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Foster Homes Needed

Community support and our volunteers are the reason for TPC's success.

Email us if you'd like to volunteer to foster or help in other ways, or if you'd like to add a new pet to your family!

Don't forget to watch Channel 9 News Pet Pals segment every Saturday morning at 8:15am to see animals up for adoption in the Tri-State area!

If a dog jumps in your lap, it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing, it is because your lap is warmer.

Alfred White Norhead

Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

George Eliot

The economy is tough, but that may be particularly true for pets. When the family budget gets tight it's often the dog or cat who is considered expendable.

As family budgets get tighter more pets are finding their way into local shelters. Rescue groups like The Pet Castle are called more frequently to 'save' loving dogs and cats. As a volunteer-based organization we count on our foster homes to house these rescued pets until we find their forever homes. Last year TPC rehomed over 400 pets...that's a lot of fostering.

When we receive a call, either from a shelter or a pet owner, we check to see which foster homes are available, and then give the foster home a call and see if they would like to take the animal in. We leave it up to the foster homes to either accept

or decline an animal.

It is completely up to you, and we never try to persuade anyone.

We also suggest that after a foster animal gets adopted that the foster parents take a 1-2 week break, to make sure that the animal won't be coming back into the rescue, and to give them a break if they need one, but that is up to you. Usually, this applies more to foster homes with puppies and dogs, since they can be more of a handful at times.

Once you take an animal in, you decide whether you would like to interview interested adopters, or someone else in the rescue do it. Some people prefer to do the interview themselves, so that they can be more comfortable knowing where the animal is going. Interviews can be via phone, at the adopters' home and or at PetsMart. TPC

discourages having strangers come to your home for safety reasons, and to limit "drop offs" from happening at your house. However, this can be discussed with your foster home coordinator if you feel the need to have the family come to your home.

Different animals have different needs, so depending on the breed, age and medical conditions of the animals you are interested in fostering, will determine if a fence in yard would be required. Example: 5 year old Shih Tzu would not require a fenced yard, but a 1 year Weimaraner would.

TPC requires that any cats and dogs in your home which are over the age of 7 months MUST be spayed/neutered, before we can place a foster in your home;

Here's the Scoop

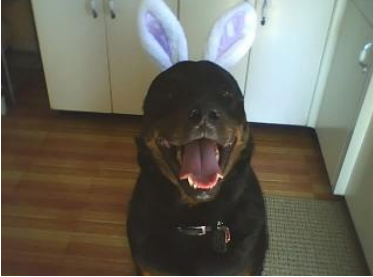
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Happy Tails



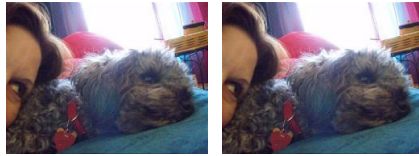
Damien does his bunny impression

Hi we adopted Damien about 2 months ago and he is WONDERFUL!!!! We enjoy him so much and he is very happy!!!! We wanted you to know that he went to a great home and is well taken care of. Thank you so much for letting us adopt him and becoming such a joy to us. Keep up the great rescue work that you do to provide needy animals loving homes.



Winnie - Picture Perfect!

It's been about two years since I met Winnie (formerly Frankie-Girl). She is doing very well and I can't imagine not having her! My family, who was very reluctant about me taking another dog, is also completely in love with her! A few months ago, I had some portraits taken and thought you would like to see how well adjusted she is!



Charlie (formerly Tito) finds love!

Charlie is doing great. He is still very affectionate. He's getting along with people, including strangers, much better. I love him so much!! He is the perfect dog for me!

Become a Tee Shirt Sponsor



We are looking for sponsors for our "Save a Life?" t-shirt. You can list your company name, phone & location on the back for a \$35 donation. It is our goal to get 9 sponsors so we may purchase tees for each of our volunteers to wear at various events. If you are interested please clip and mail the following with your donation.

Company: _____

City _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: The Pet Castle, PO Box 6684, Florence, KY 41022



Summer Dangers

TICKS

Spring is here and the ticks will soon be showing their heads. Here is a good way to get them off you, your children, or your pets. Give it a try.



A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- And it really works!! I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

Miscellaneous Do's and Don'ts

Don't: Keep prescription and over-the-counter medications out of your pets' reach; many can be lethal, even in small doses.

Do: Use flea insecticides carefully at all times, and never use them on very young, pregnant or elderly animals. Read label information before using a product on your pet or in your home. If it's meant for use on dogs, it should never be used on cats, and vice versa.

Don't: Allow your pets do not go on lawns treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides until they have dried completely.

Do: Be alert for engine coolant leaking from your vehicle's radiator. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste and ingesting just a small amount can be deadly.



Upcoming Events

Please consider joining us for these events!

PETSMART MONTHLY ADOPTION EVENTS - 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS
 Florence Petsmart 1060 Hansel Avenue
 Florence, KY 41042
 (859) 525-9215
 ADOPTION EVENT (INSIDE/IN THE BACK OF THE STORE)

Friends of the Shelter presents
PET FEST 2009 ON JUNE 28TH 2009
 Boone Woods Park, Burlington, KY



PETSMART ADOPTION CLINCIS
 June 13th 2009
 July 11th 2009

PETSMART CHARITIES® FALL NATIONAL ADOPTION EVENT
 FRIDAY, September 11th 5pm-8pm
 Saturday, September 12th 11am-3pm
 Sunday, September 13th 12:30- 3pm (cats only)

1ST ANNUAL PET CASTLE DOG WALK
SEPTEMBER 5TH 2009
 Central Park in Boone County
Volunteers needed. We will be having raffles, contests, silent auctions, and refreshments. Registration table and information table

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as altering is a very important part of the mission. If you need assistance in this area, please check UCAN spay and neuter clinic in Cincinnati. Cats/kittens are only \$35 and Dogs/Puppies are only \$55. Once, this has been completed, please feel free to complete your foster form on-line and we would be more than happy to have you join our foster family.

Please visit our we site to fill out the Foster Care Application. Your home will make a difference.

Animal Poison Control Center
 If the worst does happen and your pet ingests something that may be toxic, consult your vet immediately, or contact the APCC at (888) 426-4435 or www.apcc.aspc.org





Pet Protection Program

Pets are part of the family in many American households. In the homes where there is violence, pets are often threatened or injured by

the violent partner. Victims of domestic violence have reported that they delayed leaving their homes because they feared that their pet would be hurt when they left.

If your partner has threatened to harm your pet, both you and your pet may be in danger. We urge you to make plans to protect all members of your family - you, your children and your pets.

If I leave, who will take care of my pet?

If possible, find a friend or family member to care for your pet. If that is not an option, get in touch with the Women's Crisis Center. Briefly explain your situation. If you chose to enter shelter with the Women's Crisis Center then your pet can be provided with temporary emergency shelter while you make long term plans.

What should I take when I move my pet to safety?

If you are able to prepare for your pet's departure, try to have the following to give to the temporary caretaker:

- Current vaccination and medical records
- A collar and identification tags
- License that proves you own the animal
- Dog leashes / Cat carriers
- Medication / Feeding Schedule / Medical conditions
- Likes and dislikes / Possible behavior issues

The Pet Castle, Inc. Animal Rescue is a Christian based animal rescue that provides the loving families of Northern Kentucky, and surrounding areas with the opportunity to relocate or adopt animals. The Pet Castle Inc., Animal Rescue is a Foster Base Program, which means all the animals in our program are placed into a foster homes and or boarding. TPC does not have a shelter, but instead tries to rescue adoptable pets from shelters when the space is needed, and time is limited. All staff, foster homes, etc. are all Non-Paid Volunteers. Our Mission is to protect the lives of animals and provide new loving homes.



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