



Marshall County Animal Rescue League

NEWS LETTER



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

MARCH FOR MUTTS

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Come one, come all and join in the fun of the annual March for Mutts Dog Walk.

If you enjoy the company of animal loving friends, great food, games, and most importantly would love to help the homeless animals of Marshall County. This is an easy opportunity for you to assist the shelter.

We have some very educational training demonstrations planned for your enjoyment; plus you will also have an opportunity to show off your own dog in some of our fun competitions.

Your March for Mutts brochure is enclosed; WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

WALKING, A FAMILY AFFAIR



The Ingram family gives a wonderful gift to the shelter dogs, their time. Al walks dogs daily, often being joined by his wife Jenny; and when their children and grandchildren come to Moundsville for a visit, walking the shelter dogs

is a FAMILY AFFAIR. The dogs love the one on one attention and the walking helps to prepare the dogs for adoption. Al and Jenny's dedication is a wonderful way to teach compassion and responsibility to their grandchildren while fond memories are being created.

ANOTHER VERY SATISFIED ADOPTER

Whitney Inkster who adopted a kitten from the shelter writes, "After my family's adoption of a lovely kitten and the wonderful experience with Marshall County Animal Shelter earlier this year, I became inspired to give back to you to show our gratitude. I



would like to donate a website to the animal shelter and volunteer my services to maintain the site." THANK YOU VERY MUCH WHITNEY. Visit us on the web @ www.mcaswv.org The site is wonderful.

WORK, WORK, WORK,

The shelter employees have been very busy preparing the shelter for an **OPEN HOUSE** to be held, Sunday, October, 27th, noon until four. The Marshall Co. Commission provided painting for the interior of the shelter and has also purchased a new commercial size washer and dryer to replace our "not so dependable" set. Two new flower gardens have been planted, and shrubs have been placed around a parking area. The Regional Jail woodworking department, under the direction of Rick Defenbaugh, has built a wonderful catwalk for the new cat room donated by the Driehorst Family Foundation. Please come out and visit the shelter and see first hand the wonderful contributions that have been made to improve the accommodations for the shelter pets.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE YARD SALE.

Your contributions of "stuff" raised almost \$2,500 for the animals and our animal protection projects. Speaking of animal protection projects, if you visited the sale, you might have noticed an area roped off in the driveway of the gun club. A mother Killdeer had selected this very poor location as the spot for her nest of four eggs. The first evening as we were working, we noticed her performing her little "injured bird" routine to distract us from the nest. Luckily, we spotted the eggs and they remained unharmed during the sale and hatched a few days later.



TOKEN OF CARE

How many times has the thought crossed your mind that you should send a donation to the shelter for the care of the animals? We have some loyal supporters who monthly send their **monetary token of love** for the animals. We think there are many more who have good intentions but are just so busy that it gets overlooked. Now, you can send your **"token of care"** by making arrangements for an automatic withdrawal from your account. I believe every regular contribution, regardless of the amount, can make a sizeable difference in the care and assistance we provide the "unloved critters" of Marshall County. Think about it, if 50 supporters give as little as \$5.00 per month we would have a guaranteed addition income of \$250 dollars a month, or \$3,000 per year for cat food, vaccines, medications, emergency assistance or spaying and neutering for both cats and dogs.

Your automatic withdrawal form is enclosed. Thanks to Shelly Guthery of the Marshall County Federal Credit Union for this innovative project for the animals.

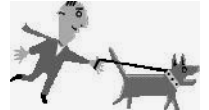
PET MEMORIALS

It has been suggested that we start a new column in the newsletter to honor your pets who have passed away. We believe that after the loss of a "long time animal friend" you might feel that there is nothing you can do in their memory. There are now two things that you may consider. #1. We have a plaque at the shelter where you can place your pets name in bronze, this cost is \$25.00. or #2. You can send a brief written memorial that will be featured in our Newsletter. Example: Suzie, our true and loyal friend for twelve years. Sadly missed by the Mc Nab Family. This short memorial will let your friends know that you are saddened by the loss of a special pet. This will require that you mail your memorial to MCARL % Susan Burk RR 5 Box 275, Moundsville, WV 26041. We are asking a \$5.00 donation which should be enclosed.

IN CLOSING, I HOPE YOU HAVE NOTICED, THAT THIS NEWSLETTER IS "JAMMED FULL" OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO IN MANY VARIOUS WAYS CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE OUR SHELTER THE BEST IN THE VALLEY. THANKS SO VERY MUCH.

DEMONSTRATION AT MARCH FOR MUTTS What is Rally according to AKC web site definition?

AKC Rally is the new dog sport that is taking the nation by storm. Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing.



The canine team moves at their own pace, very similar to rally-style auto racing. Rally was designed with the traditional pet owner in mind, but it can still be very challenging for those who enjoy higher levels of competition. Dog and handler must qualify under three different judges to obtain a Rally title.

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

Levels of Competition

The three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

Novice - this is the first level for those just getting started in competition. All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.

Advanced - this is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course. All exercises are performed off-leash.

Excellent - this third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging. Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.



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