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**DECEMBER 2006/  
JANUARY 2007  
ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Dogs/puppies adopted: 38  
Cats/Kittens adopted: 31  
Lost cats: 9  
Found cats: 14  
Resolved: 6

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**EGGSHAUSTING EGGSPERIENCE**

Each year we like to show our appreciation to all the veterinarians who are so good to us during the year. We make up and deliver lunches for the vets and their staffs. Along with other items in their lunch bag, is an egg salad sandwich. **Marian Reeves** and **Maria Gallegos** graciously volunteer (okay, we call and beg, but then they do graciously volunteer!) each year for buying, cooking and peeling the eggs for the sandwiches. All 16 DOZEN of them. Recently I emailed Marian to see how the egg preparation was going, here is our conversation: Hi Marian, how are you doing with all the eggs? Marian: Eggsactly how many eggs are you eggspecting? Me: I think 16 dozen should be enough. Marian: You don't think that's eggsscessive? Me: no, that should be about right. Marian: That's an eggstraordinary large number of eggs, I'm eggshausted! Can we eggstend the deadline for me to deliver them? Me: I'm sorry Marian, but it has to be on Valentine's Day. Marian: Well, I'm not eggssaggerating, I'm starting to eggspereience egggstreme fatigue. I can't eggsspress how much energy I'm eggspending on this eggsercise! Me: Ah, Marian, do you think maybe you're getting a little overwhelmed with the eggs? Marian: Why no, what in our eggsschange would make you think that? Me: Marian, I really think you need to limit your

eggsplosure to eggs! I eggsclaimed. You're starting to eggshhibit eggsccessive use of the word eggs, I eggsplained. I looked over what I had just typed and said, Marian, I have to eggscuse myself from further eggchanges between us, what you have is catching! I quickly signed off, eggstremely happy to be free of Marian's eggcessive use of the word eggs.



Seriously folks, this effort requires a huge effort, imagine if you will, what a mountain 16 dozen eggs would make, all piled on top of each other! Then imagine yourself *cooking* and *peeling* all those eggs like Maria and Marian do. It boggles my mind! I'm sure they'll both eat cold cereal for breakfast until Christmas! **Karen MacFarquhar** has no small task either, by the way, she decorates all **130** lunch bags on the outside, attaches lots of curly ribbons and hand-makes a valentine and a certificate of appreciation to go into each one!

Tired of paying \$5 a can for air to clean your computer keyboard? This little pastry brush made of silicone pulls the pet hair and other debris off your keyboard with a couple of sweeps along the keys, and an occasional vacuum or rinse to remove what it collects. You can get the brush (\$5.50) at Village Gourmet in Bergen Park, and while you are there, pick up a larger one for (yes!) your clothes! And thank those good people at Village Gourmet for selling our Christmas cards every year.

Thank you ladies, and all the other volunteers as well, for your eggstraordinary efforts!

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**EARS 101**

It occurred to me recently that I've never made it clear who writes what in this newsletter, and that it might be time I did. Just so you know, anything I write will always be in green because that's my favorite color and it's my computer so I get to choose. ☺ If I'm quoting someone identifiable, their name will be shown. If there is no name shown, it might be because either: 1) someone sent me something and said not to mention their name as having submitted it, or 2) I can't *remember* who sent it! The other font colors I just pick at random if it's starting to look boring and I think you might fall asleep. So that's EARS 101 folks; more than you ever wanted to know on the subject, huh?

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**GREAT ADOPTION STORIES**

I recently sent out an email to the dog adoption volunteers, asking for stories, and **Amy Tepel** was kind enough to send me the following two. Thanks so much Amy.

## **BUDDIE, THE CANCER DOG**

Buddie is a collie/boxer mix who was diagnosed with cancer at a young age. He'd been through chemo and had as much treatment as the vet deemed appropriate. Buddie was given weeks to live in July 2006. We were contacted to see if we could help find a foster or permanent home for him to live out his days. We wrote to all our members, and put him on our website. On one of my Saturdays, I got an application for Buddie from Kim. Kim has a female dog, no fenced yard, and is an Animal Control employee. No fenced yard. EAPL pretty much doesn't adopt dogs to "no fenced yard" homes. But then again, we're talking about a dog that may have weeks to live. Kim got to take Buddie home.

January 2007: Six months later...Buddie (now named Zeake) has no idea that he has cancer. His new vet has suggested some alternative therapies and diet options to keep him that way. He loves his new sister. She loves him too, kind of, now that he's bowling her over less and less. She had no interest in "Photos with Santa." Zeake thought that she was being "uppity" but appreciated the extra treats he got and the attention. He sends regular e-mails to me about how he's doing now. His sister has gotten used to his enthusiasm.

## **ALPHIE THE PSYCHO POODLE**

Alphie came to EAPL because his elderly female owner passed away. Evidently, she let Alphie have his way about everything, all the time. Alphie is a spoiled rotten dog. He bites the hand that feeds him. He pees in the house. He's territorial and if you were to ask "His Highness" to move from your chair? A snarling, snapping temper tantrum ensues. Need to wipe the goo from Alpha's eyes? Don heavy leather gloves so the teeth don't break the skin. Ask Alphie to sit and try to make him follow through? Do so at your own risk.

Mike and his wife Jennifer put in an application for Alphie. Who would want to take this dog on? One of the other volunteers said, "Masochists or idiots."

Mike and Jennifer convinced me that they really would like to do a trial with Alphie. They took on a lot. They took Alphie to their vet to find out if a previous injury had caused arthritis, or if he had any other medical conditions. Their groomer knew what she was getting into, having being bitten and agreed to work with Alphie anyway. Jennifer has been hugely important to Alphie- he's bonded with her. Alphie sleeps with her in bed. Mike has been the point-person. They have rescued all their other pets and worked through the "issues."

Alphie is not officially "adopted" yet (as of Feb.20, 2007) because I think that Mike and Jennifer should get as

much of the benefit of the doubt as possible-their first dog is still adjusting. Jennifer and Mike are adjusting. Alphie is adjusting and learning how to be a good pet.

The last time I spoke with him, Mike said that he wants to have Alphie around for another ten years. I'm thrilled that Alphie has had a "foster home/potentially forever home" this long. Mike stayed at home for two weeks to help integrate Alphie, and cancelled an out-of-town business trip to stay home with the new family. People like this are rare and Alphie is incredibly lucky!

Linda: I LOVE happy endings!

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## **A LITTLE CAT HAIKU:**

**Deborah Coates**

I disagree with  
You. I think cat hair dresses  
The place up nicely.

I can't help it if  
The curtain rod is not strong  
Enough to hold me.

Visitors come.  
They coo over me. Ignoring  
Then, I wash my rump.

Paper clips, coins, an  
Ice cube, you name it. I can  
Slapshoot *anything*.

I fix one thing, you  
Change it back. I just can't keep  
Things nice around here.

It's hard to drink out  
Of the toilet, but it's a  
Personal challenge.



By Suzie deDisse

We will have to wait until summer to find out if the snow we have been having will keep us out of the danger zone with fire this summer, and even though it is "off season" we still need to be prepared in case we are called to help.

To comply with Jefferson County Animal Control's specifications, we must have been trained to set up and operate the animal shelter, and we must wear ID badges. Our membership is outstanding at responding to the needs of animals, and many of you would drop everything and go help if we asked; but, we need to issue you an ID badge, and see that everyone is trained.

We also know that you already know how to take care of animals, and our training is not redundant nor wanting to teach you something you already know. It is basically the paperwork and the organization involved, and our training sessions to go over this have been in one-hour sessions. Once you have completed the training, you will be issued an ID badge and a training manual and be ready for action!

We do not currently have enough volunteers to operate a temporary shelter should the emergency be of any duration. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Suzie deDisse, 303-674-4121.

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**CAT ROOM MEWS**  
By Ginny Reiss

The cat room is "bursting at the seams" this month with all the new cats we have. The frigid temperatures and snow have brought many calls from people who have found strays that just can't make it outside. We also have a few 6 month old kittens that have come to be part of the cat room party as well. Stop by if you can and meet our newcomers. Everyone seems to be blending

together rather nicely - even though we have a very full house!

When you make a visit to the cat room you'll be able to see the great renovations that have been made. We have a large opening that has been cut into the wall between the two rooms which gives the cats lots of open area to play in. It also allows sunlight to get into that darker back room. The cats seem to love the open feel of the space and it the whole area has a nice warm feeling. The renovations were the result of a generous gift from a friend of EAPL - and greatly appreciated!

We're hoping that with the cold temperatures outside there will be many people who will want to adopt one of our beautiful residents to warm both their home and their hearts!

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Does this look familiar to anyone????

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**HEARTWARMING CHRISTMAS STORY**

When EAPL member Charlene Greene's 15 year old dog Bridget, slipped outside in the bitter cold just before Christmas and had been missing for four days, Charlene thought she had lost Bridget for good. Help by neighbors in searching for Bridget had produced no result, and Charlene says she wept and her other dog, Bandit, refused to eat for three days. Bridget is nearly blind and deaf, and her chances of survival were slim to none.

Neighbor Chris Trainor took his two dogs for a walk in the Beaver Brook Watershed, not far from the Beaver Brook subdivision where Charlene lives. One of Chris' dogs ran ahead, and began to sniff, then dig in the snow. The other dog joined in and Chris assumed they had

found a deer carcass. Once he got closer, he realized it was a dog, covered by at least 1 ½ feet of that pre-Christmas snow we all remember.

He hurried home, wading through knee deep snow and carrying Bridget, where he wrapped her in blankets and called Charlene. Bridget saw her vet and returned home to lie by the fire and live out her days in comfort. Charlene said her prayers were answered, and this was her "Christmas Miracle."

A longer version of this story was in the Courier before Christmas, but in case you don't get the Courier or were too busy with the holidays, we didn't want you to miss this wonderful story. And how many of us would like to have neighbors like Chris and Lynn Trainor who also help Charlene in other ways! Charlene is 85.

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**CONTEST – WIN A GIFT CERTIFICATE!**

Almost every one of us has a pet of some kind. And, amidst all the bad news we are hammered with daily, we welcome something that will make us smile.

In this light, we are holding a contest (the prize is a \$25 gift certificate at Chow Down, or if you are out of town, we can arrange it through another pet food store) and we would like for you to submit your best animal stories for publishing in the newsletter. Please keep in mind that we may edit them for the sake of brevity before publishing. There will be three "judges" to pick the best one, and we will assume by your submission that we have permission to reprint in our newsletter.

Submit your stories to [hauser@eapl.com](mailto:hauser@eapl.com) We'd like to have them by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks!

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**My thanks to Lynne Larsen for sending the following fascinating story:**

One week after being born, six baby skunks were abandoned by their mother. Luckily, we had just weaned five kittens off of our resident farm cat a day before and hoped that perhaps she might take them on as her own. She was reluctant at first, but she let them nurse - a positive sign. Two weeks have gone by and the six little "Stinkers" are thriving and their new mom couldn't be

happier. She has become quite devoted to them and even carries them around to show them off to visitors:



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**THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The Division of Wildlife needs about 20 volunteers to transport injured wildlife to rehabilitators. They would need to carry a pager, cover a 24-hour on-call period, be available at least two weekdays a month, and be trained and willing to travel large distances in the metro

area. They want people who are comfortable working with sick and injured animals and who are not "prejudiced" against one species or another.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Elaine Lockey at (303) 291-7226. The first meeting is February 28, so if you think this might be something you would like to do, please call soon.

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### **PET REGISTRATION**

When we developed our pet registration system about 24 years ago, it was hailed as the best and we were given an award by the HSUS. The same paperwork and concept are still in place today but the system is broken. And we need your help in fixing it.

When Chow Down is not open or cannot find a registration number, I am next in line for a call to try to trace a tag. The phone volunteers must be as frustrated as I am, because the majority of the tags can't be traced that easily, if at all. The forms have not been turned in, or even worse, a tag and a form have been given to someone to fill out and mail in. Well meaning people will put the tag on their pet, and never send in the paperwork.

It's a given that if someone sees a quick way for resolution, they will stop and help a lost dog. But they could be in for a surprise because we may not be able to tell them who owns the dog. They might not be so willing to help the next

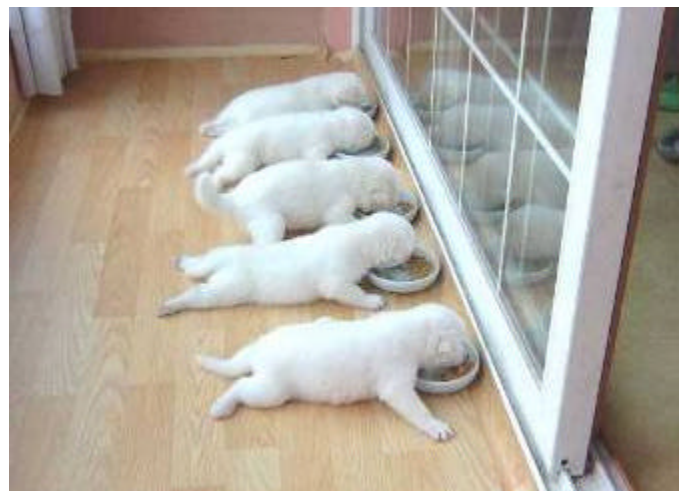
time.

*If you handle pet registration forms, please get them in the mail to the EAPL post office box or to Chow Down right away, and don't trust someone to send in their own paperwork! Let's make the pet registration system work the way it should!*

Thanks so much!

Suzie deDisse

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### **SPOTLIGHT ON CINDY CLARK** by F. Scott Spitzgerald

Cindy Clark is our honored volunteer this month; that's the good news. The bad news is that she is moving away! At the end of March, she will leave for her new home in Fruita on the Western Slope. Since 1988 she has lived in Morrison, & soon we all must say goodbye to her.

Cindy is originally from Eastern Iowa, where she grew up on a farm. As a child she spent much of her time with dairy cows, steers, sheep, pigs & ponies. Somehow & often she rode them all, except one reluctant pony who would rather bite her than allow her on his back! Cindy's lifetime love of animals includes dogs & cats, as well. Her family took in many strays that wandered onto their property. She enjoyed caring for them & naming them, although she admits she named too many of them Cookie!

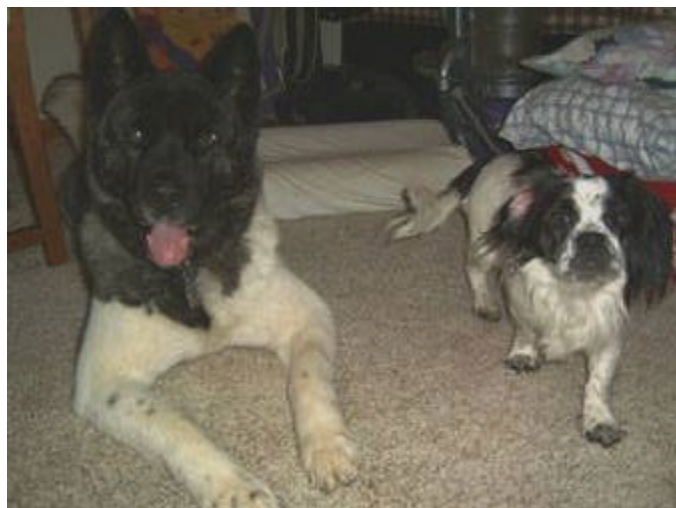
As a young adult, Cindy attended the University of Iowa where she majored in communications. After holding

several management positions & following an unforgettable vacation in Colorado, she realized that she had to settle here & find work. Currently, Cindy is a customer service representative for a small local company in the water industry.

Despite her busy schedule, Cindy became involved with the E.A.P.L. 5 1/2 years ago. She chose to become focused mostly on dogs, & wanting to do Akita rescue, she ended up joining forces with our organization. Before she knew it, Cindy agreed to foster an undernourished, mangy & sickly young spaniel mix. She nursed him back to health & named him Johnny Piranha, because he was an incessant chewer! Cindy & her Akita, Tasha, fell in love with Johnny, & he became a permanent member of their little family.

By no means did her volunteer work end then! Cindy began using her extensive background with dogs, picking up calls for adoptions & dogs that need homes. Her confidence & enjoyment in talking to people repeatedly enabled her to advise, challenge & encourage callers to make good choices regarding their pets. Cindy's experience with large breeds in particular, often helped her succeed at getting owners to keep dogs that overwhelmed them. By educating prospective adopters, she also made some very special matches that have given her much satisfaction. Cindy's proudest moment happened on a day when she was returning calls for dogs that need homes along with adoption calls. Within two hours she found the perfect home for a dog on death-row at Table Mountain Animal Center. He became the loving pet of a lady in Georgetown who was interested in adopting a dog, all that same afternoon!

Cindy, your proud moments are ours also. Your generous contribution of time, energy & expertise to the E.A.P.L. has helped lots of people & their dogs. We thank you, & the doggies thank you too! You will be missed by many, but we know that our loss surely will be Fruita's gain. We wish you the very best, Cindy Clark!



Tasha and Johnny

## NO HUNTING SIGNS POSTED ON INTERNET

STEPHEN SINGER  
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. A Texas businessman who wanted to allow computer users to kill from the comfort of their homes has instead spawned dozens of state laws banning the practice.

Texas legislators shut down San Antonio businessman John Lockwood's operation in 2005, and two dozen other states have since banned Internet hunting, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Connecticut is now considering whether to follow suit and ban state residents from using a computer mouse to point, click and kill penned animals herded before a Web-based camera.

Though Mr. Lockwood's operation has been shut down and lawmakers do not know of any others, backers of the bill say they want to prevent even the possibility of another such Internet venture.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/R TGAM.20070219.wnethunt0219/BNStory/Technology/home>

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## **ALLERGY RELIEF:**

**Patty Hatfield**, one of our dog adoption volunteers recently had a situation where a new adopter was having a persistent allergic reaction to the dog she adopted. She wrote to Patty and asked for help, and Patty did some research, which she shared with me. I think it's worth passing along, in the event you ever encounter someone with the problem.

What follows is a list of suggestions from various people who have had success with these methods. My thanks to Patty for sharing them.

1. Have a major house-cleaning done, preferably by a professional; then wash dog at a different location, then start using Allerpet D (for dog), available at pet stores. (note: there is a cat version of this product, Allerpet C)
2. Oatmeal baths for dog
3. Zertec (prescription drug)
4. Natural diet, such as a raw meat diet
5. Non-allergic furnace filter – change each month
6. NAETS (Nambudripad's Allergy Elimination Techniques). Described as “a non-invasive, drug free, natural solution to eliminate allergies of all types and intensities using a blend of selective energy balancing, testing and treatment procedures from acupuncture/acupressure, allopathy, chiropractic, nutritional, and kinesiological disciplines of medicine.” Learn more at [www.NAET.com](http://www.NAET.com)
7. Doggie Wipes to keep dog's feet clean. Dogs can bring in things human is allergic to.
8. There are various products on the market to spray on the dog that will keep the dander down, which is what activates allergies.

**If any of you have anything to add to this list, please send it to me, and I'll include it in the next EARS.**

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## **ABOVE AND BEYOND** **By Karen MacFarquhar**

It's sure wonderful that EAPL lives in an internet savvy world these days! Our league emails have been incredibly successful and have generated heartwarming support for many needy animals. The EAPL website has been responsible for many adoptions of both dogs and cats and its supporting database has allowed us to keep records on every animal that comes into our system. For those of us who grew up in a world of carbon paper copies it's downright miraculous!

There is one special person who oversees and coordinates just about everything with our league email system and website that we would like to acknowledge this month - and that person is **Linda Hauser**. Linda is truly that "behind the scenes person" who makes everything just click! And "behind the scenes" for Linda is quite an understatement since she actually resides in the state of Washington!

Several years ago when Linda informed us that she was moving from the Evergreen area we all panicked. Linda told us not to worry and assured us that she would only be "only an email away" and would diligently continue to help the League. And that's just what has happened! We are all so grateful that thanks to the internet we can feel like Linda is right here in our own backyard! So since you can't run into Linda at the local grocery store and thank her, think of her next time there is a league email sent or a successful adoption. So much happens because of Linda's hard work.

So thank you Linda for so many things it's hard to know where to start. Thank you for helping to educate all of us about computers and the miracles the internet can produce. Thank you for helping to make it possible for the league to find homes for many homeless animals. Thank you for helping the league obtain financial support from our community. And most of all, thank you for being such a dear friend to all of us in the Evergreen Animal Protective League.

Linda: Awwww shucks... ..

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**SWEETHEART OF A DONATION!**  
**By Karen MacFarquhar**

When an Evergreen man was presented with the dilemma of what to get his wife for their 50th wedding anniversary, he looked to the EAPL cats for help. The relationship between this couple and EAPL started several years ago when they adopted a cat from us. Since then they have been frequent visitors to our Cat Room at Chow Down. They often stay for hours loving on each cat.

For their special anniversary, the husband decided to donate \$1000 to the Cat Room in honor of his wife! He knew that being the cat lover she is, it would please her greatly to help more felines.

We were asked to spend it to improve the situation for the cats. His goal for the money was to "make their lives a bit better before they make our lives much better at home". With such a large donation, we were able to make several improvements to their temporary home. The new deluxe condominium is large enough for many of them to snooze or play on. Renovations to the existing rooms have made a tremendous difference. The Cat Room now has a large opening between the two areas. This really seems to make the space more spacious and brighter. The cats love to perch on their new shelf.

This generous donation has certainly improved the lives of our cats that are waiting for their forever home. The incredible support from people in our community continues to make a difference in the lives of animals.

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Well, that about wraps it up for this time folks! Don't forget to fire up your computers and write that great pet story for me, you just might win that \$25 pet food store gift certificate. I'm really looking forward to reading them!

**Linda Hauser**