

**In Loving Memory
~ Lee Martin ~
1951-2006**



Loyal volunteer and Humane Society member for over twenty years. Friend and companion to both two-legged and four-legged friends. He will be truly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

If you would like to make a donation in Lee's honor, please mail to:
Anderson Humane Society, P.O. Box 448, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

**THE PIT BULL'S BAD REPUTATION
(FROM WWW.ASPCA.ORG)**

Sadly, pit bulls have acquired a reputation as unpredictable, dangerous, and vicious. Their intimidating appearance has made them attractive to the wrong sorts of owner—people who are looking for a macho dog and end up encouraging aggressive behavior. In order to meet the growing demand for pit bulls, unscrupulous and uncaring breeders are producing puppies without maintaining the breed's typical reliability with people. It is a shame what has happened to this loyal and affectionate breed.

Having said all that, we must tell you that a well-bred, well-socialized, and well-trained pit bull is one of the most delightful, intelligent, and gentle dogs imaginable. Some of the most famous dogs in American history were pit bulls: Stubby, the most decorated United States war dog; Petey, the beloved mascot from *Little Rascals*, and Helen Keller's faithful companion.

Additionally, many pit bulls were featured in well-known advertising campaigns, such as Buster Brown shoes and Levis. The majority of pit bulls are still ambassadors for their breed, serving as loving companions, family members, and therapy dogs, working in search and rescue, narcotics and explosives detection, and police and sentry duty. Unfortunately, we often hear more about the exceptions than the rule.

What Pit Bulls Need-*If you have, or are thinking of adopting, a pit bull, please ensure that you can provide the following:*

- Plenty of early socialization with dogs and with people, beginning as young as seven weeks of age and continuing into adulthood.
- Training, starting with Puppy Kindergarten and progressing through Basic and Advanced Obedience. We highly recommend continued guidance throughout the dog's life.
- Neutering or spaying--there are already too many pit bulls and not enough homes for them.
- Lots of daily exercise! Pit bulls are high-energy athletes!
- Honest and constant attention to the behavior of the dog. Questionable behavior can never be excused, and must be addressed immediately through training/retraining, and/or management.

LETTER TO MY PETS

When I say to move, it means to go someplace else, not to switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in my way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. All other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note that placing your paw print in the middle of MY plate and food does not stake a claim making it YOUR plate and food.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help in your quest to reach the bottom first, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think that I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort.

Dogs and cats actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to one another, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge of the door and try to pull it open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Honest.

Also, I have been using the bathroom by myself for quite some time -- canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

I can't stress this one enough -- kiss me, THEN go smell the other dog's/cat's behind.

Our newsletter goes out to seventy-four members each month. We also have lots of people on our mailing list who are not members, but are interested in being updated about our programs and events. The Humane Society spends approximately \$50 each month to send out a newsletter. While this is beneficial to our pets up for adoption, and helps to keep our supporters "in the know", this means that it will cost us about \$600 each year for postage. What can you do to help? If you are not a Humane Society member and would like to continue to receive the newsletter, please send a \$5 donation to the Humane Society. This will pay the cost of postage for an entire year so that you will be able to continue to receive the newsletter, while helping us keep our mailing costs under control. Please send your payment to: Anderson Humane Society, P.O. Box 448, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342. Thank you!

2006 Elections

At the suggestion of one of our appointed board members, the Humane Society submits the following results from our recent election:

President: **Donna Callahan** (59 votes), Vicki Eigel (28 votes)

Vice President: **Cheryl Soler** (unopposed)

Treasurer: **Sue Ann Ford** (60 votes), Georgia Kennerly (20 votes)

Secretary: **Sandy Warner** (unopposed)

At Large Directors, with three to serve on Board: **Jerome Stratton** (44 votes), **Cheryl Steenerson** (57 votes), **Scott Martin** (31 votes), Gail Covington (18 votes), Shirley Martin (25 votes), Virginia Maynard (11 votes), Ralph Haile (10 votes), Sandy Hamill (28 votes), Joyce Hartley (27 votes), and Francis Ryan (8 votes)

SPOTLIGHT ON:



Sweetie-Fostered

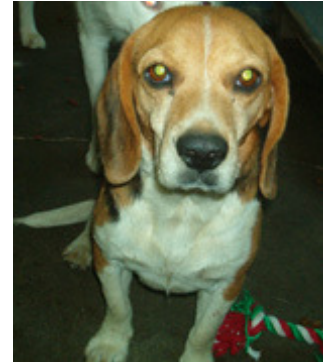
Tabby - Grey

She squeeks like a mouse and walks like a rabbit, but is so goofy she is a good kitty for anyone. She shows affection by headbutting or just butting you with her head anywhere. She can be petted on her big pink belly and loves to sleep on the bed. Sweetie is an indoor cat because she is very sweet. Sweetie will watch TV for hours. Please contact Sweetie's foster mom, Cheryl Soler, if you'd like to visit with her. (502) 859-3489.

#134 Betsy-Sponsored

Beagle

"My name is Betsy and I'm the sweetest, gentlest dog you'll ever meet. I'm sharing my pen with three other dogs. One is an adult girl, like me. And the other two are younger. One of them doesn't like me and she keeps getting up in my face barking at me. Most dogs would snap at her and make her leave them alone, but I'm just not the type. Hopefully she'll just get used to me and leave me alone. I really hope I get a home soon cause being at the shelter is no fun for a dog." Thank you to Karen Whitehouse, who sponsored a portion of Betsy's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!



#219 Dylan

Domestic Long Hair-black and white

"My name is Dylan and I'm a beautiful long-haired kitty who came here with my three brothers. There are so many other kitties out here waiting to find homes of their own, so I hope you'll come out and see us and take one of us home."

#89 Cooper-Sponsored

Collie Mix

"Hey there! My name is Cooper and I'm a bit of a shy boy. Even though I'm really big, I'm just a big sweetheart. I came here with Aspen, after we were picked up down on Gilberts Creek Road. We had lost our way and couldn't get back home. If our owners don't come out to claim us by May 29th, we'll be up for adoption, and boy am I ready to meet my new family!" Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Cooper's adoption fee. Now he can go home at a reduced rate!



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We desperately need some sponsorships for our weekly ad in the Anderson News. For those of you who have not seen these, they allow us to show a picture of a featured pet each week, and this really helps generate interest for adoptions. We have run out of sponsors and will not be able to run these ads until we get some more. If you are interested, please contact Janie Bowen at The Anderson News at (502) 839-6906 or e-mail advertising@theandersonnews.com. The cost is \$37.08 for each ad.

We will be dedicating a memorial page to Lee Martin on our website. If you have something you would like to say about Lee, we would love to include it. Also, we will be displaying some pictures of him on this web page, so if you have a picture you would like include, please send that as well. You can e-mail these items to us at ahs_40342@iglou.com, or you can mail them to us at P.O. Box 448, Lawrenceburg KY 40342. Thank you in advance for your contributions!