In recognition of our 4th Birthday Paw-ty we decided to offer $4 adoptions. Arriving 2 hours early was an eager-to-adopt individual who visited the shelter earlier in the week and already knew who their new family member would be. The line, anticipation and excitement to adopt just grew and grew. We are delighted to announce that 42 animals found their forever homes that day!

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Hundreds joined the celebration, held Saturday, August 10th, including many 4-legged AFHS alumni. These surprise reunions are always a special treat for the shelter staff and volunteers. We were honored with some new guests this year in the form of reptiles! Tank, the giant tortoise and his friends were accompanied by Arrowhead Reptile Rescue. This organization assists the shelter with cases involving abused, neglected or abandoned reptiles. A K9 Unit demonstration was provided by Deputy Baker using a Belgian Malinois. There was a $15 microchipping special which included a free rabies vaccination and also available: a dog wash and nail trim service. Face painting was a big hit for the kids. People enjoyed shopping and gathering information from the 25 fabulous vendors we had on site.

The Birthday Paw-ty is tradition now. It marks the anniversary of our relocation to Hamilton. The Grand Opening of our Princeton Road shelter on August 22, 2009 is a day many of us will never forget. The Birthday Paw-ty is an opportunity for us to thank the community for supporting our life-saving work. We love our beautiful state-of-the-art facility that allows us to provide the utmost in care for our shelter population. Every August we pull out the decorations, order the cake and ice-cream, coordinate activities and vendors; we do so with excitement and gratitude. The day was a great success. Thanks to all who attended and everyone in the community for your continued support!

Be a voice for the animals... if you witness animal neglect, cruelty or abuse, report it to the proper authorities!
When lost or abandoned animals are brought to the shelter they are almost always without a collar and therefore, no visible license or I.D. tags. They are immediately scanned for a microchip, a form of I.D. the size of a grain of rice that is injected beneath the surface of the skin. If nothing shows up, the process is repeated a second time, even a third in the hopes of finding the identification that could potentially reunite the pet with its owner. It is hoped not only to find the chip, but that the chip will lead to current contact information (have you changed your cell number lately?). When the scanner lights up it is like hitting the jack-pot! Such was the case for an 11 year old stray, ironically named Vegas. It was picked up in Fairfield and brought to the shelter in July.

Four years ago, the fluffy dog mysteriously disappeared from the owners’ yard in Indiana. The dog was feared to have been stolen, a trend that is currently on the rise. Luckily, Vegas had a microchip! The shelter staff were able to successfully contact the owner (proof that she responsibly updated the contact information). The owner was ecstatic with the news. That’s my dog! My baby! It just so happened that her nephew lives here. He and his girlfriend went straight to Animal Friends to retrieve Vegas. The owner drove from home in Illinois and on July 31st a joyous reunion ensued. For all who knew the story, Vegas was very much on their minds that day. After four years of being away, the reunion really was something of a miracle all made possible by a microchip!

Animal Friends Humane Society strongly encourages microchipping all of your pets. No appointment is necessary. For more information go to the website or call (513) 867-5727. Watch for microchipping specials online!
My husband and I adopted a female 1 year old kitten named Priscilla on 3/20/2013 at PetSmart in Bridgewater Falls. I just wanted to share with Animal Friends Humane Society her progress. First of all, we are so thrilled with Priscilla and she was just what we needed at this point in our life. We are retired and were taking care of my husband’s parents for the past year. His father has just passed away and we had to place his mother in assisted care. So we really needed her. I have been wanting a cat for the past 10 years and had been looking for a few months. Finally, we found each other! She is the queen of our home and has settled in very well. Of course she is spoiled rotten, but has been trained well and is a loving and gentle cat. She has a perch by the dining room window by my chair. Since I always give her a little scrub between her ears when I pass by, she pats me on the back when I sit down for dinner, just to say Hi! I have attached a recent picture of her in one of her favorite spots (she has many). She has filled out very well and is purrrfectly content! I love her so much! Thank you.

Hey, I just thought I’d update you on Jack Jack, the pug mix we got from the shelter about a month ago! When we went in there he was shaking and scared. He wasn’t barking and didn’t want to move or go outside. We knew we had to have him! Man he has warmed up to us so much. He is nothing like the scared little dog we saw in the shelter! He loves to play and run and jump in our backyard. He always has a smile on his face! :) We are so happy we got Jack Jack.

Thanks, Animal Friends!

Hey guys...

Four years ago we adopted our dog Kahlua from you. She is a female Collie-Papillon mix and back then, was just a small wiggly ball of fluff. I remember coming in to look for a future family member and I immediately fell in love with her. But unfortunately she was reserved. :( We went home and after some thinking decided to go back to take another look. When we walked in, someone was inquiring about her and the staff said that she was returned after the dog in the adopted home bit her. I snatched her up faster than you could blink and she’s now been with us for 4 years!

Two years ago we had a son and she has been absolutely amazing and patient and loving with him. She’s a big baby and one of the most loving dogs I have ever encountered. One of the most excitable and hyper ones too! :)

She’s also best friends with our 8 year old Maine Coon cat, Lennox. The King of the house has graciously accepted her into the family. :)

Thank you guys for all you do!
This is a story about a remarkable young woman, a teacher whose name is Sara Peters. It was a true privilege to meet with her, to learn about her larger-than-life plans with animal welfare and how she intends to accomplish them. She is soft spoken, reserved and good-natured as she revealed it was her last full day as a volunteer at Animal Friends Humane Society. Within the first ten minutes, it became readily apparent that nothing Sara does is small scale. Behind everything there is strategy involved; there are requirements already achieved or have yet to be fulfilled, each experience is an essential link to the next, all in preparation for her goal of bringing humane animal education to Shanghai. Her journey will be undoubtedly wrought with challenges. She has a healthy awareness of this, but is undeterred by the thought and she knows she will not be doing it alone. She volunteered at Animal Friends so that she could obtain her certification in Animal Assisted Therapy. She loved walking the dogs and helping to socialize the cats. Born and raised in Butler County, animals have been an integral part of Sara’s life. Her parents still live in their Liberty Township home and have always adopted the family dogs from the shelter. For Sara, home is now in Shanghai where she has an apartment and is currently teaching English to kindergartners. She also serves as a volunteer coordinator at a nearby orphanage, Shanghai Healing Home.

The last three of her twenty eight years of life have been spent living overseas. Prior to this, she attended the University of Toledo pursuing her BA in Recreational Therapy. During college she attended a convention in Chicago where she included a seminar about therapeutic horseback riding. It was during this convention that Sara had an epiphany of her life purpose with animal welfare and ever since, it seems everything has fallen into place. After the convention Sara traveled to China’s countryside where she taught therapeutic horseback riding for 3 months. It is there where she plans one day to permanently reside and raise a family. Her face lights up, “I love the countryside of China. It is just so beautiful.” She continues that she taught kindergarten for one year in South Korea following her trip to China. After South Korea she resumed her schooling while living and teaching in Shanghai. A year and a half later she earned her Masters degree in International Education.

She is open and matter-of-fact about the cultural differences in terms of how animals are perceived and treated in China. She carefully explains that animal welfare is nonexistent anywhere in China. Peters states, “The Chinese perceive animals as being dirty. There are no shelters. There is no animal control. The streets are overrun with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. The people leave them alone and just accept this as normal. It is a way of life there as is seen in Third World countries. There is simply no animal knowledge.” This is ultimately what Sara hopes to change. If all goes as planned, her classroom will expand to include other interested communities throughout China. In reference to Animal Friends Humane Society, Sara adds a wish, “I know it is far, far down the road, but I hope someday for Shanghai to have an animal shelter as nice as this one.”

How she intends to implement humane animal education is an interesting, well thought out and logical approach. She will begin with those who work in the medical field: occupational and physical therapists. Her plan is to introduce Animal Assisted Therapy to these professionals. According to Peters, “The Chinese are not familiar with AAT and all of it’s benefits. There is a large need for this in their society and I hope to fill it.” Certainly, for the patients and the animals it would be a win-win. Her first and perhaps greatest challenge will likely surface in lesson #1: Animals are not dirty. She is mindful of this and yet appears surprisingly undaunted. Where there’s a will, there’s a way and Sara will surely find it. Lesson #2: Kindness and respect for the animals. This will go hand-in-hand, or paw in hand as Sara teaches AAT, engaging participation from the therapists. Using stray animals she has selected and trained, she will demonstrate the service and therapy these animals can provide. During these interactive bonds the animals will be teaching the unspoken- that they are capable of love and need to be loved. Sara will offer her assistance and input with the initial therapy sessions. It will be an intensive process, likely a very long one, all of which will be funded by Sara. Veterinary check-ups, foster homes, socialization, training, grooming - somehow, it will all get done. She realizes that if she could succeed with one facility it could potentially become a model for others. Her vision is that these training experiences will result in more humane-minded individuals setting examples of kindness and helping the homeless animals.

Sara points out that there are small, isolated groups of people who do try to take in the strays and find homes for them. “It is not organized animal rescue like here in the United States. It’s up to individuals who have the same passion I do. These people are really the only ones who take the animals to get spayed and neutered.” She emphasizes that everything pertaining to animal welfare, pet adoptions, all of it is new to China. Word-of-mouth and the internet is highly instrumental for this purpose. She concludes, “It really comes down to communication and education.”

This may seem a bit idealistic, even impossible to some. It takes extraordinary people to accomplish the extraordinary. For some, it is the reason they are born. They find a way to plant the seed and in the right place at the right time, anything becomes possible. Sara never mentioned it would be easy. She is pursuing this because it is her passion. She is determined and anxious to move forward with her plans. Between her love for animals, her ambition and things ‘just falling into place’ there may come a time when those at the shelter can say, “We knew her when...” Sara invites readers who have comments, questions, or want to help to e-mail her at: peters_sarak@yahoo.com. She would love to hear from you!

Thank you, Sara for sharing your journey. Animal Friends Humane Society wishes you great success and somewhere in the countryside, your forever home -
AFHS Children’s Essay Contest Winners!

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Your Animal Friend,
Delia

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10/12/13 Saturday Berns Garden Center Fall Festival Middletown
10/12/13 Saturday Liberty Veterinary Hospital Yankee Rd. Adoption Event
10/19/13 Saturday Purina Virtual Adoption Event - location TBD
11/13/13 Sunday Pumpkins! Walk Whitewater Forest Harrison
11/16/13 Saturday PetSmart Bridgewater Falls National Adoption Weekend

We Recycle for $$$$ for the shelter! Please bring your newspapers and aluminum cans (no glass, etc.) to the collection receptacles located at the far end of the parking lot. Bring your old cell phones and inkjet cartridges to the shelter for recycling and fundraising. Drop off at front desk.

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Dear Animal Friends,

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Also we appreciate all your group does to find “forever homes” for as many unwanted dogs and cats at possible. God bless all of you.

We are so thankful,

Sandy & Tony

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