



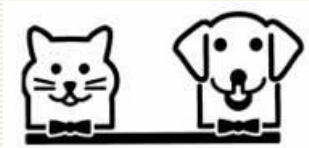
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JULY – SEPTEMBER 2007
ACTIVITY REPORT

Dogs/puppies adopted: 43
 Cats/Kittens adopted: 36
 Lost cats: 44
 Found cats: 34
 Resolved: 9
 Lost dogs: 40 Resolved: 24
 Found dogs: 49 Resolved: 33

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OktoberPets Does It Again

Thanks to the generosity of the entire mountain community, the Evergreen Animal Protective League exceeded all goals and expectations at their 3rd annual OktoberPets on Bear Creek fundraiser held September 5th at the Bear Creek Restaurant in Kittredge.

Sponsors and co-hosts Martha and Chuck Koch welcomed 400 people to their Bear Creek Restaurant in Kittredge, where for the 3rd year in a row, they so generously donated the venue, a great Oktoberfest buffet and their wonderful staff, all for a fun evening and a great cause. Local musician, John Erlandson, entertained those enjoying dinner on the banks of Bear Creek as others viewed the many wonderful silent and live auction items, generously donated by so many area businesses, artists and individuals.

Then, auctioneer Frank Robbins and his wife Sheila of AAA Mountain Realty & Auction kicked off the very lively live auction offering such items as Bronco tickets, Art, \$780.00

gas/auto accessories, Pet items and a host of vacation homes. As always, the highlight of the auction was the "Chinese Auction" where someone walked away with a beautiful mountain bike.

OktoberPets is the main fundraiser for the EAPL, a NO-KILL, non-profit, all volunteer organization. And since the EAPL is totally volunteer, 100% of the proceeds go directly to helping animals in need. Every year, 100's of dogs, cats and other creatures are rescued, fostered, reunited, provided Vet care, and find new "forever homes" through the combined efforts of the EAPL, and local Veterinarians, businesses and a caring community.

Jackie Bell, EAPL president, emphasized that the overwhelming success of OktoberPets would not have been possible without the support of the many generous donors, a great community, tireless volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors. In addition to the Bear Creek Restaurant and AAA Mountain Realty & Auction, other sponsors include Candace Allen-UBS Financial Services, Chow Down, the Canyon Courier, Dan Smith-Coloradohomeloans.com, Davidson Insurance, Fur, Fins & Feathers Pet Care, Healthy Pet Supply, Peak National Bank, Sharon Curnow – Intero Real Estate, The Endsley Team @ Legendary Properties/Sotheby's Intl. Realty, Tupper's Team Re/Max and Watson & Associates- Lakepoint Center. A huge THANKS to everyone.

For information on the EAPL, animals available for adoption, or to volunteer, please visit our website www.eapl.com or call 303-674-6442.

SHARON HILLIARD
EAPL volunteer

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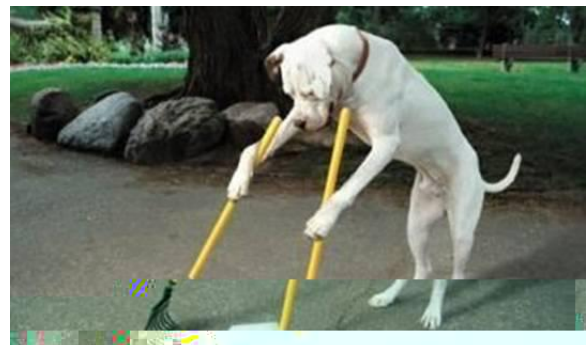
RADIO TRACKER SYSTEM UPDATE:

The article describing EAPL's new tracking possibilities appeared in the Canyon Courier on Wednesday, October 3. I'm writing this three

days later and so far, we've had two callers interested in the collars, BUT, more importantly, Susan Hommel, a long time volunteer with the League has stepped forward and wants to coordinate the Tracking Team. We'll be working together to develop more publicity and finalize the criteria for interested individuals. If any of you know "hikers" who might have the time and energy to be involved, please tell them about the team. Initially, we don't expect a landslide of "lost pet" calls but as interests increases, the more the merrier for the team.

I've written another article which will appear in the November issue of Mountain Connections, including a picture of Bodi and Deb Hundemer. If you don't get this publication, let me know and I can e-mail the article, if you have e-mail.

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The perfect dog

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WHAT MAKES THE LEAGUE TICK!

*In this and future newsletters, we hope to share items of interest regarding the inner workings
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we have managed to expand and grow with the increasing demand for our services.*

Since it's inception, EAPL, much like Scarlet O'Hara in "Gone with the Wind", has

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Although many of those strangers have now become friends, and even volunteers, it still remains a challenge to find the necessary funds to do what we do. According to the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce, there are over 125 non-profit organizations right here in Evergreen and surrounding areas.

This means that the community dollars are continually stretched.

As you know, our sources of funding come from several different projects and events. But these projects, our services, or events would not be possible without the volunteers who make them work.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Recently, many of you received an e-mail asking for help in stuffing envelopes for our **Annual Solicitation Letter**, which is sent to 30,000 individuals or postal patrons. A volunteer writes the letter and organizes the mailing.

Oktoberpets, for the last 3 years, utilized many volunteers, in addition to the organizers, to make it the success it is, and a boost to the budget.

EAPL Holiday Cards requires many man /woman hours to package and distribute to the local merchants who assist us in this event. Volunteers, including the artist, organize the project.

Recently, EAPL has participated in the **Alternative Christmas Fair** at the Lutheran Church on Hwy. 73. Several volunteers have created items which are sold, benefiting the League, and others spend the weekend providing EAPL information and selling the items.

Another on-going activity involves donations people make in **Memory of a Family Member or Pet**. We acknowledge all donations including those made as a special gift in some ones name during the Holidays or on a Birthday. A volunteer hand writes all the Thank Yous.

A local donor provides a yearly grant of \$1,000 or up to \$3,000 depending on their income. A volunteer prepares the paper work for the grant.

Several national and local Pet businesses are kind enough to share their products with us, as well as area veterinarians who provide small discounts. Volunteers pick up donations and drive pets for medical care.

Our volunteers provide phone coverage for the community, seven days a week, 365 days a year, responding to any question or problem posed to them.

One of the most acknowledged activities of the League is our function of providing care to animals, reuniting them with their families, and finding safe and loving homes for those needing a family. Cat room volunteers and Foster Family volunteers make this possible.

Volunteers coordinate lost and found pets, pets needing homes and all pet adoptions.

EAPL volunteers take pictures, design the web page, edit, create, and distribute the newsletter and prepare Valentine Day lunches to say "Thanks" to the Veterinarians who work with us.

When we need the community to be aware of our lost and found pets, a volunteer sees that it is put in the local paper. Another volunteer works with publicity.

Volunteers do the computer input on all ID tags, which are available free at Chow Down and Busters, and have been very beneficial in reuniting lost and found pets. Other volunteers handle adoption applications and follow-up.

It would be impossible to accurately note the number of volunteer hours EAPL logs each day, month, or year, but it's a vital part of the organization. If we were to list the folks involved with these hours, you would see that many of the EAPL PEOPLE show up on more than one list. They stuff, organize, package,

create, write, collect, phone, snap, design, prepare, foster, promote, compute, select and donate.

75% of EAPL'S budget is spent on Veterinarian care, and the budget is based annually on funds generated by the above events or projects. Our adoption fees rarely cover the cost of being sure each pet adopted is in good health. Other budget items include phone bills, ID tags, printing and equipment. No one in EAPL is compensated and many donate more than their time.

Now you know what makes the League Tick. VOLUNTEERS, who freely give of their time, talent, energy and enthusiasm. But as EAPL's responsibilities increase, we hope you all will encourage others to join the League, help us promote the idea of donating gifts and memorials to your family and friends, and spread the word when we are having an event.

P.S. from Jackie Bell " After reading this, why not share this overview of the League with anyone who isn't familiar with our work or who might be interested in volunteering or donating."

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Sometimes when you're angry at someone, it helps to sit down a minute and think about the problem.

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NEWS TO KNOW

(If you have items you would like to share with other volunteers, please contact Isobel McQuiston or Linda Hauser.)

We're delighted to tell you all that Marian Reeves, Maria Gallegos, and Terry Mood have all recovered from their recent surgeries.

Ann and Randy Brown are proud new grandparents of Matt, their first.

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The Animal Emergency Team is a sort of a "subsidiary" of EAPL that was formed at the request of Jefferson County Animal Control. Working under the direction of JCAC and the county's emergency preparedness plan, we will set up and maintain a temporary animal shelter to care for the pets belonging to people who have been evacuated from their homes and are staying at the Red Cross shelter.

The shelter would usually be in a school, and we would normally set up the shelter inside the same building as the Red Cross shelter. We have a supply of cages stored nearby, and a supply of leashes, bowls, cleaning and office supplies, etc., packed and ready to go if we are called.

We would maintain the shelter 24 hours a day. A sheriff's officer is always on site. We need volunteers that could maintain the shelter in 6 to 8 hour shifts, as well as set up the shelter and dismantle it when we are no longer needed.

If you are interested in joining the Animal Emergency Team, please call or email Suzie deDisse, at 303 674- 4121, c1suzie2@comcast.net.



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CAT ROOM MEWS

By Ginny Reiss

The cat room has been a busy place this fall. We have lots of cats – and almost all of them are black or black and white! We're also wrapping up kitten season and have held 2 kitten adoption days these past two months which have been very successful.

There have been a few changes in the cat room that seem to be working out great. Cathie Messa and I are very lucky to have Susan Nocket onboard to help us work with the cats as well as our volunteers. Susan and her husband have been working on opening a cat boarding facility in the Evergreen area and have been a great addition to EAPL.

We're lucky to have many volunteers who are so dedicated to making our cat adoption center such a big success. If you might have an interest in fostering a cat please contact one of us. We are always in need of foster homes for cats who are struggling in the cat room – or who might need some extra attention!

And once again, I'd like to thank everyone who helped with OktoberPets. The fundraiser was a huge success – all because of dedicated volunteers who brought the event together. Let's all remember to support Bear Creek Restaurant who made the fundraiser possible.

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HEART WARMING ADOPTION STORY:

Last spring we had a sweet dog come into our care, his name was Opie, and he was most fortunate to ultimately be adopted by a wonderful woman named Cheryl Eaglin. Cheryl does Reiki and Myofascial Release work on horses and dogs, and was the perfect choice for Opie, as he seemed to have a low opinion of himself. (In case you'd like to know more about this work, this is Cheryl's web page:

www.cheryleaglin.com). The following is an email we received from Cheryl, reporting back on how things were going:



Hi again Linda - I am the lady who adopted "Opie" - now his name is Hunter, or as the young girls at the horse barn call him, Mr. Hunter, out of respect. Turns out that Hunter is probably a Llewellyn Setter (bred for field hunting), and that

this line of English Setter has some spaniel blood in them early on in their breeding. He is such a proud fella these days, very sure of himself, playful with other dogs, and after a new haircut, struts for all to see.

He is quite the snuggler and prefers to stay close to me in the house, no matter what room I'm in. He truly is a light in my life. He and Spirit, my Manx rescue kitty, share my bed when they are waiting for me to come home.

I have recommended Evergreen Animal Protective League to many others - you all helped to make it respectful and yet fun way to adopt Hunter. Thank you from the both of us always. Cheryl Eaglin and Hunter.

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A CAUSE FOR PAWS

For most of us, our pets are members of our family. Do you ever wonder what would happen to your pet if a fire was to break out in your home? The Evergreen Fire Rescue has thought about this and is hoping to be able to rescue our pets as well as us. The Evergreen Fire Rescue is having A Cause for Paws-Rescue Mask Fund Drive Pancake Breakfast. The funds raised will be used to purchase oxygen mask for cats and dogs. The breakfast will be held Saturday, October 20th from 7 am-11 am at the Bergen Park Fire Station #2.

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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

EAPL will have a booth at Evergreen's Alternative Christmas Fair again this year. For many locals, this is the official beginning of the Christmas shopping season. It is a place that you can get some beautiful gifts while supporting nonprofits. Every booth is run by a nonprofit group, with all proceeds directly benefiting their cause. Stop by the EAPL booth to check out the great items for your dog, cat or animal lover on your list. The Fair will be held at the Evergreen Lutheran Church on hwy. 73 Nov. 10 and 11th. Mark your calendars!

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ANIMAL RESCUE SITE:

This is pretty simple. Please tell ten friends (or more) to tell ten today! The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on the purple box 'fund food for animals' for free. This doesn't cost you a thing!. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising. Here's the web site, pass it along to people you know:

www.theanimalrescuesite.com

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HAPPY KITTY ADOPTION STORY:

Here's another email we received:

Hi there,

Last October I adopted Gilligan who was residing at Garrison animal hospital. I emailed you before to tell you what a loving little guy he is and now that I have had him almost a year....I thought I would email you to say thanks again. Scooter is so smart.....he and I play "fetch" every morning.....yep fetch!! I throw a wadded up piece of paper and he runs after it and picks it up in his mouth and brings it back to me to throw again, this goes on for at least 10 or 15 minutes. He talks lots with his little voice...yep he has a tiny sounding voice all his own. He is still loving and purrs all the time. My older cat Cookie (a male too) and he still play every once and awhile. Scooter would like to play more but Cookie isn't into it much. He has a sophisticated palate and will only eat Meow Mix wet food, not any other kind for wet food. He has gotten huge....from nose to the tip of his tail he is just about 2 feet long....never would have thought that would happen cause he was so small when I first adopted him...he is beautiful with his black

hair and golden eyes. Just wanted to give you an update and tell you how much I appreciate your work. I just don't understand how people can mistreat little animals and thanks for finding homes for all that you have in your care. Gotta go it's time to play fetch Scooter is talking to me probably saying come on mom let's do it right now.....teehee Keli Stevens

PHOTOS WITH SANTA:

EAPL will not be doing the usual Photos with Santa, instead, they hope to offer a Santa for anyone wanting to bring along digital cameras and take their own memories. The time and place are still a bit up in the air but Linda Hauser will get out an e-mail when particulars are known.

AND BECAUSE IT'S HALLOWEEN:

