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UCHS Receives Grant
from East Tennessee
Foundation



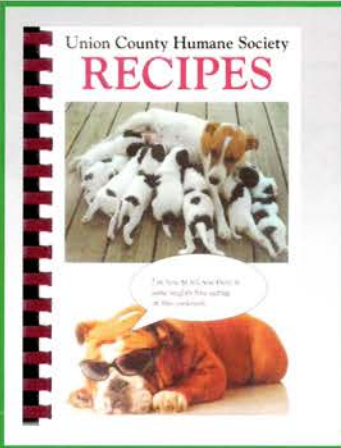
The \$1000 grant from the East Tennessee Foundation from the Harry W. & Carolyn W. Galbraith Memorial Fund. The grant is intended to support spay/neuter services to qualified low income resident pet owners

“Don’t be a Scrooge,
‘Tis the Season for Giving.”

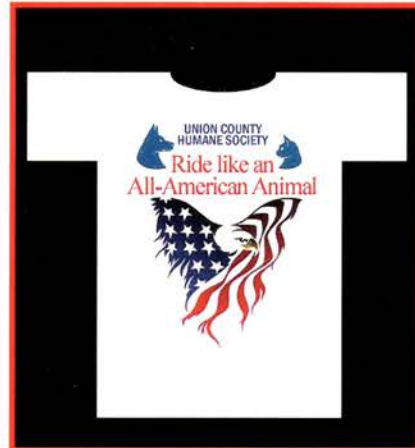


UCHS Gift Ideas

Give a Gift that
Supports The Shelter



New Cookbooks \$12.



Ride T-Shirts \$5.

★ Ride like an All-American Animal ★



A Ride in the Rain did not dampen their Spirits or their Support for the Animals.

Rain this year reduced the number of Riders for one of the shelters most successful fund raisers, but it didn't dampen the spirits or generosity of those rider who came, and enjoyed the ride, as well as the door prizes and the delicious food afterwards at Lil' Jos Barbeque.



Ride Flag Raising Ceremony

A New Flag Pole and Flag, a gift to the Shelter by Vietnam Veteran And Shelter supporters, Gary Lowhorn and Wife Robin.

Mr. Lowhorn conducted the ceremony and gave the benediction and prayer for this years 9th Annual UCHS Benefit Motorcycle Ride.

Looking for a Vet? ★★★★★

We would like to introduce a new local veterinarian that our adopters and local animal lovers have given 5 out of 5 stars, Dr. Michael Rowland of Rowland Veterinary Services, Inc. His heart is with helping animals and people. He offers large and small animal services and has 15 years of veterinary medicine experience. He is conveniently located at 1210 Highway 33 S, New Tazewell, TN across from DeRoyal Industries. Phone (423) 626-3311.

Hardships for the Shelter..



Thanks to Santa, aka Dr. Hutchinson, this year's Spay/Neuter Cat Clinic was a Huge Success.

On October the 30th we held a low cost cat spay/neuter clinic. 38 cats were spayed and neutered at the low price of \$20 for female \$5for males. Thanks Doc for making this clinic possible!



FAQ's

What do I do if my Pet gets lost? Contact the Shelter immediately! Give all pertinent information and send a picture if possible. Post flyers. Have all pets spay/neutered: This will reduce the desire to roam and help pet over population

What happens to a stray animal when it is brought to the shelter? How long do you hold them? Tennessee law requires be held at least 72 hours to give owners a chance to reclaim them. After that they become the property of UCHS and may be placed up for adoption, transferred to another pet placement shelter/rescue or in some cases euthanized.

I can't keep my Pet. Can you take it? The UCHS is an open admission shelter, which means we never turn any animal away. We do not charge a fee but greatly appreciate any donation you can make to help offset our cost of caring for the pet. While we make every effort to rehome and transfer pets, we cannot guarantee placement.



Justice for the Animals.

2015 has been a tough year for the UCHS. The year began with frigid temperatures and measurable snow and ice requiring some staff to stay overnight at the shelter on several occasions. While March did bring some relief in the weather, on Friday the 13th we were faced with one of the largest animal hoarding cases in Tennessee history. But with your support of supplies, volunteerism, and monetary donations we SURVIVED and so did the dogs! With the springtime comes the busy time of puppy and kitten intakes. Vaccinate, picture take, post the pictures, communicate with adopters/rescues, transport to other shelters ! WHEW ! Then..... ANOTHER HOARDER CASE ! On October the 4th we assisted the Union County Sherriff's Dept. in removing 50 animals from a residence in Maynardville. The owner was charged and indicted by a grand jury of 15 counts of cruelty to animals. Unlike the earlier case , this time we had to hold the animals in our care until the case was resolved. Due to the expenses incurred , and the amount of time this case was likely to take, the District Attorneys petitioned the judge to order the owner pay a security bond for \$ 6417 due by November the 24th. She did NOT meet the deadline to pay the bond and therefore forfeited ownership of the animals. We are now in the process of evaluating and adopting / transferring many of the animals.

A LOT of hard work and FINANCES went into the care of these animals and we are grateful that we can now help them get on there way to loving, caring homes. We hope you will remember us in your holiday and year end giving again. We can sure use it.

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2015 has been a Tough Year for the Shelter. Our Stockings really need some extra stuffing.



UCHS Executive Director, Tammy Rouse, and Banjo