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Donations Needed for Annual Rummage Sale

Drop-off has already begun and runs through the sale.

Our annual rummage sale will be held June 20 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1727 Laurel Street, downtown Columbia near the fire station.

Remaining **drop-off** days and times are **June 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, and 23 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 sale dates (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!

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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APL Rescues Four Abandoned Puppies—One Hospitalized

Rescued pup came to us with parvo; littermates show no signs of the illness.



Shelters shudder at the thought of [parvo](#), which can quickly spread among unvaccinated dogs. Thank goodness these four-month-old puppies were quarantined as soon as they arrived. Within just a few days, Pipkin became very ill. The diagnosis? [Parvo](#). She was hospitalized for treatment but is now back at the shelter—still quarantined but making her way back to a full recovery.

Her brothers and sisters have shown no sign of being ill. All four puppies have already started their vaccinations and deworming and will soon have appointments to be altered. It appears that mom was a husky and dad was a German



shepherd-border collie mix. Michiko (above left) and Pipkin (below left) will be medium-sized dogs (and Pipkin is likely to be smaller than Michiko). Trista (below right, sitting) and Sarea (below right, standing) will be larger dogs.

Pipkin's vet bill—even after very generous



discounts from her vet—was \$655.13.

Please consider a [donation in honor of these pups](#). Your gift will help cover Pipkin's big vet bill and help us prepare all four puppies for adoption.

Did You Know . . .

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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Honor Grads and Dads with a Black Pearl Donation

Each recipient gets a golf shirt with the Black Pearl logo and a note acknowledging your gift.



Honor the fathers and the graduates in your life by making a donation in their honor to support our “Black Pearls”—those beautiful, lovable black dogs and cats who end up in shelters across the country in disproportionate numbers and who are statistically more likely to be euthanized in city and county shelters than their brown, red, gray, orange, white, or mottled counterparts.

For several years now, the APL has endeavored to draw attention to the plight of our own Black Pearls. In 2007, we even won a grant from [Maddie's Fund](#) for our Black Pearl program because it dramatically reduced the black cat and dog population in our shelter by promoting their adoption into good homes.



When you make a Black Pearl donation, your honoree will receive a nice note acknowledging the gift and a polo shirt with an embroidered Black Pearl logo—like the one pictured above. 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.

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Click to Help the APL Win a \$20,000 Grant

Sign up to get daily reminders to vote daily through July 26.



Click on the icon to the left or go to 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 weekly winners of \$1,000, too.

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 if you vote every day, our shelter will already be listed for you. The whole process takes about ten seconds.

Both of these actions are free. 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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Recently Rescued Dogs and Puppies Still Wait for a "Forever" Home

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



Annie (left) and Cinnamon (right) are still hoping that people with room in their hearts and their homes will fall in love with them.



Two of Cinnamon's puppies, Hogan and Haley, have been adopted. Huxley and Harmony (below, middle) are ready to be adopted but are still waiting for the right person to come along.



Please contact [Kristine at the shelter](#) if you are interested in providing a home for any of these dogs or for one of the [other dogs or cats](#) who live at our shelter.

If you would like to help defray the enormous cost of preparing all these dogs and their puppies for adoption (neutering, shots, deworming, defleaing, microchipping), please [click here](#) to make a secure online donation or mail your donation to the post office box at the top of this newsletter.



Willow is also still waiting and hoping. Her foster mother took two new photos of Willow to share with us here (below, left and right). She is a gentle soul who will make someone a terrific companion. She has learned a few tricks and is eager to show them to you! Please contact her foster mom, [Christine](#), if you are interested in meeting Willow.



And don't forget the other animals we have been highlighting in recent newsletters—cats and dogs who have been waiting a very long time for a home. So far, only one of them—an FIV+ cat named Alex (whose new name is Zack)—has been adopted since we started the “APL Salutes” column in this newsletter a few months ago. Spread the word and help us find loving homes for every one of them.



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Raindrops Keep Falling on Our Heads

The roofs on both the "cat house" and the office leak every time it rains.

We know we can't afford to replace the roofs on our two shelter

buildings, but we wish we could repair the leaks. First we need help from someone with the expertise to diagnose the problems and tell us what needs to be done. Are you the animal-loving roofer we are looking for? Or do you know someone whom you could ask to help us?

If you know something about roofs and can help us repair ours, [e-mail Kristine](#) at the shelter or [e-mail Mason](#) or call him at 803-238-1434.



[Click here](#) if you would like to make a donation toward roof repairs. Even if someone donates his or her time and labor, we will still need to buy supplies. Thanks!

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June and July 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.
June 20, July 18

Animal Supply House in Lexington
5474 Augusta Road
June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25



PetSmart in Lexington
5135U Sunset Boulevard
June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25

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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APL to Hold Two More Microchip Clinics

First clinic, held on May 23, was a success.

The APL plans to offer two more microchip clinics, the first on June 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Animal Supply House in Lexington and the second on July 18 at the Animal Supply House in Irmo.



A veterinary technician will be on hand to microchip your cat or dog. The cost is only \$10 per animal—a very small price to pay for peace of mind! The APL will enter your pets into the database for you, and there is *no annual maintenance fee*. The microchips link your pets to the [24PetWatch system](#), which you can learn more about by clicking

[here](#).

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Party for the Cause

APL supporters have a party, but the gifts go to the animals.



APL was clearly the winner when Amy Alimohamed and her friend Jana Thalman teamed up to plan their neighborhood's Cinco de Mayo party and help the APL at the same time!

Jana thought of having a party so that neighbors could become better acquainted in her Ashley Oaks subdivision. Knowing that they lived among animal lovers—and being an APL supporter herself—Amy suggested that the partygoers could bring donations for our shelter.

After the party, the two women had collected a big load of supplies—including blankets, dishwashing and laundry detergent, and cat food—saving the shelter sizable funds that could be used instead for vet bills and other expenses.

If you are planning a party, perhaps you can follow Amy and Jana's example and “party for the cause”—the homeless animals, that is. A big "thank you" goes out to Amy, Jana, and our new friends in Ashley Oaks for their generosity!

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Shelter Wish List

Thank you for your very generous donations of laundry and dish detergent. The shelter staff reports that we now have enough to last a long time, and we are grateful.



Next on the needs list are **dog collars**. We can use any size—new or used—but especially ones that are 16, 18, and 22 inches long. They don't need to be fancy, just functional.

As always, we need **clumping cat litter**, **bleach**, and **paper towels**.

And we are still in need of a **digital camera** for the shelter. An inexpensive one will do just fine. Maybe you upgraded to a better one and can donate your old one. 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 our shelter manager, [Kristine](#). Or just take them to the shelter. Staff members are available for visitors every Wednesday through Sunday between noon and 4 p.m. Click [here](#) for directions to the shelter.

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June Is Adopt-a-Cat Month

Adopt a cat from your local shelter today. Adopting a cat will enrich your world in many different ways. Here's how:

- Cats will keep you entertained with their playful antics.
- Cats are very affectionate and love to cuddle with you.
- Having a cat can reduce your blood pressure and prevent heart disease.
- Cats are very clean; they bathe themselves!
- Cats are independent and can be left alone while you are at work.
- Cats do not need to be housebroken; using the litter box comes naturally to them.

- Cats do not need a lot of space. They are perfect pets for apartments and smaller homes.
- Taking care of a cat can help teach a child responsibility and humane values.
- Cats get plenty of exercise living indoors. Just 15 minutes of playtime each day will satisfy a cat.
- Approximately 4 million homeless cats end up in animal shelters every year in the United States. By adopting, you'll be saving a life.

Thanks to the American Humane Association for this information, which appears on [this page](#) of the organization's Web site. Click [here](#) to read more information about adopting and caring for cats.

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Golf Tournament Participants Have Fun on a Beautiful Day

Rainy weather turns to blue skies and cool temperatures; animal-loving golfers take to the course.



Right up until a few hours before the shotgun start, the rain kept everyone guessing if we would even *have* a golf tournament, but the day turned out to be perfectly beautiful.

This may have been our first golf tournament, but it certainly was a well-organized and classy event. Each golfer received a special reusable APL tote bag containing a sleeve of golf balls, a quality golf shirt, a handsome golf towel, a coupon for a free golf club, and other surprises.

Breakfast pastries awaited golfers as they arrived, and hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings greeted them at the turn. The drink cart, with both soft drinks and adult beverages, made the rounds all day.

The winning team is pictured here, but all the teams were winners because they were outside on a beautiful day, supporting a great cause.

You won't want to miss the next golfing event, so keep an eye out for an announcement about the date and location. Many thanks to those of you who came out and supported this fun event, and a big "thank you" to members of the Friends of the Animals, who organized it.

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APL Has Many New Facebook Friends

But we need more—we need you!

Thank you for your response to our request for Facebook friends. 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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