

The Scratching Post

Newsletter of the Floyd
County Humane Society
Fall 2008



Chance

Meet our foster dogs at Petsmart, the 4th Saturday of every month!



Baby

Our foster pets are spayed/neutered and current on vaccinations. A complete list of foster care pets is at our website www.nrvanimalshelters.com

To inquire call 745-7207 or email floydhumane@gmail.com and a volunteer will assist you.

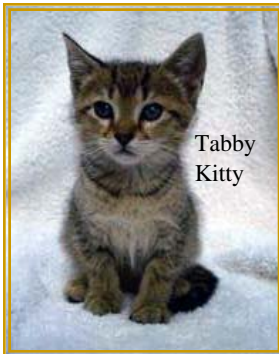


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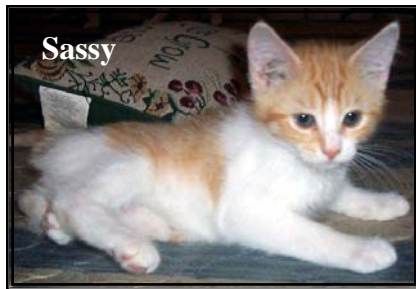


Sweet kitties!

YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND IS WAITING FOR YOU



Tabby Kitty



Sassy



Lego



Nutmeg

MEMBER PROFILE -Joan Hamilton of The Groom Room by C.H. Cotton

Joan Hamilton has been with the Floyd County Humane Society since its inception; serving early on the Board of Directors and subsequently as both Vice President and President. Professionally, she has always worked with dogs. In New Jersey, she bred Irish Setters and Standard Poodles, ran a boarding kennel, acted as kennel master for foxhounds (adamant that only a stuffed fox be used) and helped in 4H programs. Joan raised four children during her days grooming Hugh Hefner's Sheepdogs!

Joan came to us with priceless experience and knowledge...

Heading up our animal Pet Portraits (October 18th, NRCA building), she is always touched by the bond between people and their pets. For 20 years, as sole proprietor of *The Groom Room*, Joan has been 'overwhelmed' by "good fortune and the graciousness and kindness of this community". Although she jokes about never being without a pair of clippers in her hand, a new, larger work space adjacent to her home will allow for more services and educational opportunities for the public. Joan came to us with priceless experience and knowledge, for her generous involvement with this organization and wrapping it in humor and charm; this bunch of mixed breeds is most

grateful for her years of caring commitment. We look forward to more shared successes for our local animals.



Joan Hamilton and assistant Ann Phillips trim nails at a humane society fundraiser.

"Dear Tabby" written by C.H. Cotton

Hello Animal Lovers! I find myself thoroughly enjoying a comfy lounge in the cap-nip bed even with the newsletter deadline in view. So please enjoy some feline facts, that hopefully, will coax the ailurophile out of everyone. Savor the last of the garden tomatoes-here comes the fall equinox and Jack Frost! Lovin' my Zen-mint, *Tabby*



*A cats' patterned nose pad is unique, like a fingerprint * Imagine your sense of smell 14 times stronger! How good would morning coffee smell then? * 20% of cats are missing the specific gene that allows for the pleasure of cat nip. * Cats lack the ability to taste "sweet". * Cats will groom for up to 1/3 of their waking hours. They can sleep 16 or more hours a day. * Cats purr, of course, when content, but they also purr with other intense feelings such as pain (mom in labor) or fear (vet visit) because it helps to calm them down. * Cats rarely "meow" to one another. This sound seems held for humans. * Cats have around 100 vocalizations. Dogs have 10. Ha! * A female cat can have 2-3 litters annually; 1-8 kittens per litter. * A bunch of kittens? A kindle. A group of cats? A clowder. * Cats eyesight is fuzzy. They can see up to 120 ft. with 285° peripheral vision. * Cat vision is specialized for movement and darkness. To hunt is instinctual; realization that prey is food is learned. * 32 muscles rotate each ear. No wonder they can hear the tuna can open! * The oldest known female on record: Crème Puff from Texas, lived to 38; the oldest known male on record, Puss, lived in Britain for 36 years. * Comparative ages: cat 3; human 21; cat 8; human 40, cat 14; human 70. * Cats and humans have similar brains, identical regions are responsible for emotions. This helps explain our natural bond-we truly understand each other! * Mouse flavored food was invented; almost unanimously rejected in trials. * A single feline family member will cost upwards of \$7,000 to care for during their lifetime. It takes more than love. Be sure you are ready to bring us home.

*Sources include bigpawdesigns.com; kittycatfurballs.com; Cat Fancy Magazine Nov '07

Take Action to allow the Floyd County Humane Society to assist at Floyd's municipal shelter.

Many in the community have been reading in the Floyd Press about the Floyd County Humane Society's request to help out at the local animal shelter. Members propose to increase the public's access of the shelter by extending the current limited hours, thus allowing owners to reunite with lost pets and increase the adoption rate. The F.C.H.S. would also like to allow cats to have the same time benefit that dogs have.

Everybody wins...so why the delay?

Please contact the Floyd County Board of Supervisors, continue to write "letters to the editor" in the press and support this life saving action now.

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*To find out more about other urgent issues, (along with sample emails) visit www.hsus.org

To find your representatives visit www.congress.org

Take Action features humane issues inside and outside our locality and offers ways to get involved and make a difference to a wider group of animals in need.

Involved in the community



Helpers Ann Phillips and Lynn Chipkin help groomer Joan Hamilton at our annual dog bath & dip fundraiser.



Suzanne Piovano assists VT students signing up for Floyd County Humane Society volunteer activities at the VT engage event.



Dr. Kathy Davieds gives a rabies vaccination to a pet at our semi-annual rabies clinic. Special thanks to Kathy Poole for organizing this event.



Cats and kittens wait for their forever homes at our 3rd annual Chateau Morrisette event. Special thanks to Cathy Shaut, organizer.

Upcoming Events:

- October 3rd thru 5th 'Annual Crafts Fair' at the Floyd Co. High School
- October 18th is Pet Portraits day from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the NRV Community Action Center in Floyd.

Adoptions 2008

Spay, neuters 2008

- Over 40 dogs adopted
- Over 80 cats adopted
- Spayed/neuters
- Over 250 pets assisted
- On the Angels of Assisi
- Coach & at area veterinarians.
- 180 Feral cat spay/neuters

In Honor

In honor of Dr. Anna Simms from Richard & Chris Maxwell. They wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Simms for her exceptionally kind care of 'Buster' and professional manner that allowed his last days with them to be the best that they could hope for.
 Thank you, Dr. Simms.

In honor of Paul Shaut's 60th birthday from Barbara Spillman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLOYD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BEING VOTED "VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR" BY THE RSPV.

Memorials

In memory of Lois Ann Turner Hoal from Margaret A. Smith

In loving memory of "Marco", beloved pet of Nettie Perillat

In memory of "Marco", companion of Nettie Perillat, from Cathryne Whitten

In memory of "Zorro", beloved dog of Mrs. Caroline Maness,
 From Rebecca Jones and Howard & Mary Gold

In memory of "Timber & Abbie", beloved pets of Angela Lieb, from Dr. Anna Simms

In memory of "Tails", sweet and beautiful cat of the Chipkin-Cohen family.

"Owning a cat may cut your risk of heart attack death, researchers at the University of Minnesota have found. During a 10 year study, subjects with cats were 40% less likely to die from a heart attack than their cat-less counterparts. Feline companionship may actually help combat heart-harming stress & anxiety, a comparable effect has already been shown in studies of dog owners"

Quoted from the August '08 AARP magazine.

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Partners in Responsibility

The Scratching Post is published by the Floyd County Humane Society. We are a non-profit, 501(c)3, all volunteer organization dedicated to placing homeless companion animals in caring permanent homes, educating and assisting the community on issues of owner responsibility and providing financial assistance for spaying and neutering.

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Treasurer: Diane Giessler
Secretary: Lynn Chipkin

You are invited to attend our meetings at 6:30 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, located at the New River Community Action Building on 221 South, just down the road from Slaughters Supermarket. See you there!

The Floyd County Humane Society has several spay/neuter programs that offer financial assistance to those companion animal owners who are eligible. Tell your friends and neighbors that help is here!

The Angels of Assisi shuttle comes to our area once a month to offer low cost spay neuter services. Please call us at 745-7207, and get your pet on board the shuttle.

Thank you for doing your part in reducing pet overpopulation.

We appreciate your continued support!!

Membership Form: Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Enclosed is my annual membership dues _____\$5 Student/Senior _____\$15 Adult

_____ \$30 Family _____ \$50 Patron _____ \$100 Corporate

Make a memorial donation honoring a pet or friend _____ Other _____