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Save a Life: Spay/Neuter

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BROWN BAG IT —

(A SANDWICH NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!)

Here is a wonderful opportunity for you and your friends to get together, have some fun, and help the animals at the Humane Society. Get some buddies together (perhaps co-workers, neighbors, or family) and go on a brown bag picnic. Enjoy the great outdoors and the fellowship of others, **then...** collect the money you saved by not eating out that day, place it in the “brown bag envelope”, and send a donation to Caring Hands Humane Society, 1400 S.E. 3rd St., Newton, KS



67114.

Though you may never know the animal whose life you touch, know that your thoughtful donation will make a difference to one who is facing many challenges in the days ahead. Thank you for your kindness!

- Kevin Stubbs, Director



Mackenzie Young and Megan Bielefeld

THANKS, GIRLS!

Mackenzie Young and Megan Bielefeld baked dog treats and sold them at the Fourth of July celebration in Peabody, donating the proceeds to Caring Hands. You did an awesome job and our animals will benefit from your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST - Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Mo.

5th (Sat) - **Dog Wash** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Call CHHS for appointment)

16th (Wed) - **Deadline for voting** in Newton
Medical Center Surgical Wing's Pet
Contest, Midnight

SEPTEMBER

2nd (Sat) - **Dog Wash** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Call CHHS for appointment)

12th (Tues) - **Clicker Training Class begins**
6:00 pm at CHHS

19th (Sat) - **Drool at the Pool**, Newton
Municipal Pool from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

OCTOBER - Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

5th (Thurs) - **Taste of Newton**

7th (Sat) - **Dog Wash** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Call CHHS for appointment)

SHELTER SPECIALS!

For a limited time only, Canine Adoption Fees have been reduced. To give larger dogs a better chance to find a permanent home, the fees are currently on a sliding scale based on the weight of the dog. Dogs weighing 50 pounds and up are \$50; dogs weighing from 35 to 49 pounds are \$70. This represents a savings of \$35 and \$15, respectively. There are some great pets here waiting for those special folks who appreciate larger dogs.

Also remember that any cat or dog aged 6 years and up is just \$25. Every animal deserves a forever home!

PET CONTEST

Please stop by the Surgical Wing at Newton Medical Center between now and Aug. 16th and vote (with your dollars) for your favorite pet. NMC staff members have placed photos of their own pets — including a chicken, donkey, and prairie dog, as well as cats and dogs — on jars. The NMC employee whose jar contains the most money will win a Wal-Mart gift card. The proceeds collected from the jars will be donated to Caring Hands Humane Society.

CLICK AND TREAT!

Clicker Training teaches a pet owner how to use a small, metal clicker to train dogs. To use this technique successfully, the pet should have lived with its owner for at least 4 months.

The dog learns quickly to associate the sound of the metal clicker with doing what its owner is asking it to do because it's being rewarded immediately with small bits of food.

Owners teach their animal how to: Default sit (greeting people); Sit; Sit (at heel position); Attention; Head turn (leads to a great recall); Down; Puppy pushups; Stay (duration); Stay (distance); Stay (door/car); Release word (low key); Recall; Gotcha (dog allows itself to be caught and held by collar); Loose leash walking; Go to mat; Touch (hand or object); Doggie zen (leave it); and Trick (owner's choice).

NEW STAFF

I grew up on a small farm near Moundridge, KS. Ever since I was little, I have had a large place in my heart for our furry friends. It is almost impossible to find a childhood picture of me that doesn't show me clinging to one animal or another. I graduated in May from Bethel College with a Bachelors degree.

I am very excited to be working here at Caring Hands Humane Society. I am learning many new things and am enjoying the challenges placed before me. I hope that while I am here I will be able to make a difference in these animals' lives and contribute in the growth of CHHS.

- Leah Lichti, Kennel Manager

POOCHES DROOL!

Bring your water-loving dog to the Newton Municipal Pool for a swim on Saturday, Aug. 19th, from 1 to 3 pm. The cost is \$2.75. Your dog will be temperament tested and must have a current city tag. Caring Hands staff will be helping with this NRC event. Stop by and see us!

CRITTER CHUCKLES

What do you call a sick dog?

A Gergy Shepherd!
(from yahooligans.yahoo.com)

What's it called when a cat sues another cat?

A claw suit!
(from yahooligans.yahoo.com)

VOLUNTEERS' BIRTHDAYS

Matthew D. - August 12

Katie D. - August 27

Nathan D. - Sept. 2

Hana R. - Sept. 9

Aerielle R. - Sept. 21

Mikele K. - Sept. 22

Stacie F. - Sept. 30



May you enjoy the love of your family, friends, and pets on your special day. Happy Birthday!

SPONSORS OF CHHS

- Animal Health Center of Marion
- Chisholm Trail Animal Hospital
- Claassen Hardware & Lumber Co.
- First Bank of Newton
- Great Plains Pet Hospital
- Hesston Veterinary Clinic
- Hillsboro Animal Clinic
- Jasperson Chiropractic Clinic
- Midland National Bank
- Myers Natural Health Care
- Newton Animal Hospital
- Peabody Veterinary Clinic
- Petersen Funeral Home
- Valley Center Veterinary Clinic
- Wal-Mart of Newton



AVON

Will deliver brochures in Newton
Will mail brochures out-of-town

Phone: 316-992-5900
Email: kab1152@yahoo.com

Will donate 10-20% of your order total back to Caring Hands Humane Society in your honor (depending on type of items ordered)

Kathy Brotton
Independent Sales Representative

NEW MEMBERS 5-26-06 to 7-21-06

Hendrix, Nori
Lehman, Delonna
Prater, Lois
Schroeder, Michelle
Weber, Karla

ADOPTIVE MEMBERS 5-26-06 to 7-21-06

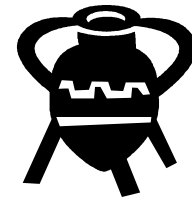
Anderson, Marilyn
Ballard, Kenneth
Barton, Nick
Branson, Leslie
Burrows, Roman
Carney, Kathleen
Chapman, Andrew
Chappell, Linda
Cole, Stacy
Coleman, Vanessa
Conrad, Leah
Cross, Kim
Darby, John
Davis, Cheryl
Davis, Duane
Davis, Kristi
Drake, Amy & Breana
Ehorn, Phyllis
Eichman, Adam
Fiessinger, Mark
Friesen, Jerry
Fuller, Kathy
Funk, Gayle
Gould, Katie
Hall, Christopher
Hall, Portia

Hedrich, Evonne
Herrel, Kurt
Herzog, Orla
Hett, Misty
Hiebert, Danny
Hinton, Harry
Hoffner, Hazel
Inlow, Kathy
Jackson, Doug
Jantz, Arlene
Johnson, Marti
Jones, Jim
Kallansrud, Sarah
Kirkhart, Aaron
Kohr, Berice
Krehbiel, Becky
Kuhn, Dianna
Kurtz, Roger
Lane, Jeanette & Emily
Larson, Tracy
Lazzo, David
Llamas, Cori
Logan, Luke
Magnaye, Mario
Marshall, Kristene
McBee, Annette
Moore, Curtis
Morrow, Amanda
Muldrow, Anna
Parcel, Dan
Ramey, William
Raskopf, Jeff
Regier, Anne
Richards, Steve
Ryan, Janette
Savage, Alvin
Scharff, Mitch
Schmidt, Jack

Schultz, Racheal
Schumacher, Amy
Schwart, Larry
Stout, Linda
Stroud, Jessica
Tillberg, Ashley
Tower, Nancy
Treffer, Hilary
Voth, Gayle
Walker, Kathleen
Webb, Stanley
Webster, Royce
Winslow, Jane
Wood, Michelle
Zrubek, Kathy

PET MEMORIALS 5-26-06 to 7-21-06

Until we meet at the
Rainbow Bridge



Buster (Rabbit)
Ravenscraft, Danny

**Guito and Chester
Crawford (Cat)**
Crawford Family

Oliver (Cat)
Brothers, Jon and
Barbara

MEMORIALS (5-26/ 7-21-06)

Forever in our Hearts

Walter Downs

Petersen, Thomas

Harold L. Jacobson

Poland, Gene and Mary

Lois Kimball

Dillman, Malinda A.

McGlachlin, Roberta

Needham, Corrine

Schmidt, Elda

United Transportation

Donald Sloop

Jaynes LNHC, Mary

Jungel, Carroll and Karilea

Morrison, Ruby

Oliver, Craig, Patti, Caitlin and

Christian

Rieth, Alicia

Donald Sloop continued

Rowh, Mr. and Mrs. Rex

Shay, James and Mary

Wichita Legal Professionals

Ronald Stewart

Cormier, Felix and Dolores

Davis, Dean and Elaine

Eilerts, Jay and Mary

Krassne, Dr. Bradley

Krueger, Martha

Suderman, John and Gwen

John Bradley "Brad" Winsor

Buller, Sharon and Robert

Cox, Elwood and Frances

Guthrie, Kathleen

Kallenbach, Lyle and LaReta

Musser, Alvin and Priscilla

Parks, Danny and Mary

Sauerwein, Robert and Ila Jean

Stauffer, Ray and Ruthann

DONATIONS (5-26-06/ 7-21-06)

Barnett, Anastacia

Baslee, Kevin

Benge, Carol

Bestvater, Ralph

Briefling, Joni

Brothers, Jon and Barbara

Brotton, Kathy

Brown, William and Karen

Collins, Ruth

Curves

Danby, Kelly

Dick, LaVerna

Downen, Leslie and Gladys

Farrar, Jean

1st United Methodist Church

Fitzroy, Marc

Frey, Ralph

Gray, Robert

Hall, Darlene

Hall, Raymond and Portia

Hinton, Harry

Jasperson Chiropractic Clinic

Johnson, Crystal

Lieb, Metta

McCune, Allen

Miranda, Kate, Johnna, Kylie

Moffet, Mrs.

Moyer, Melvin and Anna

Murray, Leuna

Nelson, Patricia

Patzwald, Marilynn

Perfett, Marguerite

Powell, Dee

Prater, Lois

Richard, Sandy

Rickard, Sandy

Robinson, Larry and Debbie

Salmeron, Laura

Scheffler, Shari

Schirer, Eleanor

Schmidt, Donald and

Marlene

Sifventez, Cheryl

Simpson, Sarah

Smith, LaDonna

Snider, Vada

Southbreeze School Pennies

for Pets

Stucky, James and Barbara

Tandoc, Bonnie

Thurlow, Diana

Trammell, Chelsey

Triggs, Sharon

Verschelden, Richard and

Marti

Vibbert, Byron

Wal-Mart

Ward, Mary Jane

Wilson, Nancy

York, Diana

SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW

This is part of a series of interviews to introduce you to pet-oriented individuals in our community. Candy Sizelove started Happy Tails Dog Grooming at 1616 North Ridge Road, Newton, KS, on November 2, 1995.

How did your interest in pet grooming begin? I have always loved all kinds of animals. Growing up, we had numerous pets, including dogs and cats. As a young teenager I used to hand scissor my toy poodle. I decided to become a professional groomer after leaving one of my dogs at a grooming shop for an early morning appointment and finding her still unfinished at 5:00 p.m. that evening. As much as she hated being caged, I saw no reason for her to have to sit in a cage all day waiting to be groomed.

Where and when did you get your training? In 1995 I had the good fortune to apprentice with a wonderful lady, located in Wichita, with 25 years of experience in pet grooming. She was both professional and loving to the animals. The positive one-on-one training I received was so much more educational than simply reading a book or trying to study by mail.

What are your hours of operation? I am open 4 days a week, Tuesday through Friday. My hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, but I am always available for early drop-offs and late pickups, if needed.

What services do you offer? I offer full service dog grooming for all small to medium breeds. A groom includes everything from a bath to the nails. I use premium quality grooming products designed specifically to reduce itching and irritation of the dog's skin. All dogs are groomed to the owner's

specifications, whether it's a clipped shave down or a hand scissored puppy cut.

Is there anything that makes your business unique, when compared to other groomers in the Newton area? I feel my business is unique in respect to the number of dogs I groom in a day. Each dog that comes to my shop is as individual as its owner and I want to give each one the individual attention necessary. Sometimes it's necessary to spend extra time just making the dog feel safe and earning its trust. I don't want to have to rush through any grooming job, but I also make every effort to finish a dog as quickly as possible to reduce stress for the animal.

Do you have any hot-weather pet-grooming tips for our readers? There are ways to help make your dog feel cooler without just shaving it down. Most important is daily brushing and frequent baths. A dirty, matted dog will feel hotter and will have to be shaved down. I prefer to keep them clean, thinning out the coats when I can and shaving just the underbelly and chest areas.

Is there anything in particular you wish pet owners would give more attention to? Brush your dog every day! The owner should spend time every day handling the dog in much the same manner as the groomer does. Brushing and doing things like touching the feet, holding the front legs, and making the dog stand help make the groomer's job easier and the dog learns not to fear the process. Also, clean the dog's eyes daily. Many dogs have excessive eye tearing that, when left to accumulate, becomes hardened on the eyes, making it difficult to remove without causing irritation, bleeding and extreme pain for the dog. Simply using a washcloth moistened with warm water daily will make a significant difference.

THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF PET ANIMALS

If someone asked you what the number one cause of death to pet animals was, how would you answer? “Probably some dreaded disease like distemper?” Wrong. “Well, maybe it’s the thousands of animals killed by cars while running loose?” Wrong again. Then the knowledgeable animal lover speaks up. “It must be the hundreds of thousands of animals sacrificed in laboratories.” Although these are all tragic and needless deaths, they are all incorrect answers.

The number one cause of death to pet animals is the “average” pet owner. In the United States, the average pet owner will go through three to six pets, all of which will be kept no more than one or two years. After this brief period of ownership, these animals will be dumped back into the already flooded pet market. A newspaper ad is written, giving them away to another “average” owner or leaving them at Caring Hands Humane Society.

You might ask, what’s wrong with that? How does that cause an animal’s death? The majority of these “throwaway” animals will sooner or later end up unwanted.

Newton’s general public disposes over 2,000 animals each year to Caring Hands Humane Society. Almost all of these animals are under three years old and most are good, healthy pets.

However, with puppies and kittens being pumped into the market from pet stores, backyard hobby breeders, and newspaper giveaway ads, only fifty percent of these animals will have a chance to be placed in a responsible home. **THE FAULT FOR THIS TRAGIC SITUATION MUST BE PLACED WHERE IT BELONGS – AT THE FEET OF THE “AVERAGE” PET OWNER WHO BUYS PETS AND THEN DISPOSES OF THEM AFTER A YEAR OR TWO WITH AS LITTLE THOUGHT AS IF THEY WERE THROWING AWAY A BROKEN TOY.**

Pet stores and backyard breeders are a big contributor to the “throwaway” problem. They sell animals to anyone who has the money or a credit card. Pet stores do not care if they have the proper place to care for an animal. In addition, these places have little concern as to whether the pet will even be in the home a few months later. In fact, the more pets a person goes through, the better for their profit!

A big step toward solving this major problem would be for people to think twice before *buying* a pet and to choose adopting instead. Are you really in a position to provide a permanent home, or are you unsettled? Will you likely be moving in the next ten to fifteen years and, if so, are you willing to take the time to search for a house or apartment that allows the type

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of animal you have? Are you going to school? Are you getting the pet for your mere enjoyment? Are you willing to provide responsible care for the rest of the animal's life? This means more than an annual rabies vaccination. Parasite control is also needed; this would include protection against worms, heartworms, fleas and ticks. What if your new pet acquires a disease or medical condition requiring intensive or ongoing medical treatment? Are you financially and emotionally committed to providing the care necessary to provide a quality of life befitting such a loyal companion? As long as pets can be acquired with little forethought, we will always have a high percentage of companion animals that will end up as "throwaways". Kevin Stubbs, Director

BIRTHDAY PARTY!



NEED RAIN?

We strive to meet the needs of all surrendered and displaced companion animals, as well as the needs of pet guardians trying to find a new home for their pets when they can no longer care for them. We know that it can be a traumatic experience to surrender your companion animal to the Humane Society because you have no one else to turn to. We have designed a program that will enable you to rehome your pet, instead of bringing him/her to us.

Stop by Caring Hands and receive a **Rehoming Animals In Need (RAIN)** packet. In it you will find helpful information as well as forms to complete, which will allow us to display information about your companion animal in a prominent area on our bulletin board. Also, a photo of your pet will be featured on www.petfinders.com.

The best possible outcome for you and your companion animal is for you to find a loving new home directly from your home. We are dedicated to helping you accomplish your goal.

Kendrick Weaver of Hesston celebrated his birthday at Caring Hands Humane Society on Saturday, July 29th. Instead of presents, he asked his guests to bring pet food and toys for the shelter animals. Thank you for your generosity!

FUNDRAISER HELD



Kaeli Edmonds and Kenzie Poulter of Hesston held a fundraiser to benefit Caring Hands Humane Society. Helping them were Dominick Edmonds and Sidney Poulter. Thanks for helping meet the needs of our animals!

HOT WEATHER TIPS

Panting is the main way your animal cools off. The air flowing over his wet tongue produces an evaporative effect cooling his blood, thus regulating his body temperature. Keep your pet safe by following these important guidelines:

- Never leave an animal in a parked vehicle. Even with the windows left down and in the shade, it can quickly become an oven in a matter of minutes.
- Exercising in the early morning or late evening will make both of you happier. Black coats absorb more heat. Overweight dogs find it harder to keep themselves cool. Very old

and young animals can't regulate temperature as well.

- Remember that asphalt and concrete are hot on feet without shoes.
- Provide plenty of fresh water daily, especially to outside animals, and don't forget about the shade.
- Old or overweight and snub-nosed animals or those with heart and lung conditions should be kept in the air conditioning as much as possible.
- If you shave your heavy coated dog or cat during the summer, please leave at least an inch of fur to help protect from sunburn.
- Remember to see your Veterinarian regularly to help prevent fleas, ticks and heartworm disease. This should be a year-round preventative measure.
- Never let your animal loose outside. He could be stolen, injured or killed. If you must chain him out, remember the City of Newton has an ordinance that allows no choke collars and no chains wrapped directly around the animal. The chain or tether must be at least 10' (feet) long, weigh no more than 1/8 the total weight of the animal, and be positioned in such a way as to not allow accidental hanging or entanglement.
- Consider installing a doggie door so your pooch can come inside when the sun starts to blaze.

MESSAGE FROM A DOG

By Anonymous

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you is very painful for me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me — it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your tone of voice when you're speaking to me.
6. Be aware that *however* you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun for too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I just can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for

me if you are there. Remember — I LOVE YOU!

"Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave of the leash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve the man, but it would deteriorate the cat."

- Mark Twain

WHY SPAY OR NEUTER?

Pet owners can help stop the U.S. birthrate of 5,500 pets per hour! Every hour in the U.S., more than 2,000 dogs and 3,500 cats are born, compared to 415 humans. The yearly statistics include more than 17 million dogs and 30 million cats. Add these totals to an existing pet population of 54 million dogs and 56 million cats and the total exceeds one billion!

The American Humane Association estimates more than 15 million healthy, friendly dogs and cats will be euthanized this year simply because they are "unwanted".

You can save lives and help solve the pet overpopulation tragedy by neutering or spaying your pet. This will reduce the number of dogs and cats being euthanized by reducing the number of pets being born.

- Info from an AHA flyer

FAT CAT? PUDGY POOCH?

American people aren't the only ones with weight problems. According to a study by Purina Veterinary Diets, our pets are packing on the pounds, too — 60 percent of cats and dogs are moderately to severely overweight.

Being heavy causes many of the same problems in pets as it does in their owners: diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, high blood pressure, and shortened life. The causes of pet obesity include the same factors that affect humans: too much food and too little activity; genetics; and the slower metabolism that comes from aging.

How can you tell if your pet is overweight?

- She does not have a defined waist when you stand above your pet and look down at her.
- Though you don't want to be able to see her ribs, you should be able to feel them easily when you press gently on her rib cage, without pushing through layers of fat.
- Body parts may drag on the ground when you view the pet from the side.

What should you do if your pet is overweight?

- First, visit your veterinarian. Obesity may be due to an underlying disease, like an underactive thyroid or overactive adrenal glands. Your veterinarian

can suggest a target weight and a weight-loss program suitable for your pet.

- Consider changing to a diet pet food. Virtually all pet foods sold at grocery and pet supply stores now have a light version.
- Try portion control. If you feed on demand or leave food out all the time, figure out how much your pet is eating in a day and give him that much – and no more – of the lower calorie food. If you have several pets, switch them all to light food, since it's almost impossible to keep them out of each other's bowls.
- Put less in cats' bowls, since cats tend to be nibblers.
- Taper off snacks. Eliminate table food completely. Go with tiny treats rather than large ones. Try reserving some of your pet's food for between-meal munching.
- Keep pets from eating from the bowls your neighbors set out for their own pets.
- Play with your pet; dogs love to play fetch, and cats can chase a tossed ball or a dragged strand of yarn.
- Take dogs for longer walks or runs.
- Don't put pets on crash diets. Slow weight loss is safer for pets.

- Info from "Obesity Epidemic Hits Pets, Too", Diabetes Forecast, July '05 and "Your Pudgy Pet", Janine Adams, Family Circle

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Level of Giving - \$25.00

Premiums you'll receive:

- * Use of our dog bathing facilities (bring your own shampoo)
- * Discounts from local businesses
- * License placards
- * Static cling window decal

Level of Giving - \$50.00

Premiums you'll receive:

- * All of the above plus a T-Shirt

Level of Giving - \$100.00

Premiums you'll receive:

- * All of the above plus a Sweatshirt

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- * All of the above with an extra T-Shirt and Sweatshirt

Please clip this form out and return it with your contribution or donation.

Yes, I wish to become a member! Here is my contribution of \$_____.

No, I do not wish to become a member at this time, but I would like to be a FRIEND of Caring Hands. Please accept my donation of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Zipcode _____

Members only: Please pick up your premium items at the shelter. A donation of \$500, \$1,000 or \$5,000 will entitle you to have your name added to our Bronze, Silver or Gold Donor Wall.

Please charge to my: Visa MasterCard

Acct. # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____