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**Union County Humane Society** 

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### **Upcoming Events**

- Annual Benefit Dinner— Early April 2017
- Ride Like an Animal— Sept 9, 2017
- Yard Sale—Oct 6-7, 2017



## Ride Like an Animal

We held our 10th Annual Ride Like an Animal motorcycle ride on October 1. What a beautiful day! Nearly 60 motorcycles, escorted by Union County Sheriff with a support vehicle in the rear. The ride went through Union, Claiborne, and Grainger counties, finishing with a great barbeque at Li'l Jo's in Maynardville with music provided by the Jeanette Weeks Band. Lots of great door prizes and auction items. We raised approximately \$8,000 this year to provide care and feeding for abandoned and surrendered animals in Union County.

We cannot mention every rider or volunteer by name, but we do want to recognize our generous sponsors: Annie, Stoney, Techie, Muppy & BH Ashley, Burning Art by Zophia-Farrier/Blacksmith/Welder, Durbin Drywall, Dennis Hall Automotive, d'Vine Inspirations, Fountain City Funding, Jeanette Weeks Band, Lil Jo's BBQ, Knoxville Harley Davidson Clinton Hwy, Ohio Valley Veneer, Ralph & Sue Shick, Rowland Veterinary Services, Advantage Electronics, Aimee Alden & Jemma Daisy, Clinton Highway Wrecker Service, Crossroads Firearms, James, Janet & Jacob, Kathy Pack, Melissa Friend & Savannah Ann, Lisa Foutz & Lacie, Mayor Mike Williams, Roberts Garage,







## **Featured Adoptable Pets**



Eli and Yuma are brother and sister. They have been together since birth, and we are trying to find a forever home where they can stay together. Their owner had to surrender them to return to the northeast to care for aging parents. They are 6 years old, husky-mix breed, and each weigh about 60 pounds. They are quiet, very lovable, and ride and walk together well. Won't you give them a chance to become a part of your home?

## **Happy Tails**

With the help of American Lab Rescue (www.americanlabrescue.com), we are so happy to have placed Coco (now Phoebe) in her new Vermont home. She arrived in her new home in August 2016 after spending 9 months in our care. Phoebe has a sister and loves going to work on her mom's farm. Days are filled with exploring and protecting the grounds, and nights are filled with love and comfortable places to sleep.



#### Art on Main 2016



The Humane Society participated in Union County's Art on Main on June 4, 2016. The booth provided information on the services we offer at the shelter, and we raised over \$400 through donations and sales of paw print photos. Dog owners brought their pets by, Nancy Wise and Laurie Oppel inked up their paws to place a "flower" on canvas, and Marlene Wertz added stems, leaves, and the pet's name. And we won "best demonstration" award for our booth!

#### Wine 4 Whiskers

We held two Wine 4 Whiskers events — one on June 10 and the other on November 18. Over \$1,500 was raised with the two events. A huge THANK YOU to the Winery at Seven Springs Farm for hosting the event and donating a portion of sales, as well as Teresa's Bakery, Halls Ingles, Sam's Knoxville Center, Maynardville Fred's, Maynardville Food City, and Party City.

#### Yard Sale

The Union County Humane Society held our annual yard sale on September 9-10. We raised over \$2,500 for the shelter through the efforts of Alexis Browning and Judy Najar. A big Thank You to Janet Holloway for allowing us to use her salon's parking lot of the sale, and the many volunteers and patrons who made this event a success.



## **Low-Cost Cat Spay-Neuter Clinics**

The Union County Humane Society offered two low-cost cat spay-neuter clinics in the last three months. On September 12, we spayed-neutered 32 cats. We also offered a "boys only" clinic on November 28, and neutered 36 tom cats. At right, Julie Cowell prepares a kitty for surgery. The cat population continues to be an issue in Union County, and can be controlled by spaying and neutering your pets. We offer the low-cost cat spay-neuter clinics several times a year, as well as our regular every Wednesday surgeries for only \$35.



# **Union County Animal Control**



In July, the Union County Commission approved Sheriff Breeding's proposal for a part-time animal control officer. We are pleased to work closely with Keith West, Union County Animal Cruelty Investigator, in helping the animals in our County. Officer West has been working animal-related complaints since September 2015, and we congratulate the County in making this a recognized position. He has investigated numerous animal complaints which have resulted in at least 8 prosecutions to date. Situations that animal control gets involved with include animal cruelty, animal abandonment, and dog bites. For any of the

aforementioned situations, you can call us at (865) 992-7969 or the non-emergency number at the Union County Sheriff's office.

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Your donation is deductible to the extent of tax laws

## Leave a Legacy

After your family has been taken care of, consider extending your support by planned giving that will make a lasting impact on the surrendered and abandoned pets in Union County. The choices may include:

- Include gift to the Union County Humane Society with a few sentences in your will or trust.
- Roll over a part of your IRA's required minimum distribution to the Union County Humane Society if you are 70.5 years or older and don't need your minimum distribution.
- Designate a portion of your life insurance policy to feed and shelter adoptable pets.
- Donate appreciated stock that you have owned more than one year.

#### **Contact Us**

Come visit or give us a call for more information on our pets for adoption, our spay-neuter-vaccine services, and volunteer opportunities

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Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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