



Marshall County Animal Rescue League

NEWS LETTER



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

YARD SALE

All of us have "stuff" that we don't use, but that is just too good to throw away. Put it to good use, by donating it to the annual yard sale to be held May 31st, and June 1st, and again on June 14th and 15th at the Moundsville Rifle and Pistol Club.



Every little bit helps. Each year, we are concerned, that we won't get as much to sell because we have been holding the yard sales for so many years; but if

everyone looks for just a few good items, we can have another very successful sale.

After May 23rd, we can take your items directly to the gun club, this is helpful because we only have to load and unload them one time. If it is urgent that you bring your items before this time we will have a storage unit available also.

Maybe, you enjoy yard sales and would like to volunteer. Call Priscilla, at 845-2081, or Susan 845-7781 to schedule a time to help with set-up, selling, or cleanup.

MEMORIAL

One of the four women who started the Marshall County Animal Rescue League and that worked so hard to get our first shelter in Marshall County has passed away. Silvia "Sissy" Bell died February 12th, 2008. When this adventure began in May of 1977,

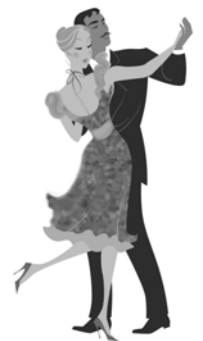


"Sis" was employed as a bus operator for Marshall County Schools. This meant she would have the summer off from her regular work to help at our "shelter" in the backyard of Sally and Ed Lehasky on Rt. 250. It was a long summer, and the work was very hard but we all "volunteered" until fall when we were moved to the dairy barn at the

fairgrounds. Fall also meant that "Sissy" would be returning to her regular job. I can still see her coming into the fairgrounds in that big, yellow bus. She would scamper off the bus, Pepsi in hand, and immediately start to work caring for the dogs and cats. Cleaning, feeding, keeping records, maybe making a pickup of a stray dog, in her "off time" and then back on the bus for her afternoon run. "Sis" ran out of time on this Earth, but her time here was never wasted. Thank you "Sissy" for being a vital part of the humane movement in Marshall County.

"FUR BALL"

The "Fur Ball" which was sponsored by Mount De Chantal Visitation Academy as a community service project was a huge success. It was held in the beautiful music/ballroom at Mount De Chantal. The cocktail hour was grand with our guests being greeted by shelter volunteers and eleven shelter



dogs. I must say we were a little apprehensive about taking our dogs to a formal dinner and dance but they truly were the life of the party. They seemed to sense that this was an important event and that they needed to be on their very best behavior. The evening



also gave us an opportunity to meet and greet individuals who were not so familiar with our shelter. We had an information table available and pictures of the cats that needed loving homes also. A special thank you to Joyce Jefferson who worked so hard to assure the evening's



success.

**Keep the cans rolling it!
Thank you for helping us recycle.**



VOLUNTEERS

In every article in this newsletter, I have mentioned volunteers. I can't begin to tell you how important they are to our programs. On our new shelter brochure there is a meaning of the word TEAM as it relates to the shelter. The letters stand for Together Every Animal Matters. This is so true of the people who volunteer their time to make a difference and share their talents. One of these generous people is Terri Lindsey who owns Happy Tails Pet Salon in McMechen. Terri has groomed our dogs for both the dog walk and the "Fur Ball" making our pooches beautiful. Terri doesn't say, "Well since it's for the shelter I'll give you a break", she does it all free of charge. So if you have a pet that needs grooming call Terri at 304- 233-2740. Also, think about what you might do to help, and give us a call.



Another special volunteer is Charles Snow who comes from John Marshall High School with his job coach, Stan Blankenship. Their program is an on the job work program to provide the students with a "hands on" work experience. Stan feels the most important thing Charles has gained from the shelter is a sense of responsibility.

Charles has been taught the importance of cleaning and disinfecting the areas where the animals are kept to control the spread of disease; he takes his job very serious.

Stan says he sees great improvement in Charles since coming to the shelter. This improvement is also very rewarding for Stan as his mentor. Stan feels that the employees have also played an important part in Charles' success; they have been most caring and understanding. The employees purchased Charles a shelter jacket with his name embroidered on it for Christmas. This was an added expression of their desire to make Charles feel a part of the team and to further his achievement.

Stan said he has observed the shelter staff on a daily basis and is very impressed by the love and care that is given to each animal. This school year has resulted in another winning season for coach Stan Blankenship, his team at the shelter, and Charles.

IN THE NAME OF THE RESCUE LEAGUE

I would like to share with you some of my very best friends; the individuals who have worked so hard to make the Marshall County Animal Rescue League successful. These folks are just like you, they have their own families, they hold full time jobs, they love their pets, and they look forward to a weekend when they can just relax. But, there is one very extraordinary thing about them; they have always been there to help out when ever they are needed. I'll bet you that a few of their names even come to mind, the ones that are forever there. So, please share your time with us and give us an opportunity to make you one of our very best friends too. We need your help. If you would like to help with one of projects out side of the shelter, call Priscilla, 845-2081, Susan 845-7781, or Barb at 845-9396.

We are scheduled to work the plant sale at the Marshall Co. co-op selling hot dogs and pop. 5-3-2008

We will be providing a booth at the Moundsville I.G.A. two weekends in May.

And, the yard sale is quite a big project and needs many workers. 5-31 & 6-1-2008 and 6-14-15-2008

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

