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2018 Events

- Annual Fundraising Dinner – Early April
- Ride Like an Animal – Sept 8
- Yard Sale – Oct 5-6

Annual Fundraising Dinner



We held a very successful fundraising dinner on April 22, 2017. While it was a stormy night outside, we enjoyed the evening indoors with guest speaker Teresa Fisher, program director for the Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT). We are so thankful to have dedicated supporters who make it possible to provide care to nearly 2,000 unwanted and abandoned animals in our community. A live

auction was held with many items donated by local businesses and individuals. Our sponsors included d’Vine Inspirations, Flowers by Bob, Fountain City Finance, Fountain City Stained Glass, JAXX, Kay & Jess Jones, Loyston Quarry, Norris Shores POA, Rural King, Dwaine and Shirley Setzer, Seven Springs Farm and Winery, State Farm - David McCollough, William & Cornelia Von Schipmann, and 33 Quarry. In total, we raised nearly \$20,000. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time, auction items, and financially to our annual fundraising dinner.

Ride Like an Animal

Ride Like an Animal 2017 was held on the second Saturday in September to take advantage of better weather and avoid conflicts with the Heritage Festival. On September 9, we had 50 bikes join our 100-mile ride through Union, Claiborne, and Grainger Counties on a beautiful late summer day. This year’s theme honored our service animals covering those in the military, police, and search & rescue. And how timely with the devastating hurricanes just prior to our ride. The Ride raised \$8,000 through sponsorships, rider registrations, and auction events.

Thanks go out to all of our riders, as well as this year’s sponsors (the Ashley’s, Callie & Princess, CrossRoads Firearms, Fountain City Finance, Lisa Foutz, The Assurance Group, Dennis Hall’s Auto Service, Tanasi Grafix, Ralph & Sue Shick, Zophia, Dr. John Osborn, Commercial Bank, Dyer’s Flooring, Ernie & Beth Engman, The Winery at Seven Springs Farm, Li’l Jo’s Bar-B-Que, Litton’s Market, and David McCollough’s State Farm).



Charity Barrel Race at the Nine Lakes Wine Festival



At the first Nine Lakes Wine Festival on May 20 held at Melton Lake in Oak Ridge, we participated in the Charity Barrel Race - one of 10 charities. Tammy Rouse and Eden Spierdowis raced a wine barrel (130 pounds) around a circular course to emerge with the Best Style Award. Their winning style not only included their kitty-cat outfits, but also their mid-race cat fight. Our barrel top award is displayed in our lobby, and each charity was given \$500 for their participation.

Wine 4 Whiskers

The Winery at Seven Springs Farm was the host for two Wine 4 Whiskers events in 2017 - one on June 2 and the other on November 10. Both events featured a complementary taco bar; while the November 10 offered music provided at no cost by the Stock Creek Band. Between both events, over \$2,500 was raised in donations for the shelter. Thanks go out to Nikki and Crew at the Winery, all supporters, and the Stock Creek Band. Stay tuned for dates of the 2018 Wine 4 Whiskers events - you don't want to miss these fun Friday night events under the toasty heated tent.

Jack & Lucille Get New Accommodations

After Jack (one of our resident donkeys) decided to tear down the old run-in shed during his hoof trimming, we decided it was high time to get a proper barn and shed built for the donkeys. We enlisted Kenny Bailey to design and build the new facilities which include a new run-in shed in the grazing field, as well as a new barn with two stalls and storage. Thank you to Kenny for the donation of your time, as well as our donkey-loving supporters who donated money and materials.



Happy Tails – Bonnie & Watson Find a Home

We are so happy to report that two of our long-term residents have been adopted. Bonnie and Watson, the last of our hoarder dogs from March 2015 and October 2015, respectively, were adopted by Stuart Turner, a Union County high school teacher, in June 2017. They are both cozy in their new home, adapting well to being in a 2-dog home with much love and individual attention.



Our New Animal Control Officer – Debra Beeler



The Union County Sheriff's Department hired Debra Beeler in July 2017 as became Union County's Animal Control Officer (ACO), and we couldn't be happier to have her on board. Officer Beeler was an ACO with Knox County for six years. She has National Animal Control Association (NACA) 1, 2, and 3 certifications. Her experience includes hoarding, animal neglect, and puppy milling. Since joining Union County, she has investigated numerous animal complaints which have resulted in seven animals being surrendered to the Humane Society and one conviction. Situations that animal control gets involved with include animal cruelty, animal abandonment, and dog bites. For any of these situations within Union County, please call the non-emergency number at the Union County Sheriff's office (865-992-4062) or the shelter (865-992-7969).

*Just a reminder that the Union County Humane Society is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization, open-admission shelter which is not county owned. That means that we accept **ALL** animals that come to our door – whether dog, cat, pot-bellied pig, bird, turtle, or other species; old or young; sick, injured, or healthy; from Union and surrounding counties.*

***NO APPOINTMENT is necessary** to surrender your pet or stray during normal business hours (10am – 4pm Monday through Saturday).*

***NO FEE** to surrender an animal; although donations are greatly appreciated to help support our continued services.*

Yard Sale

Beautiful weather, and over \$6,000 raised for the shelter at this year's yard sale held October 6 & 7. The yard sale grew this year to include furniture, exercise equipment, collectibles, antique tools, building supplies, household items, table games, a telescope, and even a tanning bed - An eclectic collection of goodies for bargain hunters! Thank you's to Janet Holloway, everyone who donated items for the yard sale, all who purchased items, City Wash & Lube, City Hall Storage II, and the strong backs of the many volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Count me in to help the Union County Humane Society

Your donation will help us rebuild the outdoor dog kennels and refinish the main kennel floor

Name and mailing address as shown on opposite side (or provide corrections).

Phone number (in case we have questions) _____

Email (if you'd like to receive email updates) _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check number _____

Or on my Credit Card

Please call us at (865) 992-7969 or visit our website at www.UnionCountyHumaneSociety.org

UCHS is a 501c(3) organization. Your donation is deductible to the extent of tax laws.

GoNorth Collaboration

The GoNorth Animal Transport Collaborative is a project of Peaceful Kingdom, a 501(c)3 animal welfare organization founded in 2000 to introduce innovative approaches to ending animal overpopulation in Knox and surrounding counties. The GoNorth Animal Transport Collaborative moves dogs and puppies from overcrowded east Tennessee animal shelters to under-capacity northern shelters in Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio. These shelters have large veterinary clinics, obedience training classes, behavior specialists, and multiple adoption sites. The animals get fantastic care and typically find homes within a week or two. In 2016, the Union County Humane Society transported 166 dogs to northern shelters. This year through November, we have sent **276** dogs to new homes through this and similar transport collaborations.

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. We are open 10am – 4pm, Monday through Saturday.

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