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APL Recognized for Outstanding Stewardship

Secretary of State Names APL a 2008 Angel



Donors can be confident that the Animal Protection League is a good steward of their financial gifts!

Because 93.5 percent of all collected revenue goes directly into programs that support the APL mission, Secretary of State Mark Hammond declared the organization to be a 2008 Angel, one of only ten non-profit organizations statewide recognized as such for exemplary fiscal responsibility.

Angels are chosen after a careful review of the financial reports that all charitable organizations must submit annually to the Secretary of State's Office. In addition to being good stewards of their monetary donations, Angels must have been in existence for at least three years and must have revenue greater than \$20,000, 80 percent or more of which must go toward the charities' program goals. Angels must also make good use of volunteer labor and receive minimal funding in grants.

A group of very proud APL supporters gathered on Wednesday, November 19, to accept a framed certificate and to be honored at a ceremony and reception at the State House.

APL board member Christine Brouwer noted that this honor is not only for the board members and the shelter staff but also for our many faithful donors and hard-working volunteers. Their financial gifts, the countless hours they devote to fund raising efforts, and the care they provide our animals enable the APL to make a significant difference in the lives of abandoned and abused dogs and cats in the Midlands area.

“We can all feel good about supporting an organization that inspires tremendously dedicated volunteers and generous donors,” remarked Brouwer. “It is very gratifying to have the State of South Carolina acknowledge the good work the APL has been doing quietly and consistently for over 25 years.”

The announcement of the 2008 Angels and Scrooges designated by the Secretary of State is available at <http://www.scsos.com> under “News and Important Notices.”

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.

So many of our wonderful supporters ask friends and family to send a donation to APL in lieu of a Christmas present. Thank you all for your generosity. Please keep in mind that due to a conflict with the US Postal Service, our only location to receive mail is:

**Post Office Box 5354
Columbia, SC 29250**

Unfortunately, any mail sent to our street address in Hopkins as listed in the telephone book is being returned. We have attempted to have this corrected but have not been successful.

Thank you for your understanding.

Honor Your Loved Ones This Holiday Season! Help Rescued Animals While Taking Care of Your Holiday Gift-Giving



This year, the APL Holiday Sponsorship program will focus once again on our “Black Pearls”—those beautiful, loveable black dogs and cats who, through no fault of their own, end up in shelters across the country in disproportionate numbers and who are statistically more likely to be euthanized than their brown, red, gray, orange, white, or mottled counterparts. Many unfair and misguided ideas have led to the “black animal syndrome.” A simple Internet

search unearths many pages of explanations for the fact that people are less likely to adopt black cats or dogs. Depression, for example, is often referred to as the “black dog,” and black cats have conjured up thoughts of bad luck in this country (although they are symbols of good luck in England and other countries). Regardless of the reasons, the APL has endeavored to draw attention to the plight of our Black Pearls. In 2007, we won a grant from the Maddie's Fund for our Black Pearl program because it dramatically reduced the black cat and dog population in our shelter. By giving Black Pearl Sponsorship Gifts this holiday season, you can honor a friend or loved one, help bring attention to the plight of these precious animals, and support the mission of the APL—all at once! This year, the Black Pearl's fundraising gift is a polo shirt with an embroidered Black Pearl logo. If you would like to give this gift to someone, or order one for yourself, please fill out the order form and send it with your donation to PO Box 5354 Columbia, SC 29250.

Upcoming Adopt-a-Pet dates

11:00 - 3:00

- 11/29 - Holiday - no adoptions**
- 12/6 - Animal Supply House - Irmo**
- 12/13 - PetSmart - Lexington**
- 12/20 - Animal Supply House - Irmo**
- 12/27 - Holiday - no adoptions**

Cats and kittens are available for adoption at both PetSmart in Lexington and Animal Supply House in Irmo. As always, dogs and cats are available for adoption at our shelter located at 6080 Old Leesburg Road which is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday 12-4.

110 More Cats and Kittens Now in Loving Homes

Thirty-Nine adoptions since August!

Thanks to the hard work of our shelter staff, our generous donors, and our faithful foster parents, 110 cats and kittens have found their "forever" homes in the past fifteen months! Thirty-nine of those adoptions have taken place since August.

"Since we began our collaboration with PetSmart two years ago, we have found homes for over 225 kittens and adult cats," says Cat Adoption Team lead Sandy Wright. "We are grateful to the many folks who volunteer to clean cages, feed, and spend quality time with our PetSmart cats until they find their forever homes.

We are also grateful to Bea Hordych, Elaine Pfefferkorn, and the other volunteers who foster and finance the care for many of the cats and kittens who come to us with no hope, making sure they are vaccinated, altered, and readied for adoption. They are a vital part of APL's Cat Adoption Team."

Although we have cause to celebrate, the needs remain great. Kitten season brought about more challenges than usual this year, and a number of kittens are still in foster homes waiting for room to become available at the shelter.

Every day we hear about more cats and dogs who need our help, but our foster homes are full. If you can foster a dog, a cat, or a litter of kittens while they are being readied for adoption, please e-mail Kristine Priede, our shelter manager, at aplpets@bellsouth.net.

SAVING DAISY

On November 9th Daisy, a three year old Pomeranian jumped from a car and ran down St Andrews Road in Irmo. Our search for her centered around that area. One week later a call was received from a concerned person that a dog fitting Daisy's description had been seen running up and down the Broad River Road a different area from where we were searching. Many people reported



they had seen her running out in front of cars, crossing back and forth over the busy

road and darting into the woods. The weather was turning extremely cold and we knew that Daisy could not continue to survive in those conditions. Traps were set and checked every few hours but the only animal caught was a very fat, angry cat. Early Sunday morning, two weeks after missing, Daisy was found in the trap wagging her tail and doing her cute little dance. Must have been the chicken livers! Daisy was carried back to safety and is doing well. It's amazing how we can all survive in the most adverse conditions.

A very big thank you everyone who helped get Daisy home.



Lincoln was found lying in a local park. She was so malnourished and weak that she had trouble standing. After a good meal, she was carried to the local vet where her condition was assessed. It turns out that the severe neglect that Lincoln has suffered has resulted in heartworm disease and a couple of large tumors.

Lincoln is currently in the care of an APL volunteer, where she is gaining strength every day. She amazes her foster parents, because despite the cruelty she has obviously endured, she is incredibly sweet, has no food aggression, is house trained and enjoys being with people. Once she is strong enough, Lincoln will undergo heartworm treatment. We are looking for a cat free foster home where she can be kept calm for a three week recovery period. If you can provide a short-term foster home, please e-mail Christine at brouwers@earthlink.net.

If you can help with Lincoln's medical bill, please send donations to our PO box or donate electronically at: <http://lincoln.chipin.com/lincoln>.

PICTURES WITH SANTA -

The Animal Protection League will once again be taking photos of your four legged loved ones with Santa. Please support the APL and create a loving memory of the season of your pets with Santa. Volunteers will be taking pictures at Animal Supply House on Lake Murray Blvd in Irmo on Saturday December 6th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM and again on December 13th at Animal Supply House from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Santa will be at PetSmart on Highway 378 in Lexington on December 20th from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM and again on December 21st from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM. The cost for both locations is less than \$10. All proceeds will be used to support our medical account for APL animals requiring special care.

Mark your calendars and show your support for APL with a Christmas photo of your pet with Santa.



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• **FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS of**
• **ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE**
• **COOKOUT**
• **JANUARY 24, 2008**
• **6:30pm to 10:30pm**
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LOCATION: UNIVERSITY HOUSE
PARKING FACILITY
INTERSECTION OF ASSEMBLY STREET
AND BLUFF ROAD, ACROSS FROM
THE STATE FAIR GROUNDS

ENTERTAINMENT: JIM LeBLANC
FOOD: LOW COUNTRY COOK-OUT
ASSORTED DESSERTS
DRINKS: ASSORTED BEVERAGES,
ADULT BAR

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON OR
RESERVE TABLES OF 8 FOR \$175.00
AND SAVE \$25.00. TABLES MUST BE
RESERVED AND PAID IN ADVANCE
10 DAYS AHEAD OF TIME.

TICKETS AND TABLES WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR ORDER IN
DECEMBER. **PLEASE SEND CHECKS
TO:**

**P.O. 4394 COLUMBIA, SC 29240-4394
OR CALL JUDY KINNEY- 782-5728
FOR TABLE RESERVATION**

Our Wish List

- **Clumping cat litter**
- **ink for printer - Cannon 40 & 41**
- **metal utility shelf**
- **laundry detergent**
 - **dish soap**
- **55 gal plastic bags**
- **dog and cat shampoo with flea preventative**
- **topical flea and tick preventative for cats and dogs**
 - **benedryl**
 - **can dog food**
 - **copy paper**

... **VOLUNTEERS,
VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS**

A Home for the Holidays

There are many dogs at the shelter who are in need of a home for the holidays. Please consider fostering a dog over the holiday season. There would be no greater gift for them than the gift of love and warmth at Christmas. Please contact Kristine Priede at the shelter if there is room in your heart and home for one of these precious animals over the holidays. Phone 783-2119 and leave a message.

Help the APL save money and "go green"! *Subscribe to the online newsletter by going to our website and clicking on the News and Events link.*