



Harmony Rescue

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“Just a Dog” Friend & Companion

What’s New?

Adopt me: My name is Cookie. I was left on the doorstep of AC with my 5 babies. I was sick and wouldn’t have lasted much longer. My babies are well and in NJ now. I am recovering at Harmony Rescue. Come see me; my tail is wagging!



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Donations Needed:

- Collars (medium size)
- Tarps, blankets, and towels
- Toys - soft stuffed animals, rubber chickens, etc.
- Money, gift cards—(Envelope provided)
- Mini-van or cargo van
- Wood chips (for the play-yard)
- Aluminum cans
- Frontline & Interceptor
- Dry, wet dog food
- Dry, wet cat food, litter

Harmony Rescue, Inc. has partnered with **Friends of Animal Control (FOAC—** Campbell County) under the direction of Barbe Shackelford. Barbe resigned from the Humane Society and is pursuing her dream of helping animals further through FOAC. Together, FOAC and Harmony Rescue will be able to take care of more animals and help more people in need of assistance with their pets. FOAC’s [website](http://www.friendsofcampbellcounty.org): www.friendsofcampbellcounty.org. **Email:** ccac.adopt@yahoo.com. Donations can be sent through PayPal, cash, or a check make out to Harmony Rescue, Inc. (put “FOAC” in the memo line).

Facebook (FB) —We started out with a FB group then migrated to a FB page. The page offers more options for us to communicate with supporters. If you haven’t already joined our FB page, please do so and spread the word!

Caring for animals—Harmony Rescue has cared for 345 animals as of this newsletter! This year, there was no slowing down of puppies. It is extremely hard to believe; much more work needs to be done on spay/neutering!

Projects—The biggest project yet to happen is installing a fence in the back section of the rescue. The Pooch kids wish for a bigger running area to stretch their legs. We have the back farm fence and will use post and rail for the front end.

Donating...Paying It Forward



We are extremely thankful for the support by everyone around us. We realize that especially in this turbulent economic time, any level of support is a blessing. We also know you may be inundated with requests for donations. If you have donated to Harmony Rescue this year please know how much we appreciate it. Every little bit counts and is used solely for the purpose of caring for the animals: hoofs to rodents to cats and dogs, oh my.

This year, Harmony Rescue has been the recipient of Sam’s Club donations. We have also been blessed with donations from Gleaning For The World. This has helped us fill our Pet Pantry and has allowed us to “Pay it Forward” to other animal non-profits, the Spay/Neuter clinic, Animeals and countless families in need. These recipients are located in Campbell County and the 5 surrounding counties. As we come to a close on 2011, Sam’s Club will pick a new recipient, thus our Pet Pantry will need donations to keep it filled so we can continue to “Pay It Forward”.

Every year we have a few specific medical cases in which we need extra financial support. This year was no different. With deepest gratitude, we thank everyone who helped to support Jack (donkey), Lightning (dog) and Buddy (dog). Unfortunately, Jack passed after battling a tumor that made him blind. Buddy is doing great and has at least 4 more weeks of healing and therapy. Lightning found his forever home in Califon, NJ.

Based on feedback in past years and to save a little bit of money, we send out year end donation letters in January for tax purposes. If you ever need one immediately, please let us know.



Adopt me: Meet Jasmine, a multi colored bundle of love. Jasmine earned her wings having a litter and being a surrogate to a few more kittens. She is fun, loving, and kind. Jasmine is social and gets along with other cats. Jasmine would love a home of her own and be perfect for any single person or family.

Teamwork:

Our deepest gratitude to all who participate in the weekly transports especially Peyton Coyner and Rusty Graybill. Both of them have driven more than their share this year. If you are interested in driving or want to learn more, please call Cindy at 434.821.3544

PreNatal & Puppy Care

Although the spay/neuter clinic has done a phenomenal job, there are still more and more puppies coming out of the wood work. We have taken in 60 litters of pups this year alone! This doesn't include the single pups that come in. Some of these pups didn't make it. Many of the moms were not around. Most of the litters were less than 8 weeks old. Just about all of them had no medical care whatsoever! Imagine if we were not here or any other animal non-profit? The average size of a litter is 6 puppies....Education is still the key to managing over-population.

A pregnancy in a dog lasts approximately 63 days. Care for a pregnant dog and the puppies to come is not much different than the care you follow up with for a human. It includes exercise, a good nutritional and consistent diet, vitamin/mineral supplements (under the supervision of a vet), plenty of clean water, and a warm shelter. Once the puppies are born, this same care should continue for the mother in addition to increasing her diet 2 to 4 times. Next, the puppies will need to follow a regimen of deworming and vaccinations to help protect them from disease.

It is totally irresponsible not to care for a dog and puppies. If a dog does get pregnant, take responsibility all the way. If you know someone who is in this situation, pay it forward and help educate. If you need help, call us, call your vet. We all work as a team and want to help. The outcome is a healthy dog and puppies; less disease, stress for everyone. The dogs/puppies will be more adoptable. And, have your dog/s spay/neutered!

Foster Home Highlights

Since our last newsletter, we have been blessed with several great foster homes. All but two of the animals have found homes; Buddy and Earl are still looking for their forever homes. We appreciate the Bobbey's and the Bowes for their unconditional love and continued support for these two furry kids.

How do you get started? If you are interested, please contact HR at 434-821-3544. We will ask you questions ranging from your home environment, other pets, schedules, needs to take care of the animal, etc. Depending on response and experiences, we will match you with a pet to foster.

How long do I need to foster the animal? It depends but we will work with you on this. Most fostering is anywhere from a couple of days to several months. Our goal is to find the forever home and/or move the animal (to where they can be adopted) when they are ready and confident.

Tips for the Furry Traveler Owners

Tis the season to be travelling with or without your furry companions. Are you prepared (time, money and resources) to care for your pet as you travel? Here are some quick tips to help you and your furry friend:

1. Travel with your furry friend
 - If your friend has motion sickness or anxiety, ask your vet for advise; we use Remedy for anxiety on transports.
 - Travel by air, train, or bus—research fares, most have them.
 - Start taking your furry friend on short trips around town to get them use to car, crate, seat belts, moving (motion).
 - Your pet will need a current health certificate from your vet.
2. Travel without your furry friend
 - Check 4-6 weeks, at least, ahead of time with your Pet Sitter, Kennel, Vet-Kennel, or other boarding facility. Visit each one so you feel comfortable; ask for references; Average boarding is between \$12 (cats) to \$40 (dogs) depending on services offered.
 - Make sure your pet is up to date on all shots including Bordetella (kennel cough).
3. Basics: Collar with ID; Microchip; Basic training

In Memory of....

May they all rest in peace and run freely over the rainbow bridge.

Chyna pup
Baby kitten
Marcy's 6 baby pups
Chrissy
William Gray

In Honor of....

Bette Stanerson's 75th bday

Still Missing....

BJ—
Since
April



Pondering thoughts...:

Owner Surrenders around the Holidays....

I quickly changed the content of this section to reflect a huge problem facing all shelters and rescues around the holidays. At one shelter alone, there were 12 of 14 dogs owner surrendered in the last two weeks. Many of them have not been spayed or neutered! Owner surrenders are first to be euthanized if shelters/pounds are full. I am sure the economy plays a role. If you know anyone having trouble keeping their pet, please call us. We have food in our Pet Pantry and we can help guide folks (given the time) on some other options than surrendering. Please ask for help!



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