



Issue ONE June 5, 2013

Introducing the staff:



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: **Walter Taylor** - Kennel Supervisor, **Amanda Mann** - Veterinary Technician, **Alice Higgs** - Kennel Supervisor, **Angela Ledgerwood** - Director, **Pam Mason** - Kennel Supervisor, **Tammy Harp** - Office Manager, **Mike Embry** - Administrative Assistant.

Spring is keeping us hopping at the shelter. We have lots of great animals that need a loving home. We are at Farmers Market every other weekend & have several adoption events planned for the Summer. Please come by our Farmer's Market Booth or by the shelter to take a look at our fabulous furry friends! If you have extra time this summer and want to help out, join our volunteer group! - **Angela**
<http://www.co.washington.ar.us/index.aspx?page=611>

VISIT YOUR COUNTY SHELTER!

HOURS

Monday - Friday

10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:30 - 4:00

479-695-3450

801 West Clydesdale

Fayetteville, AR

ashelter@co.washington.ar.us

See our pets at

www.wcas.petfinder.com



May 2013

Adopted Out- 76

Reclaimed- 10

Sent to Rescue- 41

Total Lives saved in 2013- 512

THANK YOU JUDGE EDWARDS!

Judge Marilyn Edwards has long been known as a forward thinking and progressive county administrator. She has a lifetime of commitment to Washington County and she is always looking for ways to better serve her community and the tax payers who look to her for the institutional knowledge she possesses.

Because of her guidance and vision Washington County has become a leader in many areas in the State of Arkansas. The creation of a county animal shelter is just one example of the much needed but difficult to achieve goals she has had on the drawing board for some time.

Judge Edwards has long known that a county animal shelter would be the best approach to solving our animal needs. We are in the first months of shelter operation, and we already learned many important lessons. The staff and volunteers who have responded to Judge Edwards' leadership are doing a heroic job, but still have much to accomplish.

Everyone involved in the operation of this shelter is extremely appreciative of Judge Edwards' role in making the Washington County Animal Shelter a reality.

DAN C. SHORT
Chief of Staff
Washington County Judge



Thank you Judge Edwards!

SUCCESS!
\$10 Adoption Day!
May 25, 2013
Dogs Adopted: 18
Cats Adopted: 11
Education and
Good Will for the
Animal Shelter:
Great!



**Gil's Corner - THANK YOU VOLUNTEER
MORGAN BAILEY**

MORGAN has been a shelter volunteer since early on and is a huge asset to the shelter. She is a full time college student and yet still finds time to make herself available for every event we have and gives 100% of herself. Morgan has fallen in love with the shelter animals and has been an advocate for so many, even adopting **DIESEL**, a lab/pointer mix last Fall.

Morgan we thank you for your dedication and your service. The staff thanks you and so do all of the animals you have helped and will continue to help in the future.



As **Volunteer Coordinator for WCAS**, I have enjoyed seeing our Volunteers make a huge difference for the overall welfare of our Animals. Their commitment to make a difference is to be commended. From socializing to grooming, they have a passion for making all of our animals more adoptable.

I want to encourage all of our Volunteers to please be active!

The weather is warming up and we have a lot of events coming up this Spring and Summer....

We will be at Farmer's Market every other Saturday this Summer.

We will be hosting a Cause of Paw's event on June 8th. Vol's we will need you help...

I want to close with a special thank you to our active volunteers for their compassion and tireless efforts!!

"WCAS Vol's Rock"

**Gil Bloyed
Volunteer Coordinator
WCAS**



Meet the Shelter Staff: TAMMY HARP

Our OFFICE MANAGER, Tammy Harp, has a vast number of responsibilities, one of which is coordinating the County's SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM. Tammy is dedicated to running the office smoothly and works a countless number of hours to ensure the health and wellbeing of all the animals. She is a 'team player' and is always willing to assist with any task. Tammy gives her heart and soul to the Shelter and to the animals at Washington County.

TAMMY AND HER MULE, OUTLAW, 5 years old and a beauty!



*Washington
County
Spay/Neuter
Program*



Thanks to the
success of
our \$10
Adoption Day
we're doing it
again on
June 8
10:30 to
4:30
Thank
You
ALL!



Aren't these puppies adorable?

Of course they are - but spay/neuter is the most humane solution for decreasing the population of unwanted cats and dogs.

HELP CONTROL THE PET POPULATION!

Washington County and some veterinarians have entered into a cooperative program to make spay/neuter surgeries available for the pets of Washington County residents of restricted incomes. Eligibility for the program is limited to rural residents or residents of incorporated towns with a population of less than 10,000 people. For qualifying applicants, there is a \$10 non-refundable fee per application.

Annual household income cannot exceed the low income requirements set by HUD (2013):

1 person: \$31,750; 2 persons: \$36,300; 3 persons: \$40,850; 4 persons: \$49,000; 5 persons: \$52,650; 6 persons: \$54,650

APPLICATIONS FORMS AVAILABLE:

www.co.washington.ar.us
under "Services" tab or contact us at
479-695-3450

A NOTE FROM AN INMATE HELPER AT THE SHELTER:

Shelter Director Angela Ledgerwood received a letter from a female county inmate who is working at the shelter. She told of her one year sentence to a community corrections center due to her drug use and how the opportunity to work at the shelter helped her to grow and heal. Here are some excerpts from her letter to Angela:

"During my incarceration I was learning the thinking errors and how the choices I had made in life led me to where I was. I was gaining knowledge, but the pain I carried deep inside of me is still there. Into my fifth month an opportunity to work outside of the facility at the Washington County Animal Shelter became available. I applied for and received the position to do what I love to do - working with animals.

I went in thinking it was a way I could feel a sense of a normal life and giving back to the community while learning to be a better pet owner. Some of my duties were to help maintain a clean facility, walk, comfort and care for the dogs and cats that came in and housed there. They were given names and placed in a proper location. When I would arrive I would walk through, checking on and saying hello to all of the animals. Then I would start walking dogs. I came to know all of their names, personalities, and special characteristics. After the first few weeks, something inside of me began to change. I felt at ease, a sense of peace. I loved my job!I was reminded of when life was good.

As the weeks and months went on, I became very close to the staff at the Washington County Animal Shelter. They treated me as if I was a part of the team. Everyone would pull together to give the animals the best possible care, lots of love, and would go through great lengths to find the right home for each dog and cat. There was a bond created between myself and every animal I'd encountered. I realized there wasn't much difference between those like myself and the animals at the shelter. Some of us had good lives, some of us had horrible lives, regardless the life that we knew had come to an abrupt end. Taken and placed among others, retaught, retrained, nourished back to health with a goal of being returned back to the world happier, healthier, and able to live a better life.

During this time I was helping to heal and comfort the animals that had become a part of my every day life, I came to realize I was also being healed and comforted. I had grown so much. I no longer felt the pain and sadness I had once carried for so long. I felt peace and content. I truly believed the animals I've encountered were my angels in disguise. Aside from my healing and growth, I've also gained knowledge and hands on experience to help me achieve the career of my dreams. I encourage everyone to take a moment to listen to the beauty of the sounds that nature has to offer...to watch the creatures around us, by doing so helps to release the pain and negativity within us, and to love and take care of your pets for they want nothing more than to please and love you. There is a power of healing in the creatures among us.

May, 2013

Duke's Droppings

Hello! My name is Duke, let me tell you a little about my background. I used to live with a family out in the country. I lived with three people and an ancient 20 pound Maine Coon Cat named Crusher. His name speaks volumes. I learned early on that he delighted in punishing me. My people had been talking about moving for weeks and the day was fast approaching. I was half asleep on my rug when I heard my people say they didn't think Crusher would take the move well. I was wide awake then and got more and more excited by the minute to the point that I was almost giddy. I had to burn off some of my energy before crusher caught on or he'd make me pay. I took off for a run. I was so lost in happy thoughts that I didn't realize I ran into that old farmers cow pasture. I wasn't chasing cows...I promise, but you know how dumb cows are, they were running around acting crazy. I have to admit it might have appeared to the old farmer that I was chasing his cows. He shot me in the leg! I remember the pain was bad, but I don't remember much else. I don't blame the farmer. I shouldn't have been running in his cow pasture. Anyway...I don't know how much time actually passed but I know my leg was sore and I was super hungry. When I got back home my family was gone and a new family had moved into my house. I looked around to find Crusher but didn't see him. I was pretty excited. I hopped right in the back door and went to the spot where my food bowl used to be, but it wasn't there anymore. The new people didn't think I needed to be there; they had these two little yippy dogs. You know the kind, those things that are more fur than dog. So the people put me outside with a big bowl of food.

The next thing I knew this cool lady that looked like she should be on my favorite TV show Animal Cops. She said buddy you'll have to come with me for a ride. I LOVE to ride so I jumped right in to her truck. She took me to this hotel for dogs and to my dismay, cats. I'd give it 5 stars because it smelled so clean and fresh. One of the man attendants made me a big bed and gave me a big bowl of food. I settled right in. It got late and the attendants all left for the day. I started asking some of the other guests of the hotel if they had heard of Crusher. Crusher wasn't here. I decided this place wasn't so bad and I settled in for the night.

And that is how I came to be at the Washington County Animal Shelter. Come by to see me and read more about me in the July newsletter.





Take Me Home With You...

These area just a few of our dogs and cats available for adoption at the shelter, call us or come by today OR see our video:
<http://youtu.be/M4AZcwSLUKQ>



WILLIS - I'm declawed and in a tuxedo! Houstrained too.



CALLIE - I'm houstrained and a beautiful lady.



EDWARD - domestic short hair House Trained, too!



DEBRA - calico tiger striped House Trained!



MAURICE - I'm a georgous guy and house trained too.

AVERY - Adult Female Border Collie

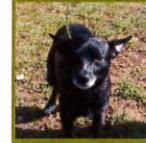
BOOMER - Young Male Chihuahua

LUCAS - Young Male Dachshund

UNCLE BUCK - Adult Male Beagle *"I'm great with kids and a loving older guy - I need a home!"*

JACKS -Young male Terrior

LILLYBETH - Boxer/Pointer adult female



We have lots of kittens and cats to choose from, come see them all!