



SHELTER TALES

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With official springtime still at bit off at this writing, the shelter has already taken in quite a spring-like sampling of puppies and pregnant dogs and cats, assuring that there will be plenty of pets available for adoption.

Please encourage anyone you know who has cats and dogs that have not been “fixed” to get this done as quickly as possible. We have not really kept statistics but it is obvious most of the pets at the shelter were from people who did not get their pets “fixed” and are unwilling or unable to handle the litters produced. We do have a lot of adoptions. We also have quite and few pets that have been at the shelter several years and thus space is hard to find at times. No pet is euthanized just because it has not found a home. The only ones euthanized are those too sick or injured to have a good quality of life and those who are aggressive to the point of being a danger to people and other dogs.

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On the website there is a PayPal connection for donations and a direct link to PetFinder where information on available pets can be found.

IN LOVING MEMORY:

This quarter donations were given in honor of:

Marge Regan

Rebecca Jo Noland Flett

David Gill

Nan Kersey

Richard Lawrence

Diane Boulware

Bill Headrick





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A heartfelt thank yous to all have helped and supported DCAWS. During February The Bank of Salem collected pet food and supplies. All of the dogs kennels now have Kuranda beds in them, so much better for them as blankets quickly get wet and/or chewed up. A family from California donated these. We often get pet food from many sources, primarily individuals and Wal-Mart. Getting memorials to the shelter is bittersweet; it is touching that so many want to honor their loved ones by helping the shelter pets.

We have a lot of good looking and healthy barn cats. They would very much like to be out of the shelter. We require only a small donation; an application does have to be completed. It is important that adopters understand the cats need to be confined to a barn, porch or whatever housing is available for a minimum of two weeks. If the cats are just turned loose, they do not yet understand this is home and are likely to roam.

There is not a plan drawn up yet, but DCAWS is seriously thinking of an addition to the shelter. It is a large undertaking with some concern as housing more pets would also mean more workers would be needed.

As you have already figured out, we have changed the newsletter, shortening it from four pages to two. It is hopes this will get as much information out and make it easier to transmit through the mail, internet and website.

