



ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Recipient of the Secretary of State's Angel Award for exemplary performance as a charitable organization

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In Honor of Her Cat Candy, Hope Helps APL Animals



Three years ago, the Norris family adopted a homeless kitten who had wandered into their lives.

This year, their daughter Hope—pictured here with that same cat,

whom she named Candy—asked her birthday party guests to bring gifts for the APL instead of for her!

Hope has always loved animals, so no one was surprised that she wanted her birthday gifts to benefit our shelter and make a difference in the lives of the cats and dogs whom we rescue.

Thank you, Hope, for having such a big heart! We promise to use your gifts to give our rescued animals a better life while they await adoption into a home as wonderful as the one you have provided for Candy.

Christmas Came Early at Our Shelter!

Sally O'Neill, a long-time APL friend and supporter, wanted to have a benefit party for the Animal Protection League. She called and asked for our wish list and for information about our shelter, and she promised to arrange the rest.

She mailed the wish list to her friends, and on Saturday, November 22, she had a birthday party with 75 friends who came to help her celebrate!

At the party she had a table on which her guests could place their shelter donations, and on that table was a picture memorializing Lil, the four-legged fur baby who brought Sally to the APL to adopt.

Friends and family enjoyed wonderful food, drink, and conversation. Everyone was very gracious with their donations of items and cash, including flea control, litter, food, and cleaning supplies.

The APL cannot overstate our appreciation for the O'Neills and their generous friends and family. We are able to carry out our mission solely because of people like you!



The APL is Always an Angel!

In 2008, the APL was one of the recipients of the Secretary of State's Angel Award for exemplary performance as a charitable organization. This award is given only once to an organization, but year after year the APL receives a perfect score for fiscal responsibility.

Please remember us with end-of-the-year donations of items on our wish list (on p. 3) or financial support. We cannot sustain our mission without YOU!



2014 Annual Auction a Huge Success

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Benefit Auction on October 11 at the Medallion Center. We especially thank our donors, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers. Entertainment was provided by Jeff Liberty, and the master of ceremonies was Tim Miller of WIS-TV.

The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we count on our supporters to donate auction items, to get the word out about this fun event, and to come out that night and bid in support of a great cause. The money raised supports our mission to find homes for the ever-growing number of dogs and cats in our care.

Next year's auction date: October 3, 2015.

Note to Our Financial Supporters

Please be mindful that donations should be mailed to us at P.O. Box 5354, Columbia, SC 29250 or routed through the PayPal link on our website at www.aplsc.org. (Although our shelter is located on Old Leesburg Road, mail cannot be delivered to that address.)

Please be aware that donations made to the "Friends of the Animals of the APL" or to "Friends of the Animals of SC" are not routed to our organization and do not help defray our operating expenses. Thank you!

This newsletter is sponsored in part by the following memorials and honorariums:



*In honor of **Zinah and Kojack**, who waited at APL a long time for their forever home. On August 6, 2012, they came to live with Sandra Raines, and all three knew this was the perfect match from the start. Together they have made one another's lives better. "I am thankful every day for these two sweet souls. Thank you, APL, for bringing us together!" By Zinah and Kojack's new mom, Sandra Raines.*

faithful companion for more than a decade, a loving, gentle spirit who will always be remembered and greatly missed, by his mom, Delores DiMaria.

*In memory of **Sammy**,*



beloved black lab and faithful companion for more than a decade, a loving, gentle spirit who will always be remembered and greatly missed, by his mom, Delores DiMaria.

*In memory of **Snuggles**, beloved feline companion of Debbie Corley, and in honor of Debbie Corley and Judy Kinney, tireless APL volunteers, by the Tuten Family.*



hoarder situation. No one would adopt Joe because he sneezed all the time. The Tutens brought him home "temporarily" to help him get well. He did get well, but in the meantime, he stole their hearts and found a forever home. "There has never been a sweeter kitty, nor one who appreciated the love of his human companions more than Joe. In January 2014, Joe died suddenly from a saddle thrombus. We will always remember him." By the Tuten Family.

*In memory of beloved feline companion **Joe**, who was rescued by the APL from a*



Give Your Friends a Special Treat: A Holiday Keepsake Milk-Bone® Necklace or Ornament!

These genuine Milk-Bone® dog biscuits have been dipped in 24k gold. Ornaments hang from a ribbon bearing the name of the Midlands' oldest no-kill animal rescue organization.

Necklaces are on 18-in. chains and are either 24k gold or sterling plated.

\$25 each. Limited quantities!

Contact Judy at jlkin@icloud.com or 803.331.0197.



Honor or Memorialize Friends, Loved Ones with a Black Pearl Gift



Once again we are calling attention to our Black Pearls—those beautiful, lovable black dogs and cats who end up in shelters across the country in disproportionate numbers and who are statistically more likely to be euthanized than their counterparts.

Black Pearl Gifts honor your loved ones, bring attention to the plight of these precious animals, and support the mission of the APL. For a donation of \$50 or more, we will send your honoree one of these three gifts:

- (1) A card stating that a Black Pearl cat or dog will be spayed/neutered in 2015 in honor/memory of your loved one.
- (2) A black lap blanket with the Black Pearl logo embroidered in one corner.
- (3) A two-toned cotton tote bag (19" x 15" x 6") with the Black Pearl logo on both sides.



Each gift also comes with a letter explaining the Black Pearl program and a 4x6 photo collage of some of our APL Black Pearls.

Fill out the form below and send it in along with your donation to P.O. Box 5354, Columbia, 29250. Additional forms are available on our Web site. *Order by December 19 to ensure local delivery by Christmas. Out-of-town deliveries may take longer.* For questions, call Debbie at 803.603.5443.

I would like to sponsor a Black Pearl dog cat in honor of in memory of
Name(s): _____

Please send a holiday card, a photo collage of APL Black Pearls, and one of the following gifts

spay/neuter sponsorship tote bag embroidered lap blanket
to the following person:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your phone number (in case we have a question about your gift): _____

The holiday card will say that this gift was given by

Please provide information for each additional gift on a separate sheet of paper.



APL Shelter Wish List

If your office, school, civic group, family, or neighborhood is looking

for a way to give to the community this holiday season, please keep the APL in mind. Here is a list of items that are always in short supply at our shelter:

Ongoing Needs:

- Paper towels
- Clumping cat litter (less expensive in the long run than other kinds)
- Dry puppy and kitten food
- 55+ gallon drum liners (black garbage bags)
- Laundry detergent (liquid or powder)
- Bleach (any brand)
- OdoBan Odor Eliminator (found at Sam's Club)
- Liquid multi-purpose cleaner (Mr. Clean, Lysol, etc. **Pine Sol cannot be used with cats**)
- Printer ink cartridges: Epson TO44
- Topical Flea and Tick Preventative
 - * Frontline plus for cats (one size for all)
 - * Advantage II for cats (5-9 lbs, 9+ lbs)
 - * Frontline plus for large dogs (45-88 lbs)
 - * Advantage II for dogs (21-55 lbs, 55+ lbs)

Extra-Special Items (new or used in working condition):

- Hoses
- Convertible hand truck (500 pound + capacity)
- Pressure washer
- Weed eater
- Chain saw
- Wet/dry shop vac
- Extendable metal ladder

Gift Cards:

- Walmart, Sam's Club, Lowes, Home Depot
- Gas

Contact Kristine at aplpets@bellsouth.net to arrange a time to drop off donations or to have someone pick them up.

Thank you!

APL Adopt-a-Pet Events

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at



Hwy. 378 in Lexington.

Cats and kittens available during store hours at Lexington & Two Notch PetSmart locations.

Visit our shelter dogs and cats Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Go to www.aplsc.org to see pictures of available cats and dogs and to find directions to our shelter.

For additional information:
Debbie at 803.603.5443.

Donate Rummage Sale Items

We accept items year 'round for our rummage sales. Best sellers are gently used household items and furniture. Tell your family and friends!

To arrange a pick-up:
Judy 803.331.0197 or
Debbie 803.603.5443



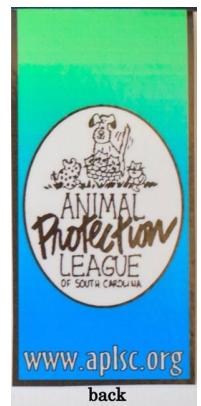
APL Magnetic Bookmarks



front

make great stocking stuffers!

With the APL logo on one side and cute caricatures of cats and dogs on the other, they will bring a smile to the animal lovers on your holiday gift list.



back

Just \$3 each!

Judy at 803.331.0197 or Debbie at 803.603.5443.

The APL received the following letter from E. Dixon Owens:

To all the wonderful people at the APL:

In August 2000, our family lost a dear rescue dog to congestive heart failure. We had ALWAYS had dogs, and all but two had been rescues.

So we headed to the APL shelter and found a collie/shepherd and her two sisters who had been put over the fence at the APL shelter. All three were precious, but one gravitated to me at once. We gave her a forever home. Her name at the shelter had been Egypt, but at our house she became known as Brandi.

Brandi was a unique dog with SO much personality. She gave love unconditionally and could even speak English (e.g., “back door,” “big door,” “car,” “no chocolate,” “bring your toy in the house,” and many more phrases to which she responded without hesitation).

Brandi endured new pets—cats and other dogs—who were brought into our home without giving them grief. She was our “Princess Pup,” and she captured our hearts from the very beginning.

Our grandchildren were welcomed into her world and she became part of their world. Needless to say, Brandi was important to our family and to our neighbors, who loved her as much as we did.

In the summer of 2013, Brandi’s health began to fail, and on July 29, 2013, we had to say good-bye to our dear girl at age 13. She had a tumor on her spleen and evidence of abdominal bleeding, and her prognosis was not good. During her last days—as always—she tried her best to please in every way. The day we let her go was perhaps the hardest day of our family’s life. It was VERY hard to lose this gentle dog who had brought only joy to us.



Professional Christmas Pet Portraits

By Mandy Nicoletta Photography

Dates and Locations:

Dec. 6th - 7th
Pet Supplies Plus
Irmo Store
Sat - 11am - 4pm
Sun - 12pm - 4pm

Dec. 20th - 21st
Pet Supplies Plus
Irmo Store
Sat - 11am - 4pm
Sun - 12pm - 4pm



Dec. 13th - 14th
Animal Supply
House - Lexington
Sat - 12pm - 4pm
Sun - 1pm - 4pm

All types of
animals are
welcome!!

All proceeds benefit the Animal Protection League of SC no-kill animal shelter.

Options are \$15 package which includes:

1 - 8x10, 2 - 4x6s, 4 - wallets

or

\$5 on the spot photo:

1 - 4x6

Questions? contact Mandy @ 803-339-9058 or m.nicoletta391@gmail.com

Seeing her with such a horrible diagnosis and so little quality of life left, we did what so many animal lovers have had to do for the sake of their animal companions. We told her that we would always love her and that she would always be a part of our lives, in our hearts and prayers.

We are thankful to all the wonderful people at the APL who give so much of themselves to help rescued animals who would otherwise have no chance in life, and we are particularly thankful that because of you kind people, our family was able to have Brandi as part of our lives.



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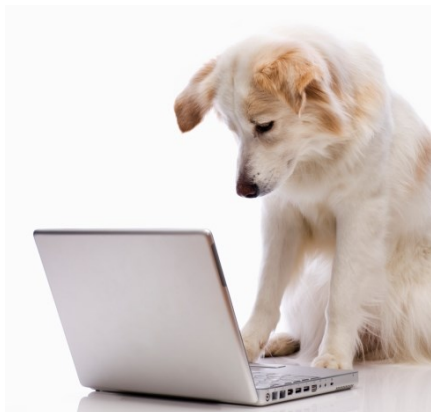
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If you prefer to receive your APL news via e-mail—*in full color!*—go to www.aplsc.org, click on “newsletters,” and subscribe there. ***Be sure to include your mailing address so we can remove you from the print mailing list.*** Or just call Debbie at 803.603.5443 and she will make the change.

Our longtime, faithful supporters surely noticed that in 2014, we were unable to send out printed newsletters. It was a difficult year financially, and printing and mailing newsletters is very, very expensive.

We want very much to keep you informed and hope that in 2015 we can find cost-effective ways to tell you about the tremendous work the APL is doing every day, thanks to your donations.



DONATIONS

Need envelopes in which to mail your donations each month? Call 803.603.5443 and leave your name and mailing information.

Consider setting up an automatic monthly donation via PayPal. Go to aplsc.org/needs.htm.

REMEMBER to sign up for GoodSearch and GoodShop.

Designate APL as your charity, and we get a donation every time you search or shop online!

Go to
www.goodsearch.com.