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#### **UNION COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

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## **UCHS** Launches New Website



The Union County Humane Society has completely redesigned its Website as a part of it's new image building campaign designed to create a better awareness of the shelter's mission, facilities and services to the communities we serve.

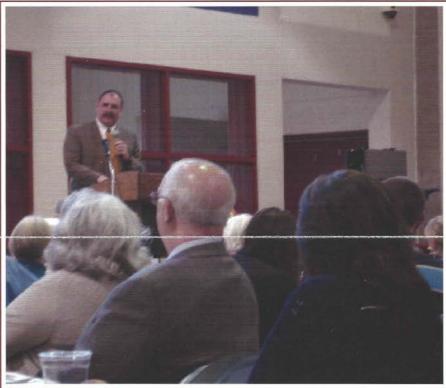
You can find current adoptable pets complete with photos, history and background information including age, sex and character traits.

Making application for adoption can all be done on line.

You can also take a virtual shelter tour, make donations on line, and learn about our low-cost Spay/Neuter services. Log on to www.unioncountyhumanesociety.org

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Mayor Mike Williams makes UCHS Annual Benefit Dinner Keynote Address

# UCHS Annual Benefit Dinner Supported by Loyal Donors.

Community activists and friends of the Shelter gathered at the Maynardville High School April 2nd to shower support for the Humane Society. This was UCHS 5th annual benefit dinner—our largest and most successful.

Buddy Warwick, UCHS Board President got the program started. Executive director, Tammy Rouse, Introduced Mayor Mike Williams who showed his support by saying that the Humane Society is important to the health and wellness of citizens of the county through its services. The mayor promised his continued support of the shelters missions.

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UCHS Board President Buddy Warwick gets the evening's program started.

Jordona Kirby, Rabies Field Specialist with the USDA, gave a very informative presentation on rabies.

Tammy Rouse, UCHS Executive Director, showed loyal donors in attendance how their donations are put to work in various animal health programs, shelter improvements and adoptions. Tammy told some heartwarming stories on how the Shelter's work has nursed abused animals back to health.

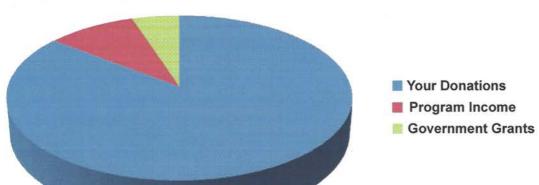
### The Cold-Hard Facts about UCHS' Sources of Income.

With an Annual Operating Budget of about \$230,000, people are surprised to learn just how much of that doesn't come from the County or other government grants. Other Humane Societies in our networking universe don't know how we are surviving without more local government support.

The chart below [in blue] shows just how much we have to depend on donors to survive. We are blessed to have such loyal donor support.

The pink area shows the shelter's contribution to its operating income from adoption revenues and our spay/neuter services.

The green area represents the percentage we receive from government grants. As the economy improves, we hope this contribution will also improve. government grants





Bob and Ann Underwood honored as UCHS Volunteers of the Year



Jordona Kirby, Rabies Fiel Specialist with the USDA



## New Shelter Operations Manager Appointed

Tim Roberts, aka the Dog Whisperer started volunteering at the shelter in 2006. Tim became an employee in 2009. His gentle caring demeanor with animals is a gift and a joy to behold. He is hardworking, reliable and a perfect choice for Operations Manager.

### Bob and Ann Underwood, Volunteers of the Year

Bob and Ann began volunteering at the ter 5 years ago by walking dogs — nor just a few dogs but every dog at the shelter every Monday. This was during the time of construction of the new buildings. They helped paint the interior of the main building and Bob helped with much of the interior construction.

Since then, Bob and Ann have spent 3 to 4 hours every Monday taking the dogs out of their kennels and walking them. This helps the dogs learn to walk on a leash, have good manners and socializing in addition to giving them "poop" time. They come in all kinds of weather - rain, snow, or heat Bob and Ann know the animals benefit from the time they spend with them and have only missed 3 days in 5 years.

Bob and Ann also head up the litter patrol on our adopted section of Hickory Star Road. Bob serves as Vice President of our Board of Directors and collects and turns in all volunteer hars for the Governors' Three Star program. Bob and Ann are always willing to help and we are so fortunate they have chosen the Humane Society.

## FACES WE LOVE





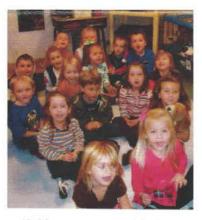








## **UCHS** Education Outreach





Children in Jimmie Eldridge's Pre-K classroom at Sharps Chapel Elementary.

KIND NEWS is a children's publication of the Humane Society of the United States. Your donations thru United Way made it possible for us to purchase subscriptions for teachers in 20 classrooms in the Union County Elementary Schools. This means 420 children were given the magazine which teaches them how to treat animals humanely through stories, puzzles, games and other activities with an emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering of their pets to prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

Teachers used the magazine in the classroom then the children take it home to share with parents and siblings

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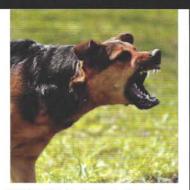
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# It's time for people to insist on a Dedicated Animal Control Officer.



## HOW SAFE ARE OUR CHIDREN?

Vicious Dogs running loose in our neighborhoods and on our streets are a danger to all citizens as well as other animals. As a community, we can't afford to take these kinds of chances anymore.



## ANIMAL ABUSE IS A CRIME!

This dog was near death and would have died of starvation had it not been for the Union County Humane Society. Another reason Union County needs a dedicated Animal Control Officer

## New Volunteer Coordinator



Nancy Staar, has been quite active as a volunteer walking dogs and in hosting donors' tables at our annual benefit dinners. She now assumes the role of Volunteer Coordinator. If you're interested in volunteering at the shelter you can reach Nancy at 865-278-3499 to schedule a time to come and learn about how you can help.



Girl Scout Troops make new dog beds and plant flowers at the Shelter



