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Rummage Sale Is a Huge Success! Sale Dates Added for August

Donations are still being accepted for the final sale dates.



A big “thank you” goes out to all of you who donated items for our June rummage sale or who came out to shop. In just two Saturdays, we raised over \$4,000! The event was such a success, in fact, that we are extending the sale for two more days, August 1 and 8, at the same time and location: from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1727 Laurel Street, downtown Columbia near the fire station.

We can still use donations for the August sale date. **Drop-off** days and times are **July 21, 23, 28, and 30 and August 4 and 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** To drop off items at other times, call Debbie (603-5443)

or Judy (782-5728). Please leave a message, and your call will be returned quickly. If you have large items and need help transporting them, please call one of them to arrange a pickup.

What sells? Furniture, electronics, tools, collectibles, large toys, books, and children's clothing (in good shape). We will even provide you with a receipt for tax purposes. (Please, no encyclopedias or adult clothing.)

In addition to donating items, here are five ways you can help:

- Volunteer to help sort and price items or to work on the sale date (call Debbie, above).
- If you have a truck, help pick up large donations.
- Tell all your friends about our need for donations.
- Come to the sale and get great deals.
- Bring your friends and family!

Please help us spread the word to other APL supporters who may not be receiving this e-newsletter. The next hard-copy newsletter won't be published until just before the sale.

APL volunteers work hard organizing and executing fundraisers, but we count on your faithful donations to continue our mission. Please consider [clicking here](#) to make a secure online donation now, or mail your donation to the APL at PO Box 5354, Columbia, SC 29250.

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Senior Pets for Senior People Success Story

Just 24 hours after the newspaper highlighted our program, Petey found his forever home.



After her beloved cat of twenty years passed away, Erica was hesitant to get another one. But then she read the [article in the State](#) newspaper about APL supporter Jean Doar and her participation in the APL's "Senior Pets for Senior People" (SFS) program. Erica realized that the SFS program would ensure that her next animal companion would be cared for if one day she was unable to care for it herself. She called the shelter right away.

Seven-year-old Hobbes was surrendered to the APL by an owner who didn't appreciate his desire to be cuddled and held. He had been at our shelter awhile because potential adopters are often unwilling to consider older animals. The SFS program, designed to match senior pets with senior citizens who love animals, was tailor-made for Hobbes.

Erica and Hobbes—whom she renamed "Petey"—bonded right away. When our SFS coordinator, Elaine, called to check on them the day after Erica took Petey home, she learned that it was a match made in heaven.

Petey made himself right at home. Right away he discovered his own spot on the sofa next to Erica.

And although he started out at the foot of her bed that first night, by morning he had crept right up next to her. Erica was delighted: "That was very nice. I have always wanted a cat who would sleep beside me."

Thank you, Erica, for helping to fill Petey's senior years with love and affection.

To be eligible for this program, applicants should be at least 62 years old and must go through the usual APL application process. If an appropriate match can be made, the senior then enters a long-term foster agreement with the APL at no charge to the senior. In some cases, the APL will even agree to pay for annual shots and food if the senior is unable to do so.

Anyone interested in the APL's "Senior Pets for Senior People" program can send an e-mail to Elaine at epfeff@ymail.com or call the shelter at 783-2119 and leave a message. Currently, ten senior cats and four medium to large senior dogs are available for this program.

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Volunteers Needed to Help Mow Shelter Grass

We own a mower, but we need volunteers to get the job done.

Two acres doesn't seem like much . . . until the grass needs to be mowed! We have a push mower, but our shelter staff is already stretched thin taking care of our cats and dogs and performing other shelter maintenance. We are looking for a few good women and/or men to help us with the task of keeping the grass trimmed.



You are welcomed to use our mower or to bring your own. Or maybe you know someone with an industrial-sized mower who could get the job done in no time.

Can you help? If so, please call our shelter liaison, Mason, at 238-1434 or send him an e-mail at mgibblet28@aol.com.

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Only a Few More Weeks Left to Help the APL Win a \$20,000 Grant

Sign up for daily reminders to vote through July 26.



Click on the icon to the left or go to <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com> and vote for the "Animal Protection League" in Columbia, SC, in the Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge. We could win \$20,000 to help pets in need. While you are on the site, sign up for e-mail reminders to vote every day.

The Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com member shelter and

rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant to the groups with the most votes, but there are also weekly winners of \$1,000.

Once on the site, first click the large purple button to help feed rescued animals. Next, on the page that pops up after your initial click, scroll down to the bottom and look for a box that says “The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge.” Click on the “Vote” button.

The first time you vote, you will have to search for “Animal Protection League,” but when you come back the next time, our shelter will already be listed for you. The whole process takes about ten seconds.

Voting costs you nothing. You can vote once a day, every day, **until July 26**. Look in the left-hand column of the page and sign up to receive e-mail reminders to vote every day. Encourage others to vote too.

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Adoption Update: Who Has a New Home and Who Is Still Waiting

Here is the latest news on the rescued dogs you have read about in past newsletters.



Great news! All of Cinnamon’s puppies have now been adopted—and so has Cinnamon (right). Annie (left) and Willow (below, left) are still waiting.



Please contact [Kristine at the shelter](#) if you are interested in providing a home for Annie or one of the [other dogs and cats](#) who live at our shelter. Please contact Willow’s foster mom, [Christine](#), if you are interested in meeting Willow.

Remember the puppies we told you about last month, one of whom had parvo? Sarea has already been adopted, and Trista (right) and Michiko (bottom, left) are now ready for someone to take them home. Pipkin still needs a little more time to recover from her bout with parvo, but she will be ready soon.



Did You Know . . .

We shared these details last month, but they bear repeating: The average cost to the APL to prepare a female puppy for adoption is about \$115—a sum that includes deworming, all vaccinations, microchipping, testing, and altering at the low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Male puppies cost an average of \$95. Kittens range from \$78 to \$98. Adult cats and dogs range from \$70 to \$126.

Those expenses, of course, do not take into account the ongoing costs of running our shelter, such as rent, salaries for our small staff of animal caregivers, utilities, and insurance. Those expenses are met by our faithful supporters who give steadily, every month, to support our mission. The fees we charge for adoptions help defray the cost of preparing our rescued animals to be adopted, but they in no way cover unexpected expenses, such as Pipkin's hospital stay or Willow's heartworm treatment.



If you can help, please click [here](#) or mail your donation to the APL at PO Box 5354, Columbia, SC 29250. Your dollars go directly to the cause.

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July and August Adoption Opportunities

Adopt-a-Pet Events at Local Pet Stores
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Three locations:



Animal Supply House in Irmo
1674 Lake Murray Blvd.
July 18; August 1, 15, and 29

Animal Supply House in Lexington
5474 Augusta Road
July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22



PetSmart in Lexington
5135U Sunset Boulevard
July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22

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 <http://www.aplsc.org/info.htm>.

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

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APL-Sponsored Microchip Clinics Are Well-Attended

Two more clinics to be held, July 18 and August 8.

The second APL microchip clinic was a big hit. So far, 38 people have come out to get their pets microchipped. Our next clinics will be held **July 18** at the Animal Supply House in Irmo and **August 8** at the Animal Supply House in Lexington. Clinics are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A veterinary technician will be on-site to microchip your cat or dog for the very low fee of \$10. The APL will then register your pet's microchip number with 24PetWatch, where it will be maintained in a database free of charge. Learn more about [24PetWatch](#) by clicking [here](#).

Why have your pet microchipped? Millions of pets are lost each year, and the majority of them are never reunited with their owners because the animals cannot be identified. Microchipping offers pet owners the only truly permanent method of ensuring that their pets can be identified and returned home safely.

All animals who are brought into a veterinary clinic or animal welfare organization are now routinely scanned for a microchip. In the event that a microchip is located, the staff will call [24PetWatch](#) to see if the pet is registered in their database. As soon as the match is made, someone will call the owner to let him or her know that the pet has been found and to arrange a reunion.

Ten dollars is a low price to pay for peace of mind, so make sure to bring your pet to the next APL microchip clinic.

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Shelter Wish List



So far, no one has responded to our request for **dog collars**. Any size will do—new or used—but especially ones that are 16, 18, and 22 inches long. They don't need to be fancy, just functional.

We also need three to five new large **doghouses**—either the “dogloo” style depicted here or traditional large dog houses with rooftop ventilation.



- Dogloo**
- Adjustable top ventilation
 - Rain diverting door trim
 - Sturdy structural foam construction
 - Food/water dish and bracket included
 - Extended entrance, raised threshold

Other immediate needs include **dishwashing detergent** (yes, we're out again!), and **flea and tick shampoo**. Ongoing needs include **clumping cat litter** and **bleach**.

We can provide a tax receipt for all donations. If you can donate any of these much-needed items, please send an e-mail to Nancy at ntuten@sc.rr.com or call Debbie at 603-5443 and leave a message, which she will return promptly.

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Save the Date: Annual Auction November 7

Auction organizers are already starting to collect items for the silent and live auctions.



If you don't attend another APL event all year (and of course we hope you will!), you won't want to miss the 2009 APL auction. At this annual event, not only do we raise money to advance our mission, but we also have a great time with other APL supporters.

In the past, live auction items have included airline tickets, hotel accommodations, art, and vacation weeks. Silent-auction items usually include gift certificates for meals, massages, hair cuts, veterinary care, and animal boarding and grooming; jewelry and collectibles from specialty gift stores; as well as a host of other great items. You can do all your holiday shopping and help animals at the same time!

Ticket price includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, adult beverages—and, of course, the all-important bidder number!

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan on an evening of fun. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

How can you help? Do you have a service or item that you would like to donate to the auction? Would you be willing to help collect items from our faithful donors? Maybe you can help set up for the event. If you can help in any way, please contact Debbie at 603-5443. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and we need everyone's help to make it a success.

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Feature Your Pet's Photo in Our E-Newsletter

Tell other e-newsletter subscribers why your animal companion is so special!

Each month the banner at the top of our e-newsletter includes two photos: one cat and one dog.

Usually these are APL rescues, but now you can share your pet photos in those spaces.

For a \$25 donation to the APL, you can feature your cat or dog in our e-newsletter banner. We will also include a brief (two or three sentences) write-up about why he or she is so special to you. This is a great way to pay tribute to the beloved animal companions who bring much joy to our lives every day.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Christine at brouwers@earthlink.net.

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If you haven't already become our FB friend, click [here](#). Get regular updates about APL activities in between your monthly e-newsletters, and share APL news with your other Facebook friends so we can let more people know about the good work that the APL is doing.

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