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## They're Family.....

For many of us, family members offer the most enduring and sustaining relationships in our lives. Since 1986 People For Animals has called attention to the deep bonds we can share with animals when they are allowed to live with us as family members. We have advocated recognizing the intrinsic value of all animals and our responsibility to be good stewards of these remarkable creatures.



Recently these philosophical issues have been the subject of much national debate. The news has been full of dramatic images of the debate over rescues of humans versus animals. We've seen people refusing to leave their flooded homes because rescue was denied their pets. We have seen heartbreaking images of pets left behind as buses loaded with their humans pulled away. A particularly courageous doctor refused to leave a deserted hospital because he had promised evacuating patients that he wouldn't leave until their beloved pets were also safe. Now we hear voices in Washington proposing legislation to require including pets and service animals in the FEMA rescue protocol! (More about this on page 2.)

Regardless of our socio-economic status, the animals that live with us are such an important part of our lives and are indeed family. They are ever watchful and devoted. They accept us unconditionally and calm and comfort us with their presence. They give us what we sometimes cannot give each other. In return it is our duty to care for and protect them.



**Advocacy of the VALUE OF ANIMALS is the heart of PFA.** We ask you to join us in this holiday season with your gifts of time and money as we continue to give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.

**PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS** is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit animal protection organization dedicated to preventing intentional or unintentional harm to all animals in our community with a focus on dogs and cats. Founded in 1986, our goal is to enhance pet quality of life and reduce the number of healthy pets euthanized in shelters with programs that

Reduce the birth rate of unwanted puppies and kittens

Help people make a lifetime commitment to responsible, caring guardianship of their pets

Promote adoption from shelters

Support animal-friendly legislation.

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## Message from the President

**W**ith so much going on in our busy lives, we often set our priorities unconsciously rather than thoughtfully. In the recent tragedy of Katrina, the question of how much value or priority we place on both humans and animals was repeatedly asked in one dramatic, heartbreaking scenario after another. The answer was dramatized for us day after day.

We can probably agree that when there is insufficient priority put on protecting humans, there will be even less put on protecting animals. Thousands of humans in severe crisis themselves were forced to make heartbreaking evacuation choices to risk their lives by staying or to leave cherished animal family members behind. We now know that many of

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those pets died and thousands more were eventually “rescued” and taken to locations throughout the country with little or no system in place to allow their displaced, traumatized humans to find them. The toll in suffering of humans and their animals is unimaginable.

In the midst of all the confusion there does seem to be consensus on one point. There was grossly insufficient prior planning in all areas; however there had been virtually no planning about the rescue of pets. Is it necessary to ignore the inherent value of animals and their value as family members in order to value humans? IT IS NOT! We must all raise our voices to say that all living beings deserve more than the plans provided.

For the animals, the solution lies with the animal protection communi-



People for Animals President Ann Logan with Penny, Manny and Annie.

ty. If the emergency planning process will allow us in, we will do what is needed on local and state levels to be prepared with plans that will provide protection and identification of pets and service animals so that they are kept safe and can be returned to their families when the time comes. Our lack of PREVENTION has added to the homeless animal population in a world

where millions of dogs and cats already die each year because there aren't enough homes.

I doubt that we consciously value cure more than PREVENTION. But we must ask ourselves how and when does our country respond? We respond with overwhelming generosity after a crisis, but we most often ignore potential problems when we could PREVENT or at least minimize them. As individuals, we must insist on a national change in philosophy and we must show by our individual actions our own belief in the higher value of PREVENTION .

People For Animals lives by this philosophy through its focus on education, spay/neuter, animal protection legislation, and now on our efforts to participate in an emergency management process at state and local levels. Come on the journey with us!

For the animals,

*Ann Logan*

## TN Legislative Update

### “PETS”: Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standard Act

U.S. Representative Tom Lantos recently introduced the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005 (H.R. 3858). With 358 million pets residing in U.S. households, the purpose of this legislation is to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness plans address the needs of individuals with household **pets** and **service animals** following a major disaster or emergency. If made law, the PETS Act would amend current federal law by requiring that the disaster evacuation plans of state and local authorities take into account the needs of individuals with household **pets** and **service animals** following a major disaster or emergency.

This legislation is supported by People for Animals, the Humane Society of the United States, the Doris Day Animal League, the Best Friends Animal Society, and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Please urge your U.S. representative to support H.R. 3858 so that the serious health and safety issues posed to the public and household animals during a disaster can be eliminated.

*Suffering without relief is not inevitable*

## ARTHRITIS: Keep it at Bay for Pet Quality of Life

Watching a furry friend in discomfort is difficult. It does seem that joint pain and loss of flexibility are inevitable results of the aging process and or past injury. But suffering without relief is NOT inevitable. We can prolong the comfortable years by doing things to slow and relieve problems before they become severe.

First, know what is normal for your animal. Watch for changes in behavior such as unwillingness to do things that he used to do without hesitation. He may sit and look at his favorite chair a few moments before attempting to hop up. He may get up more slowly after a nap. He may decide that playing ball is fun for ten minutes instead of twenty. If you are in tune with what is normal, even subtle changes will alert you to an injury or the early onset of joint problems. Don't ignore changes or you'll wake up to a friend unable to enjoy life. The following are tips for prevention and cure.

- **Educate yourself** to the many options available that can safely help relieve osteoarthritis symptoms.
- **Be aware** that there are options that can work well for years that don't have negative side effects.
- **Reduce stress** on joints by keeping **weight in control**.
- **Keep moving!** You may have to reduce distances or intensity but, keep that fur friend moving to avoid losing more ground.
- **High quality diet** will give his body clean fuel to build and maintain itself. There is even a new prescription "joint" diet available.
- **Nutraceuticals** are available such as **glucosamine** and **chondroitin** that can work wonders.
- **Acupuncture** (and acupressure) can also have excellent results and vets are beginning



Your vet will have lots of options to make your pet's arthritis more manageable.

to accept the efficacy of this alternative approach.

- **Massage** and gentle stretching and range of motion exercises can be helpful.
- **Your vet** can play an important part in managing your pet's health. He has an arsenal of effective pain drugs when that time comes.

Being aware and being proactive will give you and your pet many more great walks and fun days.

## Canine Health Alert: Dog Flu Strikes U.S. Canines

As if fears of bird flu weren't enough! Now there is a flu targeting our dogs.

It is a highly contagious and sometimes deadly airborne virus moving rapidly through the U.S. canine population. As it is a new virus, our dogs have no natural immunities. Virtually all dogs exposed will therefore become infected to some degree. About 80% will develop symptoms of cough, low fever and listlessness. In its more acute form pneumonia develops and requires immediate veterinary intervention of antibiotics and

fluids. In dogs with the acute symptoms, there is a 1-5 percent mortality rate.

According to recent reports, it is not in Tennessee but is in several neighboring states.

### Spay & Neuter: Did You Know?

- Every day 70,000 puppies & kittens are born in this country while only 10,000 people are born.
- It's simple math—there just aren't enough homes for all of these animals.
- Every year 10-12 million animals are euthanized in shelters for lack of available homes.
- On average, 64% of all animals taken into shelters nationwide have to be euthanized.
- You personally can make a difference by spaying or neutering your pet. It is the single most important thing you can do to prevent animal cruelty!

## PFA Fights Litter BY Adopting A Highway

PFA has always fought "littering" by providing spay/neuter assistance and education about pet overpopulation.

The message "Please Don't LITTER" makes a difference in communities in more ways than one.

Prevent Another LITTER....  
Spay and Neuter

Recently, we expanded our efforts to "littering" on the highways of Tennessee by adopting a 2-mile stretch of State Highway 431 in Williamson County – better known as Mack Hatcher Parkway. While promoting the name of the organization, we are continuing our tradition of civic responsibility and community pride.

Saturday, November 5 was PFA's first litter pick-up. According to Board Member Nancy Whittemore, the quarterly pick-up takes 1-2 hours.



Thanks to PFA volunteers and board members (from left to right) Darlene Nall, Monica Barker, Nancy Whittemore (holding Molly the PFA mascot for the day), and Vickie Roberts for collecting over 15 garbage bags of litter. Watch for "People for Animals" Adopt-A-Highway sign on Mack Hatcher near Highway 96.

She says volunteers and board members are encouraged to participate and join us for breakfast after the work is done ! Anyone interested in volunteering can email PFA at [PeopleForAnimals@comcast.net](mailto:PeopleForAnimals@comcast.net)

## PFA Boasts New Logo & Website!



Visit us at [www.PeopleForAnimals.net](http://www.PeopleForAnimals.net)

You may have noticed that PFA has a new look. The new logo symbolizes the mission and work of the organization in the following ways:.

- PFA's focus on companion animals (the dog and cat)
- Protection of pets (arch)
- Pet owner responsibility (ID tags)
- Animals as family members (closeness of the dog and cat)

### New Web Site Features

- Educational articles
- Recommended reading list
- Legislative updates
- Newsletter
- Donations through PayPal
- Memorials and Honorariums
- Photo Gallery
- PFA Store

## Betty Boo Finds a New Home

Jacqueline didn't think that much about it one morning in August when a co-worker came in and told her there was a dog tied to a parking meter outside the building where she works. After all, there are residents living in downtown Nashville who own dogs. But when time had passed and someone else came in reporting that the dog was still there, Jacqueline could stand it no longer. She had to check it out for herself.

When she walked out on 2nd Avenue, she lost her heart. There tied to the parking meter with a sign saying "Please Take Me Home" was an under-fed bull terrier who had obviously recently had pups. Jaqueline approached slowly so as not to frighten her.



### Who Could Resist?

When Jaqueline Claywell saw the bull terrier tied to this parking meter in downtown Nashville with the sign attached to it, she lost her heart.



"Betty Boo is the sweetest dog!" says Jaqueline Claywell.

"She started wagging her tail," Jacqueline said. "She was looking up at me with these sad droopy eyes." At that point, People for Animals Board Member Nancy Whittemore joined her by the parking meter. "Nancy could not believe someone had left a dog tied to a parking meter," recounted Jacqueline. "I told her I would take the bull terrier home. I left right then and took her to the vet for a bath and check up."

At the vet, Jacqueline was asked what the dog's name was. "I told them Betty Boo", says Jacqueline. "Why Betty Boo?" "Look at her mouth," said Jacqueline, "It is kind of puckered and turned down, as if she was saying Boo! And because she is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier I gave her the name Betty so people would not be afraid of her."

At the vet, Jacqueline was also given bad news. Besides being malnourished, Betty Boo had hook worms and heart worms. Her tender heart sank. "I was afraid we would have to put Betty Boo to sleep," she said, "but the vet said there was a treatment." Jacqueline is happy to report that after three treatments Betty Boo is heartworm free and, of course, on heartworm prevention.

According to Jacqueline, Betty Boo likes clowning around and rolling over on her back. She and grandson, Austin, say "Betty Boo is the sweetest dog !!!"

We think this story gives new meaning to the phrase **falling head over heels in love**.

## Thanks...Senator Curtis Person



Senator Person with "puppy mill" dog, Otis

Our heartfelt thank you and congratulations to Senator Curtis Person (R-Memphis) on receiving the Humane Legislator Award for 2003 and 2004 from the Humane Society of the United States AND being named Legislator of the Year in 2004 by the Tennessee Animal Control Association. People For Animals is deeply grateful for his tireless, continuing work to protect all the animals of Tennessee.

### Are You Prepared?

## Emergency Planning Pays Off

Being prepared for an emergency is a frequent topic these days. Planning for our pets should be included in this process. Most emergencies are personal disasters rather than major geographic events. Whether you experience an extended power outage, house fire or hospitalization from illness or accident, planning ahead can make the difference between tragedy and a happy ending. Below are some guidelines.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** Appoint a familiar friend or neighbor and a back-up with a key to take initial charge of the pet's care. Arrange with someone to assume long term responsibility.

**IDENTIFY PETS** Have clear **ID tags** on collars including cell #, address, owner name. **Microchip** pets for permanent ID and proof of ownership. Keep registration information current with the microchip company.

**EMERGENCY KIT** Keep a supply of food and sufficient water for several days, first aid supplies, any medications & current health records, crate and extra collars and leashes with I.D. tags.

**INFORMATION LIST** Keep list up to date with names, addresses, and numbers of the caretaker and vet. Owner's information should be included also. A list of do's/don'ts, likes/dislikes, habits/routines, and familiar words your pet understands is helpful information for the caretaker and makes your pet feel more comfortable.

**WHEN YOU RETURN** Expect abnormal behavior for a time. Allow plenty of sleep and provide familiar toys and activities while he re-acclimates.

### How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

**Poodle:** "I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes re-wiring the house, my nails will be dry."



**Cat:** "Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"



### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Metro Animal Services 862-7930  
Williamson Co. Animal Control 790-5590

**ANIMAL BITES/INJURIES**  
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Williamson Co. Animal Control Emergency Services 790-5590

**EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES**  
Cool Springs Pet Emergency Clinic 333-1212  
Nashville Pet Emergency Clinic 383-2600



## Special Gifts and Memorials

### In Memory of....

**Evelyn Stark** was a devoted animal lover, especially dogs, and a big supporter of humane organizations in her home state of New Jersey. I know she is smiling knowing we are helping animals in her name...Tom and Suzanne Berrey



**Muffler, Baxter Boy, and Patches**---I still miss you.....Marvenell Atwood

**Bea**, it was hard to let you go, but we knew it was time. We didn't want to see you suffer.....Carol Lea-Mord and Kevin Morehead

**Ed Schuffman**, the father of Jan Schuffman with whom I work. According to Jan, he would be pleased with a contribution, in his name, to an organization that helps cats and dogs.....Nancy Whittemore

### In Honor of....

**Vickie Roberts** has worked with both of our dogs and has been absolutely WONDERFUL. I cannot tell you how much she has helped us to assimilate these sweethearts into our home.....Lisa M. Carson

**Lynnae Van Doren** a friend to all creatures.....F.M. Slack

**Pinkie Girl—Miss "B"—Danny—Jack—Sophie—Jenna**.....Cathy Walker

**Spencer**, who warms my heart with his presence.....Ed Thaden

**My 3 Darling Maltese—Pebbles, Promise and Tilly**.....Mary Wherry

**Brittany and Sadee** for being so warm hearted and accepting Katie (the foster Maltese) into a new home.....Gary Lehrmann

**Lambchop and Gingerbread**---You are my Good Girls...Marvenell Atwood

**Molly, Lindsey, Darby, Abbey, and our Kaylee** who we will always keep in our hearts.....Monica Barker

People for Animals truly appreciates those who understand the special bond that forms between animals and people. We dedicate this space to those fortunate enough to feel that kind of love. PFA sincerely thanks all members and friends for their generous gifts.

Gift: \_\_\_\_\_\$25    \_\_\_\_\_\$50    \_\_\_\_\_\$75    \_\_\_\_\_\$100    \_\_\_\_\_Other

All donations are tax-deductible and are greatly appreciated. You can now make your donations, honorariums, and memorials online at [www.PeopleForAnimals.net](http://www.PeopleForAnimals.net)

**Special Gifts:** Honor your special animal or human friend with a gift to PFA!

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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