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Cooper: Available for Adoption

Love Abounds at Franklin County Dog Shelter

By Laura D'Aveta

13,300.

The number of dogs that passed through the doors of the Franklin County Dog Shelter is impressive. But until you visit the shelter and stare into the soulful eyes of a guy like Cooper, who waits among hundreds of other dogs to find a new best friend, it is just that ... a number.

The current facility used by the Franklin County Dog Shelter is located at 1731 Alum Creek Drive. The 29-year-old building is starting to show its age; there's not enough space, movement doesn't flow freely, and the small waiting room is cramped and inconvenient. Yet the dedicated staff, who treated every person I saw walk through the front door with patience and wisdom, managed to turn in some impressive numbers in 2007 despite these less-than-ideal resources. They returned more than 2,900 dogs to their owners, and more than 4,000 dogs and puppies were adopted, rescued or rehomed. With their tiny clinic, the shelter performed over 3,900 spay/neuter surgeries—a tremendous effort to reduce the population of stray dogs in the county. They also provided additional low-cost surgeries to the community.

Love decorates the walls of the shelter ... flyers for dogs that need homes can be found at every turn (including my favorite area—the "Big Black Dog" wall, where some of my favorite dogs in the world would undoubtedly be found if not for the patient, loving owners that adopted them). Love pours out of the rooms as the staff and volunteers take the dogs out for walks or bring them to a prospective owner. It takes a true love of animals to do what the members of the Franklin County Dog Shelter do every day, year after year, knowing that there will always be more dogs than there are kennels. (At the time I write this, there are currently 366 dogs available for adoption.)

The Franklin County Dog Shelter will (finally!) get a new facility that will enable them to better serve the needs of the community. The new shelter will be located in the former Northland Mall area and will be designed to provide larger, more adoption-friendly enclosures for the dogs, expanded space for veterinary services and an area for educational programs for volunteers and first time dog owners. Construction should be underway by 2009. Even a new facility will not eliminate the need for help from the community. Foster parents are always needed, and instructions on how to become a part of this program (along with many fantastic resources) are available at: www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/ancl. The website also lists volunteer opportunities, items needed, and—most importantly—information on the dogs available for adoption.

There will always be dogs in need of loving homes... but with your help, organizations like the Franklin County Dog Shelter can continue to improve the fate of the four-legged friends who so badly need us.

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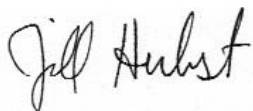
From the Editor:

The holiday season is upon us, complete with cold Ohio weather and the hustle and bustle of parties and last minute presents. Make sure to remember your furry (and finned, featured and scaled) friends during this busy time of year. Take time to slow down and appreciate their company, and remember to keep their safety and comfort in mind. In this issue, the Columbus Academy of Veterinary Medicine offers some tips on how to make this time of year enjoyable for both you and your pet! Looking for that last minute present? Take a look at The Recycled Retriever and choose an environmentally responsible gift for your favorite four-legged friend.

We are excited to announce that we will be boosting the Animal Insider online in the coming months. Our new online team of Mike Greer (Webmaster) and Victoria Callahan (Online Content Manager) will be bringing innovative and dynamic web exclusive features to you, all accessible at www.Animal-Insider.org. We will also be able to provide more in-depth information online than we can fit into these eight pages. Of course, you will still be able to access the entire print version online as well!

Finally, mark your calendars for Sunday, February 8, 2009! We will be holding the fourth annual Adopt a Valentine adoption and benefit event. Stop by Park Your Paws Doggie Daycare on Indianola Avenue in Clintonville to meet some great dogs and cats from area rescue organizations, bid on fabulous silent auction items, and benefit homeless animals in our community. There is no reason to spend Valentine's Day alone! If you already share your home with a furry friend or two, stop by to pick up some great Valentine's Day gifts for the human companions in your life! It's all for a great cause!

Warmest wishes for a great holiday season & winter,



"I've met many thinkers and many cats, but the wisdom of cats is infinitely superior."

~ Hippolyte Taine

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Be Aware of Holiday Hazards and Ensure Festive Fun for Everyone—Including Your Best Friend

Deck the halls, light the candles, share your traditions... No matter how you celebrate the holiday season, there can be increased risks for your pets during this time. A few precautions can make it an enjoyable time for all concerned. Some of the more common holiday hazards include:

Rich (and yummy!) foods - Most of us enjoy a turkey, ham, or other holiday goodies. Just as overindulgence can cause digestive upsets for us, these foods can cause minor gastrointestinal problems in our pets. Fatty foods can, however, cause a serious inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) in dogs.

Bones - In addition, bones from our holiday feast can cause a lot of problems. Chewing on large bones (although a lot of fun) can fracture teeth. Smaller bones or bone chips can lodge in the mouth, throat, stomach, or intestinal tract, causing an obstruction or perforation of the digestive tract and thus peritonitis.

Chocolate - Oh, how some of us LOVE chocolate! But chocolate can be toxic (and even lethal) for our pets. Chocolate poisoning is caused by theobromine, a caffeine-like substance found naturally in chocolate. An 8-oz bar of milk chocolate is enough to make a 45-lb dog sick. However, dark, bittersweet, and baking chocolate have more than nine times the amount of theobromine, making them much more toxic than plain milk chocolate.

Holiday plants - Poinsettia, holly, and mistletoe are extremely poisonous when eaten. Keep these plants out of reach of your pets.

Christmas trees - The needles from trees and wreaths can be quite irritating to the digestive tract. Ingested needles can actually perforate the intestinal tract, leading to painful peritonitis. Make sure your tree is well secured in a solid base and anchored to the wall or ceiling with a strong rope or cord. That should prevent a tree-climbing cat or large active dog from pulling the tree over on themselves (and you as well!). Preservatives in the water around the base of the tree can also cause intestinal problems, so make sure it is inaccessible. And don't let your bird sit in the Christmas tree; it can ingest tree pieces or ornaments/tinsel or become ensnared in lights and tree trimmings.

Ornaments - Sharp or breakable tree ornaments, yarns, rib-

bons, angel hair, and especially tinsel and string should be kept out of your pets' reach. Hang these items high on the tree and make sure your packages are securely wrapped. Be especially careful when stringing popcorn for decorations. Dogs have been known to grab the popcorn and swallow the string and needle as well.

Electrical cords - Holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens, puppies, and ferrets to chew. Make sure you have the cords secured and out of the way. Unplug electrical cords when not in use.

Candles - Just as young children can be attracted to bright candles, pets can get too close for comfort, singeing whiskers and paws. In their fright, they can then upset the candles, putting your family and home at risk for a fire. Those lovely scented candles (and air fresheners) and the fumes from the teflon pan you burned can be especially hazardous for birds, even causing death. Once the holidays are over, the fumes from your self-cleaning oven can be lethal for birds.

Open doors - And finally, with all your friends and family coming to visit for the holidays, be careful that your pet does not escape through an open door.

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

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If you are interested in either position, please send an email to: jill.herbst@animal-outreach.org detailing your interest and any related experience.



Local Company Makes it Easy to Be Green

By Beth Cavanaugh

The green movement, which has spread from architecture to vehicles, is now going to the dogs (and cats).

Pet owners, concerned for the environment and also for their four-legged friend's well being, are turning to companies such as The Recycled Retriever to find eco-friendly toys, treats, cleaning supplies and more.

Bill Flannery, with The Recycled Retriever, says the increased demand in green pet products can be attributed to "...people that are more educated and with technology have an amazing amount of information at their fingertips." Flannery says there are numerous benefits to both pets and the environment when using eco-friendly products.

"You don't have to make huge sweeping changes to have a positive impact on the environment. All of us and our pets can begin by taking the first small step."

— Bill Flannery, *The Recycled Retriever*

"Many common pet toys, treats, and clothing are produced using harmful dyes, chemicals, or manufacturing processes. There is an immediate health benefit to your pet when the harmful dyes and chemicals are avoided," he said.

As the name suggests, recycled and reused materials are also incorporated into the company's pet products. They offer a



line of pet beds made from post consumer recycled plastic soda bottles. Flannery says that they often hear from customers that they are impressed with the softness of the recycled beds. "To date, from just this one company, over 165 tons of plastic bottles have been diverted from landfills," he said.

More than Just Shopping

Green pet ownership does not stop with purchasing earth-friendly products. According to the Discovery website, there are several ways for pet parents to make responsible decisions for the environment, including:

- Adopting a pet from a shelter
- Spaying or neutering pets
- Cleaning up after your pet to protect the environment
- Using natural cat litter, as typical clumping clay litter is teeming with carcinogenic materials
- Using safe ice-melting products in the winter, as ingested rock salt can cause health problems in pets.

When a pet owner decides to take eco-friendly steps in the care of their friend, even the smallest efforts are important.

"You don't have to make huge sweeping changes to have a positive impact on the environment. All of us and our pets can begin by taking the first small step. In doing so, you might, like we did with The Recycled Retriever, find something that brings you great joy," said Flannery.

Visit The Recycled Retriever online:
www.TheRecycledRetriever.com/Store

4th Annual Adopt A Valentine Pet Adoption Benefit

Presented by Animal Outreach

Looking for a special Valentine companion?

Come out and see some of the many loving dogs and cats that are available for adoption from a variety of area rescues and shelters. Already have that special Valentine? That's okay! You can still support these wonderful animals by entering our raffle and silent auction that will help raise funds for our featured rescues/shelters.

When?
Sunday February 8th, 2009, 1-5 p.m.

Where?
Park Your Paws Doggie Daycare
4366 Indianola Ave. Columbus, OH
(South of Morse Rd. at I-71)

More Info?
Visit www.animal-outreach.org or
www.adoptavalentine.com

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Looking for a New Best Friend?

1st & 3rd Sundays, stop out at the Franklin County Animal Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr. for Mingle With Our Mutts. Area rescue groups will have many adoptable animals on hand from Noon to 2pm
www.MingleWithOurMutts.org

Live Outside Columbus?

Mingle With Our Mutts has other locations in Dayton & Delaware too! Tell your friends!

December

Dog License Renewals, Don't forget to renew your dog licenses this month! Contact your county's auditor, or visit www.DogLicense.com for more info.

1 CWA Top Cat 2009!

Visit Cat Welfare Association's website to cast your vote for Top Cat in 2009! Voting ends Feb 13th.
www.CatWelfareOhio.com

Wildlights at Columbus Zoo

Celebrating their 20th season, the Columbus Zoo has converted half their annual light display to energy-saving LEDs! Wildlights runs thru January 3rd www.ColumbusZoo.com

6 Catique Jewelry Sale

Stop by Cat Welfare Association, 741 Wetmore Rd. in Columbus, for a special Jewelry Sale! They'll have nearly one hundred necklaces of all kinds, as well as dozens and dozens of earrings, pins and bracelets. Doors are open from 9am to 3pm, so get there early to see the best selection! www.CatWelfareOhio.com

Ho! Ho! Happenings!

Visit an Upper Arlington, Powell or Gahanna Pet People location to have your pet pose with Jolly Old St. Nick. www.CAHS-Pets.org

7 Christmas for the Kitties

Stop by Cozy Cat Cottage, 62 Village Pointe Drive in Powell, with a "wish-list" gift for the kitties and join in the festivities! 1:30-4:30pm. Call (614) 336-8510 for details.
www.CozyCatCottage.com

Ho! Ho! Happenings!

Visit an Upper Arlington, Dublin or Westerville Pet People location to have your pet pose with Jolly Old St. Nick. www.CAHS-Pets.org

7 Craft Show

Visit the Wolf Spirits' Rescue craft booth at the Wadsworth High School Craft Show, Wadsworth, OH. Event is from 9am to 4pm.
www.WolfSpiritsRescue.com

11 PAWS 2008 iRex & the City!

Hyatt Regency in Downtown Columbus, starting at 5:30pm. Call (614) 777-7387 ext. 233 for info.
www.CAHS-Pets.org

13 Ho! Ho! Happenings!

Pickerington & Grandview Pet People locations. Have your pet pose with Jolly Old St. Nick.
www.CAHS-Pets.org

CAHS Spay/Neuter Clinic (cats)

Capital Area Humane Society is having a S/N Clinic by appointment only for low-income cat owners. Call (614) 777-7387 ext. 298 to schedule. www.CAHS-Pets.org

Calendar of Events

December 2008 —
February 2009

14 NOMAD Spay/Neuter Clinic (cats)

Cozy Cat Cottage is hosting NOMAD for low-cost feline spays & neuters. \$45 females/\$35 males. Preregistration is required. Other low-cost services available. Call (614) 336-8510 to schedule.
www.CozyCatCottage.com

Ho! Ho! Happenings!

Clintonville & Grandview Pet People locations www.CAHS-Pets.org

21 Gift Wrap Fundraiser

New Beginnings Animal Shelter will be wrapping gifts at the Barnes & Noble in Pickerington, from 9am to 9pm. www.NewBeginningsAS.org

24 Gift Wrap Fundraiser Xmas Eve

Barnes & Noble in Pickerington, from 9am to 2pm.
www.NewBeginningsAS.org

January

January is Adopt a Rescued Bird Month! Did you know PetFinder.com has listings for adoptable birds in your area? Check 'em out! Cheep! Cheep!

5 Penguin Days at the Cincy Zoo, Experience the cooler side of the Cincinnati Zoo during Penguin Days, with cool prices and cooler animals! Half-price admission thru February 28th. www.CincyZoo.org

February

February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month! PetFinder.com has cute and cuddly rabbits for adoption in your area.

February is Prevent A Litter Month!

Now is a great time to get your fix on! Visit www.ASPCASpay.org for low-cost spay/neuter options in your area.

8 4th Annual Adopt A Valentine

Pet adoption benefit featuring local animal rescues, vendors & a silent auction! All proceeds benefit attending rescues. 1pm to 5pm Park Your Paws Doggie Daycare, 4366 Indianola Ave. in Columbus. Presented by Animal Outreach.
www.AdoptAValentine.com

14 Valentine's Day!

Take some time to enjoy all of your loved ones, big and small!

28 14th Annual Spay Day USA,

Spay Day USA is a national campaign to save the lives of homeless animals through the spay or neuter of our pets and feral cats. Since Spay Day USA's inception in 1995, event participants have spayed or neutered over one million cats, dogs and other animals! Visit www.DDAF.org for info. For events, visit www.SpayDayUSA.org & www.HSUS.org

We want to know about your events! Visit www.Animal-Outreach.org/Ohio.html to submit yours! Be sure to include the date, time, location and other relevant details!

Did you know donations and sponsorships to the Animal Insider are tax deductible? For more information on page sponsorships contact Jill Herbst at (614) 593-9244 or email jill.Herbst@Animal-Outreach.org.



Looking to Unwind? Check Out These Animal-Inspired Stories!



***The Cat Who Came in From the Cold*, By Deric Longden
194 pages, 1992**

The little kitten, its white fur wet and plastered to its tiny body, hunkered down in the rain on an overturned bucket, didn't belong to writer Deric Longden. No matter. Of course the only thing to do is bring him inside, warm him up, and wait until the weather lets up to return him. But as any seasoned cat owner would expect, once inside the kitten easily makes himself at home, adjusting to the daily routines of his new household. Thermal, as he comes to be called after coming in from the cold, makes no qualms about ingratiating himself into the life of his family. When he disappears the first night—only to be found, to the relief of Longden and his wife, sleeping amongst the clothes in the washing machine—he is annoyed at the interruption to his sleep and completely oblivious to the panic his disappearance has caused. Indeed, Thermal is an eager eater but with fine taste: slices of roast chicken, salmon or garlic sausage... with a side of warm milk, please. It is only inevitable that Thermal will be lost and found, rearrange schedules and disrupt sleeping patterns, but Longden takes it all in stride with good humor and engaging prose that will endear Thermal, and his story, to cat lovers and readers of all ages.

Written from the point of view of a self-proposed dog man, *The Cat Who Came in from the Cold* is a laugh out loud memoir that speaks to the truth of the relationship between cats and their pets... er, owners. For anyone who has ever known and loved a cat, Longden's laughable observations and imaginary conversations will resonate for those of us who talk to—or for—our cats. With amusing reflections, Longden interprets Thermal's whisker twitches, blinks and tail movement as only a cat lover could understand—with wry human annoyance, approval and pleasure.

A sweet, engaging and comical tale of living and loving a cat, this memoir is a quick page turner, perfect for a cold Sunday afternoon, curled up with a hot cup of tea and a cat to warm your lap.

—Reviewed by Megan Shock



Animal Planet began airing "The Grizzly Man Diaries" on August, 2008

Timothy Treadwell lived with the grizzly bears for 13 summers in Alaska's Katmai National park beginning in 1990. Treadwell was not a scientist, but a recovering alcoholic and drug addict, which gives the show a unique angle. It makes you wonder why he decided to leave his comfortable life with his wonderful apartment to escape to such a risky sprawling countryside. Treadwell is charming at times, especially when watching the animals as if he watching a football game on TV and he is giving his video camera the play by play. In other ways, he seems child-like—using baby talk to have a conversation with the bears, and calling himself Daddy to a few recently abandoned cubs.

It was apparent that the grizzly bears became a second family for him. He gave many of the bears names, which include Sgt. Brown, Garth, Mickey, Emmy and Letterman. He even goes as far as intervening between several bears squabbling.

Treadwell was very passionate about protecting "his animals" as he called them. His philosophy is that even though he affects the natural wildlife, his justification for his actions is that humans have already had negative effects on nature with global warming and he is trying to right the damage that has already been done.

In the show, he filmed himself escaping many close calls by talking to the bears or wolves. These successes in protecting himself built a false sense of security. Although these wild animals shared their space with Treadwell, he and his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, were ultimately killed by a grizzly bear on October 6, 2003, which was to be the last day of his expedition.

The show features some amazing photographs of wildlife, but ultimately Treadwell's anti-human sentiments—such as calling tourists "invaders"—and the knowledge of his untimely death make this show tragic.

—Reviewed by Victoria Callahan



Homeward Bound: Adoptable Animals

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P.A.W.S.

Phone (614) 657-0955
www.OhioPoundHounds.com



Daddy

Daddy is a 40 pound, two-year-old Aussie mix. The perfect family pet, he is laid back, affectionate and playful, and has a long soft coat that is perfect for petting! Daddy has been through a six month, prison based dog obedience course. He knows all basic commands, some

advanced commands, and a couple of tricks! Daddy's picture doesn't do him justice. Contact us to set up a meeting and see for yourself!

Diana

Diana is a gorgeous, two-year-old blue merle Australian Shepherd. She is on the small side for an Aussie, weighing in at around 35 pounds. Diana is deaf, but that doesn't stop her inherent work ethic! She is obedient and great with hand signals. She gets along well with children and other dogs, and loves to be petted. She knows "sit" and will wave or "high five." She even goes to her crate on her own to rest.



Monica

Monica is a gem. She is full of energy, and will make a great companion for an active person or family. She is a two-year-old Finnish Spitz mix and weighs about 25 pounds. She loves to play fetch, and will pounce on a tennis ball with all fours. Monica is "clicker" trained, knows basic commands, and walks beautifully on a leash. She is going

through an intensive obedience training, which will be continued, free, when she is adopted. Monica is crate trained. She loves people, and is eager to please, but is slow to warm up to other dogs right now. It would be best for her to be the only dog in the household.



Cozy Cat Cottage Adoption Center provides refuge, aid and care for abandoned, injured, abused or lost cats and kittens. We refuse to euthanize cats or kittens simply because they are unwanted. We are committed to the keep and care for these unwanted animals of all ages while attempting to find permanent, responsible, loving homes for them. We are dedicated to promoting respect and compassion for all animals through humane education and promoting spaying and neutering to reduce, and eventually to eliminate the animal over population.

Ranger + Ellie Mae: So in love

I was found abandoned in an apartment complex off of Roberts Rd. by one of CCC's directors. She bundled me up and took me there to find me a home. Well my name is Ranger and I was alone (Lone Ranger, get it)? I am not alone anymore! I have this really cute chick (I mean kitty) named Ellie Mae (see her below). We are so in love. Take us both home and have twice as much love from the both of us.



Ranger



Ellie Mae

I've been at Cozy Cat since I was six weeks old—and I am almost 8 years old now! I'm ready for my forever home. I am a very sweet kitty. You can pet me for hours. I love to talk and talk. I was in a foster home for a trial and I did very well. Once I get to know you, I am quite the cuddler. I would prefer to be an only cat unless you take my boyfriend Ranger. Please don't leave Ranger behind. I AM IN LOVE WITH HIM!

Dante

I was found wandering the streets and was very ill. A very nice lady took me to CCC. I was neutered and given all my shots. I tested positive for FIV. So I need to go to a home with another FIV kitty or be the only one. I am a little over a year old and very healthy now. You will find that not only am I handsome, I am a very loving kitty. I love to be held and I give lots of purrs, hugs and kisses.



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We got a lot of GREAT questions for this issue. Most of them were along the lines of "why does my dog (fill in the blank)?"

ASK Greg & Bobb



Bobb: We get asked these types of questions frequently. And, our most common response is "We need to ask you more questions." To effectively answer the client's questions, your behaviorist/trainer should help you find out why the behavior matters to the dog. Misbehaviors are usually a symptom of some underlying issue.

Greg: Yes, we want to help you "peel the onion" so that we can work with you to find out why the dog does (fill in the blank). I started thinking about this and decided I could illustrate our approach by telling you about one of Bobb's misbehaviors. The question is... Why does Bobb "borrow" \$10 from me every month?

Bobb's response

I need to buy lunch
Because you always give it to me
To buy flowers for my wife's birthday
I need a new padlock
This month's gym membership is due
I forgot; I've got Alzheimers
Is there something wrong with me asking?
To buy the baby's diapers

Probable underlying issue

Hunger
Misbehavior is rewarded
Avoid punishment
Lack of safety
Lack of exercise
Neurological/physical issues
Lack of education
Change in the pack

Bobb: So you see there are very few quick and easy answers to these types of questions. But if you can try to determine why your furry pal does the behavior you can then try to address the underlying issue. If we get the question, "Why does my dog dig in the yard?", we might ask: How long is the dog alone in the backyard on a daily/weekly basis? How much exercise does your dog get? What is available to entertain your pet... toys? Other pets?

The answers to these questions will help us diagnose the problem, and then we can advise you on the best solution(s).

Greg: We'll whet your appetite with the question for the next issue... "Why do dogs eat stool?"

Bobb: What a stinky attempt at humor! By the way, where's my \$10?

Greg Schneider and Bobb Frecker are dog behavioral therapists and central Ohio area representatives for BarkBusters Home Dog Training. Greg is a regular contributor to the Animal Insider and has been featured on NBC's Channel 4 in Columbus. For more information on dog behavior issues, call (877) 500-BARK or visit www.barkbusters.com

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