



# Furry Friends

The Newsletter of the Beesley Animal Foundation



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## BBQ

On October 14th the Siegel Cares for Pets Club hosted the 25th annual BBQ supper at Siegel Middle School. Many thanks to Midsouth Bank and Justin Holder who underwrote this supper. The event was well attended and the food from Rick's BBQ was very tasty. The Beta Club at Siegel Middle School did an outstanding job in baking many delightful desserts. We would like to thank the volunteers who worked the event, Siegel Middle School for hosting the event, the contributors to the silent auction and all who joined us that night to support the animals.

*Valentine Photos*



Come have a Valentine photo of (or with) your pet at the Beesley Foundation. A 5x7 photo is \$25 (\$10 for photo and \$15 for sitting fee). All proceeds go to the Beesley Foundation. **Photos are done by appointment only, on Jan. 9 and Jan. 31 from 9:30 to 4:30. Call 217-1030 for appointments.**



**Annual Meeting**  
January 26, 2009 - 7 p.m.  
in the Beesley Foundation Board Room



**Save  
The  
Date**

Mark your calendars now for March 17, 2009. That will be the date for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. It will be at Oaklands this year. More information will be coming at a future date.

**The Beesley Clinic is located at, 2215 Keeneland Commercial Blvd., Murfreesboro TN 37127**

Hours of operation are:

Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. surgery  
Shots – Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Fridays - Administrative Day - 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
(no shots or surgery)

# Memorials, Donations and Grants

## IN MEMORY OF:

**Rodney Gammill** - From Bobby, Drew, & Kate Irwin  
**Mrs. Pauline Loyd** - From Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Bugg  
**Gerry Scudder** - From Sharon Scudder  
**Judge Buckner** - From Frances Buckner  
**Joe B. Jackson** - From Nancye Nelson  
**Randy & Robb Vincent** - From Bob & Beverly Vincent  
**Jim Rhodes** - From "Big Sister" Carrell Rhodes  
**Pat Miller** - From Paula & Roy Deason & Stephanie Norwood  
**Charles Whicker** - From Norma Burgdorf and From-Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sandlin

## PET MEMORIAL:

**Sparky & Cricket**, beloved pets of Lanier & Vanessa Lowe - From Paul Lima  
**Raven**, beloved schnauzer of Mike Seltenright - From Peggy & Charlie Whicker  
**Casey**, beloved dog of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Fly - -From Margaret Waller  
**Milly**, beloved dog of Faye & Britt Knox - From Amanda, Jessie, KatKat, Mr. Black, Daisy & Winnie Oliver  
**Andy**, sweet cat - From Mary Jaquette  
**Tojo**, my yorkie pal - From Sandra Ploucher  
**Sam Bucca**, a very loyal and faithful friend - From Mary Johnson  
**T. Longbone**, beloved basset hound of Scott & Monica Gambill - From Joe & Judy Gambill  
**Leo** - From Joyce D. Sundling  
**Pepper** - From Tim, Claudia, Jake, Adam, Duchess, & Lady Durham, Frank & Judy Fuller  
**Cookie**, beloved dog of Anita & Mark Dozier - From Amanda Oliver  
**Cocoa**, beloved cat of Hazel Gillespie - From Eddie & Mary Alsup  
**Mac** - From Patricia L. Smith  
**Misty**, beloved dog of Dot Rowlette - From Dot Rowlette

**Bridgett Harper**, beloved pet of The Harpers, **Izzi Jacobs**, beloved pet of The Jacobs, **Zip Petrilli**, beloved pet of The Paul Petrilli family, **Dixie Grubbs**, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Skip Grubbs, **Molly Williams**, beloved pet of Jane Williams, **Patches Adams**, beloved pet of Ms. Judy Adams & family and **Jackson Hudgins**, beloved pet of Ms. Katherine Hudgins & family - From Safari Pet Resort

**Annie** - From Brenda Fischer  
**Mojojojo** - From Rachel K. Harrell  
**Shultz**, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Jim McCullough, Walker & Will - From Margaret C. Waller  
**Rosy**, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rogers - From Margaret C. Waller  
**Midnight**, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Csabi - From Margaret C. Waller  
**Boogie Burgess** - From Judith A. Burgess  
**Precious**, adored toy poodle of Evelyne & Willard Peery - From Evelyne & Willard Peery  
**Precious**, beloved toy poodle of Evelyne & Willard Peery-From-Judy & Tommy Smith, Sheila Delaney, and Joyce

Taylor  
**Opie**, beloved pet of Judy & Tommy Smith - From Evelyne & Willard Peery  
**Ellie**, beloved pet of Ms. Carolyn Sweeney - From Brad Rayls & Cindy Wells  
**Cookie**, beloved cat of Tom & Debbie Lavalle  
**Stanley**, beloved dalmation of Tom & Debbie Lavalle - From Al & Millie Evans  
**Alex**, beloved pet of Bill & Allison Thompson - From Lisa Weathers & Cindy Wells  
**Mr. Kitty**, beloved cat of Randy Ferguson - From Amanda Oliver  
**Andy**, beloved horse of Cindy & Alan Diagne - From Amanda Oliver

## IN HONOR OF:

**Jennings & Rebecca Jones** - From Richard Hannah  
**Annie** - From Ruth E. Hendrix  
**Carl Alsup & L.A. Rogers** - From Lura Rogers  
**Tina Jones** - From George & June Chew  
**Safari Pet Resort** - From Evelyne & Willard Peery

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A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATE ANONYMOUSLY THROUGH OUR DOG AND CAT BANKS AND TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!!!!

The Beesley Humane Foundation

*presents*

## Love My Pet Show

At

## Patterson Park

*A program for kids to learn about pet responsibility*

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**  
**10 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

Join us at Patterson Park for a fun-filled morning, full of activities, for kids to learn about responsible pet care. Two of the exciting events that are planned include appearances by Clifford the Dog, and Murphy the City's TV rabbit celebrity who will be interviewing Beesley's very own Amanda Oliver! Included in the program will be a live dog show by the Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club as well as the opportunity to meet some of the local sports team mascots who will be on hand to greet everyone who attends!



Watch [www.beesleyhumane.org](http://www.beesleyhumane.org) complete schedule!



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## What makes a good pet owner?

Of the more than 30 million puppies and kittens born in the United States each year, only one in 10 finds a permanent home. The rest die of accidents, starvation, disease, or end up in a shelter.

Right in our own community, dogs and cats are abandoned and euthanized every day at shelters. Spaying and neutering pets – so that they cannot have puppies and kittens – will help save lives. In fact, it costs taxpayers much more to keep an animal in a shelter for a day or two than it costs to spay or neuter the animal. Another way to save animals is to “adopt for life”. Encourage people to train and care for their companion animals, so they won’t give them up.

### Basics of RPO (Responsible Pet Ownership)

- ❖ Take care of your companion animals, because they can not take care of themselves
- ❖ Always keep an ID tag on your pet
- ❖ Stay with your animal when she or he is outdoors. Make sure your pets have water and shelter when they’re out in the yard.
- ❖ Exercise your pets everyday; they need to work off their energy just like kids. Get safe toys for them. And spend time with them!
- ❖ Feed your pets good, healthy food. Always make sure they have clean water to drink.
- ❖ Keep a leash on your dog when you’re not in a fenced-in area. You’ll avoid bites and fights. And clean up after your dog, it’s easy.
- ❖ Train your pets so that they will be good in the house – and good with people. Children rely on teachers, and so do pets! Read books about training and talk to experts.
- ❖ Spay and neuter your companion animals (this can be done as early as four months of age). It will keep them from creating unwanted babies, plus sterilized pets are healthier, live longer and behave better.
- ❖ Keep your furry family members healthy. Have them vaccinated against rabies and other diseases. Go to the vet every year – preventing illness costs less than treating it! Plus illness can cause behavioral problems.
- ❖ Keep your companion animals for life.



## Protect Your Pet from Winter's Woes

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, short-haired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

No matter what the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injur-



ing any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family.

Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the rest of the time. Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship. Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.



## Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit Beesley Foundation

On April 4, 2009, there will be a poker run beginning and ending at Bumpus Harley Davidson. Participants will ride their motorcycles to various stops along the 80-mile course and will receive a playing card. The participant with the best poker hand at the end of the course will win. The cost is \$25 per participant, and all proceeds will be donated to Beesley. Lunch and a T-shirt will be provided to all participants. Bring your lawn chairs and listen to live music at Bumpus Harley Davidson provided by The Crusty Veterans, a popular classic rock band that plays music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Make plans now to bring your lawn chair and come out and support this event.

## Recent Beesley events

1. Amanda Oliver, the Beesley Foundation's Executive Director, celebrated her 5-year anniversary of service with Beesley.
1. The Siegel Cares for Pets Club marched in the Murfreesboro Christmas Parade to promote responsible pet care.
2. The Beesley Foundation was part of the non-profit day held by Belk.
3. We would like to say, "Thank you to Tractor Supply for working with the Beesley Foundation to help promote responsible pet care.
4. The Beesley Foundation participated at "Barkaroo" this year.

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Most people in the United States are at least somewhat familiar with human poison control centers, and do's and don'ts of poison prevention in children and family members. However many people are not aware that poisonings are also a major issue for pets, too. It is important to get help if your pet is exposed to a harmful product or substance. Fortunately, there is a way to get help any time of the day or night. For thirty years, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA®) Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) has managed incoming calls to the hotline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This dedicated group of veterinary professionals handles emergency situations on a daily basis, when every minute counts and could mean the difference between life and death for the animals involved in more than 130,000 cases received by the Center each year.

### What is an average day like at the APCC?

It is just before 3:00 P.M. on a Friday afternoon, and the evening staff at the APCC is just beginning their day. Although they have no exam rooms or any diagnostic equipment, they have their hands full of patients tonight—many of whom are in urgent need of care from an expert well trained in the field of toxicology, or the science of poisons and how they affect the body. During a busy shift, APCC veterinarians may field as many as thirty cases. While some are fairly routine (dogs eating grass treated with weed killer, cats drooling from licking themselves after being misted with a flea spray), many cases are unusual. For example, one evening a veterinarian called regarding a three-pound, three month-old kitten who had tumbled out of a 13-story window. According to the local vet, the kitten's pet parents ran down to pick him up and gave him some infant painkiller drops, mistakenly thinking they were easing

his pain. What the owners did not realize was that the painkiller, acetaminophen, is very toxic to cats. Fortunately, thanks to the quick action of the owners and help from the APCC, the kitten didn't get sick from the medicine and survived the whole ordeal. What's more, the kitten didn't suffer any broken bones or other injuries from the fall. This was truly one very lucky kitten!

While these situations are fortunate and perhaps funny, many cases APCC experts handle don't have happy endings. Callers are often extremely upset, as a cherished family member has just ingested something potentially toxic, and they are concerned that serious problems may result.

### How Can Kids Help Prevent Pet Poisonings?

Because poisoning emergencies happen every day to animals, it is very important to be alert to items in the home that can be harmful to pets. The following are tips to help teach kids how they can help prevent poisonings; and what to do if they suspect their pet may have been exposed to something harmful.

### Pet Poison Prevention Tips For Kids

- Remind your parents to never give medicine to your pets unless your veterinarian has said it is safe.
- Help your mom and dad make sure that household items like cleaners, insect sprays, and lawn chemicals that should be kept away from young kids are also out of your pet's reach.
- Don't share food with your pet: some "people food" can upset your pet's stomach and can even be poisonous.
- When you take your dog on walks, don't let him chew on fallen leaves, flowers, trash or things on the ground.
- Help your parents by learning the names of the plants in and around your house and make sure they are safe for pets.