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AUCTION

COMING UP...



**APL'S ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION OCTOBER 25, 2008
SILENT AND LIVE**

Mark your calendars for APL's annual benefit auction to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 6:00PM – 10:00PM. We are excited to announce that the auction will be held at the Columbia Marriott located on the corner of Main and Hampton Streets. Free parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the building.

The Marriott catering staff will delight your palate with an array of wonderful heavy hors d'oeuvres, (vegetarian delights also) complemented with wine, beer and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages.

The silent auction will begin at 6:00 and we will feature many bid opportunities from art, restaurants, local events and just about anything you could wish for! Come early, view the items, and place your bids. Mingle with friends and just have a great time! The White Knoll High School Drama Club will be performing for us that evening.

The live auction will begin at 8:00 and will feature trips, autographed college sport memorabilia, jewelry and many other great surprises. Bring your friends and have a lot of fun.

The cost is \$40 per person which includes food and beverages listed above. Save some money for bidding by purchasing a table for eight for \$280. We recommend that tickets be purchased by October 17th to ensure tickets arrive in the mail on time.

Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

Phone: Debbie at 603-5443 or Bob at 351-3536.

Mail: Animal Protection League, PO Box 5354, Columbia, SC 29250

(Be sure to confirm the number of tickets when mailing in request)

Pickup: Roof Jewelers – 6829 Two Notch Road or Animal Supply House – Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo

(For your convenience, purchases can be completed with check, cash, visa and mastercard)

Many of our supporters also donate items for the auction and we depend on these donations for a successful evening. Please contact the phone numbers listed above for any items you wish to donate and we will be glad to arrange a pickup by October 17th.

The annual auction is the major contributor to maintaining care for the animals we have at our shelter and enables us to continue to save animals throughout the year. Your generosity through the years has made it possible for APL to save animals for **twenty six years!** We hope that you will continue your support this year as we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

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.

AARON WILKERSON APPEARANCE FOR APL



Aaron Wilkerson, trainer/handler for Uno, the first beagle to win Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, spoke to a standing room only crowd at the Animal Supply House on July 19th. Aaron took time from his very busy schedule to offer support for the Animal Protection League. He shared his experiences preparing Uno for his championship role. “There are days when I just sit back and say ‘wow!’ – it is the opportunity of a lifetime and there are no words to describe the feeling of taking the lap around the ring – especially with a ham like Uno.”

Uno is now retired from the show circuit and is making appearances in children's hospitals, on talk shows and just getting on with his usual superstar duties! Be sure to watch for Aaron and Uno in the Macy's Day Parade – paws up!

Aaron is continuing to show dogs and we fully expect to see him at Westminster again real soon. APL would like to send a very special thanks Aaron not only for taking the time to show support but also making time to talk to all the supporters who came out to meet him.

APL will have signed copies of the book, “Uno Blue-Ribbon Beagle” available at the annual benefit auction on October 25th.

Upcoming Adopt-a-Pet dates

- 9/27 - Animal Supply House - Irmo**
- 10/4 - PetSmart - Lexington**
- 10/11 - Animal Supply House - Irmo**
- 10/18 - PetSmart - Lexington**
- 10/25 - Animal Supply House - Irmo**

11:30 - 4:00

Cats and kittens are available for adoption at both PetSmart in Irmo and Animal Supply House in Lexington. 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.

Thanks Aplenty!

The APL garage sale was a great success and we want to thank each and every one who donated wonderful items, collected stuff from all over town and worked long hours to make the sale a success. We would also like to thank all of our wonderful supporters who came out to purchase goods. Thank you – **thank you!**

APL is funded solely by donations and this is why our fundraisers mean so much to us. Your

continued financial support keeps our no-kill shelter operational and provides medical care to our animals. All money collected goes directly to animal care. We appreciate everything you did to make this year's event a success.

Remember that items for the garage sale are accepted all year. Please keep APL in mind as you do your fall and spring cleaning. Give us a call and we will make arrangements for drop off or pick-up. Also, keep in mind that year end is approaching and income tax season is just around the corner. All donations are tax deductible and we will be happy to provide the form for your taxes. Give us a call at 783-2119 – leave a message that you have items to donate and someone will be in touch with you.

We would like to ask that you omit donations of clothing, shoes and encyclopedias.



Pearl, The Wal-Mart Puppy

Around the last day of March Pearl was dropped off in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Lexington and left to fend for herself. Fortunately, Marvin Mathias, a PetSmart trainer was behind the vehicle that came to a rolling stop, dropped her out of the driver's side door, then promptly drove off. Marvin went over to investigate – and found her – a tiny Labrador mix puppy no more than 8 weeks old. She was infested with fleas and intestinal parasites. He graciously took care of her (and her first vet bill) then he called the Animal Protection League. She was fostered in an APL home and was found on Petfinder.com by Brenda & Jeff Becraft. Strangely enough – the Lab mix “Biscuit” they previously had for 10 years had been found at the local Wal-Mart. They adopted Pearl in April of this year and have since attended a PetSmart Puppy training class taught by – Marvin. Thanks Marvin, for your assistance and care!! Pearl has found a forever home with the Becrafts – they are a wonderful family who now have a great dog – Pearl.



The APL now has a presence on Facebook!

What better way to meet fellow APL supporters and stay in touch!

If you have adopted a pet from us in the past, join our group, post pictures and let us know how you're all doing! We often wonder how our adopted pets are getting along in their new homes.

Hannah: From Deathrow to Happy Hannah

Hannah came to the APL in May of this year as a rescue from a high kill shelter in a neighboring county. She was nearly euthanized there simply because the shelter staff assumed she was an old dog – because she had grey and white hair. She was given a much-needed haircut, treated for her severe skin allergy, spayed, and promptly adopted out to the right home. She now has a great family who adore her as much as she adores them!! Thanks to Julie, Jett and Samantha Jernigan for helping Hannah find happiness and a wonderful forever home.



PRECIOUS METAL FOR PRECIOUS PETS

Long time APL supporter, Roof Jewelers has partnered with APL to raise funds by collecting precious metals. If you would like to donate your old gold or sterling silver items, all proceeds will go to APL.

How this works... you can take your used or broken jewelry to



Roof Jewelers at 6829 Two Notch Road, and they will appraise the value for refined gold or silver and write a tax receipt to the donor. For more information please contact Judy at 788-2644, or Debbie at 603-5443. This works great for those mismatched earrings!



Patch A Really Lucky Dog

Patch was brought to Dr. Van De Grift's Office with a damaged eye - the owner was suspected of abusing this little guy and didn't want to have the eye repaired so the Doctor was instructed to “put him down.”

Of course, Dr. Van De Grift called the APL and the rest is history. Patch's eye was fixed up, he was fostered out for a short time before he was adopted out to a great family: Magen Silcox & her family !!

A Big Thank you to Dr. Van De Grift and his staff – they do so much for the APL.

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