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KATRINA

I'm sure many of you are focused on the aftermath of Katrina, as I have been. My first thought was, who's helping the animals?? As you probably know by now, a number of great organizations have hit the ground running and are working tirelessly, rescuing and caring for the thousands of displaced animals. It's so difficult to try to imagine the logistics of dealing with that many animals.

We will be receiving some of those animals soon, and I will be sending out an email to all of you, asking for foster homes. So, if you are considering fostering animals from Katrina, would you please wait for our email before you volunteer for one of the other organizations? These animals will be here in our mountain community needing a place to stay, it would be good if you were available for them! Thank you so much.

This is a letter posted on the Humane Society of the United States' website, please read it. By clicking on the purple words in the letter, you will bring up a website with all the mailing/calling information you will need to contact our government. PLEASE, PLEASE do this! (For those receiving this in the mail, I have printed the information on the back sheets of the newsletter)



On Wednesday, one of our Disaster Animal Response Teams in New Orleans rescued a St.

JULY and AUGUST ACTIVITY REPORT

Karen MacFarquhar reports:

Cats Adopted Out: 15

Kittens Adopted Out: 26

Patty Hatfield reports:

Dogs Adopted Out: 35

No report this month

Dogs Lost:

Resolved:

Dogs Found:

Resolved:

Ann Brown reports:

Cats Lost: 68

Cats Found: 25

Resolved: 9

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Be sure and check out the changes on our website!

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Bernard from a rooftop – a dog they described as the most emaciated animal they had ever seen in all their years of handling animals. The veterinarian who treated the dog was shocked that the animal, who weighed just 40 pounds, was still alive.

Who helped us rescue this animal? It was several National Guardsmen, who heeded our rescuers' pleas to take them through the water on a tank so they could get up on the roof to save the dog.

But the troops' actions were not ordered by the National Guard – nor by the White House, the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security, or the state of Louisiana. **In fact, despite our repeated requests, none of these entities has formally agreed to marshal their ground forces to help rescue the pets and other animals slowly starving to death in the affected areas.**

At a press conference just a few hours ago, I implored the federal government to come up with the nation's first animal rescue plan. Now, I am writing to ask you to give them the same message: **[Please call or email President Bush and other officials today and urge them to help us before it's too late.](#)**

Time is running out for these animals. Every hour that passes means more pets, locked behind closed doors in the disaster zone, will die of starvation. Our teams are working as hard as they can to reach as many pets as they can - and as we reported to you on Wednesday, we've rescued thousands. But there are thousands more.

At this 11th hour, when so many lives are at stake, we are asking you to help. **[I urge you to contact these government officials today and ask them to help rescue animals before it is too late.](#)** Please [click here](#) to call or send an email to President Bush and other federal and state officials who have the power to order National Guardsmen and other responders to assist with food drops, help supply our own operations, and do whatever else it takes to save animals.

One of our rescuers said it best: "We should not have to rely on the compassionate instincts of individual Guardsmen to rescue these

animals. We need the full commitment of the government."

Members of Congress have also been calling on President Bush and the federal agencies to actively assist with direct animal rescue. With most of the human victims of the catastrophe removed from the city, it's not too late to save animals' lives. It's time for the government to recognize the incredible bond between people and their pets, and step in to help.

On behalf of the animals and our disaster teams, thank you.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
President & CEO
The Humane Society of the United States

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You can follow the rescue efforts of many organizations online, by going to their websites. They also contain a lot of useful information. Here are just a few:

www.noahswish.com

www.hsus.org

www.bestfriends.org

www.aspca.org

<http://www.petfinder.com/disaster/index.html>

<http://www.thepetrescue.com>

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OKTOBERPETS

The following is a copy of an article that appeared in the Canyon Courier.

Oktoberpets on Bear Creek

On Thursday evening, September 8, the Evergreen Animal Protective League held their first annual "Oktoberpets on Bear Creek" fundraiser. The event was hosted by Bear Creek Restaurant in Kittredge and over 250 people attended. Jackie Bell, President of EAPL, said the fundraiser was a huge success and far surpassed the financial goals EAPL had set for the event. She stressed that this kind of success would not have been possible without the support and generosity of area residents and merchants.

Bear Creek Restaurant served a festive Oktoberpets menu and John Erlandson provided live music on the patio. The live and silent auctions were run by Frank Robbins of AAA Mountain Realty & Auction who did an excellent job in facilitating the sale of everything from vacation homes to handmade quilts.

All proceeds of the fundraiser will be used exclusively for animal services in our mountain community. EAPL is an all-volunteer organization.

I was unable to attend, but everyone I heard from said that it was a delightfully fun night. The weather cooperated, and there were many in attendance.

There are so many people to thank for the success of Oktoberpets, people who donated their time, money, and/or goods and services to be auctioned off, the list is long. A complete list of all the contributors can be found on our website, www.eapl.com You'll be amazed at how many generous businesses and individuals there were! (For those of you who receive this in regular mail, I've attached a separate sheet with the list of names) The next time you are in one of these businesses, you might like to thank them for their generosity.

A very special thank you to Bear Creek Restaurant - they donated all the food and wait staff etc. - we would very much like to encourage EAPL members to support Bear Creek to show our appreciation of all they did.

The same for Chow Down Pet Supplies- they gave us big donation of \$1,000!

I wish I had room to list them all, but please go to the website and see for yourself how many generous people are willing to support EAPL.

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DOG TAGS:

My thanks to **Lin Theders** for sending me the following website. It's a company that makes dog/cat identification tags that slide right on to the collar itself. Lin said that it was part of a message board discussion about dog tags hanging down and getting caught in the crates. You can order just the slides by themselves, or collars with the slides already on. I'm going to order some for my cats, I've always been worried about them getting their tags hung up somewhere. Here's the website:

<http://www.boomerangtags.com/store>

Here is what they look like:



For those of you receiving this via regular mail, if you are interested in these tags, please give me a call, I'd be happy to print out the information from the website and mail it to you. My phone number is on the heading at the top of the page.

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IT REALLY WORKS!:

My thanks to **Gail Kaneko** for sending this to me. This has absolutely nothing to do with animals, but it's such a useful piece of information that I couldn't resist sharing it with you. My husband and some co-workers tried it at his office, and it does in fact work! The wonderful world of high technology.....

Have you ever locked the keys in the car? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys and remote are home, call someone who is at home on your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the other person at your home press the unlock button on the remote, holding it near the phone on their end.

Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk!)



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EARS SPOTLIGHTS LORI GRADO

by John Steinbark

After volunteering for the League for two years, it's time to put the EARS Spotlight on Lori Grado. All our phone volunteers know her as the lady who faithfully calls once a month to schedule them for particular dates. However, her first contact with the E.A.P.L. was not as giving help, but as asking for it. Her dogs had accidentally escaped from her yard one very cold, snowy day. With the League's help & advice, they were reunited with Lori, who wanted to express her gratitude by donating her time as a phone volunteer.

Her first day was as challenging as could be. Lori remembers that a woman, who admitted to having a serious psychological history, was about to be checked into a hospital for an extended stay. She was desperate to get immediate help, caring for her two dogs. Although she had no experience with us, Lori called, persisted and hustled until the pets were safe and sound with us that very day. Months later, we received a touching thank you letter from the grateful woman, singing the praises of Lori Grado and how her patience, compassion and determination helped in her recovery.

These qualities are Lori's specialty as a labor and delivery nurse at Swedish Medical Center, where she's worked for four years. Originally, she's from Connecticut where she lived through her high school years. Soon after moving to Phoenix, Arizona, Lori met and married Santiago, and they started a family. They attended college there, where Lori became a nurse and Santiago began his success in business and education. We're all glad they eventually settled in Morrison in the Doubleheader Ranch area with their family. They have three children: Benjamin, 16; Joshua, 20; and Rachel, 22. Two years ago Lori and Santiago became the proud grandparents of Savannah, Rachel's daughter. Lori's family has always included dogs too, and all of them have been named after junk food! Currently, she has two Boston terriers, Coco and M & M's; and a Pomeranian-pug mix named Reese's.

With such an active, busy life, Lori was unable to continue to commit full days as a phone volunteer, so she ended up scheduling other people to do it! Each month she makes lots of calls, and works to fill about thirty slots on the calendar, insuring that someone represents the E.A.P.L. on the telephone each day. When asked what was the best and most difficult parts of that job, Lori insisted that playing phone tag is just a little frustrating at times. Mostly, she really enjoys

ABOVE AND BEYOND:

This month's award goes to three people who went incredibly Above and Beyond in the many, many hours they labored to make Oktoberpets happen. **Ginny Reiss, and Karen MacFarquhar** were co-chairs, and they were backed up by **Cathie Messa**. They spent many hours on the phone lining up donations, ticket sales and other arrangements such as donations that had to be picked up and delivered, etc, I'm sure I know only a small part of the work they actually did. Oktoberpets would not have been the incredible success it was without them.

Ginny is already working on next year's Oktoberpets, she said she had so much fun and can't wait to do it again!

Thank you thank you thank you ladies, for your dedication and all your work, on behalf of the animals. You have helped save lives.

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Since Halloween is just around the corner, I thought everyone would appreciate this one:



chatting with each person, and is so happy to have found a way to contribute to the organization that once helped her. We all thank you, Lori, for all you do for all of us!

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Is Rover escaping? Call Dave at Farview Home Remodeling to professionally replace/repair your fence, or create you a new escape proof fence! You can reach Dave at 303-670-9454

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The Grey Family

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THE GREY FAMILY:

Below is a letter I recently received from our own **Cathy Shelton:**

Hi,

You may have heard that my new foster kittens have fleas! And stinky butts.... So, there was only one recourse-full immersion bath (which I've never had the joy of doing before). Thankfully my neighbor Sharon Scanlan volunteered to help-couldn't have managed without her.

It actually went very well and they are silky soft (but still a few fleas that I'm picking off one at a time-can't wait to put that on my resume).

They are the Grey Family-currently called Zane Grey, Dorian Grey, Earl Grey, Lady Jane Grey and Greycee. Other Grey suggestions are welcome! Can you tell I'm running out of good names?

Amazing little critters - they were curled up in my lap shortly after their indignity and unless they are planning a surprise retaliation, they aren't holding this against me.

Cathy



Poor Earl Grey

Cat Room Meows

By Ginny Reiss

The cat room has been a happening place these past few weeks! We've adopted out 7 cats to wonderful homes. Zoe, Collin, Winston, Allie, Emily and Ellie, and Blue are happily settling in with their new families. Buff was "found" by his owner so he is back in his home too. Please stop by to meet all of our newest arrivals!

We have several cats who we would love to find foster homes for. **Mugsy** is a black and white 10 year old who has been in the cat room for quite a long time. He is a wonderful cat and we would love to see him in a home of his own. He is quiet and friendly with virtually no bad habits. We also have **Miss Charlie** who is a small 10 year old black cat. She has just had 7 teeth removed and we would love her to be in a home where she could recuperate from her surgery and have some love and attention. And of course, we have many other wonderful cats who would love to be in foster homes as well!!

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Bev Endsley and I were recently discussing the subject of buying books through www.Amazon.com, and she related the following funny story to me:

My daughter Stephanie wanted a cookbook just like mine and it was out of print. Every time I checked Amazon the price had gone up. I looked everywhere!!!! Finally I decided to buy it - \$95 dollars!!!! Mine was \$35 many years ago. They did say I could get one for \$96 signed by the author. So, being a present I thought ok, I'll spring for the extra buck. It arrived in perfect condition, signed by the author - "To Fred, my dear friend, Enjoy". Now, if I can just get Stephanie to change her name....

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WONDERFUL STORY

Several people sent me the following story and picture, my thanks to you all. It is definitely worth sharing.

He had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, while he continued to fight the fire. She is pregnant.

The firefighter was afraid of her at first, because he had never been around a Doberman before. When he finally got done putting the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest.

A photographer from the Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper, "The Observer," noticed this red Doberman in the distance looking at the fireman. He saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do.

As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had saved her life and the lives of her babies, and kissed him, just as the photographer snapped this photograph:





GUESS WHO?

We have a celebrity in our midst! This person had a role as a speaking extra as a bouncer in a movie titled "Waiting for Sunday". He spent 2 days on set at the

Bluebird Theater in Denver, where the entire movie is being filmed. Who do you know that looks like they'd be a great bouncer? Hint: think pet food. Write me if you think you know! Answer in next EARS.

Several people sent this to me, my thanks to all.

I am an Animal Rescuer
My job is to assist God's creatures
I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
I take in new family members without plan,
thought or selection.

I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times
and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body

I have Animal Friends and friends who have
animal friends
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the road side
And my heart aches
I will hand raise a field mouse
And make friends with a vulture
I know of no creature unworthy of my time

I want to live forever if there aren't animals in
Heaven
But I believe there are
Why would God make something so perfect
and leave it behind
We may be master of the animals,
But the animals have mastered themselves
Something people still haven't learned

War and Abuse makes me hurt for the world
But a rescue that makes the news gives me
hope for mankind
We are a quiet but determined army
And making a difference every day

There is nothing more necessary than warming
an orphan
nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than watching them
thrive
There is no greater joy than seeing a baby play
who only days ago, was too weak to eat
I am an Animal Rescuer
My work is never done,
My home is never quiet
My wallet is always empty
But my heart is always full

In the game of life, we have already won

Written from the heart by:
Annette King-Tucker
Wild Heart Ranch Wildlife Rescue
Claremore, OK
www.wildheartranch.org

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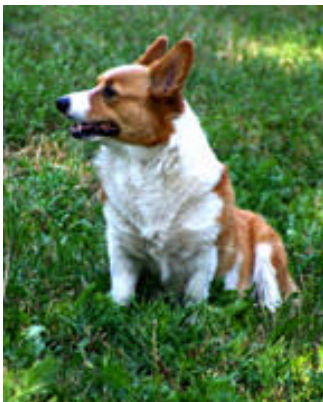
Oh, those goofy cats



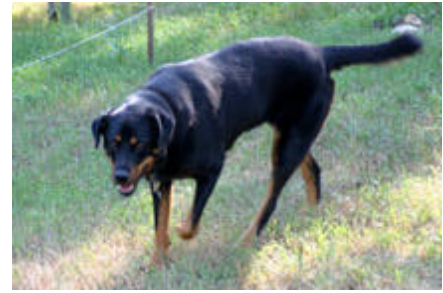
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YOUR ANIMALS

My thanks to Laura Mehmert for sending me pictures of her adorable dogs. What an interesting group, huh? I'll bet their personalities are as varied as their little faces!



Beanie



Nick

Laura said that Nick recently had knee surgery, but that he was recovering nicely.



Elmo



Winnie

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This picture is from the Baltimore Sun. The plane is carrying nothing but animals that were rescued from the Gulf region.

I'm thinking the food cart came thru later with bowls of water and little packages of beef jerky strips. And the passengers demanded hot meatball sandwiches and brewskis.



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As always, thank you all, for all you do!

Linda Hauser