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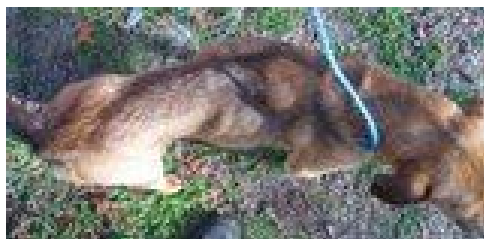
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APL Rescues Cinnamon and Her Seven Pups

Starving neighborhood dog finds safe haven & new lease on life for herself and her little ones.

Cinnamon's story is, sadly, not unlike that of many other rescued animals: Her previous owners moved away and left her behind to fend for herself.



Kindhearted neighbors fed her leftovers when she came by occasionally, but mostly she scavenged for the small amounts of food that kept her alive.

When it came time to deliver her puppies, she had them under

the neighbor's shed. It is hard to imagine how a dog as emaciated as Cinnamon managed not only to survive but to give birth to and nourish seven puppies, but she did.

Once the pups were big enough to be moved, the neighbors brought Cinnamon and her babies to our shelter in the back of a pick-up truck. These pictures of Cinnamon were taken when she first arrived, about three weeks ago, just skin and bones.

Today, she is filling out nicely. With a sweet disposition and a gentle attitude toward everyone she meets, Cinnamon will be a great catch for the family who adopts her. She loves to go for walks, with her tail wagging the entire time. She will be spayed on April 23 and ready for adoption soon after.



Her puppies are adorable: Harmony, Harold, Hayley (right), Homer, Hogan, Huxley (left), and Horton all have appointments to be altered—three of them late in May and four early in June.



If you would like to contribute to the cost of preparing Cinnamon and her seven babies for adoption—spays, neuters, vaccinations, and deworming—please click [here](#). If you would like to make one of them a member of your family, contact Kristine at

aplpets@bellsouth.net.

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Golf Tournament on May 18: Top Prize of \$25,000!

Play golf, win huge prizes, and help rescued animals!



Golden Hills
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Sign up now for the first Animal Protection League Golf Tournament at Golden Hills Golf Club, 100 Scotland Drive in Lexington.

We will be giving away up to five prizes for par-three holes-in-one: a Sharp flat-screen LCD TV, two sets of Callaway Big Bertha Irons, round-trip airline tickets for two, and \$25,000 cash.



Registration is \$475 for four-person teams and \$125 for individual golfers (\$550 and \$150 after April 25). This captain's choice event also features a silent auction and a raffle, including a chance to win \$2,500 for making a sixty-foot putt! Shotgun start is at 9 a.m.

You or your business can support this event by sponsoring golf carts, holes, refreshment or food centers, gift bags, towels, or koozies.

For more details about sponsorship and for registration forms, please e-mail Susan (Susan59@bellsouth.net) or Chappie (chappievardell@bellsouth.net) or call 803-608-4587.

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Come out on April 18 for Event to Benefit Homeless Animals

Volunteers needed to hand out information about APL and to help with adoptions.



The APL will have a booth at the “Bark to the Park” Walk and Festival, an annual event held on downtown Columbia at Finlay Park. This year's festival will be on Saturday, April 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

Not only do we have a chance to find good homes for some of our rescued animals, but we also have an opportunity to recruit new supporters for our mission.

Click [here](#) to learn more about “Bark to the Park.” Send an e-mail to Joyce at joyceandmisha@hotmail.com and let her know if you can work at our APL booth that day.

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Remember Willow?

APL volunteers rescued and then supported treatment for this sweet dog.



Willow is the emaciated dog who was left in a park to die last Thanksgiving. Well, thanks to you and your generous support, Willow has undergone successful heartworm treatment. She is gaining strength and energy every day.

Willow is a delight. Her only wish now is to have a home of her own, where she can be the companion that she longs to be. It actually isn't hard to fall in love with Willow; she's sweet, submissive, likes everybody—men, women, and kids—and is eager to please. It's as if she knows a good situation when she sees one and will do anything to keep it that way.

She has quickly learned basic manners and skills (including hand signals) and is almost cured of snatching treats. Her foster mom was worried about Willow's reaction to cats, but now that

Willow and the cats who live with her are used to one other, things are going quite smoothly.

Willow is a quick learner and a beautiful soul. If you are interested in fostering or adopting her, please contact Christine at brouwers@earthlink.net.

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APL Salutes Penny and Pei Pei

After many years, these two are still looking for a home they can call their own.

This issue of the e-newsletter is dedicated to two APL rescues who have been waiting a long, long time for someone to take them home.

Penny has had three different homes, but none of her previous owners figured out that she needs a very inexpensive prescription food to keep her digestive system healthy. In her last owner's home, she would wait all day on the back of the sofa, looking out the window for him to come home.



Penny loves people—and especially laps!—and will make someone a faithful companion.



Pei Pei has lived at our shelter for seven of his eight years. The shelter staff can't understand why he keeps getting passed over for adoption because he is so friendly and enthusiastic. His coat is coarse, but he has the softest nose you will ever feel. Pei Pei is good with other dogs and with cats. He deserves to live out his life with human companions



devoted to giving him a home to call his own.

Both Penny and Pei Pei qualify for our “Senior Pets for Senior People” program, which means they are available at no charge to an eligible senior citizen who would like to give either of them a home. Please contact [Kristine](#) for more information.

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Baseball Season is Almost Over! Can You Help?

APL counts on the revenue from this important fund raising opportunity.

The APL earns 10 percent of the gross sales at the stand we operate at each USC baseball game! Have you signed up yet? The schedule is available online [here](#), and we need folks to work all the weekend games. Please call Judy at 782-5728 and let her know when you can help.

If you don't like handling money, you can help with the grill or assemble hot dogs and hamburgers. There is a job for everyone. Volunteers can even see the games while they work.



The gift of a few hours of your time is golden to the APL animals, who count on volunteers to make a difference in their lives.

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Do You Live in or Near Lexington?

Could you spare an hour a week to help homeless cats find a family?



Thanks in large part to our affiliation with the Two Notch Road PetSmart, we have found homes for over 265 cats in less than three years. Now we have APL cats available for adoption at the Lexington PetSmart adoption center, too!

Adding another location is a huge step forward, especially as we enter the time of year known in the rescue business as “kitten season.”

But it takes a team of volunteers to ensure the health and well-being of the cats and kittens we place in PetSmart. Cats do not like change, and they need daily reassurance from volunteers.

Volunteers clean cages, fill water and food bowls, and—most important of all—give the cats time out of their small cages, playing with them and keeping them socialized.

Become a part of APL's Cat Adoption Team at the Lexington PetSmart! Call Mandy today to sign up for as little as one hour a week: 803-429-2845.

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Foster Homes Needed for Cats and Small Dogs

Foster an animal while he or she waits for a "forever" home, and make a big difference!

APL adoption team volunteers are desperately seeking more foster homes for cats and for small-breed dogs.

First, we have a list of special adult cats who need to learn how great people can be! Maybe they haven't had a lot of human love in their lives up to now, or maybe they have had to fend for themselves too long. They need to be around patient humans who will let them learn trust so that they can be ready to find permanent homes.

One such cat is Charlie, who is about a year old. He came to the APL very, very scared and wouldn't let anyone near him. So Charlie became one of the shelter staff's pet projects. He has come around wonderfully and will now come up to the staff, rub against their legs, and let them pet him. Charlie adores other cats and is definitely playful.



Since he's still skittish around people he doesn't know, a bit of fostering in a real home would go a long way toward helping this handsome boy win the affection of potential adopters. He is so close to being ready for adoption but needs a little extra help to really let him shine!

Second, we have an immediate need for someone to foster a mother cat and four kittens for two weeks until the kittens are weaned.

Finally, although we often have a waiting list of people who want to adopt small dogs, we still need foster homes while they are being readied for adoption.

If you have room in your heart and in your home for a temporary house guest, please contact Joyce (for dogs) at joyceandmisha@hotmail.com or Kristine (for cats) at aplpets@bellsouth.com.



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April and May Adoption Opportunities

April 18: [Bark to the Park](#) (see article above)



Animal Supply House in Irmo
1674 Lake Murray Blvd.
Saturday, April 25 and May 9, 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Animal Supply House in Lexington
Saturday, May 2, 16, 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



PetSmart in Lexington
5135U Sunset Boulevard
Saturday, May 2, 16, 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cats and kittens are available for adoption every day during store hours at PetSmart on Two Notch Road and in Lexington.

As always, dogs and cats are available for adoption at our shelter at 6080 Old Leesburg Road, Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. or by [appointment](#). For directions to our shelter, visit our Web site at www.aplsc.org.

To see all the APL animals available for adoption visit our Web site or click [here](#).

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Thanks to All of You Who Came Through!

You heard the shelter staff's plea for laundry detergent and came to their rescue!



Puppies can dirty up a washer load of towels in no time, and we are going through detergent like nobody's business. Despite the generous donations of our supporters last month, *we can still use more!*

Other items that are always on our wish list are clumpable cat litter and paper towels.

If you can donate any of these much-needed items, please send an e-mail to our shelter manager, Kristine, at aplpets@bellsouth.net.

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Annual Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

Plans are under way now for the 2009 event.



If you have items we can sell at our next rummage sale, please call Robert (351-3536), Debbie (603-5443), or Judy (782-5728) to arrange a pick-up. We can even provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

What sells? Furniture, electronics (please indicate working condition so we can price accordingly), collectibles, large toys, tools, and children's clothing (in good shape!). **Please, no encyclopedias or adult clothing.** Thanks!

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Links to Articles on Other Web Sites

- Always Adopt Cats in Pairs (from the *Atlanta Constitution*) Excerpt: "Cats should always be housed in pairs. Contrary to popular belief (myth) cats are not solitary. They hunt alone but live in colonies. It is always ideal to adopt in pairs and have multiple cats so they have a chance to interact with their own species. This is particularly important if your cats are indoors only. To put it in perspective, imagine a human locked in a house their entire life and never getting to see, speak to, or touch another person, ever! The only exception to this rule would be the little 6-week-old kitten adopted and kept as an "only cat" its entire life. These cats become very poorly socialized and often can never be introduced to another cat as they are typically extremely aggressive to their own kind." Click [here](#) to read the rest of the article.
- Fleas and Other External Parasites: Professional Information from the American Veterinary Medicine Association. Excerpt: "You may not know that your pet has fleas until their number increases to the point that your pet is obviously uncomfortable. Signs of flea problems range from mild redness to severe scratching that can lead to open sores and skin infections. One of the first things you may notice on a pet with fleas is 'flea dirt'— the black flea droppings left on your pet's coat." Click [here](#) to read the rest of the article, including advice about the treatment of external parasites.

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