

SMART TAILS

A SMART Rescue Newsletter
Spring Edition, 2011



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Shell Houston Open

SMART Rescue will once again host a concession booth and beverage cart at the upcoming Shell Houston Open at Redstone March 30 - April 3. This is always an exciting Spring event and a great way to bring local awareness to SMART Rescue. We will be serving our famous "SMART Burgers" along with other snacks and refreshments. SMART will receive a portion of booth sales and 100% of all donations! Thanks in advance to all volunteers, especially Donna and Jodie! Visit shellhoustonopen.com for more information and to buy tickets.



Spring Bark at Northshore Park

Come one, come all to the Spring Bark at Northshore Park in The Woodlands on Saturday, May 14th from 8:30am - 4pm. This event has been voted "Best Pet Event" in 2009 and 2010 by readers of Houston Pet Talk Magazine. Visit the SMART Rescue Booth and show your support for our organization. What a fabulous way to kick-off to the dog days of Summer (before it gets too dog gone hot)! Details at <http://www.thewoodlandsdogparkclub.org/CMClient/cmPage.php?cmID=2>

"Cleo's Trio - Art, Music and Dance"

This festive event will benefit A SMART Rescue (a no-kill animal rescue organization) & Dominic Walsh Dance Theater. Here are the details:

Saturday, May 21, 2011

6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Mixed Emotions Gallery

95 Tuam Street

Houston, TX 77006

Performances by Two Star Symphony and Dominic Walsh Dance Theater. There will be an art exhibit with various works for sale. Complimentary valet parking is available and Food and Beverages will be served (beer donated by Real Ale Brewery).



All this for only \$15/person when purchased in advance or \$20/person at the door. Tickets may be purchased at www.smartpetz.com after April

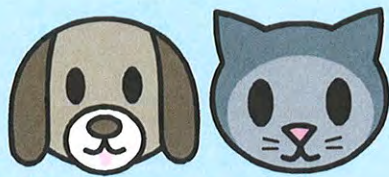
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Fostering

Have you considered opening your home to a rescue dog or cat? A SMART Rescue is always in need of foster volunteers. Our current foster homes are at capacity and we are looking for additional volunteers so we can accept more dogs and cats into our program. No-Kill rescue groups, such as SMART, get contacted daily to take in homeless animals. Unfortunately, without good foster homes many animals get turned away and end up in shelters where their chance of adoption decreases. Fostering is a very rewarding experience. Here are the steps to becoming a foster home with SMART Rescue:

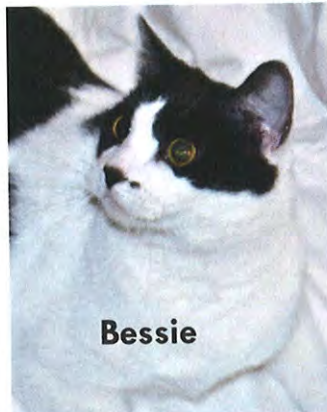
- ◆ Submit a foster application online at www.smartpetz.com
- ◆ Interview with one of our foster managers
- ◆ Pass a home visit inspection



Fostering is gratifying but it is also a big commitment. We prefer foster homes commit to an animal until an adoptive home is found. This may take weeks to months depending on the age, breed and temperament of the animal. Foster volunteers are not expected to pay for veterinary bills, however they may be asked to drive the animal to/from appointments and dispense medicine on a regular basis. Some animals may not be housebroken so foster families will have to be patient with the animals as they learn this task. Most importantly, the animals need love and affection in this in-between stage of their life. Foster volunteers may become attached to animals in their care but it is satisfying to see them move on to their "forever home." Does fostering sound like something you can commit to? If so, we'd love to talk to you. Please visit our website www.smartpetz.com and complete a Foster Application. We will be in touch with you promptly.



Mandy



Bessie



Patch

Mandy, Bessie and Patch are currently in foster homes waiting to meet their forever family! Check them out on www.smartpetz.com or www.facebook.com/#!/a.smart.rescue.

Sanctuary News

As we go to press we are working on the final stages of completing the outside structure for our Sanctuary cats. We will soon be ready to finish the inside structure. A big thanks to **Fireproof Contractors** for donating the insulation. We are still looking for the following items: drywall or paneling to finish the inside, ceiling fans, lumber and roof materials, wire fencing, plastic shelving and electrical supplies. If you are able to help, please email us at Public_Relations@SMARTPetz.com

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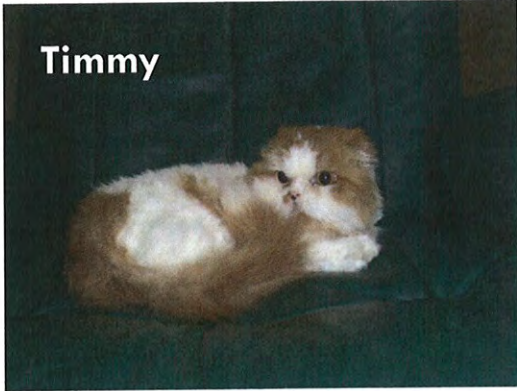


Adoptables



The animals on this page are available for adoptions. If you interested in adopting, please visit www.petfinder.com, www.smartpetz.com or www.facebook.com/#!/a.smart.rescue. All animals in the program are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, given health checks, and feline leukemia/FIV tested for cats and heartworm testing for dogs.

Timmy



Sally



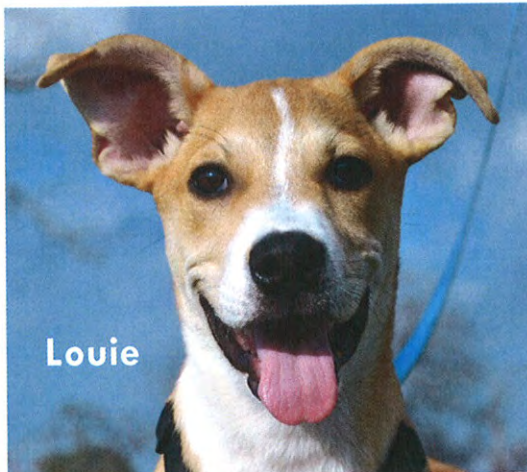
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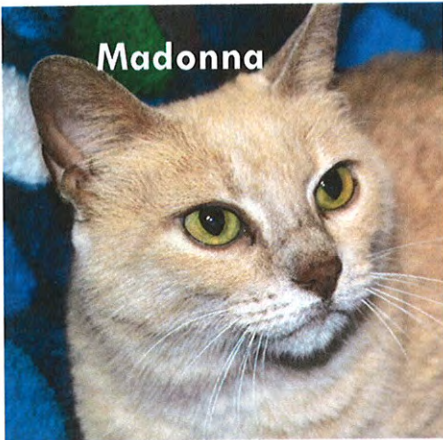
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Annie



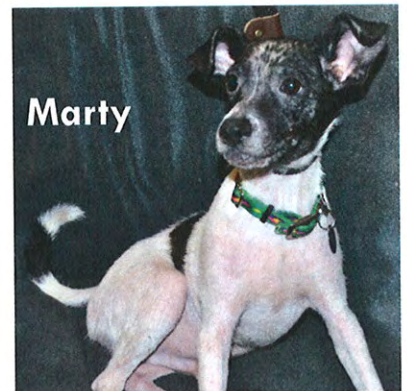
Madonna



Devon



Marty



Update: In our December newsletter, we showcased 8 special adoptable pets. We are happy to report Sox, Selby and Eli found great homes! C.J., Lacey, Tiffany, Ashley and Nelson are still waiting to be part of your family.

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Happy Tails



The animals on this page have been successfully adopted from A SMART Rescue. Since our program is foster based, when you adopt one of our animals, you are creating space for another animal from a local shelter to move into a foster home!

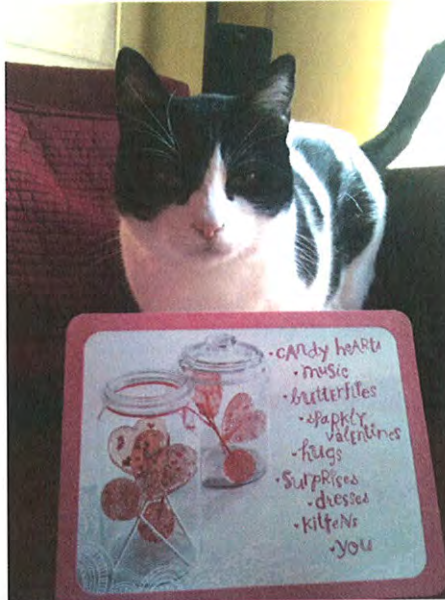


Cassidy is having a blast at her new home! Though she was a little shy the first few hours and hid under the bed, she now loves to explore her new digs. She enjoys attention from her new owner and comes when her name is called. Here she is stretching her legs on her new cat toy...what a life!



Found in the bushes at 4 weeks old Boston was already very outspoken at an early age. Good thing, too or he might not have been found! After Boston was big enough he was placed for adoption. But when Hurricane Ike hit Houston, Boston was one of the evacuees. That's when his foster mom and non cat fan foster dad decided he needed to stay with them permanently. Boston is not only one of our happy home success stories, he is a Big Foster Brother to quite a few kittens each year. He comforts them and teaches them how to behave like a Smart kitty should so they can get ready for their new forever home.

Zane, formerly known as Handsome, is thriving in his new home! His owner reports that he is "the most amazing dog I have ever owned, smart, fun and a wonderful companion." Way to go Zane! He is successfully working on his socialization skills with his new best friend, a Labrador. They spend afternoons together chasing and playing with each other. Here he is enjoying the rare Texas snow!



Valentine was one of our long term residents who found a home that was worth the wait. He now lives in a high rise in Houston and gets cakes baked for special occasions like Valentine's Day, since after all, the day was named after him!



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Recent Events



Cat Blessing and Cat Walk - November 13, 2010 at Waugh Park

Is the world going to the dogs? Not if Cleo, the Montrose cat, can help it! After attending the annual Pet Blessing ceremony at her church, Saint Anne's, last fall where she socialized with the many dogs and other animals, she sensed the few felines that were in attendance seemed a bit stressed from all the barking and she feared many of her cat chums didn't even come because of the unfortunate stereotypes with dogs and cats. Cleo talked to Father Jay about her concern, and he graciously agreed to perform a feline only blessing! The Cat Blessing and Cat Walk was born and on Saturday, November 13, 2010 a group of felines and friends made their way to Waugh Park for the special blessing and then walked to one of Cleo's favorite hang outs, Rudyard's English Pub for lunch. Rudyard's donated a portion of the lunch proceeds to Cleo's friends at SMART Rescue. The blessing was a success and Father Jay has invited SMART Rescue to come to St. Anne's this year for a special animal blessing. Many thanks go out to Father Jay for his time and willingness to help our animals, Rudyard's for their support and we can't thank Cleo, her mom, Deborah and grandma, Doris enough for their ongoing support of animal rescue. For more information on Cleo and the Cat Blessing go to: www.facebook.com/CleoCleoCat.



Yappy Hour at Barker Street

Thanks to all who participated in the Yappy Hour at Barker Street in The Woodlands! The event raised \$2,300 for SMART Rescue which will directly help animals in our care. SMART is especially grateful to Jay and the staff at Barker Street. In addition to operating a gourmet bakery for pets, this store is very active in supporting animal rescue groups in the area. Stop by and meet Jay and his crew next time your furry family member needs special treats, clothing or accessories.



Thanks to all "Santa Helpers"

A SMART Rescue sends a big thank you to all Santa helpers who made the 2010 Pet Photos with Santa event a giant success! Pet photos were taken with Santa at the FM1960/I-45 and Conroe Petsmart locations in December and \$5 from each photo was donated to A SMART Rescue. This is one of SMART's major fundraisers of the year and the 2010 numbers were through the roof! Two very extraordinary supporters, Sharon and Dane, volunteered every shift...WOW! All the rescue animals at SMART are appreciative of the money and awareness raised from this event.

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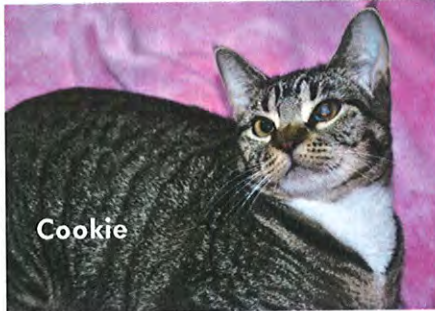
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Animal Hoarding in Houston



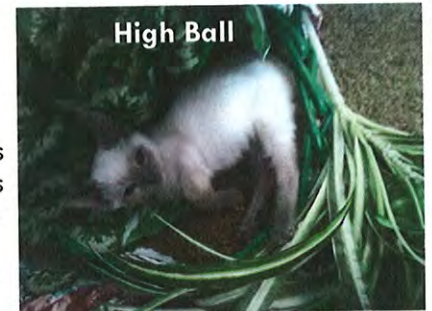
Cookie

Animal Hoarding involves keeping larger than usual numbers of animals as pets without having the ability to properly house or care for them, while at the same time denying this inability. "Hoarders" are deeply attached to their pets and find it extremely difficult to let the pets go. They typically cannot comprehend that they are harming their pets by failing to provide them with the proper care.

It usually starts with a well meaning individual's attempts to rescue strays from the streets or unsafe conditions. If funds aren't available for spaying/neutering or the information on low cost spay/neuter clinics isn't known to them the animals they are trying to save can soon multiply to a number that is beyond their ability to provide for.

Public awareness of this condition has been increased recently with the launch of two documentary television series. When we learned that we had such a situation in our area, SMART stepped up to help. This well meaning individual had been contacted by the SPCA and asked several groups to help. The numbers had grown to over 90 cats and kittens in the household. Two other groups helped by taking approximately 20 of the adoptable cats and kittens and we stepped in to take care of the rest. Many of these cats needed medical attention and all needed to be altered, flea treated and vaccinated. The ones that are well socialized and healthy are now in our adoption program. The ones that are not socialized or have medical conditions are under our care until alternative homes can be found. At this time we are waiting for the home visit by the SPCA to determine which cats, if any, can be safely returned to the home.

SMART stepped in based on faith because we knew action needed to be taken immediately. Our vets have graciously let us charge the costs for these cats to enable us time to raise the needed funds. We now ask our supporters to help us cover the costs with donations or funds from adoption referrals. Knowing that we can play a part in keeping close to a hundred cats from being sent to a shelter where most would not find homes is very rewarding to us and we hope to you also. With your support we can continue to help with other needs in our community. Please donate now on our website www.smartpetz.com or via the Donation Form at the end of this newsletter.



High Ball

Cookie and High Ball are two of the kitties SMART rescued from the local hoarder.

Donations in Honor

SMART Rescue would like to thank the following supports for their donations in honor:

- ◇ Cindy and Michael Newlins in honor of Little Baby Girl
- ◇ Cindy Giacona in honor of her mother's birthday
- ◇ Melodie Salinas in honor of her beloved Coco who was with her for 18 years.
- ◇ Donna David in memory of Bubby Kittie

Have a Heart Donations

Thanks to the following supporters who donated to SMART's "Have a Heart" Valentine's Day Campaign:

- ◇ Barbara Warner
- ◇ Cindy Giacona
- ◇ Jill Vaughan
- ◇ Donna Davis
- ◇ Katy Hendersen



We would like to say a special good bye to one of our cats, Ned. Ned was one of our special needs, FIV positive kitties who was adopted by one of our volunteers, Ben. Ben lost Ned unexpectedly to a heart condition. We will miss him dearly.

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Your Donations in Action!

Your generous donations enable us to help hundreds of animals every year. This very special family of kittens and momma is an example of your contributions at work. SMART is getting them healthy and ready for adoption! You can keep up with their progress on Facebook www.facebook.com/#!/a.smart.rescue.



Love online shopping? Want a free and unique way to help SMART Rescue? Set up an iGive account and help us raise much needed funds! Over 700 stores such as Best Buy, Overstock.com and Nordstrom participate in our program. A portion of your online purchase from these stores will benefit SMART! In addition, when you search the web through iSearchiGive, a penny will be donated to our organization. More details at <http://www.iGive.com/smartanimalrescue>.

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