



Yard Sale June 2 and 3

The Annual Yard Sale will be held June 2nd and 3rd from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Moundsville Pistol & Rifle Club building located across from the Animal Shelter on 12th Street.. We will be accepting donations the week of May 21. If you need large items picked up, call the shelter at 845-9770 to schedule a pick up. On Friday June 1, bring your donations to the Rifle Club from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.



Petfinder.com Big Help for Adoptions

I would like to share with you some facts that we compiled for the County Commission when preparing our annual budget. The Commission has often stated that we do 10000 good of a job at the Marshall County Shelter; that's why people come from other counties to surrender their pets, and are willing to pay the out of county fee. We know that individuals also come from other counties and states to **ADOPT**. We are proud to say that many of our heartwarming success stories are from long distances.

The following story was in a Christmas card from a family from Pittsburgh: *Hello Everyone, We are the family that adopted "Elmo" back in June, (he is now "Creedence Elmo"). We love him so much we got him a little sister "Seville" who is now 5 months old. My daughter and her husband and 2 dogs all went to Ocean City for Thanksgiving. Creedence still gets carsick so we had to give him some medicine (from the vet) for the ride. They had a great time. Creedence and Seville are never far from one another. She sleeps all curled up by his stomach. We wish you all A happy holiday and thank you so much for our sweet, beautiful CREEDENCE ELMO. The Hussar's Pittsburgh (Bethel Park) Pa.*



Christmas Dinner



Deputy Young, Sheriff Gruzinskas, Deputy Cook

The annual dinner was very enjoyable. More than 100 members and friends attended. They met the Sheriff's Department K-9s and their handlers, Deputy Cook, and Deputy Young. A check was presented to purchase bulletproof vests for the dogs. The vests have been ordered and were paid for with funds raised by recycling aluminum cans and with your donations. Sheriff Gruzinskas led a very enlightening presentation regarding the department's expectations for the dogs; followed by a question and answer session.

The dinner was also an excellent opportunity to praise our many volunteers for their dedicated service. Volunteers were presented with sweatshirts displaying the image of a cat & dog inside of a heart. Shown in this picture are dog walkers Carol and Larry Goodnight.



Spay and Neuter Van a Reality

We had been desperately seeking a van to be used for the transportation of animals for spaying and neutering. We are thankful for an increase in adoptions, but this means more animals being transported to area veterinarians for surgery; this became very difficult. Until now, we have been using the privately owned vehicles of shelter employees. But like so many times before, we have been blessed by another generous animal loving individual Paula Nelson of Glen Dale has donated a 1993 Dodge Van. Thanks Paula.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

FYI: The Marshall County Animal Rescue League has won two national awards. We were the first national winners of the Humane Education Award given by the Humane Society of the United States, and winners of the Most Community Support Award given by Friskies and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for our wonderful Paws to Recycle Program. We think these are wonderful accomplishments for such a small group of dedicated persons.



Thanks Everyone

A great big "THANK YOU", to everyone who remembered the homeless pets at the shelter during the Christmas Season. The holidays are a tough time for shelter employees, but the generosity of our community helps greatly. We received many wonderful Christmas Cards, and many, many wonderful toys and treats for the animals. Christmas morning is like every other morning at the shelter; the staff is there very, very early caring for the animals so that the pets will be comfortable for the day while we share time with our families.

Memorial

In early December, the Animal Rescue League lost a very dear friend, Shirley Halley. Shirley was one of our first members in 1977. Shirley served as both

president and secretary for our organization. Shirley guided 4-H children with their dog obedience projects and held dog obedience training classes for adults to benefit the Animal Rescue League for many years. One other very significant gift that Shirley gave to the league was her dedication to the history of our organization; she filled many scrapbooks with our history.

Welcome Heather

The shelter would like to introduce you to Heather Forrester. Heather has returned to a part time position to assist Cindy. Heather is not new to shelter work, she was employed by the shelter as a kennel worker, and dog warden. Heather, her husband Jeff, and son Jeff live in Elm Grove, and own the Artesian Metals.

"People" Friends also Need Help

The shelter workers become very much like family, you share many very sensitive times together. Monica, the lady who was attacked by the dog two years ago in February has had some more bad luck. Her Ford Explorer was hit by a drunk driver and totaled by the insurance company. The sad part is that Monica owes more than \$1000.00 over what the insurance company will allow her for the vehicle. Although Monica is no longer working at the shelter, we would like to help her by having a 50/50 drawing. If you would like to purchase a ticket, stop by the shelter.

Litter Buckets



Appalachian Outreach that helps needy individuals in Southern WV would appreciate your donation of buckets of certain brands of litter. You can drop off the buckets at the shelter or at the

Appalachian Outreach location on Wheeling Ave, Glen Dale – across from Green Acres Power Sports.

Let Us Keep You Informed

If you know of someone who might appreciate receiving our newsletter, send their name, and address to: MCARL, Post Office Box 13, Glen Dale, W.Va. 26038. We welcome the opportunity to share the good work of the Marshall County Animal Rescue League with everyone.

