



# Marshall County Animal Rescue League

# NEWS LETTER



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P.O. Box 13, Glen Dale, WV 26038

## MARCH FOR MUTTS

Oct. 4, 2008



It's that time again, time for the annual March for Mutts. If you didn't have the opportunity to take part in this fun filled event last year, mark your calendar now for October 4<sup>th</sup>. The walk takes place at the Sam Shaw Walking Trail adjacent to the shelter. We are raffling a \$100 US Savings Bond donated by the downtown Wheeling Branch of the Chase Bank. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased at the shelter or from Rescue League Members. Check out the enclosed brochure and we hope to see you there. We promise a great day of entertainment, prizes, games, good food, Chinese raffles, and a chance to visit with many other animal loving participants.

## Outside Runs

Reading this letter, might cause you to wonder what the Rescue League does with the funds we work so hard to raise. One very important project this summer has been the improvement of the dogs



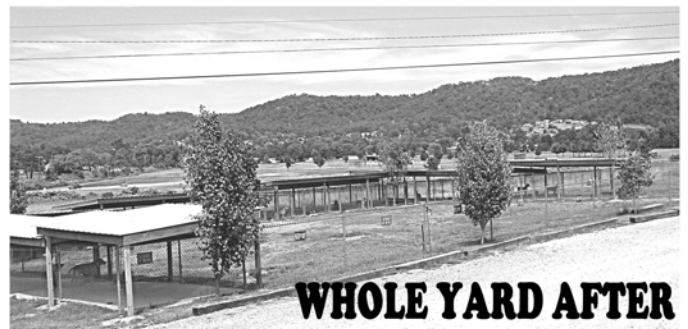
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Ruth Hornbrook Foundation.

Working to make improvements for the care and comfort of the animals is a big priority for our rescue league. Not only do the animals benefit but the employees also gain a feeling of pride in the standard of care they provide. The excellent care and improved facilities increases adoptions by making visitors feel more comfortable in an otherwise stressful situation. Adopters at the shelter receive a packet of information regarding the specific animal they are taking into their home. In this packet also is a questionnaire in regard to their experience in adopting from the Marshall County Animal Shelter. These reviews are always positive. I would like to share with you some of the comments that we receive. "The shelter was wonderfully clean, no odor". "The animals were all well cared for and content". "The employees were both knowledgeable and caring". "I live several miles from your shelter and this was by far the best shelter that I visited, certainly worth the trip". Marshall County Animal Rescue League funding does not pay for salaries; all funding is used for the care of the animals.



## Garden Party

Joan and Dave Palmer's lovely garden was again the setting for this years Garden Party in July. With the help of Roberta Underdonk as co-hostess a great time was enjoyed by all and they raised \$495 for the league. Thanks again to the Palmers and Roberta.

## Eagle Scout Project

The Eagle Scout project of Stephen Whitelatch of Glen Dale has made a huge difference in the appearance of our shelter. Those of you who have so faithfully saved and delivered your aluminum cans and newspapers know that the collection of these items was not always so easy. Prior to Stephen's collection boxes newspapers and cans were put on the front porch until employees could move



them to their proper location. This created several problems; the newspapers would often get wet, and both newspapers and cans, would be blown by strong wind around the parking area, not to mention the

unsightly appearance it created around the entrance of the shelter. Stephen built two large storage units, one for newspapers and one for aluminum. These boxes are both convenient for those bringing paper and cans to the shelter and a really attractive addition to the front of the building. Stephen's project efforts far exceeded our expectations. The boxes are very well constructed and extremely attractive. THANK YOU STEPHEN.

## Going Green

Global warming issues have many people talking about "Going Green". Going green means that you will do your part to assist in the protection of our environment. If you are looking for a way to get involved in recycling you can bring your aluminum cans to the shelter. This aluminum collection project is a very successful fundraiser thanks to all of you who go out of your way to take part and to Sam Oelschlager and David Burkett who give so generously of their time. If you have not been recycling now is a great time to get started. Help the animals and the Earth its the responsible thing to do.

**Keep the cans rolling it!**

**Thank you for helping  
us recycle.**



## B-I-N-G-O was his name-o

Again this year we participated in the Italian Festival by providing workers for their BINGO booth. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time. This effort raised \$500 for the care of the animals and shelter projects.

## Wine Gala

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Shelter and its residents were invited to



attend a Wine Gala at the Good Mansion in Wheeling. Dominic

Cerrone, owner of the shop wanted to feature an animal with each of it's seven wines being introduced that evening. Volunteers Al and Jenny Ingram and Netty Bobeck, employee of the shelter were the animal Handlers for the night. Dominic

gave the proceeds totaling \$500 from the evening's ticket sales to the shelter.



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed by the Rescue League not only at the shelter but for outside projects like the yard sale, setting up and cleanup when it is over; helping with the kitchen and sale tables at the dog walk; working bingo at the Italian Festival; selling hotdogs at the Co-op in May; or stuffing envelopes for mailing our newsletters and Christmas cards. Please call the shelter at 845-9770 to add your name and phone number to the volunteer list.

## Yard Sale

The yard sale was again a great success. Many wonderful items were donated, which allowed us to hold the sale two weekends in May. This year's sale raised over \$4,000. Not only did your donations help the animals, all items that did not sell were given to other worthy organizations and projects in our area. Those groups included: Appalachian Outreach, Goodwill, books recycled by Minnie Henry, baskets and vases to the Reynolds Hospital Auxiliary, and computer parts and printers were recycled.