

UP! We're still here... and other answers to Frequently Asked Questions



PETS MISSION

To reduce the number of homeless animals in Cherokee County through public awareness and the provision of adequate sanctuary, to passionately promote adoption of healthy, behaviorally-sound animals, to implement an accessible sterilization program, and to provide painless euthanasia when necessary.

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What have you done with the money I gave PETS?

It is stashed in interest-bearing saving accounts in three Cherokee County financial institutions. PETS' books are open to inspection during reasonable business hours.

Why haven't I heard anything lately about PETS?

Since the last newsletter, members of our building committee, chaired by Richard F. Klein, have been hard at work. These folks (George Douglas, Cris Neeld, Floyd Stiefer, and Doug Young, with input from county site foreman Pat Marshall and Jacksonville city manager Bill Tackett), have been slogging – metaphorically speaking – through sewage, drainage, building materials, and ever-revised plans. It's work that has to be done, but it doesn't translate into sparkling news releases.

When will the shelter be built?

Charlie Walker has been hired as general contractor. The foundation will be poured in late January, and Charlie projects completion for spring of this year.

Why haven't I gotten a newsletter recently?

See above re sewage and drainage not being really attractive reading material.

How much will the shelter cost?

Estimate = \$250,000.

And how many animals will it hold?

It is designed for 48 dogs (36 large, 12 small) and 22 cats, plus eight runs reserved for observation of animals under quarantine.

Does PETS have enough money to pay for the finished shelter?

No. PETS needs approx. \$100,000 in additional funds to complete construction in a debt-free fashion. A local financial institution has agreed to extend a line of credit. We hope to avoid this potential debt with the 2004 membership campaign and continued fundraising efforts.

Does PETS have enough money to operate the shelter?

No. PETS has a draft budget of \$139,975 for

the first 12 months of shelter operation. The fees from a contract with the city of Jacksonville, combined with adoption fees, will be the basis of PETS' income for its first three years of operation.

Does PETS have enough people to operate the shelter?

PETS plans to hire a full-time manager and a part-time employee, with the hopes of more employees as cash flow stabilizes, but PETS must rely heavily upon volunteers who have gone through appropriate training.

Tall Tails (er, tales) and Wild Waggings (of the tongue, that is)

Will spay/neuter services at the shelter compete with the veterinarians' services?

Absolutely not! No privately-owned, non-shelter animal will be accepted for sterilization at the Klein Shelter. PETS will focus only on sterilizing animals within the shelter before they are adopted. You should expect to use your excellent, current veterinarian for your pets' services.

Will the Richard D. Klein Shelter be a "no-kill" shelter?

No. Animals that are not deemed adoptable will be humanely and promptly euthanized to relieve their suffering. An example of an unadoptable animal would be one that had a contagious disease and was near death, one that had been so severely abused that its behavior deems it unadoptable, or one had been struck by a car or otherwise receive severe bodily injury and was in pain. No-kill shelters typically turn away animals deemed unadoptable, which can encourage dumping.

I heard all the money had been spent.

No. No. No. See answer to FAQ #1, above.

Become Bone-a-fide during PETS' Membership Drive!

Calling all "faithfuls" to make it official

When you contributed to PETS in autumn 2002, PETS said you would be recognized as a donor through December 31, 2003. We now ask that you step up and be formally recognized as a 2004 member of PETS by signing up at one of these levels for the calendar year 2004:



Platinum: \$1,001 or above • Gold: \$501 to \$1,000

Silver: \$101 to \$500 • Bronze: \$51 to \$100 • Pewter: \$1 to \$50

If you wish to pledge your amount and pay it in increments, please so indicate. For only \$5 per month, you could donate \$60 – or, at the silver level, \$10 each month totals \$120 in 2004. Is having the Klein Shelter worth \$10 a month to you? You could mail your monthly contribution to PETS or have it withdrawn from your bank account.

Your membership also makes our organization more attractive to grant foundations who require proof of community support!

Please use the form below to join now at the level you select, or to make a one-time donation.

THANKS...we needed that!

- 🐾 To **Cherokee County veterinarians** who, for the second year, donated to PETS from the income of their low-cost rabies clinics – plus their advice on shelter construction. Thanks to Drs. Alexander, Doody, Ellis, Holcomb, Kessel, Schmid, and Stephens for donating their expertise and their money.
- 🐾 To **Jean Neeld**, whose donated handmade quilt raised \$1,045
- 🐾 To **Sarah Joseph**, who helps Jane Haws collect snugglies
- 🐾 To **Dottie Johannes and Marian Lindsey**, who have for months quietly been managing the Today's Loose Change (TLC) cans you see by the cash registers around the county
- 🐾 To **Cherokee Wind Warriors**, who again designated PETS as beneficiary of their October fundraising rally
- 🐾 To **Cowden Oliver and B. J. Carpenter**, who intended to host a PETS fundraiser at their Reklaw farm but were prevented by circumstances beyond anyone's control.
- 🐾 To **Elaine Skates**, who helped plan the Oliver/Carpenter event on behalf of PETS
- 🐾 To **Marshia Walker** for researching options of membership structures for PETS
- 🐾 To **Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation** for pro bono architect services
- 🐾 To **Klein Products of Texas** for pro bono drawings of the proposed shelter
- 🐾 To **ETTL Engineers & Consultants** for pro bono engineering services
- 🐾 To **East Texas Testing** for pro bono site borings
- 🐾 To **Ann Chandler** for inviting PETS to provide a program to the Alpha Delta Kappa meeting in her home, and to the **Alpha Delta Kappa members** who donated snugglies
- 🐾 To **Jacksonville Lions Club**, for extending an invitation to PETS to provide a program about its activities

We're not greedy...we're needy!

(and we'll be fundraising forever and ever!)

Show your support by becoming a PETS member, or donate without joining.

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Please accept my first monthly donation of \$ _____

In lieu of becoming a member, I wish to make a donation of \$ _____

Your donation may be deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please consult your tax advisor.

Send the above form with your check payable to:

PETS 🐾 P. O. Box 294 🐾 Jacksonville, TX 75766

Or! Donate online with a credit or ATM card at:

www.palswithpaws.com

DONATIONS MADE EASY

While we hope to have 100% PETS participation in Cherokee County, please remind your out-of-county family and friends that they, too, can donate at www.palswithpaws.com. The method is secure. All they need is an ATM or credit card.

At the request of ongoing contributors, monthly bank drafts can be set up by filling out minimal paperwork. Authorize a draft on your checking account by Jacksonville Savings Bank or arrange an internal transfer within Austin Bank, as you prefer. These institutions are offering this service at no charge to PETS.

Don't be a draft dodger...sign up!

The Gifts That PETS Gets

MEMORIALS

Since the last newsletter, the following have contributed to PETS in memory of a family member or friend.

IN MEMORY OF MONNIE BLAKENEY

Jane Chapman

IN MEMORY OF FATHER AND A FRIEND

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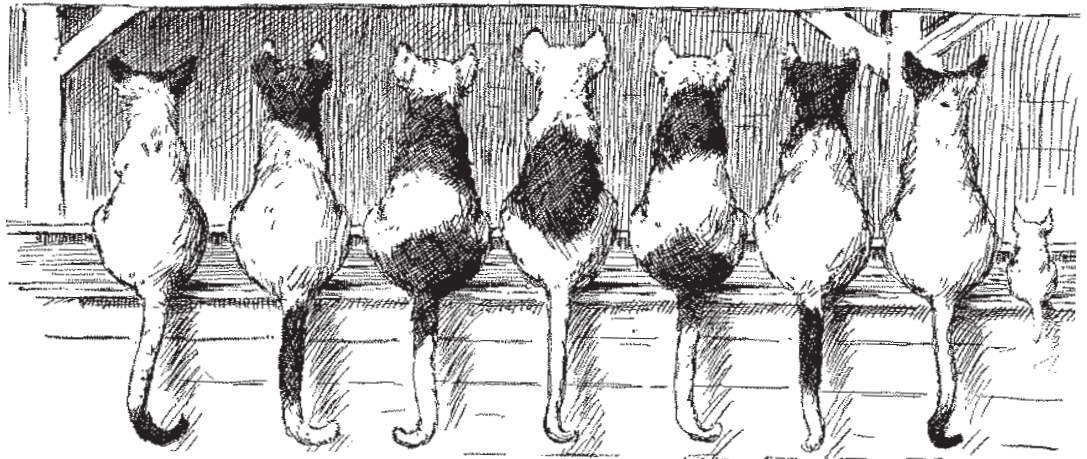
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CLEO'S FUND

Since the last newsletter, these beloved animals have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. One or more contributions in the memory of each have been made to Cleo's Fund.

Cozette Bolton
Miss Kitty Clem
Annie Douglas
Lady Douglas
T.C. Douglas

Sophie Keller
Roscoe Lee
Ziggy Offord
Paisley Reese
Jill Whiteside



Wanna Help? Hop on Board, Please!

Money isn't everything...we need leaders, followers, workers

At the first meeting of 2004, the board of directors of PETS welcomed Larry Clark of Rusk, Margaret Little of Alto and Dee Thompson Williams of Flint for three-year director terms. In addition to the professional and business expertise these three persons bring to the board, they also strengthen representation among persons living outside of Jacksonville.

PETS has also adopted a new organizational chart, designed by Sheilah O'Heaney, which envisions committees that deal with finance, membership, shelter operation, community relations, and liaison with PETS' veterinary advisory board.

Finance includes major gifts, grant applications, stand-alone fundraisers, and ongoing events (such as the TLC cans).

Membership includes an annual membership/pledge drive, arranging the annual meeting, coordinating volunteers, and managing elections of directors.

Shelter operations includes administration, building maintenance, and civic liaison.

Community relations includes public relations, marketing and education.

The veterinarians' liaison will be the board member who contacts our county vets when their input and advice is needed.

Sounds great! But, like most great ideas, it will operate only when people step up to fill the slots. **Please consider how you can give a few hours to make PETS, and therefore, the Klein Shelter, operate efficiently.**

For information about opportunities or to volunteer in any of these areas, please contact Sheilah at oheaneys@yahoo.com.

Jacksonville Accepts PETS Proposal

At their September 9th meeting, the members of Jacksonville's city council accepted PETS' response to the council's Request for Proposal for Furnishing of Animal Shelter Services. Under the terms of the proposal, the city will virtually hand the Klein Shelter, and the land on which it is to be built, to PETS for a 25-year period. PETS will be completely responsible for building and operating the Klein Shelter.

Further, the city will compensate PETS each month for the first 36 months of the Klein Shelter's operation. This is over-and-above the fee for animals impounded for 73 hours.

PETS thanks the city of Jacksonville, the council members, former city manager Ernie Clark, and current city manager Bill Tackett for the city's vote of confidence in PETS. The terms of the contract reflect the city's genuine wish for a humane, sanitary animal shelter operated by a private entity.

PETS will continue to lobby the Cherokee County commissioners and the city councils of other cities in Cherokee County to enter into contracts for PETS to provide animal welfare services to Cherokee County's homeless and abandoned animals. If you live in the county or in a city other than Jacksonville and want to see this service in the FY 2005 budget, make your wishes known to your elected officials.

KIBBLES & BITS

PETS' new mailing address is
P.O. Box 294, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

PETS' federal identification number for your 2003 taxes is 30-0000409. The legal name is PAWS of East Texas Society. PETS is an assumed name filed with the Cherokee County clerk.

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AND, MANY THANKS TO OUR *generous donors* WHO CONTRIBUTED IN 2003!

We apologize for any omissions or errors. If you donated in 2003, but your name is not included here please call Jennifer Lee at 903-589-1187.

DO YOU RECALL...

...the bygone days of our No-Go Gala... mega garage sale... promo t-shirts... the days before Richard Klein donated land for the shelter? The money you earned and donated then went to the Jacksonville Animal Care Society, PETS' sister organization that held 501(c)(3) status, which allowed your donations to be tax-deductible. JACS also received funds from the United Way in 2001 and 2002. With the dissolution of JACS, all of JACS' funds were transferred to PETS. Thanks to Cris Neeld, who served as president of JACS and the directors who served double duty for both organizations. Over the years, Cris has fielded many phone calls from citizens concerned about the welfare of Cherokee County animals.

Stats for the Current Shelter

Statistics marked with * reflect a 10-month period beginning 3-1-02 and are therefore not comparable to the full 12 months reported in 2003. The recording form was revised effective 3-1-02 to break down totals of dogs/cats/other; show number died in shelter; show number dropped off (dumped) at shelter; and show number of adoptable animals euthanized.

	2002	2003
Picked up by ACO from Inside City	495 n/av dogs n/av cats n/av other 22.27% of 2,223	740 498 dogs 179 cats 63 other 34.66% of 2,135
Brought by Individuals Inside City	555 n/av dogs n/av cats n/av other 24.79% of 2,223	567 327 dogs 239 cats 1 other 26.56% of 2,135
Rabies Observation Hold	30, type not specified 01.35% of 2,223	7 dogs 00.33% of 2,135
Dropped Off at Shelter (thrown over fence or otherwise dumped when ACO not there)	86* n/av dogs n/av cats	52 41 dogs 11 cats 02.44% of 2,135
Outside City Limits	1,057 n/av dogs n/av cats n/av other 47.55% of 2,223	769 547 dogs 219 cats 3 other 36.01% of 2,135
Total In	2,223	2,135
Adopted	317 14.81% of 2,140	311 16.25% of 1,914
Euthanized	1,633 76.42% of 2,140	1,484 77.53% of 1,914
Euthanized Adoptable	223*	Of the 1,484: 350 23.58% of 1,484
Euthanized Not Adoptable	1,081*	Of the 1,484: 1,134 76.42% of 1,484
Claimed by Owner	47 02.20% of 2,140	50 02.61% of 1,914
Died in Shelter	143*	69 03.61% of 1,914
Total Out	2,140	1,914
Parvo Shots	0	13
Dips Given	98	36
Animals Wormed	84	48
Animals in Shelter at End of Year	n/av	39 28 dogs 11 cat

*Do your part to improve these stats...
adopt, sterilize, volunteer, educate, donate!*

Local Shelter Dog Makes Good

In winter 2002, Cindy Lorenz, a longtime animal rescuer, took a Rottweiler pup named Diva from the Jacksonville shelter.

Diva, adopted by Eileen Kusakowski, is making her mark as a search and rescue dog. She was photographed recently at the Reliant Dog Show in Houston, with a caption reading: "Diva, Sherman, and Bentley greeted visitors and served as wonderful breed ambassadors."

We're fortunate to have people like Cindy and Eileen who recognize the potential of our shelter inhabitants before it is too late.

Students Score High in Conduct

Kudos to the classes of Ms. Patricia Massey and Ms. Kelli Rodriguez at East Side School in Jacksonville, who had an autumn fundraising competition for the Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter. Together the classes raised \$154.93 in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Thank you, third graders and teachers, for caring about the animals!

If you will take your dog, cat, rabbit, or pig to visit these two classes, please call Dee Williams at 903/894-3857. She will talk to you about scheduling a visit and the security rules at East Side School.

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LATE SPRING?
Klein Shelter Opens???

Common Pet Resolutions for the New Year

DOGGED DETERMINATION

- Accept that "Kitty Box Crunchies" are not food.
- Remember that the diaper pail is not a cookie jar.
- I will not chew crayons or pens, especially the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging.
- I will remember that if my human wanted striped carpet, she would have purchased it that way.
- Since we do not have a doorbell, I will not go ballistic each time I hear one on TV.
- Remember that Mom & Dad's laps are not face towels.
- I will not suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- Remember that the garbage man is NOT stealing our stuff.
- Accept the fact that the cat is from Venus and I am from Mars.
- Remember that "Stop, Drop and Roll" does not apply when I discover roadkill.
- Call PETA and report the dastardly "snip-snip" our owners have done to us as soon as they claim us as their own.
- Take time to stop and smell the behinds.
- Practice good time management by reducing turn-around time from four to three revolutions before laying down.
- I will NOT chase that blasted toy until I SEE it leave his hand.



CATTY CONTEMPLATIONS

- Continue work on Operation BAD DOG.
- When I need to throw up, I will head for the Oriental rug.
- I will not puff my body to twice its size after my human has finished watching *The Exorcist*.
- I will not eat hordes of bugs, then puke to show my humans I'm getting plenty of roughage.
- I will not use the bathtub to store live mice for late-night snacks.
- I will not use my human's head for dough-kneading practice.
- I will not play Herd of Thundering Wildebeests Stampeding Across the Plains of the Serengeti on any humans' bed while they're trying to sleep.
- I will remember that screaming at the can of food will not make it open itself.
- I will remember that the bird feeder is not so-named for feeding birds to me.
- I will remember that Doggie Rodeo is not a sanctioned sport.
- I will remember that my name is not "Ankle Velcro."
- I will not play "dead cat on the stairs" while people are carrying groceries or laundry.
- I will not swat my human's head when she's doing sit ups.
- I will accept that computer and TV screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.