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MADDIE’S FUND GRANT MONEY HELPS BLACK PEARL ANIMALS

Last year APL established a program to help adopt black dogs and cats. Through information in our newsletters and at our adoptions, we have been heightening the awareness of the difficulty of finding homes for these animals.

Earlier this year, APL applied for a grant from the Maddie's Foundation. We requested funds to help APL find homes for existing black pearls and to also enable APL to take in new black pearls. We are excited to let you know that we were awarded a small grant that will help with this exciting initiative. Also, for each black pearl dog that's adopted, APL will provide pet training at PetSmart and a special walking harness. The training will give families a head start on transitioning their adopted dogs from shelter life, into a permanent home environment.

We have now placed three dogs into loving homes through this program. The feedback from our adopters has been very positive. This is one of the happy tale(s) we received from our first official black pearl adoption of CJ by Kristen and Joe Nygard. *“My husband and I stopped into PetSmart on a Saturday and came home with a pup. I say a pup, but our new pup is a 9 year old Pointer / Lab mix. There really is nothing puppy-ish about him. When we took him home he looked like a tired old man but we fell in love instantly. Here we are 3 months later and he runs around the back yard at full speed only to crash to the ground and roll on the grass belly up. We did have had some difficulty adjusting to each other with the help of the PetSmart Trainer, Marvin, and APL we are honored to provide a loving home for the rest of his life. Adopting an older dog was and is a great experience. Thanks APL!”*



Through the availability of Maddie's funds and your generous support, we have taken two beautiful black cocker spaniels from a rural county shelter - saving them from a sure death. Both dogs have now been placed into new homes. It is these wonderful happy endings that make volunteering with APL a rewarding experience. Thanks to the generosity of the Maddie's Fund, APL will be available to provide additional tools to help black pearl dogs and cats find a forever home.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help the Black Pearl program, please contact Joyce Dillon at 206-5779 or Bob Adams at 351-3536.

Gather Round For Bargains

THE APL Garage Sale will be held at 1727 Laurel Street on July 12, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and July 19, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is one of APL's largest fundraisers with all proceeds going to the care and operation of our shelter. We are in great need of any item for the sale. We also need volunteers to help organize the items at drop off times as well as help during the garage sale days. Please contact Bob Adams at 351-3536 or Mason Gibbes at 238-1434 if you need pick-up of large items. Contact Joyce Dillon at 206-5779 or Joyce Starling at 730-3238 or if you can volunteer to work at the location on any of the dates listed below.

Drop-off and “work” times are scheduled for:

Sun June 22	2-5 pm.
Wed June 25	5-7 p.m.
Sat June 28	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun June 29	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed-Sat, July 2-5	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun July 6	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Mon-Thurs, Jul 7-10	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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ELAINE PARKER UPDATE

For those interested in Elaine's progress - she is convalescing very well and making excellent progress.

You may send a card to:
4520 Trenholm Road
Apartment 122
Columbia, SC 29209

She would love to hear from you. Thanks for the concern and prayers during this time.

Join Alive for Five Today

If you are looking for a way to help homeless pets but time and money are a factor, APL has a great option for you. Join the APL “Alive for Five” club. Your donation goes straight to the heart of the problem and helps get the medical and physical needs met for the more than 150 pets currently in APL's care. Just a small donation of \$5.00 will give more than just hope to abandoned and abused pets. It will give LIFE. Use the enclosed green envelope for your donation and know that you are helping in a BIG way.

If you would like to sponsor a mailing, please call Robert Adams at (803) 345-6634.

