



Animal Chatter

Washington Area Humane Society **FALL 2004**

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A No Kill Shelter Giving Pets A New Leash On Life Funded By Your Contributions

★ Wish List ★

- IAMs Dog and Cat Food
- Frontline Plus for Cats
- Clay Cat Litter
- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Toilet Paper
- Large Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish and Hand Soap
- Baby Food (meat only)
- White Vinegar and Bleach
- AA Batteries
- Business Envelopes
- Postage Stamps
- Scotch Tape Rolls

Recent Flooding Damages Shelter

AS everyone knows, hurricane Ivan still packed a punch when it arrived in Washington county. Many were overwhelmed by the record shattering rain that fell on Friday, September 17th. The staff that day worked to keep the dogs dry and comfortable only to find themselves stranded by flooded roads at the end of the day.

The shelter facility sustained exterior and interior damage, most notably to the second floor puppy room.

If you have carpentry, building or other related experience and can spare a few hours, we could really use your expertise to repair the walls, ceiling and siding on the building. Please call Carie at 412-296-4409.

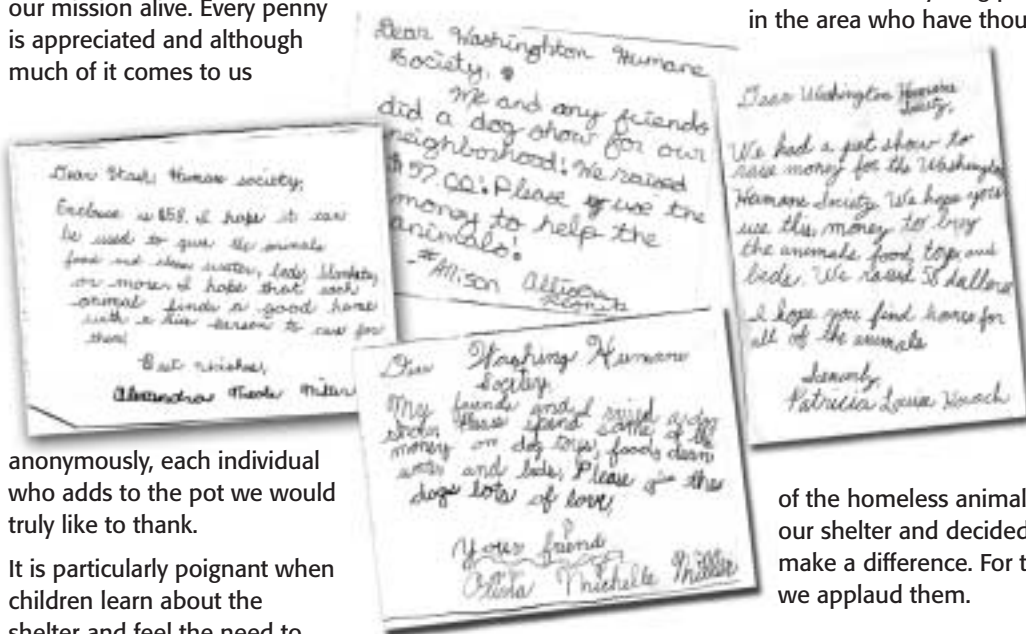
Contributions from the Hearts of Children

NATURALLY, monetary donations to the Washington Area Humane Society are the lifeblood that keeps our doors open, our animals healthy and our mission alive. Every penny is appreciated and although much of it comes to us

help. Their creativity and ingenuity in organizing dog shows, collections and donating their own birthday money is a wonderful example of how

it all adds up. One local boy recently donated his birthday cache – a whopping \$250.00.

Here are some of the letters we receive from young people in the area who have thought



anonymously, each individual who adds to the pot we would truly like to thank.

It is particularly poignant when children learn about the shelter and feel the need to

of the homeless animals in our shelter and decided to make a difference. For that we applaud them.

Pappy Wins The Lottery in Massachusetts!

SOME of you may remember a courtly senior golden retriever mix with a sweet disposition and legs stiff with arthritis. He was dubbed *Pappy* upon arrival and although he was a lovely dog, his advanced age and health problems made many think he would spend his final years at the shelter.

But Pappy was found on the internet by a caring vet in Massachusetts who seeks out and adopts senior dogs allowing them to live out their years in a loving home.

We got an update from Dr. Barb Hopey and this is what she had to say: "Pappy arrived safe and sound around 3:00 on Saturday. He got a nice bath and blow dry and looks great. He came to live with 3 golden retrievers and a senior black lab that I adopted last Christmas from Tennessee. All of the dogs get along great. I started Pappy on Metacam which is a great arthritis medication and he is moving better and seems to feel much better. He is a very smart old man, he lets me

know that he wants to go out or in by barking. He has a 1/2 acre fenced-in yard to roam around in. His appetite is great and he has already learned where the cookie jar is. I am going to take pictures tomorrow and get them on disk so I can send your co-workers some so they can see for themselves how he is doing. I don't understand why more people do not adopt seniors, they are precious!!!!



VOLUNTEER PROFILE



Bill Cox and Shaggy take a break from the summer heat.

Bill Cox – Our Weekend Anchorman

NEARLY every Saturday and Sunday, you'll find Bill Cox winding his way down the cedar path, leash in hand and happy companion with tail on the other end.

It started with a poster at the Washington Mall advertising the need for dog walkers at WAHS. Within the week, Bill had submitted an application and was trained how to safely manage and walk the huge variety of dogs that are at the shelter at any given time. Since May of 2003, Bill has braved

rain and snow to make sure that the dogs get outside if only for five minutes.

Bill also has been active in many of the offsite and fundraising activities designed to enhance the animals' environment including the Washington Fair, last year's successful Cash Bash and numerous PetSmart visits with high hopes of finding a home for his best buddy, Shaggy.

From a meager start walking just a handful of dogs per visit

to up to 25 dogs now walked in under three hours, his weight loss and improved stamina has been a bonus for both him and the dogs. Bill now 52, is quick to say "It sure beats walking at the mall".

Bill Cox often squeezes in some time on Wednesdays after work as Custodian for the Washington Area School District to get as many dogs as he can outside for a midweek roll in the grass. And they love him for it.

New Website Loaded With Helpful Information

IF you want to know what upcoming events are in the offing, when the next volunteer meeting will be, or which dogs have recently been adopted, then visit the new website: www.washingtonpashelter.org. The website also features comprehensive information on volunteering, fundraising and a variety of invaluable documents to download on training and managing newly adopted shelter animals.

For anyone who has access to a bulletin board, reception table or window on the world, download the current adoptable dog page that is posted bimonthly and display it. This helps to get our special animals under the noses and on the minds of people in our area. Whether it is at the office, the gym, church, school or other publicly viewed space, printing and posting these pages can help a lot.

Make Us Your Screen Saver!

A tip from Susan Rhoads

DO you have a computer screen that people can see? Or can you angle it so they can? Why not use it to help us showcase our animals?



Visit the website at www.washingtonpashelter.org, go to the Pet List, and select one of the many dogs and cats featured. Click on the one of your choice which will take you to a page with a larger photo and bio and leave it up on your computer screen anytime you're not using your computer!!!

I alternate cat and dog photos to keep everyone looking. Plus it keeps me happy during the day to see the animal and to know that I'm promoting WAHS. Try it and see if it doesn't make you happy too!

Get Some Real Exercise

What's good for the dogs is good for you.



Volunteer Dog Walkers Needed

Stop in for an application or call 724-222-PETS

Donate a Kuranda Dog Bed

THE goal is to have all of the dog kennels equipped with a Kuranda brand dog bed for the comfort, durability and ease of cleaning kennels that they can offer. These unique elevated beds provide comfort and protection from the hard drafty concrete floors that are nearly indestructible, chew-proof and flea resistant.



You can donate one of three sizes by visiting our website: www.washingtonpashelter.org. Click on the link from the home page and donate the bed size of your choice for one of our dogs.

Coldwell Banker Put a Roof Over Our Heads



the wonderful workmen who volunteered their time and expertise, there are now full-fledged weatherproof, shingled rooftops complete with gutters above all the outer dog kennels.



IF you happened to have visited the shelter this past July, there were two-and-a-half weeks where you might have had to sidestep some two-by-fours, maneuver around an array of ladders and gingerly bypass a chainsaw or two

scattered about the grounds. In addition to the fancy footwork the staff, volunteers and visitors performed, there was the relentless noise of hammering, sawing, and pounding footsteps overhead that added to the usual

cacophony of dog barking. Borne of those relatively minor and temporary inconveniences was a huge and long awaited improvement to the shelter. Thanks to the generosity of Coldwell-Banker who furnished the materials and

What served as the makeshift roof prior to this major improvement amounted to nothing more than corrugated plastic that leaked into the dog runs. The result was an ice flow in the parking area throughout the winter rendering the surface perilous for the dogs, walkers and visitors alike. This winter, we are all going to benefit from this excellent upgrade.

New Play Area in the Works

DOGS need to run. Sadly, most of the current WAHS shelter population of dogs have not had an opportunity to run for a very long time. Even though we try hard to get each of the dogs out everyday for a quick walk around the grounds, many of the younger dogs and working dogs do not get the important mental and physical exercise that they so badly need. For this reason, a special project – a play and exercise area – is underway funded by Margaret Moriarty in memory of her husband, Jim.

You can see that the high brush is being cleared behind the walking trail to make room for the sixty-foot square fenced



area that will provide the space and safety for dogs to run, play and become socialized. The space will also provide us with an area to conduct dog obedience classes on-site. Future plans include the addition of agility equipment for training.

The New Adoption Room is



WHEN the weather outside is frightful, or if you just want to interact with one of our dogs without the scents and sensations of outdoor distraction, the adoption room is the place to go.

It has been a long time in coming, but with the hard work and help of volunteers and staff, what formerly was a dingy locked utility room in the central kennels is now a comfortable space with tables and chairs to sit and evaluate a dog for adoption. It also affords people who already own dogs a place to meet and greet a potential new adoptee. When it's raining, snowing or freezing outside, it is nice to have this warm, dry space as an alternative to walking outside. Come for a visit and try it out.

Players in the Name Game

by Faye Kennedy

UNLIKE a child teased in their formative years, unable to defend or deny their parents choice of moniker, a pet wears a name without embarrassment, responding with smiles and wagging tail no matter what bizarre choice was leveled upon them. In fact, after picking up a number of stray dogs, I can tell you that if I had called out: *Buddy, Molly or Max* I would have had a 50/50 chance of getting their attention as those names are on the top 10 of dog name lists. So when our chance came to name a pet, we were determined to be unique.

The first dog in my life was my husband's when I first met him. *Polly* was a yellow lab he raised from a pup. Why *Polly*? He used to call his younger brother's dachshund, (Abby) "pollywog" so he decided on

Polly from that single anecdote. More a bolt of lightning than a stroke of genius.

Next, we picked a kitten from the shelter and as we drove home we talked cat names. We couldn't agree on anything but we finally decided to name her *Biscuit*, "Because we didn't want to call her Muffin!" we would tell our friends.

"Wilma", another shelter kitten was added to the group. She was orange and white so the leap to orange-haired Wilma Flintstone seemed perfect.

Over the years we talked about adding another dog. Well, I was dead-set against it. But an endless list of great dog names would bubble up between us in conversation. I figured that the only way to squelch this extra dog idea was to try something radical ... so I

boldly proclaimed that if we were to get another dog, it would have to be a Great Dane (my thought being that I could parlay this into a lengthy time of continued indecision). It worked for a while as he wrestled with the vision that a Dane would be like having another full-grown person around – only one that sheds and lies on the floor blocking your access to the bathroom. He would never go for that, I was confident. But in no time we were back to trying names on an imaginary future Great Dane and we had one selected before she was even born.

One Sunday morning, reading aloud from the paper... "*Afgans, Bichons, Char-Peis, Dalmatians*", he shouted from the bathroom (yes, that's right) *Great Danes!*

"Oh let's just take a look", he said. I knew it was all over. We headed out to the breeder, checked out the stock, the parents, the facilities and in no time were back in the car with a 7-week old, 16-pound fawn whose name had been painstakingly selected in advance to fit the beautiful, regal, proud dog that she became ... *Eleanor*. Oh sure, people laughed. They howled! But Eleanor didn't mind her name at all. It only endeared her more to everyone who came to know her.

When Polly died, we found ourselves once again in a single dog household. Eleanor had adored Polly and seemed lonely. We loved the breed, so when another ad appeared, we headed off on another pup plucking. Again, I was resistant. One dog and two cats was plenty. We entered the house

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Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss

Cash Bash

Saturday, November 6, 2004 is our annual Cash Bash at the Richeyville Fire Hall. The donation cost per ticket is \$20.00 which covers admission and enters you to win a cash prize given away every ten minutes from 7 pm to 10:50 pm and a grand prize drawing of \$4,000 at 11 pm. There will be free food and refreshments offered all night, games of chance and 50/50 drawings.

The cost of admission sans cash prize ticket is \$15.00. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are sold at the front desk of the shelter or call 724-229-0404 if you are interested in buying or selling tickets.



Care to Share

We are selling Care To Share tickets with Lazarus-Macy's.

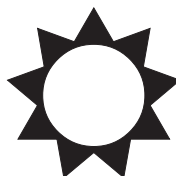


Tickets are \$5.00 and are good for \$5.00 off any

purchase at Lazarus-Macy's on October 23rd. The Humane Society receives all proceeds from ticket sales. We will also have a table set up at Lazarus-Macy's at South Hills Village with some of our dogs from the shelter throughout the day. Tickets are available at the shelter. The organization that sells the most tickets will receive proceeds from all of the sales that day at Lazarus-Macy's. For more information, please call 724-229-0404.

"Dogs in the Park"

The Washington Area Humane Society will be holding their first annual "Dogs in the Park". This will be an all day event that will include a 5K run/walk, Mutt Strut, Puppy Patty Bingo, barbeque, a kick off and end point for our "Hogs fur Dogs" and a DJ. This festive event is planned for the summer of 2005. Stay tuned for the date! If you would like to be a sponsor or are able to donate any service for this event, please call Colleen at 724-229-0404 or Carie at 412-296-4409.



Tuxes for Tails

The 2nd annual Tuxes for Tails is Sunday, April 24, 2005 at the Hilton Garden Inn ballroom. A cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 5 pm, followed by a five course dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be a cash bar and entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets are \$75.00 per person, or sponsor a table of 10 for \$700.00. The Hilton is offering reduced room rates for those who wish to stay the night. Corporate and individual sponsorships are available and we are seeking donations for the silent auction. All proceeds benefit WAHS. For tickets, information or to make a donation please call Carie Smith at 412-296-4409.



A Update from Humane Officer, Susanne Lewis

I WONDER how many of you are aware of our desperate need for foster homes for sick and injured animals. These animals tend to recuperate better in a home environment rather than in a cage.

Orphaned kittens are regularly brought to our shelter. Ideally, we are sometimes able to find a nursing mother cat to adopt these kitties. However, many of these orphaned kitties are sick with URI (upper respiratory infection) and cannot be placed with healthy animals. Orphaned kittens need to be bottle or syringe fed with mother's replacement milk. If they are sick, they need to be medicated and isolated from other animals. It sounds like a lot of work, but I will tell you this – they do sleep a lot, and they sure do love you! There is nothing more precious than little baby kitties climbing all over you!

If you want to foster an orphaned kitten or kittens, we will supply the baby bottles and/or feeding syringes, a large carrier or crate,

a litter box, and any medicine. We ask that you take care of them until they are completely recovered from their URI and are eating

solid food on their own, and are old enough to be spayed or neutered and made available for adoption. Please also note that if you foster animals for us, you may adopt one of them at no charge.

We recently had two abuse cases involving puppies with broken legs. Charges have been filed in these cases, and these puppies have been placed in foster homes and are recovering. However, right now there is a very sweet dog in our shelter who had surgery to repair a broken femur after being hit by a car. He needs weeks of cage rest. He is friendly, gentle, and housebroken, and he needs someone to take him home! Come on in and meet him!

Won't you find room in your heart and home to help take care of some of our sick and injured animals? Please call us or stop in at the shelter for further information.

Please also note that if you foster animals for us, you may adopt one of them at no charge.

The Following Animal Cruelty Cases Have Been Adjudicated Recently:

Please write to the Honorable J. Albert Spence, 75 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA, 15301, and thank him for his decisions in the following cases:

- Sandy Rogers of 50 Campbell Avenue, Washington, 15301, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. Her two dogs were kept in a filthy pen behind her house without any food or water. Conditions were deplorable. One of the dogs was found dead, and a necropsy revealed that the dog had been dead for 24 to 48 hours. She was fined \$50 plus court costs.
- Charles Berry of 160 McCarrell Avenue, Washington, 15301, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. He moved from 660 Addison Street, Washington, and left his two dogs behind in deplorable conditions. Though he moved only several houses away, he failed to give his dogs food and water. He was fined \$300 plus court costs.

- Debbie Berry of 304 Lincoln Terrace, Washington, PA, 15301, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. She moved from 660 Addison Street, Washington, and left her two dogs behind in deplorable conditions. She was fined \$75 plus court costs.

Please write to the Honorable Larry W. Hopkins, 404 Fallowfield Avenue Charleroi, PA, 15022, and thank him for his decision in the following case:

- Shane Harrison of 421 Ferncliff Drive, Belle Vernon, PA, 15012, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. He moved from 441 4th Street, North Charleroi, and left his two cats behind. He was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Please write to the Honorable Jay Weller, 1929A, Route 519, Canonsburg, PA, 15317, and thank him for his decision in the following case:

- Wilda Moore of 333 Buffalo Road, Washington, PA, 15301, pleaded guilty to charges of cruelty to animals. She recently transported her 14-year-old male mixed breed dog in the trunk of her car to the Humane Society. She was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Please write to the Honorable David Mark, 45 East Water Street, Canonsburg, PA, 15317, and thank him for his decision in the following case:

- Diana Barnhart of 659 Henderson Avenue, Washington, PA, 15301, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. She moved from 247 Castle Road, Washington, PA, 15301, and left her dog behind. She was fined \$40 plus court costs.

Please write to the Honorable Valarie Costanzo, 3655 Millers Run Road, Cecil, PA, 15321, and thank her for her decision in the following case:

- Dan Melone of 377 Grace Avenue, Canonsburg, PA, 15317, was found guilty of cruelty to animals. He failed to provide vet care for his 17-year-old German Shepard. That poor old dog lived his entire life chained to a doghouse at Westland Muffler in Westland, PA. What a miserable, lonely existence. Dan Melone was fined \$500 plus court costs.

Please help us continue to provide animals a second chance. Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to the Humane Society and mark it "Animal Rescue Fund. Thank you for all your help.

Do it Right Crating and Housebreaking

MANY dogs are brought to the shelter due to house soiling. For healthy dogs, often the reason this occurs is simply a lack of proper training. The following information is a good guide for effectively house-training your dog.

To a dog, their crate is their "den" – a place of their own where they can retreat when tired or stressed. Since dogs don't like to "mess" in their den, crating correctly expedites housebreaking, and ensures a secure dog and a happy household. The crate is utilized to train your dog – **never** to punish your dog.

Even if a dog was housebroken upon arrival at the shelter, it will most likely need a refresher course. Remember, they were forced to eliminate in the cages so your patience in this area is especially important.

Using a crate with house-breaking takes advantage of a rule of dog behavior: a dog will not generally eliminate where it sleeps. Exceptions are:

- Dogs that are in crates that are too large for them (so the dog can eliminate at one end and sleep at the other end).
- Dogs that have lived in small pet store cages during critical phases of development and have had to learn to eliminate in the cage.
- Dogs that have blankets or other soft, absorbent items in the crate with them.
- Dogs that are left for too long in the crate and cannot hold it any longer.

If the crate is too big (because you got an adult size one), you can partition the crate off with pegboard wired to the sides to make the crate the correct size, and move it back as your puppy grows.

To housetrain a dog using a crate, establish a schedule where the dog is either outside or in its crate when it feels the need to eliminate.

Using a mild correction (saying "No" in a firm, even tone) when the dog eliminates inside and **exuberant**, wild praise when the dog eliminates outside will eventually teach the dog that it is better to go outside than in. Some owners correct more severely inside, but this is extremely detrimental to the character of puppies. To make the dog notice the difference between eliminating inside and outside, you must **praise more** outside rather than correcting more inside.

The crate is crucial because the dog will "hold it" while in the crate, so it is likely to need to eliminate when it is taken out. Since you know when your dog has to eliminate, you take it out and it eliminates immediately, and is praised immediately. Doing this consistently is ideal reinforcement for the behavior of going out to eliminate. In addition, the dog is always supervised in the house, so the dog is always corrected for eliminating indoors. This strengthens the inhibition against eliminating inside.

In general, consistency is **much** more important than severe corrections when training a dog. Before a dog understands what you want, severe corrections are not useful and can be quite **detrimental**. Crating allows the owner to have total control over the dog in order to achieve consistency. Hopefully, this will prevent the need (and the desire) to use more severe corrections.

Housetraining is relatively simple with puppies. The most important thing to understand

is that it takes time. Young puppies cannot wait to go to the bathroom. When they have to go, they have to go **now**. Therefore, until they are about four or five months old, you can only encourage good behavior and try to prevent bad behavior. This is accomplished by the following regime.

- First: puppies have to go to the bathroom immediately upon waking up.
- Second: puppies have to go to the bathroom immediately after eating.

With these two rules goes the indisputable fact that until a puppy is housetrained, you **must** confine them or watch them to prevent accidents. This means that the puppy should have a place to sleep where it cannot get out. Understand that a puppy cannot go all night without eliminating, so when it cries in the night, you must get up and take it out and wait until it goes. Then enthusiastically praise it and put it back to bed. In the morning, take it out again and let it do its stuff and praise it again. After it is fed and after it wakes up at any point, take it out to eliminate.

Make it aware that this is not playtime, but understand that puppies get pretty excited about things like grass and snails and leaves and forget what they came outside to do! Use the same spot each time if you can, the smell will help the puppy remember what it is to do, especially after 12 weeks of age.

To make life easier for you later on, use a key phrase just when the puppy starts to eliminate. Try "hurry up," "do it," or some similar phrase (pick one and use it). The puppy will begin to eliminate on command, and this can be

especially useful later, such as making sure the dog eliminates before a car ride or a walk in the park.

Don't let the puppy loose in the house unless it has just gone outside, and/or you are watching it extremely closely for signs that it has to go. The key to housetraining is preventing accidents. If no accidents occur (ha!), then the dog never learns it has an option other than going outside. When you are at home, rather than leave the pup in the crate, you can "tether" the puppy to you – use a six foot long leash and tie it to your belt. That way he can't get out of your sight and go in the wrong place.

For an idea of what this can involve, here is a hypothetical situation, assuming that you work and it takes about a 1/2 hour to get home from work:

- 03:00 Let dog out, go to bathroom, return to crate
- 07:00 Let dog out, go to bathroom
- 07:15 Feed dog in crate, leave dog in crate
- 08:00 Let dog out, go to bathroom, return to crate
- 08:15 Owner goes to work
- 11:30 Owner returns, lets dog out
- 11:45 return dog to crate, owner returns to work
- 17:00 Owner returns, lets dog out, go to bathroom, play (use tether if necessary)
- 19:00 Feed dog in crate, leave in crate
- 19:45 Let dog out, go to bathroom, play
- 23:00 Let dog out, put dog in crate, go to bed.

and there were three puppies gallivanting in the room. My husband knelt down and she hurled her little merle body at him, thrust her black nose in his face and started licking. The next thing I heard was, "Honey ... get the checkbook!"

On the ride home we tried names on her and dissed each other's choices. By the time we got home, *Phoebe* was named and our quad reestablished.

In the last four years we lost all four of our long-time companions. We had a good run. Wilma nearly made it to twenty.

Last July we decided to get a dog from the pound. A search on the internet yielded many dogs we liked in many shelters. I sent email inquiries only to find that the dog was no longer there. I would call shelters and the dog I had spied had been adopted weeks earlier. I came to realize

that keeping current web bios on the revolving doors of dog shelters is an overwhelming task and that if I was to find a dog that interested me, there was a high likelihood that it would not be around for long.

Then up popped a handsome white dog with a huge black patch over each eye. A great Dane mix it said. His name was *Irwin*.

As a volunteer at WAHS, I now know that the majority of dogs come into the shelter nameless and are dubbed by the staff upon arrival. So most of them don't know their names and many are renamed when adopted.

The next morning I phoned the Indiana county shelter and found that Irwin was still there... had come in two weeks prior as a stray. We jumped in the car for the 90-minute ride, wondering if we

were going to connect with him or some other dog or come home empty-handed (yeah, right!). Along the way, we passed all the signposts and city markers that you see on trips full of anticipation. Halfway there, I looked up to see a sign coming up fast on my right. It said:

IRWIN
GREENSBURG

"It's a sign!", I said with hopeful anticipation. It certainly was.

Late that afternoon, a dog who did not know his name, nor how to sit or take treats from an offering hand; wracked with kennel cough, sporting a dark collar stain 'round his neck and covered in green and yellow snot was loaded into our car for a long ride home. It turns out that he is mostly English pointer with a touch of Dane many say they can see in him.

I don't, but it doesn't matter. To us, he's perfect – a beautiful mutt who absolutely knows his name, his family and his home.

While announcing his addition to our family, as expected, I was asked by a good friend about his name. I told her the story about the sign along the way and told her that we decided his full name would be *Irwin Greensburg Kennedy*. She paused, then laughed. "A nice jewish dog", she said!



Irwin Greensburg Kennedy

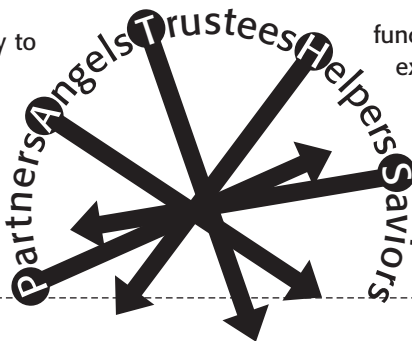
P.A.T.H.S. – The Easy Way to Help Our Budget

The P.A.T.H.S. program was developed as a way to maintain funding throughout the year.

We ask dedicated animal lovers to take it upon themselves to assure that the basic needs (utilities, cleaning products, insurance, medicine, etc.) of the shelter are able to be funded monthly, especially during slow periods when

funds are scarce. Steady monthly income for routine expenses allows us to make necessary changes and badly needed repairs with our other fundraisers.

You can help just by putting your monthly pledge check of as little as \$5.00 in the pre-paid envelope we provide to you every month, and mailing it back to us.



I, _____, would like to pledge to send \$ _____ per month to the Washington Area Humane Society's **P.A.T.H.s.** Program. My first envelope will be mailed to me the last week of the month in which I enroll. I will mail it back as soon as possible. If at any time, I would like to stop my tax deductible donation, I will contact the Washington Area Humane Society at 724-229-0404.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Yes, I will put a stamp on my return "Pledge" envelope to save the mailing cost.

Lottery Calendars, Enjoy Books and Other Fundraising Projects

2005 lottery calendars give you a chance to win money every day of the year if your number is drawn on the PA Daily Lottery. Calendars are \$30.00 each and all proceeds benefit the Humane Society.

WE are selling the new 2005 Enjoy Books at a cost of \$25.00 per book. The Enjoy Book is loaded with cost-saving coupons for local restaurants, movie theaters and many other recreational activities.

DELICIOUS Sarris chocolate covered pretzel rods are available at the shelter for \$1.00 each. If you are interested in selling them for us; please call 724-229-0404.

BE a part of our brick drive. Have your own message put on a brick, which will then become part of a wall in the front of the shelter by the dog runs. Each 4" x 8" brick is a minimum donation of \$25.00. An 8" x 8" brick is a minimum donation of \$50.00. Please call 724-229-0404 for yours.

Large Dogs Often Wait the Longest



WHEN you approach Scooby he opens his huge, sad dark eyes so wide with wonder that it will make you melt. Scooby is a male, Dane-Am Staff mix who rebounded from near starvation and neglect to be a loving, trusting companion. He has successfully completed a basic obedience course and is still waiting now for more than a year to be adopted.



SHAGGY, a male Am-Staff mix had been malnourished and kept in filth. He is a large, handsome, milk chocolate-colored dog who attracts plenty of onlookers but not much interest. Shaggy walks happily on leash and follows basic commands. He has been here a year and needs the kind of dedicated, loving owner who will work with him to be his very best.



ROCKY is a giant creampuff. He is an 18-month old Dane-Am Staff mix, surrendered by his owners over a neighbor dispute. He grew up in a house with other dogs and cats. Rocky is housebroken, knows basic obedient, and walks nicely on leash. He gets along well with adults, most older kids and likes many other dogs.

Help Us Avoid A Catastrophe

THIS past year was so unusually wet that it became a flea nightmare especially for our cats. With so many cats in such close proximity, controlling the spread of fleas is a daunting task. The most effective solution is preventative treatment with Frontline. Unfortunately, the cost of treating every cat with Frontline is not one our shelter can sustain. We ask that you please think of our cats, and pick up an extra pack of Frontline when you purchase Frontline for your own pet. It will be a good starting point in handling this insidious problem.