240	\$57,536
Financial Aid	637	\$31,403
Foster Aid Medical	808	\$26,791

Only 4.7% of your donations went to overhead expenses. 95.3% of every dollar donated went to the care and welfare of animals in our community.

*We THANK YOU for all of your very valuable support.
You mean the world to us!*

YOU can prevent pet overpopulation!

SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET



ADOPTION DAYS

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY-MARCH

Dogs & Puppies

FRIDAYS 7PM-8:30PM

Superpetz, Taylorsville Rd. at Hikes Point.

SATURDAYS 11AM-2PM

Petsmart, Hurstbourne Parkway

Cats & Kittens

Saturdays 10AM-1PM

Superpetz, Taylorsville Rd. at Hikes Point.

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



OUR SYMPATHIES

Karen Ryan Harris is an invaluable member of the Board as the Cat Committee Chair and has always been known as our "Cat Woman" for her affection and dedication to the species.

It is little known she was also the loving mother of two adopted dogs, Snoopy and Licorice. This year both of her dogs passed away from cancer at 14 years old. We know you must miss them terribly. Our thoughts are with you. 🐾



BEGGIN' RIGHTS

**\$ Money \$
OF COURSE!**

All donations are tax deductible!

FOSTER PARENTS

Shamrock will supply Foster Parents with food, litter & medical care so your only investment is a little time & lots of love. . .

PET STUFF

- Blankets
- Collars & Leashes
- Crates & Carriers
- Doggie Beds
- Kitty Beds
- Nail Clippers
- New Cat & Dog Toys
- Paper Towels
- Pet Food
- Dog Houses

PEOPLE STUFF

- Fax Machine & Copy Machine
- Filing Cabinets
- Office Supplies & Stamps
- Phone System
- Refrigerator



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



Rosie Did you know that 75% of orange/yellow cats are male? Well, Rosie defies normality to be among only 1/4 of shorthaired orange females. She is a beautiful girl, but somewhat shy. She and her brother, Ralph, were found in the Portland area. Both are very sweet kitties who enjoy being together. Ralph (also orange, though long-haired) is the more laid-back guy while Rosie is the princess. Both are about 7-8 months old. Contact Karen Harris through Shamrock for more information.



Mermaid A beautiful little girl, Mermaid is a wonderful lap cat that loves to be cuddled, held, and petted. She is a sweet 3-4 year old cat who does not like other cats, but dogs are OK. Wonder about the name? Mermaid was found living in the King Fish dumpster! Contact Karen Harris through Shamrock for more information.



Abby is a beautiful 9 month old female whose owner had to give her up because the roommate was allergic. She's very friendly and would love a permanent home! Please contact the Shamrock Foundation for more information.



Ladybug is about two years old and had to be given up when her owner went to a nursing home. She is very friendly and would make a perfect pet for someone who is looking for an adult cat. Please contact Barbara Berry through the Shamrock Foundation for more information.



Sam is a lovable orange male, approximately 4 years old, who was found outdoors, already neutered and tame. His front paws are declawed, so he is less able to defend himself outdoors and needs a loving home where he will be safe. Please contact the Shamrock Foundation for more information.



Kendra is a very pretty Siamese mix. She is just over a year old, and is very loving and playful. Her adoption fee is \$110.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services for more information.

ADOPTABLE DOGS

All of our dogs and puppies have been tested for heartworm, 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.

Jillian 1 year old; Pointer mix.

Jillian is a 1-year old chocolate pointer mix who was left by her owners at the vet's office. She has the beautiful movement of a pointer and often poses on point. She is 53 lbs, very attentive and rides well in the car. Her favorite position is tummy-up on the couch next to you. She is happy in her crate and her housetraining is progressing nicely. She plays well with other dogs and does not bark very much in the yard. Jillian is a very athletic and happy girl.

Bandit 10 months old; Collie Mix..

Bandit is a quiet, reserved red collie mix. He gets along well with kids, dogs and cats. Found abandoned in a parking lot, he is 40 lbs. and about 10 months old. Bandit would be a wonderful 'starter dog' for any family.

Quincy 4 year old; Terrier mix.

Quincy is a real character. He was rescued from an animal shelter around the holidays when they were very full of dogs. About 20 lbs. and almost 4 months old, he has a typical terrier attitude that makes his foster family laugh out loud. He is a little pushy with other dogs, both big and little. Quincy loves to play with his toys. He does well in his crate and his housetraining is in progress.

Blue Walker 10 months old; Walker bound.

Blue Walker is a tricolor Walker hound with only one eye because of an accident. He is a very sweet dog who is only 10 months old. He weighs 50 pounds and is neutered. Of three dogs that were dumped in a neighborhood he is the only survivor. This guy really needs a family to love him.

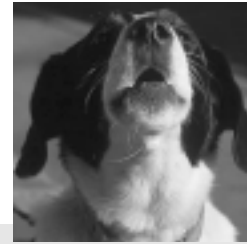
Devo 1 year old; mix.

Devo is a real people pleaser. He has lots of energy and will need plenty of time for exercise. He is about a year old. He loves toys and treats, his adoption fee is \$35.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services for more information.

Romper 3 years old; mix.

Romper is full of energy, but very sweet. He is about 3 years old. He will need plenty of play time. His adoption fee is \$35.00. Please contact Angela Durgasingh through Metro Animal Services 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'S BARKIN'

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 25, 2005

The Furball

March 17-20, 2005

KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER OF DOG SHOWS

The four days of all breed shows will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Please visit Shamrock Foundation's booth in the lobby area before entering the show arena. This is a fund raiser and a great networking opportunity for us. Plus, it's a fun time to see so many really cool dogs strut their stuff.

So, get your tails over there and join us for a howling good time!



MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY

WHAS-TV 6:30 -7:00AM Featured Pets-of-the-Week

99.7 WDJX with Peter B. & Kelly K. 7:00-7:15AM

102.3 The MAX Lambert & Lindsey Show 7:15-7:30AM

WEDNESDAY

Insight Channel 2 - Animal Answers LIVE! at 7:00PM

The show airs several times during the week at various times

FRIDAY

84 WHAS Radio with Terry Meiners adoptable animals are featured between 5:30 & 6:00pm

SATURDAY

WLKY-32 Pet-of-the-Week between 7:30 & 8:00 am

SUNDAY

WLKY-32 Pet-of-the-week between 8:30 & 9:00 am



PAWS FOR THOUGHT

MAKE YOUR PUPPY A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

Socialize your puppy. You hear this a lot, and it is considered the MOST important thing you can do to make sure your dog has great behavior as an adult. But how do you do it?

When a puppy is between 4 weeks and 4 months old he is absorbing new things every second, and what he sees and experiences will affect his later behavior.

Carry treats with you everywhere and let strangers feed him treats. If he is very shy, ask the strangers to drop the treats on the ground. Do not force him to be petted if he is fearful at first. Let him decide when he is ready to be up-close and personal.

I taught my shy puppy to touch my left hand in order to get a treat from my right hand. When I took him around dog-friendly people I asked them to put a hand out so he could touch it before I gave him a treat. Now he will go up to friendly people and push them with his nose, hoping for a treat to appear, which it usually does.

The theory behind this method is that you are pairing new people with great food so don't be stingy with tasty treats! He will look forward to meeting new people when he learns that they mean good food is coming his way.

In addition to new people, you need to introduce him to new places and things. Walk by tennis courts, baseball diamonds and soccer fields while people are playing there. Let your puppy smell everything.

Take him with you in the car so he gets to see and smell the city as you drive. If he gets carsick, take heart (and paper towels) – most dogs outgrow that phase and learn to love the car.

Socializing a new puppy is very time-consuming for a few months but the reward will be a great dog you can take anywhere. 🐾

~Michele Reilly

Dog Behaviorist, SHAMROCK FOUNDATION, INC.

www.shamrockpets.com



MEDIA CANINE STAR *Murphy* GONE AT 13

RESCUED POOCH BECAME 'SPOKESDOG' FOR PET ADOPTION

LOUISVILLE, KY, JANUARY 18, 2005

Murphy, the straw-colored Shepherd-mix dog who spent his entire career promoting pet adoption on Louisville radio and television with his owner Jackie Gulbe, died January 18th after a brief illness. Twelve years ago, after learning that Murphy had been abandoned at the Kentucky Humane Society because he was the only one of his litter mates no one wanted, Gulbe, then a KHS employee, adopted the 8-week-old puppy.

Soon Murphy began joining Gulbe and host Terry Meiners on WHAS radio to promote pet adoption through KHS. Over the coming years, Gulbe and Murphy visited the Meiners show hundreds of times and also regularly joined WDJX-Radio's Peter B on his morning show. Murphy's role expanded to weekly "appearances" on WHAS-TV sports segments where he predicted Kentucky Derby winners, and forecast the outcomes of key football and basketball games.



Jackie & Murphy Gulbe

Murphy's celebrity continued to grow, with appearances in television promos for the KHS "dog wash" as well as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Shamrock Foundation's Art for the Animals and other community causes. Murphy later became a familiar face as the spokesdog on numerous animal adoption broadcasts in Louisville, including the annual Pet Groups United "adoptathon" broadcast on Insight Cable. Murphy also starred on Insight's "Pet Project," a weekly show hosted by Gulbe.

Pet Project was widely praised for its role in promoting community pet adoption and animal rescue resources. The show has won four "Telly" awards for outstanding local, regional and cable television programs and was nominated for a prestigious "Cable Ace" award. Murphy was also honored individually with a special "Ambassador of Good Will" award by Pet Groups United in 2003.

Murphy's most recent TV role was as co-host on Insight's Animal Answers Live, a live call-in pet show which airs Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on ICN2.

Sharon Mayes, president of the Shamrock Foundation, said, "Over the years Murphy has come to represent an important symbol of the joys and rewards of animal adoption and responsible pet ownership. Louisville television and radio personalities who welcomed Jackie and Murphy to their programs over the years have also made valuable contributions to a greater awareness of the pet overpopulation issues in our area."

Murphy has been cremated.

Remembrances of Murphy can be made on the Shamrock Foundation's web site at www.shamrock-pets.com/spc/. Donations can be made in his name to the Metro Animal Services Adoption Facility Fund, P.O. Box 16346, Louisville, KY 40256. 🐾



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Happy TAILS



CAT COUPLES

If you have an older cat that you think would never accept another cat in the home, think again. A kitten is always a good addition because a kitten is non-aggressive and will not trouble an older cat. If the older cat hisses or swats at the kitten, the kitten will not fight back but will go away and find someone or something else for playtime. The older cat may sulk or ignore the kitten for a few days but will eventually give in, and within a couple of weeks the kitten is usually sleeping with the older cat and maybe even coaxing it to play. Many old fogies have exhibited a renewed interest in chasing, wrestling, grooming and cuddling with a kitten.



Even another cat—particularly one of the opposite sex—can often be acceptable to your older cat if the new cat is known to enjoy the company of other cats. It may take some time—even a few weeks—for the two to bond, but keeping them in separate rooms for a period of time so they can both become accustomed to the new environment will usually work.

Always, when bringing home a new kitten or cat, leave the newcomer in the cat carrier when it first arrives and allow the older cat to approach the carrier and observe the reaction of both cats. That will provide the best clues as to whether to separate them for a period of time. Be sure to give your older cat some extra attention during this adjustment period so it will know that you still have enough love to go around. 🐾



~Karen Ryan Harris
Chairman, Cat Committee

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



A SAD LOSS FOR SHAMROCK FOUNDATION

On Monday, December 27, 2004 our dear friend Joyce Vincent lost her battle to breast cancer. I often told "Joycie" she was an angel who walked the earth. She was a champion for animals and led by example. Joyce volunteered with Shamrock Foundation for twelve years in many areas. Her focus was to aid as many animals as possible, help wherever and whenever she was needed and to educate the public. Even during her battle with cancer she remained very much involved with Shamrock. Then when she became very weak, she still wanted to know everything that was going on and continued to give advice.

Joyce gave all of us close to her the gracious opportunity to be a part of her life in many ways. During her last few months and weeks, we celebrated her life, shared stories, laughed, cried and made memories. She gave us the opportunity to say goodbye.

We know in our hearts, she is on the other side watching over us and the animals. We know she is there with open arms waiting for those creatures who will be passing on. Thank you "Joycie" for all you have done on this earth. We are honored to have been a part of your journey on this planet.

Any expressions of sympathy can be made to the Shamrock Foundation Joyce Vincent Spay/Neuter Fund, PO Box 99811, Louisville, KY 40269-0811. 🐾

~Sharon Mayes
President, SHAMROCK FOUNDATION, INC.



The FurBall 2005

Some Enchanted Evening



A Benefit for Pet Groups United

Friday, February 25, 2005
Hyatt Regency Louisville Ballroom
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Cocktails • Dinner • Dancing
Tickets: \$75 per person / Corporate Tables Available

502-899-PETS

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