



# SHELTER TALES

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2010 SHELTER  
SHAGGIES  
CALENDAR

The new 2010 Shelter Shaggies Calendar will be available in October, still only \$3 each. Calendars may be obtained at the shelter or from shelter volunteers. Call 729-5524 or 729-5612 for arrangements to get your calendars.

We have really outstanding photos this year. Winning entries are:  
Ellie Nothaus for Lulu and Weezie (Brittany spaniel and cat)  
Cathy Dodd for Maximus Matthew (Shar pei)  
Ashley Plank for Baby (White cat)  
Judy and John Huebener for Cassie (Yellow and white cat)  
Connie McClain for Little Bits (Yorkie)  
Pamela Gott for Snickers (Chow/.shepherd/Lab)  
Brooke and John Kersey for Cali (Shih tzu)  
Dustin and Somer Anderson for Mabel and Millie (Yellow Lab and shepherd)  
Sharon Condray for Jaws and Erica (Min Pin and Papillion)  
Mike and Mitzi Johnson, Rick and Kay Whitaker for Bailey and Jack (BrittanY spaniels)  
Rubie and Dennis Shelton for Patches (Calico cat)  
Lula Wisdom for Laney (Chocolate Lab)  
Glen and Beverly Wilson for Woody and Haley (Chihuahuas)  
Kevin and Mary Ellen Hanning for Lovie (Shiz tzu)  
Brenda Hughes for Rusty (Yorkie)



## DOG NAMES

Of course, not all dogs are officially registered,

but the official and unofficial statistics show that the most popular names for dogs lately are:

### MALES

1. Max
2. Jake
3. Buddy
4. Bailey
5. Sam
6. Rocky
7. Buster
8. Casey
9. Cody
10. Duke

### FEMALES

1. Maggie
2. Molly
3. Lady
4. Sadie
5. Lucy
6. Daisy
7. Ginger
8. Abby
9. Sasha
10. Sandy

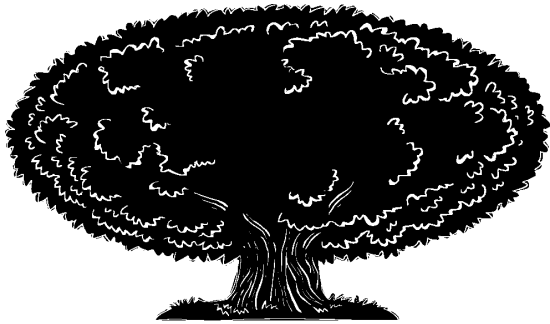
The most unusual we've found lately:  
Talia Rayne

## CONCESSION STAND

Friday evening, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, we will have a concession stand at the annual Conservation Commission auction. We need all the help we can get to cook, serve, keep supplies organized, pick up anything we run low on, etc. If you can donate canned soda, bottled water, cups, napkins, etc., or know where we can get bargains on hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, let us know. Just get in touch with Lou, Charlotte, or Fay and Dick if you can help in any way. Anything will be appreciated!



## A Shelter Dog's Poem



## Memorial Gifts

*Donations were received in memory of:*

Tabitha Noel Tiddlewinks Scott  
Princess Visnapuu-Fultz  
Jimbo Haxton  
David Gibson  
James Delcour  
Paul Bell  
Gordon Ramey  
Roscoe Bowers



Cat  
Facts

- Cats as pets got started in ancient Egypt and became so popular people visiting there smuggled them out.
- The Pilgrims introduced cats to North America.
- Anatomical examination and comparison of the brains of cats and dogs reveal that the cat's brain is much more similar to that of man than the dog's.
- A cat's hearing is the sharpest in the animal world, and a cat recognizes the owner's footsteps from hundreds of feet away.
- Cats have an amazing sense of balance, so seldom get queasy on car rides as dogs do; however, most cats find car riding to be a gigantic bore.
- The normal temperature of a cat is 102 degrees NOT 98.6.

Once upon a time, you see,  
There was this little pup  
For reasons unbeknownst to me,  
His family gave him up

Maybe it was chewing  
Everything that he could find  
Maybe they were busy and  
Just didn't have the time

They took him to the shelter  
And they just left him there  
Outside, alone, in the cage  
Shivering and scared

Even though they knew inside  
If he went through those doors  
He may never have the chance  
To find a home like yours

He sat there crying silently  
Wondering what he did  
That was so bad that they just  
Had to leave him like they did

However fate was smiling  
On that little pup that day  
Because a lady saw him  
And she whisked him right away

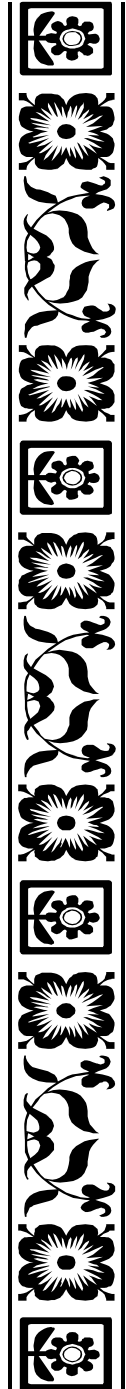
He got a second chance at life  
That others may have not  
And now he's in a loving home  
With everything he wants

Every day he gets that love  
That he was looking for  
And silently is thankful for when  
She walked through that door.

*By Angel Wells*

*Written because she found her dogs at shelters  
and hopes everyone else will also.*

*Submitted by Dorothy Evans-Weis*



## THE DEATH OF HOPE

It is just a few minutes before closing time at the shelter when a car pulled in. Three girls got out, the oldest just barely old enough to drive, the others obviously her younger sisters. On the way into town, they spotted two puppies near the road at a junction. When they got out to check, they found another at the edge of the woods. Not knowing what else to do, they brought them to the shelter. They were tiny hound dogs, 12 weeks old at the most. The two larger ones had grotesquely bloated bellies due to starvation, but were moving around. The third one ... well, she was totally emaciated, her body quite limp, just a little brown bag of bones. My heart sank when I looked at her, for I felt there was no hope of saving her, and yet I wanted there to be hope, and thus Hope became her name.

I took the puppies home. While I was making a soft, warm bed for her inside a crate, the other two found their way to the big dog bowls that are always out and starting chowing down. When syringing water into Hope's mouth, I saw that her tongue was pure white. Strange noises issued from her throat when the water trickled down. Most likely it had been days since that throat had reason to function. Right after 6 p.m., Hope shuddered and died, about one hour and twenty minutes after she had been handed off at the shelter. The only thing to feel good about is that at least Hope spent her last minutes swaddled and knowing a loving touch and voice.

To the person who did this: Why?

So small, so innocent, so helpless, barely weaned ... and put out on their own. How many were in the litter? How many died before the girls found them? What did you tell yourself when you did this ... that someone nicer than you would find them in time? Or perhaps it is that you just really didn't care, simply wanted them away from your house? Do you have children? In so, what did you tell them happened to the puppies? Do you have any conception of what it would be like to weigh only a few pounds and be left in some strange place? Trooper and Annie are going to make it, or so it would seem at this point. Because these girls cared enough to stop, because we were there to help, they at least have a chance. But it was too late for the little one. Hope died, and that death was slow and agonizing .....and it happened because of your cruelty.

## TIDBITS OF DCAWS NEWS

- We express a big thank you to the many people in the St. Louis area who surprised us with the gift of a surveillance camera system. This was a total surprise, which we all hope will cut down on vandalism and theft at the shelter.
- We are in the process of getting a computer tracking program that will increase the speed and efficiency of locating records, etc.
- The current shelter population is alarming (152 total at the end of August). We try to talk people into waiting a while to bring them in. It doesn't often work. It seems almost all shelters are in the same position, with so many people giving up their pets. While this, of course is always true, there is a dramatic increase due to current economic conditions.

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*The Shelter With A Heart*



## THE TRUE PET LOVER

You know you are in the home of a true pet lover when: Bowls and toys are noted here and there.

Some of the furniture has chewed legs or corners ... and/or evidence of having been used as a scratching post.

The host is blasé about wiping off the counter tops before setting out food.

Guests, no matter how distinguished, will leave with hair on their posteriors.

The host takes it for granted you will be proud to have the cat in your lap or the dog by your side. Conversation centers on cute things the pets have done.

## DCAWS PETS FOR ADOPTION



### **DAKOTA**

Seven years old and suddenly homeless. He and two other dogs came in from the same family because they were moving. Dakota is a German shepherd and a very good dog. His age and size will make him hard to place. Have a heart???

### **DIEGO**

He doesn't know what hit him, this big lug of a pup. We call him a rottweiler/shepherd/hound. One day he was just playing as puppies do when he was picked up and taken to the shelter. Diego acts as if he is waiting for someone. Could that someone be you?



### **DUCHESS**



Duchess has been at the shelter longer than any other cat. She doesn't seem to mind it in some ways, and there is a sadness about her. She is a gentle, quiet girl, a gray and black tabby. Duchess doesn't fight with other cats, but keeps to herself, preferring to be up high on a cage or cat tree.

### **TREVOR**

Trevor, a fine orange tabby, is just one of the many beautiful kittens available for adoption—including his brother, Reuben!

