



Humane Society of St. Joseph and Buchanan County

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Please Remember Us During Our 2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Humane Society of St. Joseph survives on donations from individuals and businesses in our community. We are not affiliated with nor receive monies from any local, state or national humane group, government or organization. We are a private, not-for-profit organization, overseen by a volunteer board of directors made up of people from the community. Please don't forget your local non-profit groups. We rely on your financial support to survive. Please note your calendar for our upcoming membership drive in January & February of 2009.

Canine Costume Contest & Blessing of the Animals Held October 4

The 12th annual Canine Costume Contest and the 10th annual Blessing of the Animals were held together October 4, at Felix Street Square in downtown St. Joseph. It was a warm, sunny autumn day for our participants and spectators.

We had 47 dogs entered in the contest and over 150 people attending this year's event. We saw bumblebees, ghosts, and the three little pigs along with three blind mice. There were also reported sightings of Hannah Montana, Danny & Sandy from Grease and the presidential candidates. With so many great costumes, picking the winners was a difficult task for our judges Ariane Aramburo/KQTV, and Sylvia Anderson/St. Joseph News-Press, but they did a great job.

October 4 was also St. Francis of Assisi Day and we held our Blessing during the event. Pastor's Bill Bridgewater/Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, Alex Horvath/retired and Mimi Savidge/Christ Episcopal Church, conducted the ceremony and bestowed individual blessings upon the pets in attendance.

This year over \$2,000.00 was raised for our organization. Mark your calendar for next year's event, which will again be held the first Saturday in October.

Look for Canine Costume Contest photos and winners list beginning on page 4.

SNIPP-Spay/ Neuter Program Assists Cats & Dogs

Our low-cost spay/neuter program called SNIPP (Spay/Neuter Innocent Pets Partnership) was created to promote spay and neutering as a means to decrease the pet-overpopulation in the St. Joseph area and to promote better health and well-being for pets.

We partner with All Creatures Animal Hospital, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, East Hills Animal Clinic, Green Hills Animal Hospital and Twin Pines Veterinary Clinic to provide lower fees to low-income pet guardians.

From January through October of 2008, we have spayed or

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DONATION TO PURCHASE K-9 OFFICER

We were recently informed that the Central Neighborhood Watch Group and the Sherwood Neighborhood Association were raising funds to help the St. Joseph Police Department purchase a new K-9 Officer. Our board thought it was an important goal. With donations from our members and our fund-raiser the Canine Costume Contest, we were able to present the St. Joseph Police Department with a check for \$1,000.00 to help toward the purchase of the third K-9 officer.



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neutered 40 pets and provided medical assistance for 18 other pets, at a cost of \$1,750.54. The SNIPP program is funded through the generous donations of our supporters.

If you know of a pet that is in need of a spay or neuter and their guardian can't afford the full cost, they can contact us at 232-6955 or download an application from our website at www.humanest-joseph.org.

Humane Society of St. Joseph's newsletter is published to report our activities and programs to our members and friends and to promote the work of our society. The mission of the Humane Society of St. Joseph and Buchanan County Missouri is to assist the community in providing a better quality of life for animals through education and advocacy.

The Humane Society of St. Joseph is a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. The society is funded solely through private donations. We are not affiliated with, nor receive funding from any other humane organizations. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Pet Food Distribution Numbers Are Up

Some of you may not be aware that we maintain a pet food locker in a storage facility here in St. Joseph. We distribute the food to clients that may be having trouble making ends meet and they must turn to us so that their beloved pet(s) have something to eat. Some pet guardians only need help one time and others need help a few times a year. Through no fault of their own, these pets are hungry, and our goal is to make sure they have the food they need.

From January through October this year we have helped 202 cats and 93 dogs receive free pet food. We have distributed 820 pounds of dry cat food and 1,382 pounds of dry dog food. There were also 20 cases of wet pet food given away.



Sometimes we must purchase the food when we run low. Other times we receive the food through donations from Nestle Purina PTC, Nestle Purina Company Store, individuals, and schools or groups that conduct pet food drives for us. If you would like to make an individual donation or your organization, employer or school would like to conduct a pet food drive, contact Laurie at 232-6955 or inquiries@humanest-joseph.org. We accept dry cat and dog food.

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In Appreciation

July 16, 2008 through November 15, 2008

NOTE: Although we strive for accuracy in listing names, errors can occur. Should you discover an error or omission, please contact us at 232-6955 and we will make the correction in our next issue. Thank you for your support.

In Memory of These Pets

From

Barney & Nickie	Dan & Cherie Barthel
Andrew, Pat & Cooper	Catherine Bevirt
Jack	Rosan Bowers
	Jim & Elaine Bowers
Delaney	Sue Comley
Jack (my beloved cat)	Jan Dillman
Reggie (my boy)	Jan Dillman
Sophie	Jeff & Jenny Geheb
Torii	Paula Heckel
Willie & Gus (two of my best friends)	Mary Ann Jernigan
Kodiak Lucas	Janet Lucas
Tommy Martin	Janet Lucas
Molly Molloy	Janet Lucas
Rudy	Mrs. Caryl Potter

In Memory of These People

From

Glenna Glauser	Kathy Bell
	Shirley Karrle
	Midland Steel Company
Janice Harris	Lisa Bone
	Mary Pat McIntosh
	Rod, Jeannie, Scott & Jeff Roderick
	Dotti Schulenberg
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Pet Food Donations

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Thank you to these friends of the Humane Society of St. Joseph who made monetary donations between July 16, 2008 and November 15, 2008.

Mary Ann Fenner
St. Joseph News-Press - Pet Papparazzi
Peel's Salon Services
PETCO Foundation - Round Up/Spay Today
Cindy Pickard
Jean Anne Rausin
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(Monthly Tithe)
Mr. & Mrs. Charley Watson
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THANKS!

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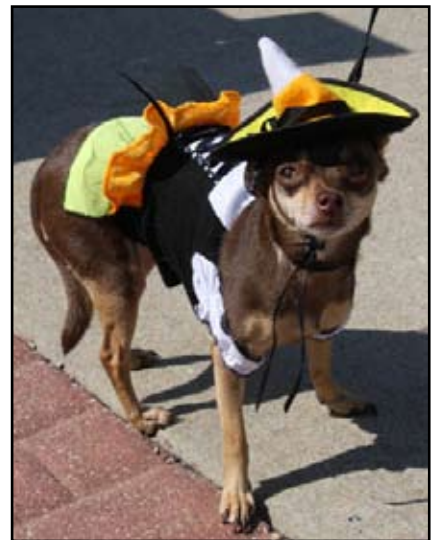
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Don't miss our spot on Live at Five with Nathan Byrne & Bridget Blevins the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Laurie provides the community with a humane education tip and news about upcoming events.

Also, from time to time, listen for Laurie on KFEQ 680's The Midland Empire Hotline with Barry Birr.

CANINE COSTUME CONTEST 2008 WINNERS LIST

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COSTUME</u>	<u>DOG</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
CUTEST DOG COSTUME			
1st Place	Pookie	Schoolgirl	Brandee Rivera
2nd Place	Cinnamon	Lion	April Layman
3rd Place	Daisy & Duke	Princess & Frog	Jenny Steppe
MOST COMICAL DOG COSTUME			
1ST Place	Spirit	Farmer & Cow	Vanessa Seward
2nd Place	Asi	Construction Worker	Heidi Webber
3rd Place	Molly Sue	Hannah Montana	Rita Criss
SCARIEST DOG COSTUME			
1ST Place	Remmie	Pirate	Nikki Olt
2nd Place	Emma	Friendly Ghost	Kim Bentz
3rd Place	Heidi	The Mummy	Ellie Stiles
MOST UNIQUE DOG COSTUME			
1ST Place	T.J. Scout J.J.	McBama Dogs	Emily Stone Amy Thomure Missy Howe
2nd Place	Chance & R.B.	Cheerleader & Jock - Going Steady	Philip Drowns
3rd Place	Cooper	Bumble Bee	Courtney Frederick
GROUP THEME COSTUMES			
1st Place	Darby, Blue & Cooper	3 Little Pigs & Big Baggy Wolf	Lisa Nichols
2nd Place	Jesse & Kendall	Danny & Sandy from Grease	Marilyn Rodriguez
3rd Place	Keller, Tony & Willow	3 Blind Mice	Debbie Pankau



More Canine Costume Contest Pictures



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to the following pet friendly people for their donation to the Humane Society of St. Joseph's Canine Costume Contest. Please frequent these businesses or purchase their products to show your gratitude for their support of our organization.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

Best In Show

Commerce Bank

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Paw Pals

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Citizens Bank & Trust
Countryside Veterinary Clinic
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Nestlé Purina PetCare Company Store
Bags & Boxes 2

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also to:

Our judges-Sylvia Anderson w/St. Joseph News-Press & Ariane Aramburo w/KQTV
our clergy Rev's Bill Bridgewater, Mimi Savidge & Alex Horvath,
Kim Hurt-City of St. Joseph, Ward's Printing,
Eagle Radio, Green Hills Animal Hospital,
volunteers and participants.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2009

JANUARY / FEBRUARY Humane Society of St. Joseph's Annual Membership Drive

JANUARY

January 5

National Bird Day

Sponsors: Animal Protection Institute & Avian Welfare Coalition
www.nationalbirdday.com

January 14

National Dress Up Your Pet Day

January 17-18

Bald Eagle Appreciation Days

www.keokukiowatourism.org/eagledays.htm

January 30

Jesse James Kennel Club Dog Show

8:30 a.m. – Free admission - Civic Arena

January 31

St. Joseph Kennel Club Dog Show

8:30 a.m. – Free admission - Civic Arena

FEBRUARY

February 1

St. Joseph Kennel Club Dog Show

8:00 a.m. – Free admission - Civic Arena

Adopt-a-Rescued-Rabbit Month

“Prevent-A-Litter” Month

Sponsor: The Humane Society of the United States

www.hsus.org

National Pet Dental Health Month

Sponsor: American Veterinary Medical Association

www.petdental.com

National Wild Bird-Feeding Month

Sponsor: National Bird-Feeding Society

www.birdfeeding.org

February 7-14

Have-a-Heart-for-Chained-Dogs Week

Sponsor: Dogs Deserve Better

www.dogsdeservebetter.com

February 14

Pet Theft Awareness Day

www.stolenpets.com

February 13-16

The Great Backyard Bird Count

www.birdsource.org

February 24

Spay Day USA (15th Annual)

Sponsor: The Humane Society of the United States

www.SpayDayUSA.org

MARCH

Adopt-a-Rescued-Guinea Pig Month

March 1

National Horse Protection Day

www.animalmiraclenetwork.com

March 15-21

National Poison Prevention Week

www.poisonprevention.org

March 20

International Earth Day

www.earthsite.org

March 23

National Puppy Day

www.animalmiraclenetwork.com

APRIL

Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

Sponsor: America Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

www.aspca.org

April 4

Every Day is Tag Day

Sponsor: American Humane Association

www.americanhumane.org

April 4 to May 4

National Pet Month

www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk

April 5

National Farm Animals Day

www.animalmiraclenetwork.com

April 5-11

National Wildlife Week

www.nationalwildlifeweek.ca/

April 12-18

Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week

Sponsor: Humane Society of the United States

www.hsus.org

April 19-25

National Pet ID Week

April 26

National Kids and Pets Day

www.animalmiraclenetwork.com

MAY

May 3-9

Be Kind to Animals Week

Sponsor: American Humane Association

www.americanhumane.org

May 3-9

National Pet Week

Sponsor: AVMA

www.petweek.org

May 3

National Disabled Pets Day

www.animalmiraclenetwork.com

May 17-23

National Dog Bite Prevention Week

www.cdc.gov

JUNE

National Disaster Preparedness for Animals Month

Sponsor: The Humane Society of the United States

www.hsus.org

www.redcross.org

Adopt-A-Cat Month

Sponsor: American Humane Association

www.americanhumane.org

June 26

Take Your Dog to Work Day

Sponsor: Pet Sitters International

www.petsit.com



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St. Joseph, MO 64506

Sending a memorial or honorarium that will help us serve animals through our agency is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a special pet or person. If you wish to make such a contribution, please use this form.

(circle one)

In memory or honor of _____
 Pet *Person*

From _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Send acknowledgment to

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Your contribution to the Humane Society of St. Joseph will help support the following programs in our community:

Humane Education Programs, Information & Campaigns
SNIPP (Spay/Neuter Innocent Pets Partnership)

Complete this form and mail to:

Humane Society of St. Joseph & Buchanan County
P.O. Box 6036, Fairleigh Station
St. Joseph, MO 64506

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to help support the Humane Society of St. Joseph and Buchanan County.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone _____

All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.