

Humane News

A Phone of Our Own—338-3357

We now have a separate telephone number and answering machine for the Pet Network/Johnson County Humane Society. Although the telephone is in Ursula's home, the number (338-3357) is not listed in the phone book so please keep it handy. The answering machine recording lists:

- numbers to call regarding the Unash Spay/Neuter Program;
- Descriptions of animals available for adoption; and
- date, place, and time of our next Humane Society meeting.

This new number allows callers to leave messages, get information they need, and saves a great amount of time. It's been a much needed addition to our communication resources!

Animal Shelter Volunteers

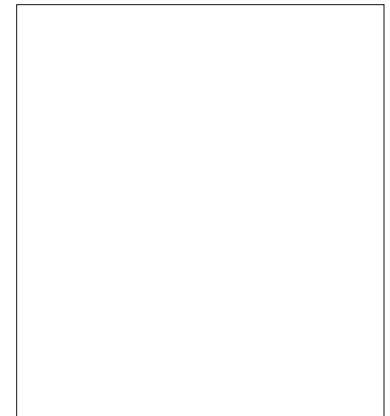
A number of our members volunteer at the Coralville/Iowa City Animal Shelter. Recent projects have included the development of a bulletin board to feature successful adoptions, acquisition of grooming tools, publicity for shelter animals (with *great* assistance from the *Advertiser*), "hands on" interaction grooming, socializing, and exercising shelter animals, and special adoption projects.

Additional volunteer opportunities—someone to "direct traffic" (greet potential adopters and uncage/cage potential adoptees) each afternoon from 3-5 pm., a person to assemble adoption packets, and someone to straighten up the adoption room on a weekly basis.

Spay/Neuter Fund Helps Locals

Toni and her children live on a fixed income. Though they love their two young cats, Cookie and Cupcake, and want them to be happy and healthy, Toni worried that she wouldn't be able to afford the cost of neutering the family's frisky felines.

"Jake the Mutt" is an important friend for Roy, who lives alone and has a difficult time making ends meet on his retirement pay. Roy knew that Jake was due to be neutered, but he was concerned that the cost would be beyond his limited monthly budget.



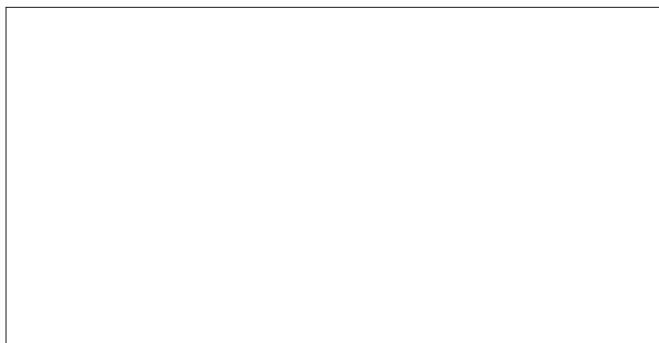
Recently back to work after a long layoff and forced to cut back on his family's simple pleasures, Jim knew he couldn't ask them to give up their dog and cat, even though the costs of being a responsible pet owner continue to rise. The family didn't want their pets contributing to the tragedy of unwanted pups and kittens, but they knew they could not afford any more vet costs just now.

Each of these Johnson County residents had at least one thing in common—they got the financial help they needed (ranging from 50%-100% of the cost) to alter their pets through the JCHS's Unash Spay/Neuter Fund. So far this year we have helped pay for more than 250 surgeries.

All of our local area veterinarians participate in the Spay/Neuter Program and most are willing to bill the Program directly for payment of any costs that are approved for support. Procedures are designed to respect the privacy of those who apply for help.

Any Johnson County resident with demonstrable financial need may apply for support from the Unash Fund. Information and application forms can be obtained by calling either Spay/Neuter co-chair.

Photo by Kay Burke



JCHS Shelter volunteer Tina McCoy Busch and a furry shelter friend.

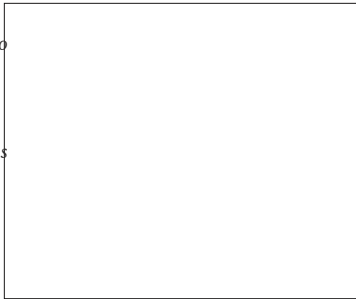
In Memoriam

We share the sorrow of those who have lost a companion animal. Gifts were received from Nancy Hauserman and Nancy Reincke in memory of **Sophie**, beloved canine companion of Martha Chamallas.

Pet Therapy Reestablished

This program takes animals into nursing homes and other facilities in the area on a regular basis.

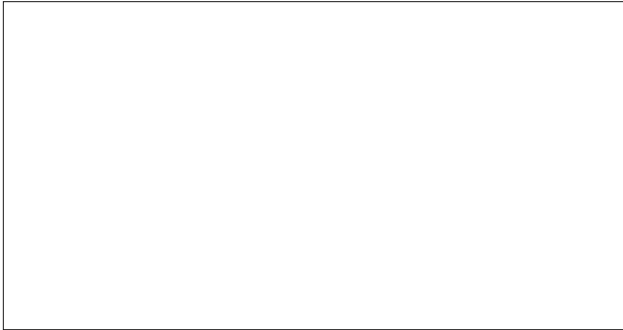
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"We always had a dog. I am glad when the animals visit here," remarks Mr. Carroll Sample from Oaknoll, who pictured sharing a moment with Nitzer Barnhart accompanied by Leanne Barnhart.

If you (or your companion animal) would like to participate, call the Pet Therapy chair for details.

Photo by Kay Burke



Grace Cuber of Greenwood Manor enjoys petting Shasta Delworth, an Irish Setter accompanied by Mary Ann Smith-Janias.

Sunday School's Humane Gift

Judith Stuedeman's Sunday School class at Christ the King Lutheran Church recently contributed three months of their Sunday School collection to the JCHS. This money helped provide food for the foster animals in our care while awaiting adoption.

We appreciate the gift from the children, and we thank Judith for helping her students become aware of and concerned about all the creatures with whom we share the earth.

JCHS Auction for the Animals

Our primary fundraising event for 1992 will be an auction to be held in March at Sharpless Auction (249 exit off I-80). This fundraiser will replace our Attic Treasures Sale usually held in late spring.

Now is the time to start looking around for items that you no longer use but would be of value to someone else. These could include: furniture, household items, sports equipment, artwork, collectibles, etc. **All items should be in good condition and in working order—nothing needing repair.** Clothing will not be accepted.

If you have items to contribute (or if a friend will be moving out of town in the next few weeks and has things to donate) please contact one of the Auction co-chairs for pickup/storage.

Johnson County Humane Society Directory

President, Ursula Delworth	354-5167
Vice-president, Evelyn Stanske	354-3523
Recording Secretary, Kay Burke	337-2233
Corresponding Secretary, Marie Samson	351-5420
Treasurer, Linda Tomblin	338-0021

• Spay/Neuter co-chairs:

Barbara Mann	683-2709
Patricia Farrant	337-2928

• Pet Network chair, Ursula Delworth

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• Fund Raising and Membership co-chairs:

Judy Hendershot	338-8970
Tina McCoy Busch	354-3891

• Newsletter chair, Kay Burke

337-2233

• JCHS Auction co-chairs:

Linda Tomblin	338-0021
Leanne Barnhart	351-4588
Marcia Wunder	351-2872

• Pet Therapy chair, Mary Ann Smith-Janias

354-6255

• Collection Cans chair, Karen Hopp

351-1924

• Catnip Mice chair, Janet McClain

351-1866

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Animal Shelter Hours

The Coralville/Iowa City Animal Shelter is open to the public:

- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday—noon to 5 pm.
- Wednesday/Friday—noon to 7:30 pm.
- Saturday (by appointment only)—noon to 3 pm.

If You Can't Foster a Cat—Would You Help Foster a Kitty Haven?

So far this year, the Pet Network has placed more than 90 animals. A number of people have told us they would help foster cats if we could supply some truly humane way to isolate the fosters from permanent feline residents or to contain fosters so as not to “loose” an entire guest or bath room to them.

If you can't foster a cat, can you foster a kitty haven? After checking a number of catalogues, we found a 36" x 24" x 48" collapsable wire kitty haven with carpeted resting shelves, linoleum floor, and casters for \$120. In our estimation, each haven will serve at least 120 cats (1-2 at a time!) over the next ten years—think of it as \$1 per cat.

As room for fosters at Ursula's will be reduced after her mother moves in, the most effective and efficient way for the Pet Network to continue is to supply these portable

havens to persons willing to foster.

Would you help us purchase two or three havens? Any amount will help. Individuals, families, or groups of friends who donate the full cost of a haven will be commemorated by a plaque attached to the haven. All donors will be recognized in the spring newsletter. This would be a wonderful memorial to a deceased pet—or a gift in honor of one still living.

We do need more short-term (one to three weeks) foster homes for both cats and dogs. Please consider fostering once or twice this year. Veterinary care is provided—dog kennels, kitty havens, and food can be too. Help us help them find good homes. Call the Pet Network number for more information.

Please Join Us

We currently have more than 30 active members (with lots of room for more!) and about 100 supporting members. For those of you who are not yet members of the Humane Society, but who would like to join so that our work can continue and expand, please complete, clip out and send this form to us at P.O. Box 2775, Iowa City, IA 52244.

Johnson County Humane Society Membership

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Johnson County Humane Society. (Dues paid now will count for the remainder of 1991 and all of 1992.)

Membership (\$10)

active member

supporting member

Sponsor (\$25)

active member

supporting member

Patron (\$50)

active member

supporting member

I would like to make a contribution to the Johnson County Humane Society and have my contribution to go to the following specific program: _____ (If a specific program is not indicated, the money will go to our general fund.)

Enclosed is my check for _____ *All contributions are tax deductible.*

Committee Involvement

I would be interested in working on the following committees:

Membership/Fund Raising

Pet Network

Newsletter

Educational Programs

Spay/Neuter Program

Pet Therapy

Other(s) _____

Name _____ Home Telephone _____

Address _____ Work Telephone _____

The Johnson County Humane Society
P. O. Box 2775
Iowa City, Iowa 52244

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Christmas at the Animal Shelter

Share your holidays with the animals! We are sponsoring a Christmas tree at the Coralville/Iowa City Shelter and inviting everyone to bring treats and toys for the cats and dogs in residence. You may bring your gifts to the Shelter starting December 2nd.

The following items are on the Shelter's wish list:

dog biscuits, cat treats (e.g., Pounce, Whisker Lickin's, etc.), catnip, "wiffle" golf balls, long shoe laces, flexible Kong dog toys, Nyla soft frisbees and Nyla bones, sturdy cat scratching posts, grooming tools, canned pet food, and small cotton rugs. Soft cat beds (preferably with hoods) would also be welcome.

Please make a note of this,
and help the animals have a good
holiday!

If you would like to donate
gifts to put under the
tree but are unable
to get to the Shelter, give Kay Burke a
call at 337-2233 (evenings).

Bagels Helping Animals?

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery will be offering a 4-6 week promotion campaign next March/April for the JCHS. Members of the Humane Society will sell Bagel coupons (good for a half-dozen bagels) for a reasonable price to interested individuals. Proceeds from the coupon sale will be used by the JCHS for its animal programs.



Do You Have Desktop Skills?

JCHS has a real need for individuals with computer graphics/desktop publishing skills. Perhaps you or someone you know would be willing to contribute time and talent to help us out. We would ask each volunteer to work on one ad or flyer for us this year. Please call Ursula for more information.