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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 \$300 for four-person teams and \$75 for individual golfers. 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.

Click on these links for [details about sponsorship](#) or for [registration forms](#). Or [e-mail Susan](#) or [Chappie](#) or call 803-608-4587.

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## Donations Needed for Annual Rummage Sale!

*Drop-off dates start early in June.*

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

Drop-off days and times are June 2, 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 pick-up.



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. Thanks!

APL volunteers work hard having fundraisers, but we count on your faithful donations to continue our mission. Please consider [clicking here](#) to make a donation now.

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## APL Salutes Bashful and Diamond

*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.

Bashful is a beautiful cat., approximately 4 years old. He loves attention and affection and has a playful side. Sometimes he gets the sniffles and has to take



Panmycin Aquadrops if his sinuses get bad enough, but the drops are not expensive, and we believe that he will need them less often when he is in a calm home. Bashful is good with dogs and cats. He is confident and mellow.



Diamond was adopted as a puppy, only to come back to us as an adult when the lady who adopted her could no longer care for her. Diamond is nine years old, but you would never guess it. With people, she is friendly, outgoing, and enthusiastic, but she would prefer a home with no cats or other dogs, please.

If you are thinking about expanding your family, consider adopting Bashful or Diamond. Both have love to share and would make excellent animal companions. Let's make 2009 their lucky year!



Diamond qualifies for our "Seniors Pets for Senior People" program. E-mail [Kristine](mailto:Kristine) for more information about the program or about adopting either of these animals.

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## **\$2,249.42 for Plumbing Repairs**

*There is never enough money in the budget for costly repairs!*

Eight of our 32 kennels were flooding every time it rained—fully one-fourth of the indoor space we use to house rescued dogs.

During a routine septic-tank cleaning, a contractor discovered that a four-inch pipe had broken off—*under the concrete floor!* The only way to fix it was to jack-hammer our way through the concrete, replace the pipe, and pour new concrete. We had no choice but to make this expensive repair.

Needless to say, this kind of unexpected expense is difficult for an organization that relies on donations—especially in an economic climate when donations are already down.

If it weren't for your ongoing financial support, we would still have flooded kennels and a decreased capacity for housing the dogs we rescue. Your dollars make a tangible difference! [Click here](#) if you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of these repairs.

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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](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.

Once on the site, first click to help feed rescued animals. Then scroll down to "Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge" at the bottom of the page and click on the button to vote. Both of these actions are free! You can vote once a day, every day, until July 26. Help the APL win!

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## Update on Our Recently Rescued Dogs

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



Sky, Annie, and their pups added up to *thirteen dogs* looking for homes. We are happy to report that *twelve* of those thirteen have been adopted. Only Annie remains, a gentle soul who will make someone a terrific companion.

Cinnamon is also ready for adoption. Although her puppies won't be ready for about two more weeks, one of them is in a foster home that will likely become a forever home after he is altered.



Pictured here are Annie (left), Cinnamon (right), and two of Cinnamon's puppies (Horton, below left, and Huxley, below right). Please contact [Kristine at the shelter](#) if you are interested in providing a home for any of them.

We have excellent news about Willow, the dog who was found starving in a city park. She is doing great and is ready for her forever home. She saw the doctor on Thursday and got the "all clear"—she's heartworm free!



More good news: Willow IS, in fact, cat friendly (whew!). She and the three resident cats are getting along great! The resident bird is warming up to her.



Willow is a quick learner and is very eager to please. She is learning basic commands and is walking well on a leash. She doesn't require a lot of exercise, but she does love her daily walk around the neighborhood.

Willow's VERY laid back and would like nothing more than to hang out with her person and snack all day! Please [contact Christine](#), who is fostering Willow (pictured left), if you would like more information.

If you would like to help defray the enormous cost of preparing all these dogs and their puppies for adoption (neutering, shots, de-worming, de-flea-ing [is that a word?], microchipping), please [click here](#) to make a secure online

donation.

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## Alex Found His Forever Home!

*FIV-positive cat is now in a loving home with a devoted new human companion.*



Remember the story about Alex and Max, the two cats who have been living in the APL shelter office and who have both tested positive for [feline immunodeficiency virus](#)? Within days of our last newsletter, someone fell in love with Alex and decided to adopt him.

Before Morgan even met Alex, his picture had become the screen saver on her computer. Morgan renamed him "Zack," and the very first weekend they were together, Zack slept right on top of her head at night, adjusting himself as necessary every time she rolled over. It was a match

made in heaven.

Hats off to Morgan for understanding that an [FIV+](#) test result does not have to be a death sentence for a cat. The virus can be transmitted only to another cat and then only through a very deep bite wound or a transfusion. Zack will no doubt live a long and happy life because the APL gave him a second chance and because Morgan gave him a forever home!

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## APL to Hold Microchip Clinic on May 23

*Pets with microchips have a much better chance of being returned to their owners.*

On May 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the APL will have a veterinary technician available to microchip your cat or dog at the Animal Supply House at 1674 Lake Murray Blvd. in Irmo.



The cost is only \$10—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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## Spotlight on Two Dedicated Young Volunteers

*APL celebrates the high school graduation of two of our most faithful workers.*



This spring, two of APL's most loyal volunteers will graduate from high school: Kaylee Quinn (below left) and Aly Mains.

Saturday after Saturday, when lots of teenagers are sleeping late or making plans to hang out with their friends, these two amazing young women head out to the nearest adopt-a-pet location to help APL animals find loving homes.

A senior at Batesburg-Leesville High School, Aly is a consistent presence whenever the APL adoption team springs into action, taking dogs to the local PetSmart and Animal Supply House stores in an effort to find them homes. For the past year, Aly has been an integral part of the adoption program. She has a special way with animals, offering a calming influence on our shelter dogs who are often anxious in the unfamiliar pet store settings.

Kaylee started volunteering when she was ten years old—*eight years ago!* She has done it all: cleaning the cat house day after day in the heat of summer, fostering animals in her home, and working weekend after weekend at the APL adopt-a-pet events. When she was twelve years old, Kaylee was named the American Humane Society's "Be Kind to Animals Kid of the Year" for her service to animals. In addition to going to Dutch Fork High School, Kaylee works part-time for Dr. Randy Basinger at the S.C. Veterinary Surgical Referral Service.

Next fall, both young women will begin working toward their dreams of becoming veterinarians. Kaylee will begin a pre-veterinary program at Clemson University, and Aly will start the veterinarian technician program at Midland's Technical College.

Kaylee and Aly, we wish you all the best as you move into this next phase of your lives. We will miss you, and we will always be grateful for your many hours of devoted service to the mission of the APL.

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## Do You Know Someone in the Roofing Business?

*The roof on both the "cat house" (as we refer to it affectionately) 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 in the roofs of the "cat house" and the office. 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 one?

If you know something about roofs and can help us repair ours, [e-mail Kristine](#) at the shelter or call 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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## Calling All Lexington-Area Supporters

*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 more 273 cats (as of May 5) 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! [E-mail Mandy](#) or call her 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.

We have several 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. But he is still skittish around people he doesn't know, so a bit of fostering in a real home would go a long way toward helping this handsome boy win the affection of potential adopters.



We often have a waiting list of people who want to adopt small dogs, but we still need short-term 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 [e-mail Joyce](#) (for dogs) or [Kristine](#) (for cats).

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## May and June 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.

May 23; June 6, 20

Animal Supply House in Lexington

May 16, 30; June 13, 27



PetSmart in Lexington

5135U Sunset Boulevard  
May 16, 30; June 13, 27

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](http://www.aplsc.org).

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

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## Shelter Wish List!



- A digital camera for taking pictures of our rescued animals and uploading them to our Web site
- Laundry detergent
- Clumpable cat litter
- Paper towels

If you can donate any of these much-needed items, please send an e-mail to our shelter manager, [Kristine](#).

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## APL Is Now on Facebook

*And we need all of you to be our friends.*

Click [here](#) to become a friend of the [APL on Facebook](#). The more the merrier! Get regular updates about APL activities in between your monthly e-newsletters, and share APL news with your other Facebook friends so we can attract more supporters of this excellent mission.

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