

## 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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## THE question on everyone's lips... *Shelter construction: Where are we and how far do we have to go?*

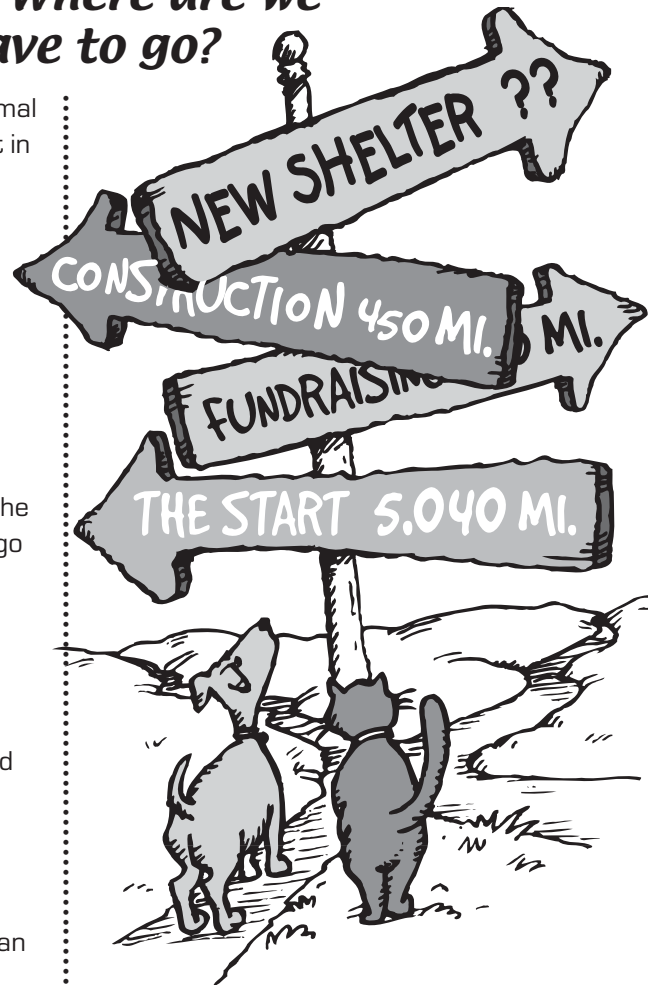
Construction of the Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter, PETS' future home on Tena Street in Jacksonville, continues despite a series of setbacks this past summer.

The unusually rainy weather was the first obstacle to the hoped-for completion by late summer. Delays began to occur with the masonry work as well as exterior painting, so emphasis was switched to whatever interior work could be done.

The next roadblock appeared. An application of epoxy was required to seal the concrete slab, but the application did not go well. Further delays ensued. Once the answer was found, the removal and subsequent re-application of the epoxy further pushed back the shelter's completion date.

These problems have been resolved and the construction is back on track. Our targeted completion is for Spring 2005. We'll keep you informed when a Grand Opening is scheduled. All the PETS supporters on our mailing list will receive an invitation.

If you stop by these days, you can see the finishing work being done on the interior. Painting, fixtures, electrical and other detail work will make Cherokee County's new ani-



mal shelter a safe and humane environment for its inhabitants.

To view shelter construction photos, visit [www.palswithpaws.com](http://www.palswithpaws.com).

## ETMC expedition produces treasure trove

When ground was broken for the Klein Shelter, Dr. Ira Stephens of Animal Medical Clinic told us, "When you're ready to furnish the building, check with me." The time has come, and Dr. Stephens has directed us to East Texas Medical Center, whose warehouse was filled with equipment and furnishings for use in the new shelter. Like all the veterinarians in Cherokee County, Dr. Stephens has been our consistent supporter from the start. Thanks for the lead, Dr. Stephens, and a huge thank you to ETMC for its oh-so-generous contributions!

If you have items you would like to donate to the new shelter (furniture, file cabinets, computer equipment, etc.), give us a call at 903-589-1187.

# Cherokee County Mourns the Loss of Two Animal Advocates

## Saying a tearful goodbye to Lincoln Barber and Dr. Grady Ellis

Within a few weeks, our area lost two outstanding men who cared and campaigned for, comforted, and championed the animals who could not speak for themselves.

The late **Dr. Grady Ellis**, a principal at Jacksonville Animal Hospital, was known to owners of large and small animals throughout the county. We know him as the man who worked for years to improve conditions for the lost and abandoned animals in Jacksonville. He took into his clinic animals, themselves often battered, who were taken from intolerable situations by battered women who escaped with their children and their pets. For an abandoned, neglected, or cruelly treated animal, his fees were always negotiable, starting with complete pro bono. He was on the board of directors of the original Jacksonville Animal Care Society and was on the advisory board of our corporation, which succeeded JACS. Along with the other veterinarians, he donated part of his proceeds from the annual low-cost vaccination clinics to PETS for three consecutive years (with the first year serving as seed money for PETS).

To the end, Grady never forgot our mutual goal. When a representative of the Pfizer pharmaceutical corporation visited him at the hospital days before Grady's death, the rep asked, "What can we do?" Grady said, "Well, PETS needs money to get that new shelter up." Pfizer made a substantial donation in Grady's memory.

The late **Lincoln Barber** was not simply a human who always had a pet in his family. He believed fervently in spay/

neuter as the solution to the indiscriminate and careless breeding that allows helpless litters to be dumped around our county. Lincoln personally underwrote the cost of large numbers of spay/neuter procedures. After getting a recommendation from a veterinarian of a possible qualifying owner, Lincoln would interview the owner, find out the person's financial situation, and see the animal. He did, quietly and on his own, what DJ&T Foundation has funded PETS to do – screen and underwrite. Lincoln also served on the JACS board of directors. He and Virginia actively supported PETS with a monthly draft on their bank account, and he would call us to get an update on the shelter. He cared, and he acted.

We will miss these gentlemen, and so will the animals.



## 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](http://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 Bank or arrange an internal transfer within Austin Bank. These institutions are offering this service at no charge to PETS.

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

## Start your year (and ours) off with a bang!

Show your support by being a bone-a-fide PETS member!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum \$1001+    Gold \$501-\$1001    Silver \$101-\$500    Bronze \$51-\$100    Pewter \$1-\$50

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 this form with your check payable to:

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

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# Manager Needed for New Shelter

*Are you the one, or, do you know this person?*

**PAWS of East Texas Society (PETS) will be interviewing qualified candidates to serve as manager for the new Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter**

### Duties:

- Administration
- Receiving
- Adoption
- Feeding and caring for residents
- Supervising and cleaning cages and all areas necessary to maintain shelter in accordance with Texas Department of Health standards
- Public relations requiring excellent written and verbal skills
- Record-keeping and generating reports
- Training and working with volunteers

### Work Experience:

- Knowledge in computers and software (Access, Excel and Word)
- Two years' experience in related field, i.e., animal control officer, veterinarian office or animal shelter
- Management experience preferred

### Education:

- High school diploma or GED
- Willing to take courses in animal behavior and euthanasia
- Must attend and pass animal control officer training

### Other:

- Must pass criminal history background and drug screening
- Salary range commensurate with experience and qualifications

**To apply for the position, send resumé to PETS • P.O. Box 294 • Jacksonville, TX 75766**

# Gearing Up For Golf

## Third Annual Rotary Tournament to benefit PETS

Have a hankerin' for a hole-in-one? Well, if you're a golfin' guru, you'll be even more enthused with the idea of driving home with a \$25,000 prize for that single shot on Cherokee Country Club's Hole Number 15!

The Third Annual Rotary Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 26th at the Cherokee Country Club in Jacksonville. Tournament profits will be divided between the Jacksonville Rotary Club scholarship fund and PETS. In addition, the tournament will honor the memory of deceased members of the Jacksonville Rotary Club.

Trinity Mother Frances Hospital has stepped forward as a major sponsor, along with East Texas Medical Center and Klein Products. Southside Bank has underwritten the \$25,000 hole-in-one prize, plus hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes. \$100 gift certificates, awarded for

longest drive and closest to the hole, are sponsored by Autry Funeral Home and Julie Duren State Farm Insurance. Cash prizes include \$600 for first place, \$400 for second, \$300 for third, and \$100 for fourth (based on a minimum 13-team signup).

The entrance fee is \$75, which includes lunch and free soft drinks along the course.

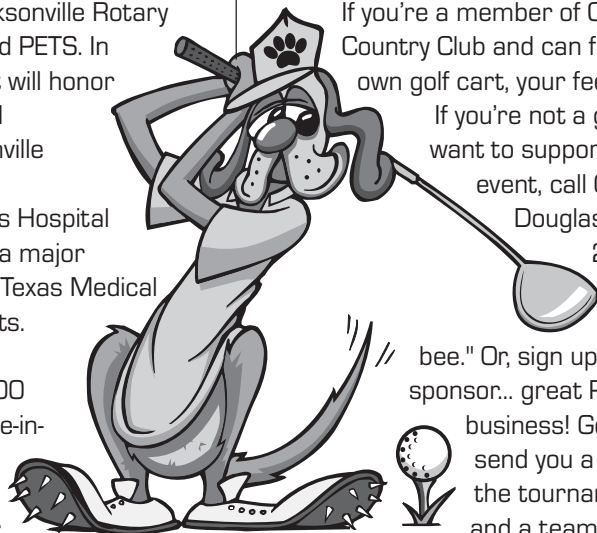
If you're a member of Cherokee Country Club and can furnish your own golf cart, your fee is \$50.

If you're not a golfer but want to support this great event, call George

Douglas at 903-586-2263 and

volunteer to be a "worker

bee." Or, sign up to be a hole sponsor... great PR for your business! George can also send you a flyer with all the tournament details and a team signup form.



# Will Work For Food?

## Larissa House feeds shelter workers

Whoever made the statement that "There are no free meal tickets" didn't know **Kathleen and Eric Stanfill, owners of Larissa House Restaurant in Jacksonville.** They recently awarded gift certificates to consultants and contractors who fall in the "above-and-beyond" category with their contributions of labor and/or materials to the construction of the Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter.

## And A Thousand Thanks To...

**The Salzman-Medica Foundation**, which has given PETS a generous grant for spaying and neutering animals that will be housed in the Klein Shelter

**Barbara Rakestraw**, who has accepted management of PETS' grant from the DJ&T Foundation for spay/neuter funds targeted at low income pet owners. For more information, call Barbara at 903-586-3270 to set up a screening

**Ann Barber Brinkerhoff** of Houston, who has been sharing her expertise on fundraising with PETS

**Virginia Barber** and her family, who named PETS as the organization to which memorials for Lincoln Barber could be directed

**Autry Funeral Home**, for helping PETS display an oversized "card" memorializing Grady Ellis in the funeral home foyer during visitation and services

**Margaret Little and her family**, who named PETS as the organization to which memorials for Margaret's mother could be directed

**Cindy Steagall**, who has stepped forward as Volunteer Coordinator to recruit and oversee that all-important group of "helping hands" within the shelter



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Upcoming Events...

**FEBRUARY 22**  
Spay Day USA

**MARCH 26**  
3rd Annual Rotary/  
PETS Golf Tournament

**SPRING 2005**  
Klein Shelter Opens!

A N N O U N C I N G T H E P E T S C O O K B O O K

## Culinary creators...congregate!

*We're cookin' up a culmination of cuisine to collect cash for our county's critters!*

PETS is creating a commemorative cookbook - for two-footed foodies as well as four-legged victual varmint!

We need your favorite tried-and-true recipes (submit as many as you like!). The Cookbook Committee is seeking all types of recipes - appetizers, entrees, sides, desserts, beverages, vegetarian, and, of course, a section for cat cuisine and doggie delectables. All printed recipes will pay homage to the contributing cook, and will feature dietary info including calories, fat grams, carb count, etc. (we'll do that part for you).

**Recipes must be submitted by March 1, 2005** for consideration. **Please include your name and phone number with your submission.** Recipes may be handwritten (legibly, of course), typed, or photocopied and sent to:

Janet Mitchell, PETS Cookbook Coordinator  
471 Anderson CR 319, Frankston TX 75763  
Fax: 903/876-4170 • E-mail: PDIPLAY@aol.com  
(NOTE: Please use "PETS Recipe" as e-mail subject)

Each cookbook is \$15 and will be published in April.

Copies will be available at the Klein Shelter and retail locations (to be announced in the next newsletter).

**All funds raised will help defray the cost of furnishing the shelter.**

*For more information on submitting recipes or ordering advance copies, please call Jennifer Lee at 903-589-1187.*



# The Gifts That PETS Gets

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 Cherokee Co. Commissioners  
 Cherokee Squares Quilters  
 City of Jacksonville  
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### Underwriters of the shelter's steel cages:

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## SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

### Actually, *MUCH* assembly required...ask these workers!

Jim Adams	Rodney Jayroe
Joshua Barton	Margaret Little
George Douglas	Rick Moscicki
Kenneth Durrett	Brent Stahelin
Jeff Hancock	Bill Tackett
Charlie Harris	Hal Walker
Jeff & Molly Jarrett	Doug & Judy Young

**We need a bigger "assembly line"...call Doug Young at 903-721-7099 if you can help!**



# Volunteers: What Breed Are You?

## We need a Heinz Variety of help for the Shelter!

**HANDS-ON.** As soon as the Klein Shelter opens, PETS is responsible for the welfare of these animals – feeding them, cleaning their cages, giving them exercise and attention, marketing them for adoption, screening potential adopters, and visiting their new homes to be sure the "forever" family who took them is as good as the family claimed.

Our single full-time employee and two (we hope) part-time employees cannot possibly do all this. They must handle the administrative tasks and the sadder tasks such as screening for euthanasia, a task that cannot be trusted to volunteers, however well-meaning. (If you are anti-euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals, then step up to help Barbara Rakestraw, the spay/neuter coordinator.)

Volunteers are going to be the animals' mainstay at Klein Shelter until it is financially able to pay more employees.

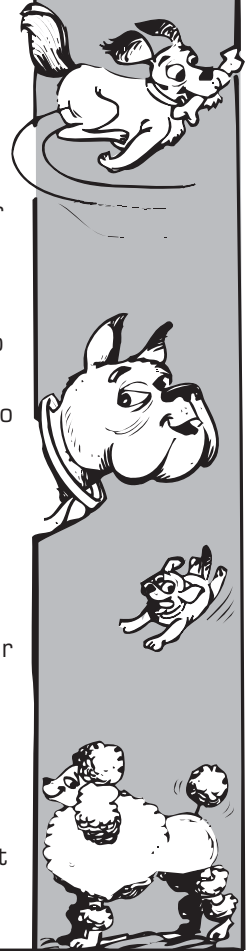
We've come so far in collecting sufficient funds and building this fine structure. Won't you go farther and help staff it? If many people will give a few hours each week, what we could do!

Cindy Steagall has agreed to coordinate volunteer scheduling. Please call her at 903-216-6562 or e-mail her a csteagall56@netzero.net to say, "I care, and I'll help."

**FUNDRAISING.** What can your group do independently? Great examples of stand-alone fundraisers are the Hawgs for Dawgs rally, which the biker clubs organized solo, and the various Wine & Cheese events held in hosts' homes. Car washes, raffles, benefit performances of plays, and tips day at a fast food restaurant are other examples. Use your imagination and creativity!

**PUBLIC RELATIONS.** Keep PETS in the forefront of the written press, radio, and television. Schedule our directors for regular follow-up appearances to keep the public informed. Promote national observances such as "Adopt A Shelter Dog" or "Adopt A Shelter Cat" weeks.

**RESCUE & FOSTERING.** Visit the shelter to photograph animals that rescue groups might accept. E-mail pictures to the appropriate group. Set up transportation. Usually, the rescue group will meet a transporter halfway.



## OTHER WAYS TO HELP!

**Put a TLC (Today's Loose Change) can** where you work...the money mounts up!

**Save worn-out blankets, linens, rags** – anything into which an animal could cuddle.

**Get an Animal Friendly license plate** for your vehicle. The small fee you pay for these plates goes into a fund that underwrites low-cost spay/neuter clinics. What an investment!

**Give a gift to PETS on your next special occasion.** In lieu of gifts on your next birthday or wedding anniversary, ask your family and friends to donate to PETS in your honor.

**Invite a PETS speaker to your club.** At that meeting, have a Shower for the Shelter. PETS can furnish a timely wish list.

**Remember PETS for your estate-planning.** PETS' full name is PAWS of East Texas Society, and it is a Texas non-profit corporation granted 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service.

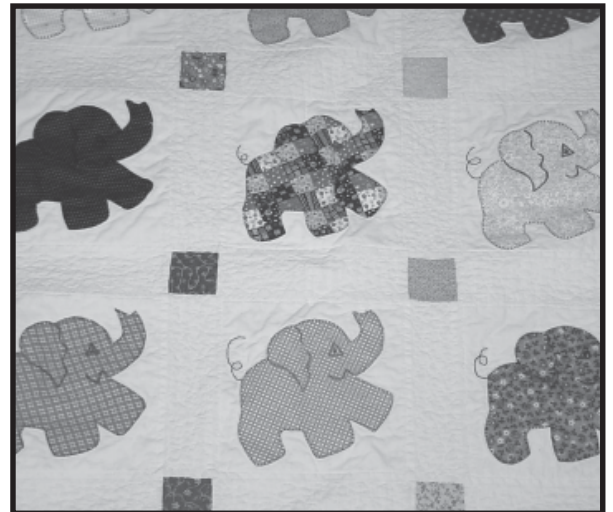
**Designate PETS for memorials.** If you believe that, after your death, PETS would be an appropriate designee for memorials to you, please let your next of kin know your wishes.

**Buy a raffle ticket!** (See promo at right!)

## Two Quads of Quarters for a Quilt?

### Parading Pachyderms Pack a Punch for PETS!

Purchase a chance at the quintessential quilt! Created by the Cherokee Squares Quilters, this 55x65 quilt entitled "Charmed Elephants" was donated to benefit the Richard D. Klein Animal Shelter. This is the second quilt donated to PETS by these stalwart stitchers...what a grand group of gals!



**Buy your chance at taking this herd home with raffle tickets priced at \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5. For info or to purchase tickets, call Laurie Brown at 903-586-0757.**

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