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

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Jim Tedford, Pid LaWare, Ann Tedford

Union County Humane Society
President, Pid LaWare.
and, Jim Tedford, Director of
Anal Initiatives & Alliances
For PetSafe along with,
Ann Tedford,
at the Humane Society's
Gala Benefit Dinner

# Your donations create a happiness such as this that just can't be measured by money. Thank you.



2014 Annual Benefit Dinner is a Wonderful Success!

Nearly 150 animal lovers attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual fund raising dinner to support the Union County Humane Society.

Special Guests included Jim Tedford, Director of <u>Animal Initiatives and Alliances for PetSafe</u> who spoke to the audience about the importance of animal welfare and the overwhelming benefits the Humane Society has brought to Union County. He appealed for our continued support of this important entity that provides low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations to the public in addition to rescue and aggressive adoption programs that include transporting animals to adopters in northern states like Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Connecticut.

Other guests included Donna Silvey and her canine colleague "Boudreaux", a rescue animal from the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, who works now with children in a reading program.

Joshua West filled in for Freddie Brasfield of K9SOS who was called out of town at the last minute. Josh spoke of "Lucie", a dog they adopted from the Union County shelter who was instrumental in establishing a dog training program for bomb detection.

And more locally, Phil King and his entourage (both human and canine) from the Sheriff's department were on hand to demonstrate his dog "Marco's" drug sniffing technique. He also shared some history and stories about other members of their K9 Unit.

A Silent Auction consisting of over 45 items was also part of the fundraiser.

Sponsors of the event included PetSafe, William and Cornelia Von Schipmann, Buddy and Terry Warwick, Ralph and Sue Shick and Okie's Pharmacy.

The event has thus far has raised over \$18,000 to support the day to day activities and management of the shelter.

"We want to thank everyone for coming out to support us" said Tammy Rouse, Executive Director. "We've come so far from where we were even 8 years ago. It is gratifying to see there is ongoing concern for

animals in our community"



Officer Heather Regan and "Axel" await their time in the spotlight



Donna Silvey, Tammy Rouse and "Boudreaux"



Officer Phil King rewards K9 worker "Marco" after a staged drug sniffing exercise

# 3rd Annual Humane Society Golf Classic August 15



The Humane Society is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Golf Classic to benefit the shelter coming up on Friday, August 15th. The golf tournament will take place at Three Ridges Golf Course on Wise Springs Road in Knoxville. Registration will begin at 11:30 AM followed by luncheon and then a shotgun start to the scramble at 1:00 PM. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$50 up to \$1000. The cost to golf is \$60 and golfers are asked to complete and return their registration form by August 8th. If you would care for more information about the tournament, please tact Pid LaWare at the shelter (865-992-7969) or you can download the registration form from our website:

www.unioncountyhumanesociety.org



## Save the date to ride like an Animal!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 4th** when we will celebrate the Humane Society's 8th Annual "Ride Like an Animal" motorcycle run. The day will begin with registration at the shelter where riders will receive t-shirts and opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and tour the facility. At noon the bikes will start out on a 100 mile ride that will end at Lil' Joe's BBQ in Maynardville where a wonderful barbeque buffet will be served at a special price to all participants. For more information, please call the shelter or visit our website for registration information and updates as we approach the date.



#### Our Low Cost Vaccines and Rabies Clinics keeps Pets Healthy and Safe.

On Saturday, April 12, the Humane Society hosted a "no appointment needed" vaccination clinic that was open to the public. 70 animals received vaccines at our low cost rate of \$10 and 6 animals were micro-chipped at \$20 each. Pet owners also received educational information on low-cost spay/ neuter and the benefits to their pets and our community. Because of the success of the spring clinic, the shelter plans to provide another opportunity for low cost vaccinations this fall. Stay tuned!



### Beat the Heat Spay Special For Female Cats is Big Success.

While continuing to address the overwhelming cat population in our area, the Union County Humane Society provided a low cost Cat Spay Clinic on two consecutive Saturdays in early March. The advertised fee of \$20 for the procedure brought numerous cat owners to the shelter where over 68 cats were spayed and returned to their owners. Humane Society Executive Director, Tammy Rouse explains: "This time of year we usually see a huge jump in the cat population and the shelter is often flooded with unwanted litters. By being able to lower the cost of our spay service for this clinic, we had a terrific response from the community and have already seen a decline in the number of juvenile cats and kittens coming through our doors. The lower the number of intakes keeps our euthanasia rate down as well!" she said.

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We were "putting on the dog" at the 2014 Annual Benefit Dinner

# Going North to New Homes

In 2012 our Humane Society teamed up with the "Go North" collaborative; a program that transports dogs from eight area shelters to high volume adoption shelters in Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Connecticut. Since then over 874 unwanted animals from Union County have found new homes through this program alone! People up North have been known to stand in line waiting for the truck to arrived to get the quality animals we send them.

