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The support we receive from the community and our volunteers is the driving force behind TPC. Email us if you'd like to volunteer to foster or help in other ways, or if you'd like to rescue a new pet to add to your family!

Check out Channel 9 News Pet Pals segment every Saturday morning at 8:15am to see animals up for adoption in the Tri-State area!

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Not an Angel

The young pup and the older dog lay on shaded, sweet grass watching the reunions. Sometimes a man, sometimes a woman, sometimes a whole family would approach the Rainbow Bridge, be greeted by their loving pets and cross the bridge together.

The young pup playfully nipped at the older one. "Look! Something wonderful is happening!" The older dog stood up and barked, "Quickly. Get over to the path."

"But that's not my owner," whined the pup, but he did as he was told. Thousands of pets surged forward as a figure in white walked on the path toward the bridge. After the glowing figure passed each animal, that animal bowed its head in love and respect. The figure finally approaching the bridge, and was met by a menagerie of joyous animals. Together, they all walked over the bridge and disappeared.

The young pup was still in awe. "Was that an angel?" he whispered.

"No, son," the older dog replied, "that was more than an angel. That was person who worked rescue."

~Author Unknown



Upcoming Events

Monthly Adopt-A-Thon

When: Second and Fourth Saturday of Every Month
1pm to 3 pm

Where: Florence Petsmart
1060 Hansel Ave.
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 525-9215

Please come by our table at the Florence Petsmart for our monthly Adopt-A-Thon event. If you are looking for a pet, we will have animals available

for you to visit. If you see an animal on our website which you would like to adopt, you can be pre-approved for the adoption.

Meet and greets can be done between 1pm and 3pm! Come down and meet your next pet family member!



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Foster parents are the hardest commodity to find and the most rewarding way to donate your time to the rescue!

Can You Foster Rescue Animals?

The mission of an animal rescue is to save as many pets as possible from bad situations or euthanization in shelters that are overflowing with animals in need of loving homes.

However, the biggest problem that rescues, such as TPC, face is a lack of space to home the rescue animals between the time that we rescue them and we find them a new family.

Do you love animals and want to help the cause of the rescue and have room in your heart and your home to foster pets? If so, TPC is in desperate need of people just like you!

TPC is always in need of loving people who are willing to let God's creatures into their home as foster children until The Pet Castle can find the perfect forever family for them!

Sometimes fostering can last for only a few days or a week before TPC can find a family who will love and care for these pets forever, other times it can take a little longer.

Are you interested but you think you may not want to commit to fostering because you may not always be able to accept an animal into your home? That's *never* a problem with The Pet Castle.

TPC never pressures its volunteers to take in any animal. If an animal is determined adoptable by TPC, volunteer foster parents will be notified to see if anyone has room to take the pet into their homes. If you want to foster, you can. If now isn't a good time, that's fine too!

We understand that there are times that it's easy to accept a new foster pet and times when circumstances do not allow it.

We know that rescue is not possible without our volunteers, and we want to make sure you are never pressured to take an animal in if you don't want to!

Fostering an animal is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have as an animal lover. When fostering, you know that you are giving a second chance at life to a dog or cat in need of one!

If you think that you'd like to open your home to foster pets, please let us know ASAP by emailing us at kittensandpuppies@fuse.net



Patrick, above, and his sisters (one of them pictured below) were absolute angels to foster!!

A Foster Parent's Story by Kelly Adair

This past December, I had the pleasure of fostering three very adorable white kittens for TPC. These kittens and their mommy were saved by The Pet Castle.

When I was asked to take them in, I wasn't sure that I would be able to, but I decided to do it. I am so glad I did!

When these babies first came into our home, they were not very happy. They had all just been spayed or neutered and were adjusting from that.

They didn't even act like they were siblings. They were not disruptive to our home at all, but they also were not getting along with each other very well.

A day later, things were completely different! They were the most loving kittens

I've ever fostered or owned!

These kids purred so loudly it was comical! We had the kittens sanctioned off in the study of our home so that they didn't have to deal with the stress of the other cats in the house.

I made sure that I went into the study many times a day to continue socialization with these babies. While working on the computer, they crawled into my lap and up onto my shoulders for loving. It was the cutest thing ever!

Each day the kittens got a little more loving, if that's possible! They wanted to cuddle and purr and love on us as much as possible. We had lots of inquiries about the kittens as soon as they were posted on the TPC website.

The adoptions were so easily completed! It was almost hard to let the babies go that quickly, I would have been happy to have had them in my home for weeks longer! They were so much fun!

I was fortunate enough to adopt one of them to a friend of mine, who says he quickly became the king of her family's household.

Fostering these three kittens was a great way to finish up 2007! I even got the opportunity to help with the adoptions, which was fun. I think fostering for TPC is one of the best ways to volunteer your time.

I'm just thankful I was able to take them into my home and show them the love they deserved while we were searching for their forever homes!





February is Pet Dental Health Month

The American Veterinary Dental Society and Hill's Pet Nutrition are celebrating February as Pet Dental Health Month.

Bad breath in a dog is often dismissed simply as "doggy breath." In fact, it may signal periodontal disease, which is the most common ailment suffered by dogs and cats over 3 years old. Preventing periodontal disease can result in longer, healthier lives for pets.

Take your dog or cat in for a dental check-up today!



April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

If you spotted an act of cruelty against an animal, would you know what to do?

To help educate the public, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has made April "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month."

People are urged to spend time this month to educate themselves and others about existing animal cruelty laws and to support pending legislation.

Remke Markets Caring Neighbors Program



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Where our Lord is King.

Before Bringing Home Your Puppy...

Congratulations, you're getting a new dog! Your first job as a new pet parent is to prep your home and your family. After all, you want to get this relationship off on the right paw!

1. You Better Shop Around

Stock up on essential supplies such as:

- Food and water bowls
- Safe chew toys
- Grooming tools
- Collar and leash
- ID Tag
- Crate with bedding (towels are sufficient)
- Food (Same brand as he has been eating)

2. Divvy Up Responsibilities

Discuss with members of your household about who is going to be responsible for what. Who will walk the dog at various times of times of day? Who will feed the dog, and at what times?

3. My House, My Rules

Establish house rules for the dog that everyone will stick to. Before it comes home, decide things such as: Is she allowed on the furniture? Will we ever give her "people" food? What behaviors are encouraged, and which are forbidden? Consistency is the key to training dogs.

4. Speak the Same Language

Dogs can get confused when one human says "down" and another says "off" when, for example, they jump on visitors. Then there's "down" versus "lie down," and "paw" versus "shake"—surely you see how this is perplexing to another species! Do Fido a favor and select the terms that you plan to associate with various commands. It'll help

to write out a vocabulary list of the words that everyone will use.

5. Safety First

Dog-proof your pup's environment. Tuck electrical cords out of the way, install safety latches in lower kitchen cabinets, etc. Make sure anything dangerous to ingest—like small decorative items, children's toys and chemicals—is off floor level.

6. Pardon Me, Where Is Your Restroom?

If your new pooch is not yet housetrained, determine where his indoor "potty spot" will be. Figure out your plan to train him, and coordinate with the entire household.

7. Hit the Floor

It's a good idea to mop your floors with odor-neutralizing solution shortly before bring home a new dog. Even dogs which are trained sometimes are compelled, either through territorial instincts or plain old nerves, to let loose in a new home. Be sure that you don't mop with cleaners containing ammonia—these are believed to encourage peeing.

8. Make It Official

Find out about your community's dog licensing rules and apply for a license. This information can usually be found by visiting your state's department of agriculture website. You can also ask your local shelter for the straight dope.

9. Set the Date

If you don't already have one, find a good veterinarian—and bring your new canine to a caring veterinarian for a wellness exam within one week after adoption. Make this appointment even before you bring home your new pup.

10. Sibling Rivalry

This one's for folks who already have a dog in the home. Before you introduce the new hound into the pack, pick up anything your resident dog might guard, such as food bowls, bones, toys and beds. Even if your dog has never exhibited possessive tendencies, it is best to exercise caution. This may be an intense experience for your resident canine, so do be patient with her.

This information came from an article named "Top 10 Things To Do Before You Bring Your New Dog Home" from the ASPCA website (www.asPCA.org)



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