

Pet Rescue Times

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Puppies Are Not Products!

by Carol Utterback

You may know someone who is looking for a 'Christmas' puppy. Maybe it's a coworker, friend, or relative who will be looking for a new addition to the family. We are asking all of our CSC friends to be advocates and educate everyone you know about the importance of NOT buying a puppy from a retailer. Here are facts and ideas to use when you can help:

5,000,000 pets are put down in this country every year just because they have no home!

30% of dogs in shelters and rescues are purebred dogs.

Start looking for a dog (or a cat) by using the breed search on www.Petfinder.com to get in touch with a shelter or rescue near your zip code.

Don't buy a dog you find on the Internet. You may be dealing with a puppy mill and may be buying an unhealthy, poorly-socialized puppy.

Don't buy from a pet store. Reputable breeders would not sell to pet stores.

Missouri's shame is having 33% of the nation's puppy mills.

Just because the breeder



is "USDA-registered" doesn't mean the conditions are humane. Also, "AKC-registered" merely means the paperwork fee was paid on the parents; it is no guarantee of quality.

Research the breed's personality and genetic characteristics before you buy to determine if they are a good match for your lifestyle.

If you must buy from a breeder, be earnest about meeting both of the puppy's parent dogs. Insist on visiting the facility. Request to see inspection information. Ask to see the testing results (hips, eyes, etc) that should be done for the breed for which you are looking. If the answers are "no" to any of these requests, walk away.

Puppies are cute from wherever they come! Do not visit stores that sell puppies so you will not be tempted to buy. Each puppy bought from a

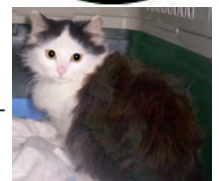
pet store only perpetuates the problem of puppy mills.

Visit this website for more information: www.DontBuyPuppies.com.

Spay, Neuter & Protect

by Shannyn Yalaoui

The "SNAP" program focuses on providing toolkits and reduced-cost veterinary services for the Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) of Columbia's feral (aka wild) cats. It's the only method proven to be humane and effective at controlling feral cat population growth and reducing nuisance behaviors. TNR lessens the number of kittens and cats flowing into local shelters. This results in lower euthanasia rates and the increased adoption of cats already in the shelters.



Thanks to our supporters, over 96 cats have been trapped so far in 2008, bringing our program total past 300! **Volunteers and vet funds are greatly needed** — please mark "SNAP" on your check memo. For more information, please e-mail: csc_snap@yahoo.com.

Ruth's Rescue and Transport by Linda Haas

On Friday, June 20th, I received an e-mail request from Candis, a transport coordinator with OnPoint Rescue. I was asked to pick up a pregnant Pointer in Topeka, Kansas the following morning by 9:00 a.m. and deliver her to Wentzville, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. The Topeka Humane Society needed OnPoint's commitment by the end of the day or the Pointer would be euthanized. I told Candis I would make the run, but that it would be very helpful if she could find someone to help out at either the Topeka or Wentzville end. She found a contact who was willing to pull the Pointer from the shelter and to bring her to the Marshall exit from I-70.

When I picked up the Pointer (later named "Ruth"), she had been very carsick from riding in a carrier, and she looked so tired. As hard as the workers try and as kind as they are, it is very stressful to a dog to be in a strange shelter with all of the unfamiliar dog and cat noises. They have no idea what is going to be done to them, but they seem to fear the worst. Being pregnant just added to her stress. Ruth acted so downhearted; she wouldn't even look at me.

As we transferred Ruth to my car, she just submitted to whatever it was we planned to do to her. I gave her some water, and she laid down on the floor of my back seat, although I had made a soft nest for her of folded blankets on the seat. She slept most of the two-hour drive to Wentzville, and I just let her sleep, playing an inspirational CD very softly. Ruth slept like she was exhausted.

About ten miles outside of

Wentzville, I awakened Ruth at a rest area to let her go potty before we arrived in case there was no place for her to "go" once we got there. In the doggie area, I sat in the shade on a railroad tie while she laid on her very pregnant belly in the cool grass and let the breeze blow in her face. I talked to her for about twenty minutes about how she was going to a really nice place and how good Candis is to dogs. I told her that her forever family would be coming to find her after her puppies were a little older and how happy she was going to be. I fed her several milk bones as we talked.

Ruth may not have understood my words, but she really seemed to like that I was talking to her, and she loved the milk bones. Ruth looked me straight in the eye with the sweetest expression. I could see hope had returned to her face, and she was so at peace. By the time I handed her off to Candis, she was a different dog than I had picked up... hopeful and no longer afraid.

To me, that is the joy of driving transports... taking a dog or cat from a frightening, hopeless situation and delivering the animal to hope... Hell to Heaven. Returning to them their joy and the feeling that life is good gives rewards far beyond what I ever imagined would come when I first began transporting. Ruth's puppies were born on June 24th, just three days after her rescue.



Ruth and Her Puppies

Mom and babies are doing wonderfully.

Ruth's story ending was good, but many others like her need our help. If they can fill the transport schedule, this is one of the quickest and most direct ways you can save a life! Several transports pass through Columbia each weekend, and each person usually drives a one-to-two-hour leg to the next major town. CSC volunteers try to help out these other rescues and shelters, but we cannot handle all of the volume, so if you would be interested in driving a leg of a transport, please let CSC know. A special thanks to those who have often helped and usually paid for their own gas. Many CSC alumni have benefitted from the generosity of transporters on their way to forever homes such as in Florida, New Jersey, and even Alaska!

" . . . I saved one dog and it didn't change the world, but surely the world changed for that one dog. " •

**Abraham and the
Three Kittens
from Carl Sandburg's
Abraham Lincoln:
The War Years,
Volume IV, p. 146;
Sketch by James Warner**

An excellent example of President Abraham Lincoln's tenderness occurred near the end of the Civil War. Abraham and his family had been invited to visit General Ulysses S. Grant's headquarters at City Point, Virginia. The trip took place in late March of 1865 about three weeks before the assassination.

During his visit to City Point, the president happened to be in the telegraph hut on the day that Grant's army began the

final advance of the Civil War. In the hut the president came upon three tiny kittens. They appeared to be lost and were wandering around and meowing. Abraham picked up one of the kittens and asked, "Where is your mother?" A person standing nearby said, "The mother is dead." The president continued to pet the little kitten and said, "Then she can't grieve as many a poor mother is grieving for a son lost in battle." Abraham picked up the other two kittens and now had all three in his lap. He stroked their fur and quietly told them, "Kitties, thank God you are cats, and can't understand this terrible strife that is going on." The Chief Executive continued, "Poor little creatures, don't cry; you'll be taken good care of." He looked toward Colonel Bowers of Grant's staff and said, "Colonel, I hope you will see that these poor little motherless waifs are given plenty of milk and treated kindly." Bowers promised that he would tell the cook to take good care of them.



Colonel Horace Porter watched the president and recalled, "He would wipe their eyes tenderly with his handkerchief, stroke their smooth coats, and listen to them purring their gratitude to him." Quite a sight it was, thought Porter, "at an army headquarters, upon the eve of a great military crisis in the nation's history, to see the hand which

had affixed the signature to the Emancipation Proclamation and had signed the commissions... from the general-in-chief to the lowest lieutenant, tenderly caressing three stray kittens." •

Pamper a Homeless Pet! by Michael Olson

During this season of giving and thanks, why not donate a beautiful Kuranda Bed to one of our ranch dogs? Our goal is to add a second medium-size bed to each kennel, since most of our "furkids" bunk together. The older dogs especially appreciate these wonderful beds, as it gives them a nice soft place to curl up and to get warm.



To donate a bed which Kuranda will send directly to CSC, visit our website at www.columbia2ndchance.org and look for the "Pamper a Homeless Pet" ad. You will need to click the "Donate Now" link!

Happy "Howl-idays" from all of the CSC Ranch dogs! •

Rocky's Story and More by Diann M. Stelzer

Every day stray animals are brought into the Central Missouri Humane Society. Many of these animals are highly adoptable and deserve an opportunity to be placed in a loving home.

Rocky was JUST ONE OF MANY strays that came to Columbia Second Chance from the humane society. He wasn't a pretty cat. Ear mites, the veterinarians said, indirectly caused malformed ears. The infestation had gotten so bad that Rocky scratched constantly, breaking the blood vessels in both ears. This eventually healed on its own, but it left Rocky's ears with extensive scarring and a cauliflower-like appearance. Not just confined to physical damage, this also compromised Rocky's hearing, because the scarring caused a narrowing of his ear canals.

Despite his imperfect appearance, Rocky's personality was one of joy and exuberance. You just couldn't help smiling when you picked him up to hold him. Rocky would just give you a big old cat hug and snuggle into your neck. So the decision was made to help Rocky, and he was scheduled for surgery.

The face of animal rescue has many expressions. Saving only the healthiest animals seems like the most logical choice. However, it is not that simple. How could a person say "no" to a loving dog simply because it has only one eye? Una was one such dog. When she came to CSC, her eye had been damaged severely and had to be removed. During her very first visit to the Adoption Center, a family fell in love with Una and adopted her and another dog that same day. Then

how could CSC not help a cat who had an irreparable broken leg? The cat, named Trinity, had to have her front leg amputated and then was adopted shortly thereafter.

The mission of Columbia Second Chance is to give animals a second chance at a first-class home; not just the perfect and healthy animals, but ALL animals. Some merely need more care to get there. We would not be able to help these sick and injured animals if it were not for our wonderful supporters. Many thanks go to all of those who generously have given money for Rocky's surgery, and who enabled CSC to help many other sick and injured animals in recent months.

Because there will always be another animal who will need extra care, CSC has developed a special TLC fund especially for these animals in need.



Tonka is a Great Pyrenees dog who weighs almost 100 pounds. Tonka, unfortunately, has a bad knee. Traditional knee surgery for a dog this large is not an option, but the vet school is pioneering a new technique called a "tightrope" repair that looks promising for her. Tonka is a big, beautiful girl who adores being petted. Doesn't she deserve a second chance, too, despite her injury? CSC Volunteers think so. Tonka is next in line to receive her surgery.

So what happened to Rocky? His story did not end after surgery. A little girl named Maddie saw Rocky's picture and fell in love with him. She went to summer school and earned money for Rocky's adoption fee. She told me that she wanted to adopt him, because nobody else might want him. A couple of weeks after Rocky's surgery, Rocky left his foster home to live with Maddie in his forever home. To Maddie, Rocky is absolutely perfect! •

Thank You! by Laura Brenner

We are nearing our goal of rescuing 500 pets this year, thanks to your generosity! Ways to help this holiday season:

1. Supply or monetary donations are accepted gratefully.
2. Set up recurring donation intervals in your bank's online banking.
3. Volunteer to foster an animal in need.
4. Do online shopping with major retailers like Amazon, Toys R Us, Best Buy, etc. by going through www.GiveBack-America.org. •

The Furever Foster Program Continues! by Suzett North

Since the inception of an idea in February 2008, Furever Fostering really has become quite an active and successful CSC program for our animals who have been overlooked continually by potential adopters, and at last, they now are getting a family to call their own. It is a win/win situation for everyone involved.

Zoe is a twelve-year-old Shar Pei who came to CSC in 2000. He's a great example of a successful Furever Foster animal recently placed with the Middleton family, who wrote:

"Just wanted you to know that Zoe is loving his new home.

He gets and gives kisses, loves cookies, and is getting spoiled. We had some problems with stairs, but he has now mastered them. He runs everywhere he goes, including up and down the steps, which makes me

very nervous. He constantly is running inside and outside in the big yard, loves to sunbathe on



the deck, follows me around until his nap time, and lays on the couch with us. He is happy here, is getting very comfortable, and knows we love him. He is curious about the grandkids who come over and gets along great with them and our cat and dog fabulously!!

We have noticed a funny thing about Zoe. He doesn't see very well and at times will stumble or run into things BUT he loves to look at himself in the mirror! We have several throughout the house at his level, and he frequently admires himself in the mirror... sometimes for quite awhile!

I want to say that even though Zoe is an older dog, he is a wonderful addition to our family, and can't thank you enough for him. He is an awesome guy, and we hope we have several great years with him." •



IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM COCKRELL

James & Cristi Cook
Prakash Jayabalan
Ellen & John Abbott
Jan Nicholson
Darlene Ward
David Banks
Katie Romesburg & Isabella McMahan
Roberta Wood
Susan McQuilkin

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT SILVERS

Phyllis Nichols

IN MEMORY OF JOHN CARPENTER

Francis Carpenter

IN HONOR OF GRETCHEN HAGEN

Alice Beecher

IN HONOR OF DANIEL HOOD & ERIN BLAISE

Lili Vianello

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED KITTY "CYRANO"

Steve, Kelly, and Steven Archer

IN MEMORY OF "SNIPS" AT HULETT HEATING

Ann Edwards

IN MEMORY OF "SPOCK"

James & Dorothy Judd

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT M. CAREY

Royce & Susan Palmer

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE SISSY, "BELLE"

Kerrie, Snickers, Pearl, and Your Foster Brothers and Sisters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BRAEDEN MORRIS

His Birthday Party Gang



IN MEMORY OF HARVEY RAY BROWN

Joseph & Connie Rigg
Michelle Brammer
Charles & Marcia Walker
Randall Griffith
Billie Long
George Thomas
Romain & Pamela Miller
Craig Palmer
Martha Willingham



FOR COLE & WILSON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Robert & Brenda Leuenberger
Nancy & Roberty Reichert
Daniel & Julia Widhalm
Jeffrey & Judy Raetz

IN LOVING MEMORY OF "DANCER"

Denny Brelsford



IN MEMORY OF LOIS MILLER

James & Marilyn Ringland

IN MEMORY OF KIM GRIMM'S MOTHER

James & Marilyn Ringland

IN MEMORY OF "SHADOW" RAINWATER KITTY

Ruthie Craven



IN MEMORY OF LARRY BOLLMANN

Doris Berger
Water & Light Department
Cheryl & Frank Wood
Donald & Darylene Roberts
Julie Dougherty

IN HONOR OF SUSAN WINKELMANN'S BIRTHDAY

Michael & Lottie Bushmann
Richard Smith
Anne Fitzsimmons
Charles & Julian Davis



IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR WEDDING

Travis & Gwen Brumfield



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During the holiday season, look for our Christmas Tree Ornaments at Award Pet Supply (1610 I-70 Dr SW) and Treats Unleashed (Forum Shopping Center). Each ornament has a specific item wished for by a CSC dog or cat.

Thanks in advance for helping to purchase gifts to put under our CSC Christmas Tree! •

The stores participating in this year's holiday cleaning supplies drive are:

Columbia:
 Eastgate, Schnucks, Gerbes (Nifong, Broadway, & Paris), Patricia's, & HyVee

Centralia:
 Centralia Veterinary Clinic, C & R Market, & Prenger Market

Hallsville:
 Hallsville Market and Deli & Tropical Getaway Salon and Spa •

**Annual Fundraisers...
 Mark Your Calendar!**

These 2009 evening events are scheduled now:
Trivia Night on Saturday, March 14th and **Missouri Theatre** on Saturday, April 4th. More information will follow in the next CSC newsletter. •

