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BIKERS FOR PETS

In spite of the 90 degree temperatures Saturday, 82 riders turned out to participate in the "Bikers for Pets" motorcycle run and show their support for the Humane Society of Levy County. The more than 100 mile trip toured riders through some of Levy County's most scenic and lesser traveled roads.

The bikers left the Bronson Youth League Park at 11:00 AM and made periodic stops along the way to talk with friends and cool off. Stops were made at the "Bears Den Club" in Fanning Springs, "Blue Bayou Marina" in Cedar Key, and "Cole's 4 Corners" in Bronson. Everyone gathered at "Willard's Restaurant and Lounge" in Morriston by 3:00 PM for dinner and drawing of door prizes donated by area merchants and supporters.

Sponsors included:

I.G.A./Buy 'n Save; Hitchcock's Foodway; Vette's Detailing; Winn-Dixie Supermarkets; Olive Garden Restaurant; Burger King; Hungry Howies; Alltel/Cellular Communications; Harley Davidson of Citrus County and Ocala; Faraway Inn of Cedar Key; Photo Frost; Discount Auto; Coca Cola; Ms. Cathy Robinson; Levy Jones; Tuffy's Oil Change; Bronson Lube; White Food; Advance Auto Parts; Bell's Catering; Billy Jack's Restaurant; Napolitanos Restaurant; Jesse Sparrow Tinting;

Beachfront Motel of Cedar Key; Avon Products; Texas Roadhouse; and Calico Jacks Restaurant.

The Humane Society of Levy County would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

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Special points of interest:

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HSLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Humane Society of Levy County, Inc. will be holding the Bi-Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Bronson Town Hall across from Bronson IGA Supermarket. The meeting is open to all. We will be talking about Land Proposal, Building Fund, Low Cost Spay Neuter Grant and Fund Raising Events. If you would like to help the society or find out what we are working to accomplish, please come join us. For further information call 352-486-5705.

26 LIVES SAVED...26 HAPPIER HOMES...

That's what happened when a Teacher from Pinellas County went online at www.petfinder.com looking for a pet. She saw the posting for Betty, an Aussie Mix, then the word (URGENT) right behind her name. Wondering why she was marked urgent, she looked up the web site for Levy County Animal Services. Much to her horror, all of the pets had urgent behind their name. She called Levy County Animal Services to inquire. She was given the same sad answer that many get when they call asking why is Levy County Animal Services a kill shelter. "We are not a kill shelter because we want to be, we are a kill shelter because we have to be!" and "The length of time that an adoptable pet has, is limited to how fast the shelter fills up." She was in shock to see the

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beautiful faces of so many pets, and then she did something that most never think of doing, she took action! She asked for Teachers and Students alike to work with her to make a difference in the lives of these pets. What a difference they made! At 3:45 pm Friday, September 7, 2007 three S.U.V.'s and one car pulled into the parking lot of Levy County Animal Services. With the combined efforts of Levy County Animal Services, and The Humane Society of Levy County, Inc. there was **20 adult dogs, 4 puppies, and 2 cats loaded into 4 vehicles!** Because Levy County Animal Services is a Rescue Friendly Shelter, they were able to pull the animals under the Placement Partnership

Agreement. This agreement means that Rescue Groups can pull the pets without being charged an adoption fee, under the strict stipulations that the pets are spay/neutered, and vaccinated according to the Florida State Law. The paperwork is returned to Animal Services after a Licensed Veterinarian signs that they completed the surgery and gave the vaccine. Just when you think that you can't make a difference, this is proof that YES you can! You can help by volunteering, by sponsoring a sheltered pet, by helping a neighbor spay/neuter their pet, and by teaching adults and children alike how to be a more responsible pet owner. One at a time, little by little, one person can make a huge difference just by taking action.

-Arnette Garrison,
Rescue Liaison

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The HSLC has updated their website look and feel. We hope it is user friendly and if you are looking to adopt an animal, please check out our site. We also provide information on the Board of Directors, Humane Education, fundraising events, and many other great features.

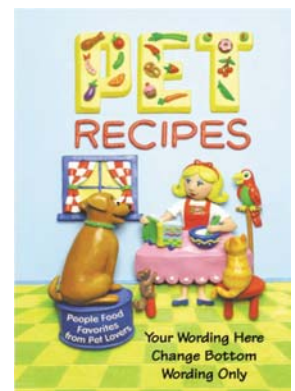
HSLC COOKBOOK

The Humane Society of Levy County, Inc. would like to encourage our members and the citizens of Levy County to participate in purchasing our cookbooks which should be on sale in time for Christmas. The HSLC Cookbooks are being printed as we print this newsletter and will make great Christmas gifts for any family

member. The Humane Society will notify each member in the next printing of the newsletter on where and how to purchase your one and only Humane Society Cookbooks featuring your recipes and even treats for your pets. Bert even gave some wonderful recipes that he enjoys.

REMEMBER:

WE NEED YOU
BECAUSE THE
ANIMALS OF LEVY
COUNTY NEED
YOU!





“BARK-N-PURR” CHARITY CONCERT

This event will take place on February 23, 2008 at the Bronson Youth League. We encourage residents from surrounding counties and Levy County to come and enjoy an event for the whole family. The gates at the Youth League will open at 12:00Pm and end the evening with a country music artist that will be announced at a later date.

The Humane Society plans on transforming the Youth League to a "wild west" atmosphere that will feature professional whip crackers, trick ropers, gun spinners and bar room brawls. We will also have a mechanical bull where you could earn yourself the title of Male or Female Bull Riding Champion with a beautiful belt buckle sponsored by area Western Clothing Stores. The event will also have desperado photos where the whole family can dress in costume and be a part of the action. The kids will enjoy all the sites and "Buckaroo Treasure Hunt", leather crafting and many other events.

This event will feature a sanctioned Barbeque Competition with the Florida Barbeque Association. Come out and sample from over 25 different teams showing off their barbeque skills and watch them compete for "Best Barbeque."

TNR IN CEDAR KEY

The Society participated for the third time in a TNR (Trap Neuter and Release) Program in Cedar Key with Alley Cats mobile spay neuter bus on October 4th and 6th. We helped with close to 34 cats get spay and neutered. Area residents helped trap the cats on Thursday evening and watched them over night. Then the spay and neutering began early Friday morning at 9:00AM until 4:00PM. The cats were then released into the wild on Saturday. Members of the society were able to help with recovery.



HALLOWEEN IS COMING

Pets and Halloween DO NOT MIX! Here are some tips to keep your animals safe:

* Loud noises can easily excite and frighten pets. Dogs in particular can often feel threatened by strangers appearing at the door in strange costumes. If possible, keep your pets secured in a separate room in your house while young trick-or-treaters are ringing your doorbell. If you decide to let your pets be "part of the action", keep a close eye on them so they don't suddenly make a break for the open door and slip out into the great outdoors.

* Don't leave your pets outside on Halloween night. Cat's especially should be kept indoors several days prior to (and on the night of) Halloween. Pranksters can tease or hurt your animal at this time of the year, and we've all heard the horror stories of cats being killed by vicious people on this particular night.

* If dressing your pet up in costume, make sure it is lightweight and non-constricting. It should be loose enough that an animal can easily get out of it. Don't use rubber bands, as they can constrict blood flow if too tight and can become entangled in an animal's fur. Also, get your pet used to the costume several days before Halloween and don't force them to wear it if they rebel. Never leave a pet in costume unattended. They could chew it up and ingest harmful materials or become entangled and choke.

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Bark-N-Purr Charity Concert Wild West Fest & BBQ Cook-Off February 23, 2007



BERT'S CORNER

Continued from last issue.

Every house has its own rules, as if they exist in parallel universes. House Rules are arbitrary announcements that seemingly have no origin in logic. For example, even though I was told I was now in MY new home, I was not allowed to mark it as such. Although the first thing I did when I walked in was to march immediately over to the living room sofa and pee on it, I learned rather quickly and in no uncertain terms that was not to purposely happen again.

Apparently, Scotchguard has a definitive life span. For a dog that lived entirely outside my whole life, it was a little difficult at first to get the "inside peeing is bad but outside is OK, and in fact, preferred". But it didn't take long.

Once I got that down, I learned that House Rules revolve around Schedules. You are not on your own anymore, you are a member of a family. And your Housestaff has a Schedule. There is a time to eat your breakfast and supper. There is a time for your morning play-time and walk before they go to Work. And



there is a Day Time and a Night Time. It gets even MORE confusing when you talk about Weekdays and Weekends; it makes me dizzy even thinking about it, so now you've done it, I have to take a nap.

OK, I'm up now, quick review. Day Time is for eating, playing, digging and rolling around. Also, for short naps. Day Time during your Housestaff's Work Week gives you time to have longer naps, and if you are able to be trusted and not in a crate or behind a gate, these naps can be done either in your own bed or on a soft chair or sofa that you may usually be Not Allowed On. (This works primarily for short haired dogs.) There are many other things you can sneak around and do during Day Time during the Work Week, and we can discuss these at length at a later time. The Basics come first.

Night Time is for sleeping. There are a few things that you can do both Day and Night, like snuggling, getting kissed on the nose, and getting belly rubs, but there is apparently again some arbitrary cut-off. For example, during Night Time, when your housestaff is sleeping at say, 3 a.m., this is

NOT a good time to leap up on their bed and ask for a belly rub.

When I first came to my new home, I had a lot of trouble at Night Time. I don't remember what happened to me when I was a puppy and a younger dog, but at Night Time I would become frantic. I would pace and run around in circles and cry when Night Time came. But Laurie would lie down on the floor next to me on my new bed and talk to me and pet me and cuddle me, and Amber would leave her bed and lie down next to me on the other side. Laurie would cuddle me until I fell asleep. And she and Amber stayed there all night long, too, because when I would wake up during the night, they were both still there, right next to me. Soon, I was able to sleep at Night Time in my own bed all by myself. So you see, even though you have to follow new rules, there is this benefit of being a family member, because you get fussed over, and you are safe and sound. House Rules also include Inside Rules and Outside Rules. I think I am running out of space and we can discuss that when we return in our next issue.....stay tuned...