

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

Kicking the dog is a phrase that has become common use in the English language. However, we shouldn't be so flippant when using a euphemism that describes an act of animal cruelty. Animal cruelty is defined as acts of violence or neglect perpetrated against animals.

Examples of animal cruelty include overt abuse, dog fighting and cock fighting, and companion animals being neglected or denied necessities of care, such as food, water or shelter. Animal welfare organizations across the country work daily to educate people about how to care for their companion animals and how they can prevent animal cruelty.

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month. In honor of this month, the Anderson Humane Society is offering these 10 tips on how to identify animal cruelty.

1. Be aware. Without phone calls from concerned citizens who report cruelty in their neighborhoods, humane organizations wouldn't know about most instances of animal abuse. Get to know and look out for the animals in your neighborhood. By being aware, people are more likely to notice, for example, that the dog next door who was once hefty has lost weight rapidly--a possible indicator of abuse.

2. Learn to recognize animal cruelty. The following are some signs:

Wounds on the body; patches of missing hair; extremely thin, starving animals; limping, etc.

An owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal.

Dogs who are repeatedly left alone without food and water, often chained up in a yard.

Dogs who have been hit by cars—or are showing any of the signs listed above—and have not been taken to a veterinarian.

Dogs who are kept outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions.

Animals who cower in fear or act aggressively when approached by their owners.

3. Know who to call to report animal cruelty. Every state and every town is different. In some areas, people may rely on the police department to investigate animal cruelty; in others, people have to contact their local animal control or another municipal agency. The ASPCA has a section of its web site devoted to helping people find local services for investigating animal cruelty, please visit the ASPCA for more information.

4. Provide as much information as possible when reporting animal cruelty. It helps to write down the type of cruelty that you witnessed, who was involved, the date of the incident and where it took place.

5. Call or write your local law enforcement department and let them know that investigating animal cruelty should be a priority. Animal cruelty is a CRIME--and the police MUST investigate these crimes. (CONTINUED ON BACK)

SPOTLIGHT ON:



#267 Ivy-(Sponsored at GloMarr) Domestic Short Hair-black and white

"Hello. My name is Ivy, and I'm a lively little kitty who came here with my sister, Charity. We used to have a home, but our owner left us behind when he moved, so we have to find a new place to live. If you can't adopt us, could you at least tell some friends about us so maybe somebody else will?" Thank you to Karen Whitehouse and to Glo-Marr, who each sponsored a portion of Ivy's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate! UPDATE: IVY CAN NOW BE SEEN AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S KENNEL SPACE AT GLO-MARR PET STORE, LOCATED ON LINCOLN STREET.

#236 Pogo-(Sponsored) Beagle *Mix*

"Okay, now for those of you looking for a good laugh, you have definitely come to the right place! Wanna know how I got here? The animal control officer picked me up cause I was chasing a cow who was right in the middle of giving labor to a baby calf. Hey, she might not have thought it was funny, but I was sure having a ball!" Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Pogo's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!



#275 Carly-(Sponsored at GloMarr) Domestic Short Hair-black

"Well hello! Were you trying to peek in on me? Well, I caught you red handed! No that's okay. I don't mind. I like getting visitors, really. We rarely have anybody stop in to see us, so when someone does, it's a real treat. I've been out here for several days and I'm hoping that someone will come to adopt me soon." UPDATE: CARLY CAN NOW BE SEEN AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S KENNEL SPACE AT GLO-MARR PET STORE, LOCATED ON LINCOLN STREET. Thank you to Victoria Parker, who sponsored a portion of Carly's adoption fee, in memory of her mother. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!

#6 Hallie-(Sponsored) Terrier *Mix*

My name is Hallie and I just arrived at the shelter back on Wednesday. They said another dog named Maggie who looked just like me was just getting adopted as I came in. She was probably my sister, but I can't remember back that far. My owner brought me out here cause she couldn't keep me anymore. She said I'm housebroken, good with kids and cats, and I'm housetrained. And on top of that, I'm only five months old!" Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Hallie's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!



Please remember that we have a monthly meeting at the Public Library for our members. This is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30. We discuss Humane Society events and present a treasurer's report on finances. If you have ideas you would like to share, or think you might be interested in joining one of our committees, you can learn more and sign up at the meetings.

SPOTLIGHT ON:



#292 Robbie-(Sponsored at GloMarr) Maine Coon

"Hi. My name is Robbie and I'm a big, beautiful Maine Coon who was brought here after hanging around over on Wheaton Drive for several weeks. I'm a quiet sort of guy and I'm hoping I'll get to go home and meet my new family soon. Please come out and see me and I'm sure you'll fall in love." Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Robbie's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate! UPDATE: ROBBIE CAN NOW BE SEEN AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S KENNEL SPACE AT GLO-MARR PET STORE, LOCATED ON LINCOLN STREET.

#9 Triple-(Sponsored) Yellow Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd Dog Mix

"Hi. My name is Triple and I'm a sweet little girl who was an owner turn-in. I don't know why my owner named me that, but the nice people here figured if I already had a name, they'd just let me keep it. Anyway...there was an older dog where I lived before, and I aggravated it with my puppy ways. But I really love dogs so I hope my new family has one for me." Thank you to Karen Whitehouse, who sponsored a portion of Triple's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!



#298 Romey-(Sponsored and Declawed) Domestic Short Hair

"Hi. My name is Romey, and I'm an owner turn-in. My parents said they were moving and couldn't take me with them. I'm about three and a half years old, and I'm declawed in the front. That means you'll have to buy me the clay kitty litter instead of the little pebbles. They hurt my feet and it makes it hard for me to use my litter box." Thank you to Karen Centers and also to an anonymous donor, who each sponsored a portion of Romey's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!

#25 Josie-(Sponsored) Australian Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler

"Hi. My name is Josie, and I'm a very well-behaved young heeler girl that they found down on Crooked Creek Road several days ago. I'm a sweetheart of a dog and my stray hold is now up, so I'm available for adoption right away, and very anxious to meet my new family!" Thank you to Frankie Hoffeld, who sponsored a portion of Josie's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!



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6. Know your state's animal cruelty laws. They vary from state to state, and even from city to city. You can visit the ASPCA web site at <http://www.asPCA.org/statelaws> to find information about the laws in your state.
7. You can fight for the passage of strong anti-cruelty laws on federal, state and local levels by joining the ASPCA Advocacy Brigade to lobby your legislators and help get the laws passed.
8. Set a good example for others. If you have pets, be sure to always show them the love and good care that they deserve. It's more than just food, water, and adequate shelter. If you think your animal is sick, bring him to the veterinarian. Be responsible and have your animals spayed or neutered.
9. Talk to your kids about how to treat animals with kindness and respect. One of the most powerful tools for preventing cruelty to animals is education. It is important to plant the seeds of kindness in children early, and to nurture their development as the child grows. Children not only need to learn what they shouldn't do, but also what they can and should do. When children see that their pets are happy and loving, it will make the child feel good, too. This in turn will help the children care for their pets' feelings.
10. Support your local animal rescue organization or shelter with donations of money, food or supplies. Volunteering your time or fostering a shelter animal is a good way to make a difference.

If you are a state employee, you can contribute to the Humane Society by having a deduction taken from your paycheck each pay period. The KECC is the annual workplace giving campaign for employees of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. You can choose from the ones they have listed on their website, or you can choose to donate to any organization you want to, besides what they have listed. The way you do this is by writing in under "Other" on the KECC form the name and address of the organization you would want your contribution to go to, and they will deduct it from your paycheck and send it to the charity of your choice. If you want to donate, go to www.kecc.org and then click on "Download A Pledge Card".

To donate to the Anderson Humane Society, fill in the following in "Other" on Step 2:

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