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Animal Welfare Links

www.oconeehumane.org
oconeepests.com (County)
americanhumane.org hsius.org
and aspca.org
petfinder.com

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www.scsos.com

Coming Events

October 9, 2010
Annual Low
Country Boil
Funny Duck Farm
Seneca, SC

**WIN UP TO
\$2,500.00 IN OUR
50/50 RAFFLE
DRAWING -
CALL 882-4719**

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OCONEE HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES MADDIE'S FUND GRANT

The Oconee County Humane Society is pleased to announce that we have been approved for a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Maddie's Fund. This grant has been awarded to support our efforts in Oconee County to collect and publish data concerning dog and cat populations impounded by the Oconee County Animal Shelter and our other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats. We thank Maddie, the little dog that made this grant possible, www.maddiesfund.org.



Maddie was a beloved Miniature Schnauzer whose unconditional love, devotion, loyalty and spirit inspired her guardians to start a charitable foundation, Maddie's Fund[®], in her name.

Dave and Cheryl Duffield fell head-over-heels for Maddie when she was only ten days old. "We held her in our arms, and loved her immediately," says Dave.

"Maddie melted our hearts from the first second we saw her," adds Cheryl, "with her sweet ways, her stubbornness, her independence, her intelligence, her spirit, and her devotion."

Dave, Cheryl and Maddie shared ten memorable and happy years together. Dave remembers one particularly good day during

the formation of his company, PeopleSoft. Playing with Maddie, he picked her up and made the following promise: "If we ever make some money, I promise we will give it back to you and your kind so others can be as happy as we are today."

Dave and Cheryl are fulfilling their promise to Maddie. They have endowed Maddie's Fund with more than \$300 million and have spent \$71.6 million through FY 2007-08 to save dog and cat lives. In their lifetime, Dave and Cheryl have given more of their personal wealth to the animal welfare cause than any other individuals. And although they don't want to make a big fuss over their unprecedented contribution, they do want to honor their cherished companion and the special bond they shared with her.

Animal lovers can understand this sentiment. More and more of us view our companion animals as family, giving them the same care and tenderness we provide our two-legged family members. Our pets enrich our lives with their unconditional devotion to us. They enhance our lives with their stability, love and companionship. The rewards of animal companionship are immeasurable.

Maddie inspired Dave and Cheryl to give generously to help save homeless pets in desperate need of love and care. Thanks to the dog with the indomitable spirit, shelter pets are afforded new opportunities to find compassionate homes in which they, too, may share in the joy, love and companionship that Dave and Cheryl enjoyed with Maddie.



Animal Statistics Table

	NAME OF ORGIZATION: OCONEE COUNTY S.C. ANIMAL SHELTER	Dog	Cat	Total
	DATE OF REPORT: JANUARY 1, 2009 - DECEMBER 31, 2009			
A	January 1, 2009 Beginning Shelter Count	67	19	86
	INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only)			
	<i>From the Public</i>			
	Healthy	2283	1602	3885
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	399	365	764
	Treatable – Manageable	0	3	3
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	96	710	806
B	Subtotal Intake from the Public	2778	2680	5458
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition (specify orgs)</i>			
	Healthy			0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable			0
	Treatable – Manageable			0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			0
C	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs within Community/Coalition		0	0
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition (specify orgs)</i>			
	Healthy			0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable			0
	Treatable – Manageable			0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			0
D	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Orgs outside Community/Coalition	0	0	0
	<i>From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</i>			
	Healthy			0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable			0
	Treatable – Manageable			0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			0
E	Subtotal Intake from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia	0	0	0
F	Total Intake [B + C + D + E]	2778	2680	5458
G	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			0
H	ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]	2778	2680	5458

	ADOPTIONS (only dogs and cats adopted by the public)			
	Healthy	622	224	846
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	74	35	109
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
I	TOTAL ADOPTIONS	696	259	955
	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition (specify orgs)			
	Healthy			0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable			0
	Treatable – Manageable			0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable			0
J	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs within Community/Coalition	0	0	0
	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition (specify orgs)			
	Healthy	282	27	309
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	114	12	126
	Treatable – Manageable	0		0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0		0
K	TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Orgs outside Community/Coalition	396	39	435
L	RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	177	9	186
	DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED			
M	Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	833	807	1640
N	Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	364	540	904
O	Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
P	Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	74	920	994
Q	Total Euthanasia [M + N + O + P]	1271	2267	3538
R	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	0	0	0
S	ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]	1271	2267	3538
T	SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2540	2574	5114
U	DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE	238	106	344
V	TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2778	2680	5458
W	ENDING SHELTER COUNT DATE December 31, 2009	67	19	86

Ask Neuty (our spay/neuter expert)



Dear Neuty,

What is the recovery process for recently Spayed or Neutered cats?

Stacey (Walhalla)

Dear Stacey,

Although your cat may experience some discomfort

after surgery, he shouldn't be in pain. Depending on the procedure performed, medication to control pain may be sent home with your cat.

Here are some tips for a safe and comfortable recovery:

- * Provide your cat with a quiet place to recover indoors and away from other animals.
- * Try to prevent your cat from running or jumping for the first few days following surgery.
- * Prevent your cat from licking the incision site, which may cause infection, by distracting him with a few treats or by using an Elizabethan Collar (cone).
- * Consider using shredded paper instead of cat litter, since dust from the litter can also cause infection.
- * Avoid bathing your cat for at least ten days after surgery.
- * Check the incision site daily to confirm proper healing.

A HORSES'S BODY is made up of 70% water and they drink around 45 quarts of water a day. This can increase by up to 40% during warm weather. Restricting a horse's water intake for as little as two hours greatly increases the chance of colic. To check for dehydration, **YOU CAN DO THE PINCH TEST**. Pinch the skin on the middle side of the horse's neck and pull it gently outwards, then release. If your horse isn't dehydrated, the skin will snap back into place straight away. Skin that takes 2-5 seconds to return to normal indicates mild dehydration, while skin that takes 10-15 seconds shows severe dehydration. Other signs of dehydration or heat stress include sunken eyes, a tucked up appearance, heavy breathing and a rapid pulse. For more horse summer tips, visit: <http://www.horserides.org/horses-summer-tips.html>



A Rabbit As A Pet?? Think Again.

It happens every year. Three to four months after Easter, bunnies get dropped off at shelters around the country. **(We currently have 5 bunnies that have been recently dropped off at the Oconee shelter.)**

They were "So Cute", but they soon turned out to be something more than expected. A house rabbit may seem like the perfect companion for your child, but this is not always the case. Many children are too young to handle a rabbit appropriately. Many rabbits do not enjoy being held and will kick and claw when picked up. Your child may end up with some painful scratches. Your rabbit may end up far worse. Rabbits are delicate creatures and struggling to get out of the grasp of a child (or adult) can leave them with broken bones or other injuries. Rabbits are timid creatures. Loud noises or children running around can scare them. Your child may be disappointed that bunny does not want to come and play when called. Bunny will be more inclined to come play with your child if he/she is sitting quietly on the floor. Rabbits sometimes want to be left alone to eat or nap, and children need to be reminded of that. Adopting a rabbit is a very big commitment. Rabbits have a life span of over ten years. If you adopt a baby bunny for your ten year old, be prepared to care for the rabbit when your child has gone off to college. Many shelters have older rabbits that would love a caring forever home.

Children may lose interest in a rabbit when the novelty has worn off or find it burdensome to care for a rabbit. Rabbits are easily litter box trained, but their litter needs to be changed regularly. They require fresh food, water and things to chew daily. They also require regular grooming and nail clipping. Rabbits are social animals that require a lot of individual attention. They need daily exercise and playtime, and when they are not in a pen or cage, you will have to ensure that your home is bunny proofed. All of these factors need to be taken into consideration when determining if a rabbit is right for your family. Remember that **rabbits are family pets, not children's pets**. It takes a family level of commitment to care for and provide a good life for a rabbit.

ONLINE PET PHARMACIES: Protect Yourself and your Pet

Internet sites that sell pet drugs can be reputable pharmacies. However, others are fronts for businesses breaking Federal, State, and sometimes, International laws. Illegal online pharmacies may sell medicines that are counterfeit, outdated, mislabeled, incorrectly formulated, or improperly made or stored. These medicines may not contain the actual drug, or the correct amount of drug, may contain contaminants, may not work as well due to age or being stored in conditions that were too hot, cold, or humid, and may not have the proper directions for use. If you are unhappy with ordered products, illegal online pharmacies may fraudulently leave you with no way to get your money back. In the end, you may find buying prescription pet medicines online costly to your pet's health and your wallet. If you find a cheaper medicine online, ask your veterinarian to consider matching the price. Many veterinarians are willing to competitively charge based on the online

price you've found (and can show proof of). You should also know that neither the drug maker nor your veterinarian will stand behind a product's guarantee if you purchase the product online. If you still want to purchase your pet's prescription medicines online, remember there is no fool-proof way to tell if an online pharmacy is legal. However, you can protect yourself by doing your homework and visiting <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesforYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm203000.htm>

PETS IN HOT CARS ARE DANGEROUS!

In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone; even an air-conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. **For more information on Pet Emergencies and First Aid, visit: <http://www.petalert.com/a1.php>**

Memorials/Tributes

A Gift From

Mary Bowman
Grace Martin
Jacqueline Roeske
John Mays
Janice King Swearingen

Mary Ann Baumgarner
C & C Builders
Jackie Roeske
Chelsey Kennedy

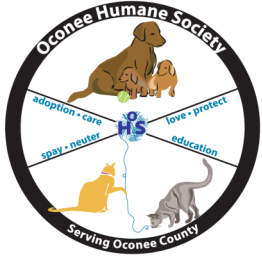
Phyllis Horton
Jeanne Ward
Franklin & Elisabeth Clary
Alice Kennedy

In Loving Memory Of

Jack Whitener
Wilco Hartman
Gemma
Melissa Ables
Parents-Francis and Katherine King
Winfred Fricks
Winfred Fricks
Gretchen, pet of Chuck & Karen Sconce
Missy Blair- pet of Mr/Mrs Richard Blair
Max Dees- pet of Michelle Dees
Brandy-pet of Mr/Mrs Tony Marcengill
Ted Andrews
Andrew Fitzsimons
Our son Dewey
Gretchen & Moe Sconce

On Wednesday, July 21, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 416-3 to pass H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010. The nearly unanimous affirmative vote, makes this a decisive victory for animals—especially considering that the bill was introduced only one month ago. Read more: <http://www.aspc.org/news/national/07-23-10.html#1>





Oconee Humane Society - Summer 2010 Membership Application

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Name: _____

Street Address / PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Categories
(check any number)

___ \$10 Youth

___ \$25 Family

___ \$50 Sustaining

___ \$100 Business

___ \$150 Benefactor

Additional donation to:

\$ _____ Spay/Neuter

\$ _____ Building Fund

\$ _____ General Fund

(optional) If you give us your email address and you would like to help save future print and postage costs, receive your next Paw Prints by email circle either YES or NO

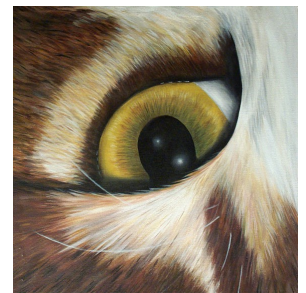
Go Green!

May we contact you regarding volunteer work? (circle) **YES** or **NO**
Comments or suggestions:

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