



SPRING 2010

# Clay County Humane Society, Inc.

*Celebrating 30 Years of Service*



**benefit** auction  
2010



The Clay County Humane Society held its 8th Annual **"Bark After Dark"** Bachelor Auction and Cocktail Party on Saturday, May 1st at the beautiful Winterbourne Inn. More than 100 guests were treated to gourmet cuisine and the Motown sounds of Lorenzo and the Allstars Band all on the banks of the St. John's River. The ever-popular

bachelor auction hosted by local TV and radio personalities Steve Sutton and Nikki Kimbleton was once again a hit as fantastic vacation and prize packages were offered up for bid. Twelve eligible bachelors, each handsomely outfitted in tuxedos donated for the evening by Michael's Formalwear, were accompanied by twelve equally eligible four-legged friends from the CatBugs Pet Rescue and Animal Rescue Movement.

Each pair offered up for bid gifts ranging from sports packages and Disney trips to pamper packages or resort getaways. A silent auction and raffle offered additional opportunities to take home some great items from this worthwhile event.

The Society wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who helped put the event together, to all of the sponsors who helped offset

the costs of the event, to all of the prize donors who so unselfishly support so many non-profits, to the guests who supported them and had fun doing it and to our emcees and all of the bachelors for making it such a memorable event. They are already planning next year's event and know it will be even bigger and better!

# The dog days of summer

The dog days of summer are upon us—a time that could threaten the health of your pet. Most animals begin to feel uncomfortable in temperatures above 85 degrees. Use these important tips to make sure your furry four-legged family members stay happy and healthy during the hot weather.

- **Never leave your pet in the car.** Though it may seem cool outside, the sun can raise the temperature inside your car to 120 degrees Fahrenheit in a matter of minutes, even with the windows rolled down. If you need to run some errands, leave the furry ones at home.
- **As you're outside enjoying the warm weather, keep your pet leashed.** It will keep her from getting lost, fighting other animals, and eating and drinking things that could make her sick. This tip isn't just for dogs—even cats can learn to walk on a leash if you train them.
- **Water, water everywhere.** Whether you're indoors or out, both you and your pet need access to lots of fresh water during the summer, so check her water bowl several times a day to be sure it's full. If you and your furry friend venture forth for the afternoon, bring plenty of water for both of you.
- **Pets need sunscreen too.** Though all that fur helps protect her, your pet can get sunburned, particularly if she has light skin and hair. Sunburn in animals can cause problems similar to those it can cause in people, including pain, peeling, and skin cancer. So keep your pet out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and when you do go out, rub a bit of sunblock on unprotected areas like the tips of her ears, the skin around her lips, and the tip of her nose.
- **Say no to tangles.** Keeping your pet well groomed will help her hair do what it was designed to do: protect her from the sun and insulate her from the heat. If she has extremely thick hair or a lot of mats and tangles, her fur may trap too much heat, so you may want to clip her.
- **Watch out for antifreeze.** Hot weather may tempt your pet to drink from puddles in the street, which can contain antifreeze and other chemicals. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that animals like, but it's extremely toxic. When you're walking your pet, make sure she doesn't sneak a drink from the street.
- **Be cautious on humid days.** Humidity interferes with animals' ability to rid themselves of excess body heat. When we overheat we sweat, and when the sweat dries it takes excess heat with it. Our four-legged friends only perspire around their paws, which is not enough to cool the body. To rid themselves of excess heat, animals pant. Air moves through the nasal passages, which picks up excess heat from the body. As it is expelled through the mouth, the extra heat leaves along with it. Although this is a very efficient way to control body heat, it is severely limited in areas of high humidity or when the animal is in close quarters.
- **Make sure your pet doesn't overexert herself.** Though exercise is an important part of keeping your dog or cat at a healthy weight, which helps her body stay cool, overdoing it can cause her to overheat. Keep the walks to a gentle pace and make sure she has plenty of water. If she's panting a lot or seems exhausted, it's time to stop.
- **Take it easy on pets that can't deal with the heat.** Elderly, very young, and ill animals have a hard time regulating their body temperature, so make sure they stay cool and out of the sun on steamy summer days. Dogs with snub noses, such as Pekingese, pugs, and bulldogs, have a hard time staying cool because they can't pant efficiently, so they also need to stay out of the heat. Overweight dogs are also more prone to overheating, because their extra layers of fat act as insulation, which traps heat in their bodies and restricts their breathing capabilities.
- **Bring them inside.** Animals shouldn't be left outside unsupervised on long, hot days, even in the shade. Shade can move throughout the afternoon, and pets can become ill quickly if they overheat, so keep them inside as much as possible. If you must leave your pet in the backyard, keep a close eye on her and bring her in when you can.
- **Keep an eye out for heatstroke.** Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you suspect your pet has heatstroke (see *Signs of Heatstroke*, below), you must act quickly and calmly. Have someone call a veterinarian immediately. In the meantime, lower the animal's body temperature by applying towels soaked in cool water to the hairless areas of the body. Often the pet will respond after only a few minutes of cooling, only to falter again with her temperature soaring back up or falling to well below what is normal. With this in mind, remember that it is imperative to get the animal to a veterinarian immediately. Once your pet is in the veterinarian's care, treatment may include further cooling techniques, intravenous fluid therapy to counter shock, or medication to prevent or reverse brain damage.

Even with emergency treatment, heatstroke can be fatal. The best cure is prevention, and Fido and Fluffy are relying on you to keep them out of harm's way. Summer does not have to be fraught with peril—with ample precaution, both you and your furry friends can enjoy those long, hot dog-days of summer.



## Signs of Heatstroke:

- Staring • Anxious expression
- Refusal to obey commands
- Warm, dry skin • High fever
  - Rapid heartbeat
  - Vomiting • Collapse

# Hogs for Dogs



The Society held its First Annual Hogs For Dogs Dice Run on March 20. More than 100 bikers turned out for the inaugural event which helped raise much needed funds for our organization. The scenic 125 mile ride began at Love2Ride in Green Cove Springs and took participants to stops at Outback Crab Shack, Howlin Wolf, Red Dog Saloon, and Hi Level before wrapping up with music, raffle prizes, and a delicious fish dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp. A very special thanks goes out to all who helped make this event a success including our hospitable stop hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and, of course, our participants!

## SPECIAL THANKS

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Bayer Animal Health | Howlin Wolf     |
| Love2Ride           | Red Dog Saloon  |
| Whitey's Fish Camp  | Hi Level        |
| Outback Crab Shack  | EjCon           |
|                     | Custom Graphics |
|                     | Clay Today      |

# Kind Kids

CCHS would like to give a **special thanks** to...



**Madison Carter** donated money from her lemonade stand and collected much needed supplies.



**Lisette Coll-Roman** asked friends to make a donation to the Society in lieu of gifts for her 11th birthday. Lisette along with her mother are foster parents specializing in bottle-feeding kittens.

# WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Hurricane season officially begins June 1st and the preliminary forecasts do little to ease the threat of a disaster striking. Recently, a top researcher predicted a "very active" 2010 Atlantic hurricane season, with 11-16 named storms and at least 3 major storms – a forecast eerily similar to the destructive 2005 season.

No one could yet forget the devastation that Hurricane Katrina left behind as it crossed over Alabama and Louisiana. Thousands of residents were displaced and remain essentially homeless nearly two years later. Additionally, thousands of pets were left behind as residents evacuated. Those that survived the damaging winds and rising waters were left to fend for themselves until help could arrive.

Disaster preparedness is essential for your family and for your pet. A household emergency plan that considers evacuation measures for each member (two and four-legged) is vital to the safety of your family. Emergency shelters open when dangerous conditions threaten and most areas have followed Congress' plan to incorporate pets into these shelters. Many shelters, like those in Jacksonville, for example, do require pre-registration with health and vaccination verification, so you cannot afford to wait until disaster strikes to plan for your pet.

Ideally, you should have a plan that includes a place for long term stays (such as a relative's home away from danger) since shelters can be very crowded and are generally most prepared for short term (one month) housing and care. Your emergency plan should also include a person (such as a relative or friend) that may be used as a contact liaison so that others may find you and know you are safe. Remember, also, to prepare and keep readily available your insurance policy information, medications for you and your pets, plenty of fresh water and non-perishable food, identification, pictures of household family members and pets, a copy of your pet's medical records and a change or two of clothes. Your evacuation pack should not be so large that it would hinder your escape to safety (or would not be permitted on evacuation transportation if applicable), but should contain these items, at the very least.

As always, we will continue to hope that we will all be spared the devastation that these hurricanes bring. However, should we be faced with disaster, preparedness NOW is crucial to your – and your pet's – survival then.

## PET FRIENDLY HOTEL CHAINS:

- ▶ La Quinta Inns/Suites
- ▶ Holiday Inn-Hotel Indigo
- ▶ Best Western
- ▶ Candlewood-Staybridge
- ▶ Choice Hotels
- ▶ Comfort Inn-Quality Inn
- ▶ Residence Inn-TownePlace
- ▶ Marriott
- ▶ Hilton Hotel-Hampton Inn
- ▶ Embassy Suites-Doubletree
- ▶ Motel 6-Studio

For a complete listing of U.S. Pet Friendly Hotels and Inns visit [www.BringFido.com](http://www.BringFido.com)



# Ask Jake & Scout

## Dear Jake and Scout:

Hope you don't mind helping out a human a little, but I am at my wit's end with my digging dog! It seems that as soon as his feet touch the dirt, he is

digging a hole the size of Texas in my lawn. I have spent hundreds of dollars repairing his digging damage and still don't have a clue how to cure him of his little problem. Unfortunately, he is confined to the indoors far more than we would like (or he would like, for that matter) because we worry he will destroy another part of the lawn if he were outside. It doesn't matter if we are standing right beside him – he still digs to his little heart's content. Please, please help us!

Gratefully,

*Dumbfounded with Digging*

## Dear Dumbfounded,

Like most behavioral issues with pets, digging cannot be cured without identifying and addressing the cause of it. Dogs dig for a variety of reasons, but the most popular are that your dog may be 1) seeking entertainment, 2) seeking comfort or protection, 3) seeking prey, 4) seeking attention, 5) seeking escape.

### Seeking Entertainment

Dogs may dig as a form of self-play when they learn that roots and soil "play back." Your dog may be digging for entertainment if:

- He's left alone in the yard for long periods of time without opportunities for interaction with you
- His environment is relatively barren, without playmates or toys.
- He's a puppy or adolescent (under three years old) and doesn't have other outlets for his energy.
- He's the type of dog (like a terrier) that is bred to dig as part of his "job"
- He's a particularly active type of dog (like the herding or sporting breeds) who needs an active job to be happy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend expanding your dog's world and increasing his "people time" the following ways:

- Walk your dog regularly. It's good exercise, mentally and physically, for both of you.
- Teach your dog to fetch a ball or Frisbee and practice with him as often as possible.
- Teach your dog a few commands and/or tricks. Practice these commands/tricks every day for five to ten minutes.
- Take an obedience class with your dog and practice daily what you've learned.
- Keep interesting toys in the yard to keep your dog busy even when you're not around (Kong-type toys filled with treats or busy-box toys). Rotating the toys makes them seem new and interesting.

### Seeking Prey

Dogs may try to pursue burrowing animals or insects that live in your yard. Your dog may be pursuing prey if:

- The digging is in a very specific area, usually not at the boundaries of the yard.
- The digging is at the roots of trees or shrubs.
- The digging is in a "path" layout.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that you search for possible signs of pests and then rid your yard of them. Avoid methods that could be toxic or dangerous to your pets.

### Seeking Comfort or Protection

In hot weather, dogs may dig holes in order to lie in the cool dirt. They may also dig to provide themselves with shelter from cold, wind or rain, or to try to find water. Your dog may be digging for protection or comfort if:

- The holes are near foundations of buildings, large shade trees or a water source.
- Your dog doesn't have a shelter or his shelter is exposed to the hot sun or cold winds.
- You find evidence that your dog is lying in the holes he digs.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that you provide your dog with other sources for the comfort or protection he seeks.

- Provide an insulated doghouse. Make sure it affords protection from wind and sun.
- Provide plenty of fresh water in a bowl that can't be tipped over.

### Seeking Attention

Any behavior can become attention-getting behavior if dogs learn that they receive attention for engaging in it (even punishment is a form of attention). Your dog may be digging to get attention if:

- He digs in your presence.
- His other opportunities for interaction with you are limited.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that you ignore the behavior.

- Don't give your dog attention for digging (remember, even punishment is attention).
- Make sure your dog has sufficient time with you on a daily basis, so he doesn't have to resort to misbehaving to get your attention.

### Seeking Escape

Dogs may escape to get to something, to get somewhere or to get away from something. Your dog may be digging to escape if:

- He digs along the fence line.
- He digs under the fence.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend the following in order to keep your dog in the yard:

- Spay or Neuter your unaltered pet as this is the most common cause of roaming
- Bury chicken wire at the base of the fence (sharp edges rolled under)
- Place large rocks, partially buried, along the bottom of the fence line
- Bury the bottom of the fence one to two feet under the ground
- Try an invisible fence or other humane collar training deterrent

Regardless of the reason for digging, we don't recommend:

- Punishment after the fact. Not only does this not address the cause of the behavior, any digging that's motivated by fear or anxiety, will be made worse. Punishment may also cause anxiety in dogs that aren't currently fearful.
- Staking a dog out near a hole he's dug or filling the hole with water. These techniques don't address the cause of the behavior, or the act of digging.

I hope this helps! Remember time and patience are the best tools for dealing with any of your pet's behavioral issues, but I promise it will be worth it in the end for both of you!

**JAKE**

## Dear Jake and Scout:

Oh no! I am in trouble again for scratching my owner. I am not a mean kitten, I just get so excited playing and sometimes my claws come out. I heard my human talking about....gasp!...declawing me! Help my human understand that I am just being a kitten and I definitely should not be declawed!!!

Fretfully,

*Kitchy Kitten*

## Dear Kitchy!

I understand how it is for you...you are just doing what comes naturally to you. However, your behavior is not acceptable behavior if you want to remain a claw-carrying member of your family, little one. Let me address this issue with your human now:

When cats play they incorporate a variety of behaviors into their play, such as exploratory, investigative and predatory behaviors. Play provides young cats with opportunities to practice skills they would normally need for survival. Kittens like to explore new areas and investigate anything that moves, and may bat at, pounce on and bite objects that resemble prey. Kittens learn how to inhibit their bite from their littermates and their mother. A kitten that is separated from her family too early may play more roughly than a kitten that has had more valuable family time. In addition, if humans play with a young kitten using their hands and/or feet instead of toys, the kitten is liable to learn that rough play with people is okay.

You can correct this behavior by redirecting your kitten's aggressive behavior onto acceptable objects like toys. Drag a toy along the floor to encourage your kitten to pounce on it, or throw a toy away from your kitten to give her even more exercise chasing the toy down. Some kittens will even bring the toy back to be thrown again! Another good toy is one that your kitten can wrestle with, like a soft stuffed toy that's about the size of your kitten, so she can grab it with both front feet, bite it, and kick it with her back feet. This is one of the ways kittens play with each other, especially when they're young. It's also one of the ways they try to play with human feet and hands, so it's important to provide this type of alternative play target. Encourage play with a "wrestling toy" by rubbing it against your kitten's belly when she wants to play roughly - be sure to get your hand out of the way as soon as she accepts the toy.

Since kittens need a lot of playtime, try to set up three or four consistent times during the day to initiate play with your kitten. This will help her understand that he or she doesn't have to be the one to initiate play by pouncing on you.

Discourage Unacceptable behavior by setting the rules for your kitten's behavior, and every person your cat comes in contact with should reinforce these rules. Your kitten can't be expected to learn that it's okay to play rough with Dad, but not with the baby.

You may choose to use an aversive like a small squirt bottle filled with water to squirt your kitten with when she becomes too rough. To use this technique effectively, you'll always need to have the spray bottle handy.

You can either place one in each room, or carry one with you as you move around the house. Remember that aversives will work only if you offer your kitten acceptable alternatives.

After you startle your kitten with the aversive, IMMEDIATELY offer her a toy to wrestle with or to chase. This will encourage her to direct her rough play onto a toy instead of a person. We recommend that you keep a stash of toys hidden in each room specifically for this purpose. If the distraction and redirection techniques don't seem to be working, the most drastic thing you can do to discourage your cat from her rough play is to withdraw all attention when she starts playing too roughly. She wants to play with you, so eventually she'll figure out how far she can go if you keep this limit consistent. The best way to withdraw your attention is to walk away to another room, and close the door long enough for her to calm down. If you pick her up to put her in another room, then you're rewarding her by touching her. You should be the one to leave the room.

Attempts to tap, flick or hit your kitten for rough play are almost guaranteed to backfire. Your kitten could become afraid of your hands, or she could interpret those flicks as playful moves by you and play even more roughly as a result.

And that's all there is to it, my little feline friend. I hope your human keeps in mind that no behavior modification technique will be very effective without also giving you acceptable outlets for your energy by playing with you regularly. Declawing is never the answer as it takes away your natural and very necessary defenses should you find your way outdoors accidentally someday. (Plus we know just how very, very painful it is!!) I hope I have helped improve your playtime!

Happy Playing! **SCOUT**



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### FEE SCHEDULE

#### SERVICES FOR DOGS

- Dog Spay under 25 lbs. . . . \$40
- Dog Spay 26-50 lbs. . . . . \$50
- Dog Spay 51-75 lbs. . . . . \$60
- Dog Spay 76-100 lbs. . . . . \$70
- Dog Spay 101+ lbs. . . . . \$80
- Dog Neuter under 25 lbs. . . \$35
- Dog Neuter 26-50 lbs. . . . . \$45
- Dog Neuter 51-75 lbs. . . . . \$55
- Dog Neuter 76-100 lbs. . . . \$65
- Dog Neuter 101+ lbs. . . . . \$75
- DHLPP Vaccination . . . . . \$15
- 3-Year Rabies Vaccination . . \$20
- Bordetella Vaccination . . . . \$15
- Fecal Check . . . . . \$10
- Occult Heartworm Test . . . . \$20

#### SERVICES FOR CATS

- Cat Spay . . . . . \$30
- Cat Neuter . . . . . \$20
- Feline FeLV/FIV Test . . . . . \$30
- Feline Leukemia Vac. . . . . \$15
- FVRCP Vaccination. . . . . \$15
- 3-Year Rabies Vaccination . . \$20
- Fecal Check. . . . . \$10

**A \$30 office visit FEE is charged for all procedures.** (Discounted office visit for sterilized animals)! Listed here are some basic fees. The prices are subject to change without notice.

**For Further Information Call:  
904.276.SPAY (7729)**

This only a partial list. Please call to find out more about our many services available.

## Surgical Treatment of Hip Dysplasia

by Dr. Chris Broadhurst

As many of you reading this article know from first hand experience, hip dysplasia is a very common disease of dogs of all ages and breeds. Cats, too, can be affected, but they experience much less difficulty with this disease than their canine counterparts do. For those of you who do not know, hip dysplasia is a degenerative condition of the hip joint caused by abnormal bone development that starts early in life. The hip is a "ball and socket" joint that requires a tight fit to work properly, and hip dysplasia ultimately results in a femoral head (the ball) and an acetabulum (the socket) that do not fit well. We compare this to trying to fit a square peg into a round hole: it doesn't work well, and the rubbing and grinding of bone on bone that takes place in the joint causes severe cartilage damage and results in crippling arthritis in old age. As you can see, this is not a disease that is easily ignored.

Most people become aware that their dogs are experiencing problems when they begin "bunny hopping" with both hind legs when they run. This is almost always a sure sign of impending hip dysplasia, and usually affects older puppies and young adults. Difficulty rising and pain after exertion are also usually seen. Hip dysplasia may progress rapidly or slowly, it is very difficult to predict. Many dogs also experience a "pain spike" with dysplasia. This is the time from about 6 months of age until 18-24 months of age when young dogs suffer the effects of the badly fitting hip joints. After this time, many dogs will show relief from the worst of the pain as their bodies have adapted to the disease, but the respite is only temporary. Eventually all dogs with hip dysplasia will begin suffering from the degenerative joint disease and osteoarthritis associated with this condition.

There are two basic directions to go when considering treatment options for hip dysplasia: surgical or medical. These treatment options often work hand in hand, but today I will be addressing surgical choices. Medical management is important, and I do not mean to ignore it, but that article is for another day... The most commonly used surgical options for hip

dysplasia include the total hip replacement (THR) and the femoral head and neck ostectomy (FHO.) There are other lesser used surgical options, but by far these are the most common.



The total hip replacement, or THR, is the gold standard for treatment of hip dysplasia. Similar to the procedure in humans, the femoral head (the ball) is removed and replaced with a surgical steel ball on a post and then fitted into a plastic cup (the socket) which allows the smooth range of motion afforded by a normal hip joint. Since most dysplasia dogs have

never felt a normal hip, many are better than new after their THR. Dogs with bilateral disease (affecting both hips) often only need one hip replaced and can live comfortably without a second surgery. What's the catch? These are expensive procedures, with price varying depending on where it is performed and the size of your dog. THRs are also performed almost exclusively by board certified specialists due to the skill, experience, and cost of the equipment used to perform the surgery. A total hip replacement on a large breed dog will run into several thousands of dollars, but it is the Cadillac of the surgical choices.

Not to be overlooked, the FHO makes up for in price what it lacks in nifty hardware. While not the Cadillac, it is a solid mid-range brand. A Honda, maybe. And like the car comparison, the FHO is a much more commonly performed procedure. In a nutshell, the FHO is the surgical removal of the ball from the ball-and-socket joint, but instead of surgical implants, the dog's own body fills in the gap with scar tissue. This scar tissue will form a pseudoarthrosis, or "false joint," that will allow for comfortable range of motion and 80% of the original hip function. This procedure is best done in dogs with good muscle and minimal arthritis; this means ideally young dogs that we suspect will end up with severe, crippling arthritis in old age. Many general practice veterinarians perform the FHO, making it substantially less expensive than the THR.

Regardless of which surgical option you and your veterinarian choose, or medical option if it fits your pet better, there are good ways to manage the pain and arthritis associated with this very common disease. Hip dysplasia is also familial, being passed from parent to offspring (although not always directly,) so always have dogs with this disease spayed or neutered to keep more animals from being affected in the future.

## CLAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY'S POSTER CONTEST WINNER



► Wilkinson Elementary Principal, Jeff Umbaugh, Catherine and Larry Burnham with daughter Taylor, teacher Carrie Pike and art teacher Andrea Coddington

As part of our ongoing mission to foster humane attitudes through education, the Society brought its annual poster contest to Clay County Schools. Once again, participating fifth grade classes were treated to a presentation on the importance of spaying and neutering to prevent pet overpopulation. The students were then asked to create a poster to demonstrate this important message. More than 1,100 students took part. Each school chose three posters to represent their classes and a panel of judges decided the top three winners overall. The 2010 winning poster was created by **Taylor Burnham**, a student at Wilkinson Elementary School. Aside from having her poster made into a giant billboard along Blanding Boulevard, Taylor received a prize package that included four tickets to Wild Adventures, a check for \$100 and a surprise anonymous \$50 check from an animal loving art enthusiast. The billboard was up for the month of May.

Additional winners were:

- 2nd place **Lillian Spofford** of Ridgeview Elementary
- 3rd place **Tori Jones** of Fleming Island Elementary



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Area Animal Shelters:

If you've lost or found a pet, or if you are looking to adopt a pet we recommend that you contact one of the below listed facilities.

#### Clay County Animal Care and Control

3948 State Rd 16 W., Green Cove Springs, FL  
**904.269.6342 • 904.269.6330**

#### Clay County Animal Care & Control Satellite Adoption Center

1805-4 East West Parkway, Fleming Island  
 Open Saturday & Sunday Only from noon-4pm (Adoptions Only!)

#### Duval County Animal Care and Control

2580 West First Street, Jacksonville, FL  
**904.255.7387 (PETS)**  
 10201-2 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL

#### Jacksonville Humane Society Shelter

8464 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL  
**904.725.8766**

#### SAFE Animal Shelter

2913 County Road 220, Orange Park, FL  
**904.276.SAFE**

## NEW! DOG and CAT STAMP

The Clay County Humane Society is in big support of the release of the United States Postal Service "Adopt A Shelter Pet" stamps.

A new set of 10 first-class stamps featuring cheerful dogs and cats went on sale April 30th to promote adoption of animals from shelters. The stamps feature photographs of five cats and five dogs taken by photographer Sally Andersen-Bruce. All were adopted from a shelter in New Milford, CT.

The 44-cent stamps are part of a "Stamps to the Rescue" campaign, not only to encourage pet adoptions but also raising funds to buy food for animals in shelters. This cause is supported by Halo Pet Food, which is co-owned by Ellen Degeneres, and will donate up to 1 million meals nationwide to local animal shelters.

In order to help more animals and encourage people to spread the word, USPS has printed more of these stamps than any other commemorative stamp: 300 million (normal printing, 25-40 million). Don't forget to order yours!

### BECOME A MEMBER

The month of June celebrates our membership drive for the Society. CCHS remains steadfast in our goal of serving the animal welfare needs of the community. **Your help is vital.** Without you we could not continue our valuable programs and services. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming one as soon as possible.

*Yes!* I want to help the animals in Clay County!

#### Memberships...

- Senior/Child Membership . . . \$ 15.00
- Adult/Family Membership . . . 25.00
- Supporting Membership . . . . 50.00
- Business Membership . . . . . 100.00

#### Donations...

- Special Donation . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- My employer will match my donation
- Please send information on Wills and Bequests

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW (A non-profit Sec. 501(c)(3) corporation. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer service by calling toll free 1-800-435-7352, within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

Please make checks payable to: CLAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY. *Thank You!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**On behalf of all the animals of Clay County, we thank you. Your tax-deductible donation is greatly appreciated.**



# BINGO anyone?

SPONSORED BY  
 The Clay County Humane Society and CatBugs Pet Rescue

**Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club—Clubhouse**  
**6 pm Dinner • 7 pm Bingo**

**\$25 per person includes Dinner and Bingo Cards**

**Have dinner, play bingo and support animal welfare in our community.**  
 All **BINGO** proceeds go to support these 501(c)3 non-profits organizations.

**Bring Pet Supply Donations and Receive an Extra Jackpot Sheet**

**UPCOMING DATES:**  
**June 23, July 28, August 25 and September 22**

Call 269-9276 ext. #0 for dinner reservations.  
*Must be 18 years of age to play.*

## The Purpose of Clay County Humane Society

is "the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education."

**SPAY/NEUTER—ANIMAL HEALTH CARE:** We are the area's first non-profit animal clinic where Spay/Neuter surgery and other veterinary care is offered at substantially reduced rates. Since the clinic's inception in 1991, we have neutered over 60,000 animals.

**HUMANE EDUCATION:** Humane education, the catalyst of our work, continues to be of utmost importance to us. Our school presentations, facility tours, publications and speaking engagements are just some of the ways that we educate the public. Through our exhibits at fairs and festivals, we can speak one on one about humane issues with community members and answer any questions they may have.

**WILDLIFE PROTECTION:** Due to the increasing number of displaced, injured or orphaned wildlife, we have expanded and established a Wildlife Rehabilitation Program. In 1994, we received our Wildlife Rehabilitator license. We have cared for foxes, deer, squirrels, a variety of beautiful birds and many other animals that have found their way to us.

**PET THERAPY:** Area nursing homes are visited on a bi-weekly basis by our Pet Therapy volunteers. This program allows the elderly to spend time with a loving animal while also providing more socialization for the pets. The residents anticipate the visits and the smiling faces that welcome the volunteers make the trip worthwhile.

**PET COUNSELING SERVICES:** The Clay County Humane Society provides a "Pet Counseling Service" to people who are having behavioral or medical problems with their pets. Our staff offers information to help owners solve such problems so pet and owner can enjoy a healthy, happy relationship.

**FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:** We are a non-profit organization and must rely on grants, donations, and of course, fund-raisers to continue to serve the community. Throughout the year we have many activities such as: vaccination clinics, membership drives, county fairs and festivals, t-shirt sales, "Bark After Dark" Benefit Auction, a Haunted Hospital, as well as our donation cans. These activities help make it possible to achieve our goals.



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