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E-Greetings Newsletter



T.A.P.S.

Adoptions:

Cats: 42

Dogs: 57

SHELTER NEWS

April is the national *Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month*. Animal cruelty and the issues related to violence/abuse and neglect are all subjects that one could write volumes about (which I will not do today). That stated, I would like to highlight some basic information and bring to everyone's attention different ways one can work within our community to prevent animal cruelty, how to report it, and list some upcoming laws that our support to strengthen action taken against those that abuse and neglect animals.

Recognizing Animal Cruelty –

Animal cruelty occurs when someone intentionally injures or harms an animal or when a person willfully deprives an animal of food, water or necessary medical care. Here are some signs that may indicate abuse or neglect:

- Tick or flea infestations
- Wounds on the body
- Patches of missing hair
- Extremely thin, starving animal
- Limping
- An owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal
- Dogs who are repeatedly left alone without food and water, and often chained in a yard
- Dogs who have been hit by cars—or are showing any of the signs listed here—and have not been taken to a veterinarian
- Dogs who are kept outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions
- Animals who cower in fear or act aggressively when approached by their owners

Cruelty and neglect are not only the intentional action or harm taken, but also includes those things NOT done – deprivation of food, water or necessary medical care.

Definitions –

There are two general categories of animal neglect, but other situations like animal hoarding and puppy mills also lead to neglect and animal suffering:

- **Simple neglect (failure to provide basic needs);** is not always considered a criminal act, and can often be resolved by the intervention of local animal care and control or humane agencies, which may be able to offer resources and educate offenders on how to provide proper care for their animals.
- **Gross, willful, cruel or malicious neglect;** A distinction is made as to the severity of the situation and considers intentional or deliberate withholding of care. Accordingly, “willful” neglect is considered a more serious, and is often a prosecutable offense.
- **Animal Hoarding** - the accumulation of large numbers of animals in extremely unsanitary conditions, often resulting in the death of many animals and potentially serious health consequences for the people who are living with them.

Reporting Animal Cruelty –

Contact the animal control facility in the county you live in.

- Tazewell County Animal Control at 309-477-2270,
- In Peoria County please call PAWS at 309- 494-8911.
- To report cruelty by an animal breeder –
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) (301) 734-7833 or visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>
 - Within IL – contact the IL Department of Agriculture at 217-782-6657

It is important to convey a sincere concern providing law enforcement with as much detail as possible in a concise statement of what you observed, giving dates and approximate times whenever possible. Let them know that you are taking the incident seriously, and are very interested and willing to lend assistance however you can.

- If you can do so without entering another person's property without their permission, you may wish to photograph the location, the animals and the surrounding area.
- When you report animal cruelty, it's a good idea to keep a careful record of exactly whom you contacted, the date of the contacts, copies of any documents you provided to law enforcement or animal control, and the content and outcome of your discussion. This will make following up much easier
- If you do not receive a response from the officer assigned to your case within a reasonable length of time, make a polite follow-up call to inquire about the progress of the investigation.

Without phone calls from the concerned citizens who report cruelty, law officials wouldn't know about most instances of animal abuse. It all comes from the public, it all starts with YOU—that's why it's so important to keep your eyes and ears open. Get to know and look out for the animals in your neighborhood.

Animal cruelty is wrong, and it is against the law in every state in this country! Animal abuse can also be part of a pattern of other violent acts within families and society.

Take Action -

Call or write your local law enforcement department and let them know that investigating animal cruelty should be a priority. You can also fight for the passage of stronger anti-cruelty laws on federal, state and local levels. You can also contact your Illinois State Representative and Senator and ask them to support the following bills;

- S.B. 3594 and H.B. 5772: Requires that information about an animal's history be disclosed to consumers for any dog or cat available for sale at a pet store.
- SB 2580: Requires standards to ensure the use of humane forms of tethering. The bill would prohibit a person from tethering a dog by using a log or tow chain and provides other humane standards.
- HB 4722: Requires the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze so as to render it unpalatable. Every year thousands of children and animals are poisoned each year after ingesting antifreeze, the ingredients in antifreeze smell and taste sweet, which makes the deadly substance attractive to animals and children.
- HB 5771: Requires that dog breeders provide humane standards for their animals.

Preventing Animal Cruelty -

- Set a good example for others.
- If you think your animal is sick, bring him to the veterinarian.
- Be responsible and have your animals spayed or neutered.
- Talk to your kids about how to treat animals with kindness and respect.
- Keep animals indoors – they want to be loved and a part of your family.
- Support your local shelter or animal rescue organization.

- Learn about the laws that are active in the state of IL and the fines and sentences that result.

This was another lengthy article, but the subject matter is such that a brief summary would not do it any justice. I took some of my references and information from the ASPCA website which I would recommend viewing if you would like a more in depth read on this subject and to become more aware of this issue on a national level.

As always, I would like to thank everyone who supports TAPS through your time, donations, and taking part in our annual and offsite events, we would not be here without your help and support!

Purrs & Wags!

Angela Blackman, Executive Director

HUGE CAT ADOPTION NEWS!!!

We are so overloaded on cats and our wait list is almost a year long and kitten season is coming... that being said, we are having an insane cat adoption sale.

FROM 3/12 - 4/15 ALL CATS are \$30.00!!!

You can adopt from TAPS or we will be at the following locations during the next 30 days and will also have cats available there for \$30.00:

4/12-18 - East Peoria Petsmart

Our goal is to adopt over 100 cats in 30 days - especially our long time cats (those who have been at TAPS for over 6 months... they really would love a home to call their own)

***All animals will still be spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated including rabies, tested for feline leukemia/FIV, de-wormed, and given their flea and tick prevention. ***

Angela Blackman
Executive Director - TAPS

PET NEWS

Alliance Pet Behavior will be conducting a Dog Manners Class at the Pekin Dragon's Dome beginning every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. from April 7th to May 12th, 2010. The class is designed for dogs five months of age and older who need help with reactive behavior around people and/or other dogs. They focus on helping you teach your dog

impulse control and basic manners: not jumping on people, walking nicely on leash (not lunging/pulling), coming when called and other cues such as sit, wait, leave it, watch, down and stay. The class is held outside. The cost is \$70 (\$10 discount for dogs adopted from TAPS). Fees are nonrefundable. Pick up a registration form at TAPS or go to TAPS website.



OFFSITES, ETC. -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Opportunities are FUN! Here are a couple of pictures from our off-sites.



April 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th-Tazewell Festival Center in Creve Couer- We are going to be there weekly now on the earlier shift. We need volunteers between 3:30-9:00p.m. Even if you can't be there the whole time, we can use your help. If we can get enough volunteers, this could be a big fundraiser for TAPS!!

April 10th & 11th-Morton Walmart-Saturday 12:30-5 & Sunday 11-4. We will be selling candy bars and taking food donations. Any age can help.

April 10th & 11th- Peoria Petsmart with dogs only from 11-4. Shifts are 11-1:30 & 1:30-4, No experience necessary and any age can help.

April 17th & 18th- E. Peoria Petsmart 11:00-4:00p.m.We will be taking adoptable dogs and cats. Shifts will be 11-1:30 and 1:30-4.

April 24th & 25th- Peoria Petsmart 11:00-4:00p.m. We will be taking adoptable dogs and cats. Shifts will be 11-1:30 and 1:30-4.

April 24th- Charlie's Aquarium Pekin 12:00-3:00p.m. We will be taking adoptable dogs and cats.

April 24th- Comcast Cleanup Day 8-12. Volunteers needed to help clean up TAPS property.

May 1st & 2nd- Peoria Petsmart 11:00-4:00p.m. We will be taking adoptable dogs and cats. Shifts will be 11-1:30 and 1:30-4.

May 8th & 9th-Peoria Petco 11:00-4:00p.m. We will be taking adoptable dogs and cats. Shifts will be 11-1:30 p.m. and 1:30-4. You must be at least 18 years of age.

May 16th Washington Walmart 10-3p.m. We will be selling candy bars and taking food donations.

If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact Sheila at tapsvol@yahoo.com

Volunteer of the Month

March



Becky Brown and Mr. Magoo

Becky Brown started Volunteering in November of 2008 after she read the bio on Faith the cat. She went to TAPS to meet Faith and fell in love with all the cats there. Becky has become so familiar with the cats that she is now an Adoption Counselor and is at TAPS nearly every day. Becky is excellent at matching cats to potential adopters and has been instrumental in the adoptions of many long term cats.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th-25th-Chili's E. Peoria Pepper Profit Program. Take a special coupon (see below) to Chili's during this week, show the coupon before you order, and 10% of your purchase goes to TAPS!



Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or
To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below
and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes)

will benefit:

TAPS

(Tazewell Animal Protective Society)

Group/Charity

April 11th-25th

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

800 Riverside Dr. East Peoria 309-694-4460

Tazewell Festival Center in Creve Coeur- April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th (and every Wednesday)
from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Part of the proceeds goes to TAPS. Bring a bunch of friends and see if you can
win some money!

**Bob Evans Restaurant in Pekin-April 24th 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring in a copy of this flyer
and TAPS receives 15% of the sales. (See next page)**



Bob Evans
Community
Fun Night

Friends, Food & Fund Raising!
To Support

T.A.P.S. Animal Shelter

Saturday, April 24, 2010
6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

We'll earn 15% of Sales when
you present this flier* at

Bob Evans®

3440 Court St., Pekin

on our Community Fun Night.

*Flyer must accompany check for donation!

TAPS Wine & Dine-Sunday, May 2nd Pekin Country Club- 4:30-9:00 p.m. This is our big annual fundraiser! Tickets are \$50 per ticket. Tables of 10 may be reserved. Business casual dress. Lots of silent auctions items to bid on, great food, and great entertainment!!

Birdies for Charity -John Deere Classic -July 5-11th-Pick up a pledge form at TAPS or go to the Birdies for Charity website at: <http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/> and download a pledge form. Guess the number of birdies and win a chance at a new car.

Ways You Can Help TAPS



The Animal Rescue site is giving away money to animal shelters. Eighty-five grants will be awarded for a total of \$100,000 to eligible Petfinder.com members.

VOTING ENDS APRIL 18TH!!!! Click on this link daily:

http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=3&ThirdPartyClicks=ERA_020410_ARS_Html

There are tabs down the right side of the website. Click the Shelter Challenge tab, put in TAPS, or Pekin , Illinois and bring up TAPS and cast your vote. Do this daily and send the link to pet lovers you know and ask them to do the same!

Final prizes will go to the eligible Petfinder.com organization with the highest accumulative votes for the duration of the Challenge as specified in the rules.

Voting begins on January 18th, 2010, and ends at midnight (PST) on April 18th, 2010. The more friends you can rally to vote for your favorite rescue organization, the better its chances of winning. Every vote, every day counts - shelters can pull ahead even during the last few days with enough support. Get people involved! Your favorite rescue organization is counting on you!

Eligible organizations with the most votes could receive a weekly prize and/or one of the other grants below:

Grand Prize: One \$10,000 grant!

Honorable Mention: Three \$3,000 grants!

State Winners*: Fifty-one \$1,000 state grants (50 U.S. states and Washington D.C.)

Weekly Winners** We're doubling your chances for a weekly prize! Twenty-Six \$1,000 grants will be awarded, two for each week of the Shelter+ Challenge.

EBAY-We now have items for sale on ebay. You can go the website at <http://www.stores.ebay.com/felz-own-pet-supplies?refid=store> and proceeds benefit TAPS.



Sign up for a Schnucks eScrip customer card and a percentage of your grocery bills will go to TAPS. Click [here](#) to get to the website and following the steps:

- Click on Schnucks Scrip Customer Card

- Register Online Now

Step 1

a) Group Name-Type TAPS in the box

b) Click Tazewell Animal Protective Society to designate TAPS as your choice

c) Proceed to next step

Step 2

Provide information about yourself and click next

Step 3

Select card-eScrip-Schnucks and enter card number (barcode number from card)

Step 4

Click next

Step 5

Next

Step 6

Make sure information is correct and click Confirm



You can donate food to TAPS through The Pet Pantry food donation program. For more information, visit their [website](#) and select the Donate link on the home page.

Featured Pets of the Month



Pablo

Pablo is a 3 1/2 year old brindled pit bull terrier that is a great dog. He is full of energy and gets along with kids and adults. He likes to play out in the fenced yard and chase toys that you throw for him. He also loves belly rubs! Because of all his energy, he would probably do better in a home with children over 13 years old.



Pax

I am Pax. I am quite a beauty with my long hair and sweet eyes. I enjoy hanging out with the other cats in the Open Cat Room, but I do like to be the boss. And I DO NOT like those pesky dogs! I enjoy attention from my human companions and will seek you out. I am looking for a best friend. Is that you?

If you are interested in adopting Pablo or Pax, please call TAPS at 353-8277.

TAPS Wish List...

Priority Needs

- Dry cat & kitten food (Natural Balance, Nutro, Purina One, Science Diet)
- Dry Senior Dog, Puppy and Small Breed foods (Nutro, Purina One, Science Diet)
- Canned Dog & Puppy food
- Canned Cat & Kitten food
- Pre-paid gas cards
- Postage stamps (books or rolls)
- Clay cat litter (We use between 50-75# / day)

Animal Supplies

- KMR Kitten formula
- KMR Puppy formula
- Prescription pet food for dogs (I/D, O/M, J/D)
- Prescription pet food for cats (A/D, I/D, W/D, D/M)
- Gift Cards to Petco, Petsmart, Tractor Supply Co, Menards, Big Lots
- 1cc or 3cc luer lock syringes
- Revolution, Frontline or Advantix (feline or canine flea and tick products)
- Heartguard, Iverheart, or other name brand heartworm pills
- Canned cat and kitten food
- Paper plates (used to serve soft food on for animals receiving medications)
- Pet brushes and combs
- Dog toys (Kongs-Black Med & Large sizes, Plush squeek, tennis balls, raw hides, etc.)
- Leashes and collars, Gentle Leaders, Harnesses
- Old towels & blankets

Office Supplies

- Printer Ink Cartridges
 - HP Color: 57, 95, 940XL-C, M, Y
 - HP Black: 56, 92, 940XL
- 4" X 6" Index cards (cage information cards)
- Black Sharpies
- Ink Pens
- Computer Printer Paper 8.5" X 11"
- Batteries – 9 Volt... we are doing fine on the AA – but are in need of 9Volt for our smoke detectors.
- Yarn – for volunteers to make warm blankets from

Cleaning Supplies

- Antibacterial soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sponges with scratcher on one side
- Larger Sponges about 8" X 4" X 2"
- Bleach (we use ~ 1 gallon per day)
- Scrubbing Bubbles aerosol cleaner
- Laundry detergent (on average we wash 15 loads a day)
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Kleenex
- Odo-Ban (from Sam's Club)
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Garbage bags (13 gallon and 33 gallon size)
- Glass cleaner
- Oust

- Dish washer Soap (liquid or dry)
- Dish soap (liquid)

People Needs

- Volunteers
 - Dog walkers
 - Kitty Cuddlers
 - Evening Volunteers
 - Adoption Counselors
 - Front Desk Assistants
- Foster families

Miscellaneous Needs

- Cash donations (We are always in need of money to keep operations going)
- Used ink jet and laser printer cartridges for recycling
- Old cell phones for recycling
- Aluminum cans for recycling

Note: Please contact the Executive Director to discuss specific large ticket needs.

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