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All the news we can dig up, chase down and drop in your lap ~ April 2011

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AWF ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE!

Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. - noon
Location: the Baptist Church in Anamosa (behind Hardees)



This is a big fundraiser for AWF, so if you haven't started your spring cleaning yet, don't delay! Now is the perfect time to clean those closets, basements and garages and donate your gently-used items to AWF's Annual Garage Sale. We need lots of good items to make the sale a success.



And you don't have to hang on to your stuff for another month! You can drop it off in Cedar Rapids at Peg Stotser's home (contact her via email: pstotser@mchsi.com) or at Denise Koppenhaver's home in Anamosa (contact Denise by calling 319-481-9817, or email: kdenise0353@mchsi.com).

If you want to volunteer to work (set up, tear down, or work the sale), contact Denise at the number or email listed above, or email Emily Phelps at wapsi54man@yahoo.com.

AWF always has a bake sale in connection with the garage sale, so if you are a baker or want to work at the bake sale, contact Candy Roberg at robergcandy@hotmail.com.

Here's what we will and won't take:

We'll take: QUALITY household items (large, heavy items MUST get pre-approval). Housewares, Books, Furniture, Bedding, Linens, Knick-knacks, Kids' Toys, Wall Hangings, Plants, CDs, DVDs, VCR Tapes, Toiletries, Purses, Bags, Dog/Cat Items. **We have to dispose of unsold items, so if in doubt about larger items, check with Denise or Emily before bringing them out. THANK YOU!**

We WON'T take: clothing of any size/age; computer equipment; water beds or weight equipment.

As with any fundraiser, it takes many hands to make it successful, so if you're looking for a volunteer opportunity with AWF, contact one of the women listed above and do your part to help the lost and abandoned animals of Jones County.



Save the Date - Sunday, April 17



TOUR FOR LIFE - 2011
ADOPTION EVENT
22 LOCAL ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS
 SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH - NOON - 5 PM
 LINDALE MALL PARKING LOT - CEDAR RAPIDS
 (COLLINS ROAD SIDE)
 PET MICROCHIPPING \$20 (PLEASE BRING PROOF OF OWNERSHIP)



HOSTED BY: IOWA HUMANE ALLIANCE

Iowa Humane Alliance is hosting North Shore Animal League America's Tour for Life 2011 Iowa tour stop. This ground-breaking national tour is geared toward promoting rescue and shelter pet adoptions. North Shore's bus will be arriving in Cedar Rapids and will be filled with adoptable animals from our local area. **22 local animal welfare organizations** will be participating in this year's event. Groups will be bringing dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, as well as information about their organizations. A micro-chipping clinic will also be available, so if you'd like to have your pet chipped, stop out. It is a quick and inexpensive way to make sure your pet is identified should they ever get lost or stolen. This is a free event and a great time for the entire family. Even if you aren't looking for a new pet, stop out and say hello. **Let's let the folks at North Shore know how much we appreciate being the only Iowa stop along their national tour. Contact Gretchen Chamberlain if you want to participate:**

glchamberlain@live.com

Dates to
Remember



April 3, AWF Adoptable Dogs at PetSmart, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to help escort a foster dog to PetSmart, contact Brandon Franklin at bf514921@hotmail.com.

April 17, Tour for Life, Lindale Mall Parking Lot, noon - 5 p.m. Contact Gretchen Chamberlain for more information at glchamberlain@live.com.

April 30, AWF's Annual Garage & Bake Sale, at the Baptist Church in Anamosa, 8 a.m.-noon. Contact Denise at 319-481-9817 or email:

kdenise0353@mchsi.com; Emily - email: wapsi54man@yahoo.com. To drop off donations in Cedar Rapids: Peg at pstotser@mchsi.com.

Denise will accept items at her home in Anamosa. See her contact info above. Contact Candy Roberg to help with the bake sale or to provide baked goods: robergcandy@hotmail.com.

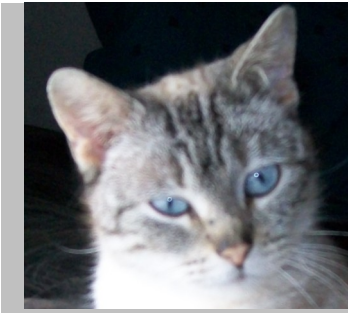
May 1, AWF Adoptable Dogs at PetSmart, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to help escort a foster dog to PetSmart, contact Brandon Franklin at bf514921@hotmail.com.

May 7, Pet Pride in the Park, 1-5 pm Morrison Park in Coralville.

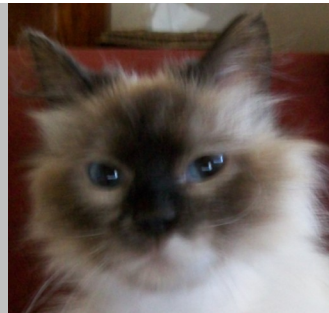
May 21, Bake Sale at Walmart in Anamosa, 8 a.m. - noon. Contact Candy Roberg to help set up, tear down, or bake: robergcandy@hotmail.com.

June 18, Bake Sale at Walmart in Anamosa, 8 a.m. - noon. Contact Candy Roberg to help set up, tear down, or bake: robergcandy@hotmail.com.

Happy Tails! -- Adoption & Rescue Updates of AWF Dogs



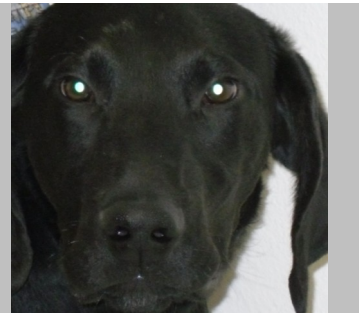
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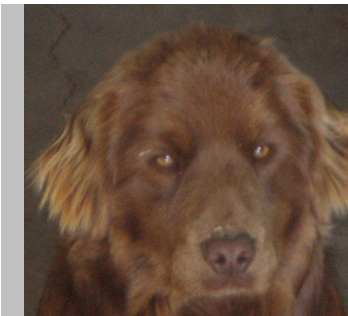
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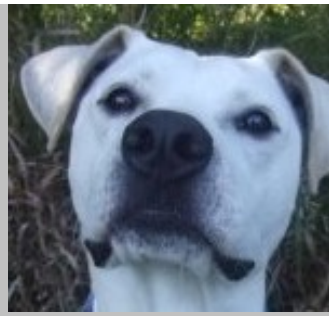
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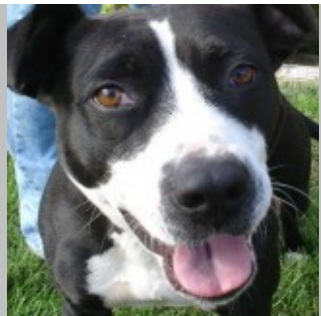
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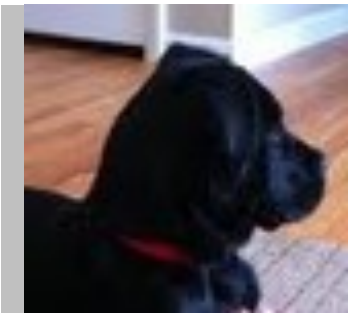
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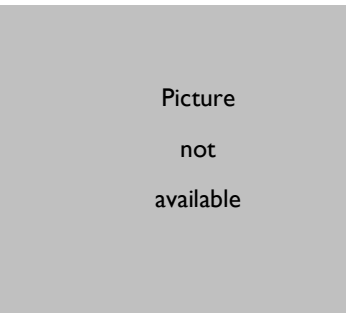
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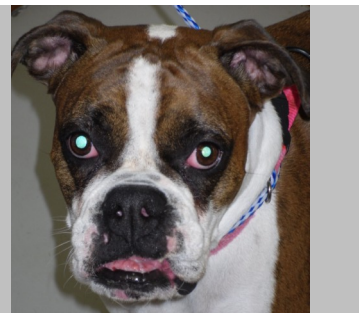
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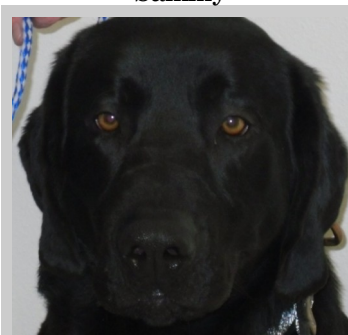
Freddy



Sabrina (courtesy listing)



Jenna (moved to Boxer Rescue)



Brian

Editor's Note: This may sound like a broken record, but rescue groups cannot stress enough how important volunteers are to their mission. Thanks to the efforts of many AWF volunteers, the dogs and cats shown here have been adopted into loving, forever homes. And Jenna was moved to Boxer Rescue because of phone calls made by volunteers to place her where she'll have a much better chance of finding her forever home.

AWF has made a big difference in the lives of all of these animals. It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a caring and dedicated group of volunteers to save innocent animals like these from a terrible fate. If you're sitting on the fence wondering if it will make a difference if you volunteer, let me tell you it will make a HUGE difference in the lives of animals just like these. If you have been thinking about volunteering, don't delay. Sign up on AWF's website: www.wesavepets.org. Thank you!

Heartfelt Thanks to our Partners - Partners in Hope



Since our first year, AWF has partnered with businesses that support our life-saving work through donations of time, resources and talent. We refer to these businesses as our “Partners in Hope,” a name that truly reflects their contributions — providing hope to the many homeless dogs and cats who come into our care each year.

If your business would like to find out how it can support the work of AWF, a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, please contact us at 563-826-2208 or wesavepets@netins.net.

A heartfelt thanks to our Partners in Hope:

- Alpha House
- Anamosa Veterinary Clinic
- Bark Busters, Janie Fairchild
- Business Solutions Group, Inc., Cedar Rapids
- Cat Guardian Spay & Neuter Clinic, Dr. Anne Gard
- Castlebrook Studios
- Cedar Rapids Animal Hospital, Dr. Mike Anderson, DVM
- DeWitt Veterinary Clinic
- The Dog Zone
- Frey Pet Hospital, Dr. Ryan Steen, DVM, Cedar Rapids
- Fuzebox Studios, Brian Dobler, Marion
- Invisible Fence of Cedar Rapids
- PetSmart, Cedar Rapids
- Ross Veterinary Clinic, Marion
- Simply Divine Candy Shoppe
- Tidbits Newspaper
- Walmart, Anamosa
- Wyoming Veterinary Services, Sue Brodersen

AWF also wants to recognize the businesses who allow us to have donation jars at their establishments:

- Anamosa Family Restaurant
- BP Amoco - intersection of Hwy 1 & Hwy 151 south of Anamosa
- Coffee Emporium, Cedar Rapids
- Simply Divine Candy Shoppe



AWF is very grateful to our Partners in Hope and to the businesses who have donation jars. We are an all-volunteer organization, so every penny counts, especially since the dogs and cats needing help just keep coming. Thanks to all of you for your generosity. We appreciate you very much!



We Get Letters!

Dear AWF,
Lita is fantastic. She listens very well and has so much fun! You can just see the smile on her face from ear to ear. She has been sleeping in the bed I made her every night. I guess I don't need to tell you she is being treated like a spoiled little girl, but we love it. Right now she is outside keeping an eye on her squirrels. She's very intense about that. She moves in super-slow motion till she can see around the shed and surprise the squirrels in the tree. It's hilarious!

This may sound a little nutty, but we just love looking at her; she is so beautiful, and we can't believe how lucky we were to find her. She is doing great; she and Lil get along like old buddies, and she doesn't even pay attention to the cats.

I can't tell you how much we are going to enjoy her. She just makes our day and she has made this house happy again!

Connie and Robert Benoit



Lita with her dad and a feline friend. Look at that great smile! She knows she's found her forever home.