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

TO SURRENDER your pet or a stray, NO APPOINTMENT and NO FEE necessary. Our business hours are 10am – 4pm, Monday through Saturday. Donations are greatly appreciated to help us continue this service.

ADOPTIONS are still by appointment due to social distancing.

Message from Our Director, Tammy Rouse

Thank you so much for your support during 2020! And over 1,000 dogs and cats adopted out this past year also thank you! Without you they wouldn't have connected with people who love them. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but the companionship of a dog or cat has really made a difference for many people struggling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many area animal shelters shut down for at least a portion of 2020 due to the pandemic. However, the Union County Humane Society remained open. We rolled up our sleeves and worked through it with common-sense precautions to protect our staff, volunteers and the public.

The animals in our care didn't get a day off, so we didn't take one either. In fact, we took in extra dogs from area shelters when they shut down or refused to take in homeless animals. We worked especially hard to get dogs and cats adopted locally when adoption transport services to shelters in other states stopped running. We reunited over 100 lost animals with their owners. And we continued to provide low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services to pet owners. Because that's our mission! That's why we exist!

The Humane Society had to cancel its two major fundraising events – Annual Dinner and Motorcycle Ride – this year due to the pandemic guidelines for social distancing. So now we need a bit more help to keep going. Your generous donation will provide shelter, food, medical care and adoption services for homeless, abused and abandoned dogs and cats.

Not only will animals have more humane treatment, their new owners will have years of comfort and companionship. The holidays might be less festive this year, but you can make a real difference for those animals in need and those who care for them.

Thank you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tilly – the ATV-Loving Blue Heeler



Tilly was brought into our shelter as a stray because he kept hanging out at an automotive repair shop on their all terrain vehicle (ATV). He was a good-mannered boy while in our care. A young couple looking to add to their family fell in love with him and made him a part of their family – including their nuptials!

Dust Bunny – 1.4 Pound Prolapsed Purr Monster

In February 2020, a beautiful 6-week old blue point Himalayan kitten was brought to our shelter as a stray. He was in pitiful shape – worst case of ear mite infestation ever seen in a kitten, unable to urinate, and a prolapsed rectum. After prolapsing the third time, Dust Bunny was taken to Dr. Russell in Harrogate for consultation. Dr. Russell performed surgery to repair the prolapse, including the removal of approximately one inch of dead bowel, on the 1.4 pound kitten. Dust Bunny then went into foster care to recuperate. He recovered completely, was adopted and is living a wonderfully spoiled life.



Hershey Pie



Hershey Pie was an owner-requested euthanasia surrender to our shelter in April 2020. He was malnourished, had severe skin issues from poor nutrition, and had an infestation of intestinal worms. Through discussion with owners, our veterinarian and staff made a decision to rehabilitate Hershey. First up, a bath and grooming to remove his matted fur; then, a carnivore diet. After six weeks of tender loving care, Hershey was ready for adoption. He found his forever home and is living life to its fullest.

A Special Thank You to Friendsville Animal Center

Dr. Sergio and Shelley Rios operate Friendsville Animal Center (www.friendsville.com) which is a pet boarding, dog daycare, dog training, and grooming facility. One of the ways that they give back is by providing free room and board at the Center to a limited number of animals who for some reason have lost their homes. In 2020, Shelley and Sergio accepted 13 of our shelter dogs into their Scholarship Pet program. Here are a few of the happy adoption outcomes.



Update on Bella – From Near Death to Living Her Best Life



In July 2019, a pitifully injured dog, Bella, was brought to our shelter. She suffered wounds inflicted by her owner who ran over her with a vehicle and failed to seek proper medical treatment. Our veterinarian, Dr. Carson Hutchison, performed three surgeries on Bella to remove a mango-sized mass and clean and suture her wounds, including a two-inch laceration on her head that had exposed her skull.

Bella remained at the shelter for nearly four months while recuperating. At the end of October 2019, Bella went to Smoky Mountain Bulldog Rescue where she waited for the perfect family to adopt her. After several months at the Rescue, she found her forever home and is living her best life!



Big Hankie Alert...To see more on Bella's story, watch the video produced by Smoky Mountains Bulldog Rescue: https://www.facebook.com/SmokyMountainsBulldogRescue/posts/3861230667221356?notif_id=1606429570448943¬if_t=page_tag&ref=notif

Dandy – On the Run in Union County for Over Six Months



Dandy, a young labradoodle, was running the neighborhoods in Union County for over six months. With the assistance of animal control, he was caught in a live trap and brought to the animal shelter. Severely matted and apprehensive of people, our staff and volunteers went to work gaining his trust. Big THANK YOU to Julie Cowell for a hair cut better suited to his name. Dandy, now known as Ollie, was adopted into a family who love him as much as he loves them.

Masu – Lost for Over a Year Reunited with His Owner

A 4-year old, neutered male, microchipped German Shepherd was brought into our shelter as a stray from Grainger County. Tracking down the microchip, we found that his name was Masu and he had been reported missing over a year. When we called his owners in Michigan, they were over-joyed and quickly mobilized for a road-trip to our shelter to pick up their missing family member. Happiness all around when pup and owners reunited. Once again, microchipping does work!



Zippy – Dodged Traffic on Highway 33



On a cold January evening, a black and white Manx kitten tried to run across Highway 33 near the high school. Lucky for him, a couple of good Samaritans stopped traffic, scooped up the baby, and immediately rushed him to the Humane Society. He was severely shaken up, but no injuries. After some TLC and socialization, Zippy found a forever home with a nice cat lady in Virginia!



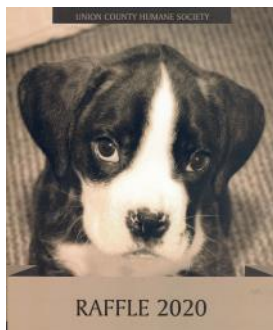
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2020 Cash Raffle



From the bottom of our hearts we cannot thank everyone enough for helping to make our 2020 cash raffle a success. We exceeded all expectations by selling over 1,100 tickets!

We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful supporters!

Congratulations to our lucky winners this year – several of whom decided to donate their winnings back to the Union County Humane Society.

Contact Us

Adoption visits and volunteer opportunities are still by appointment only due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Give us a call for more information on our pets for adoption or to schedule spay-neuter-vaccine services.

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