

**Pearl River County SPCA
ANIMAL SHELTER
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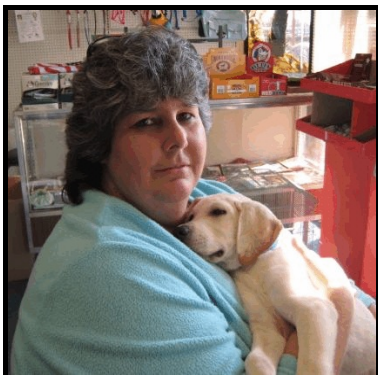


“I Rescued a Human Today”

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the hall peering into the kennels. I felt her need; I knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail so she wouldn't be afraid. I hoped she wouldn't feel sad about my past; I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She leaned over and made little kissy sounds. I shoved my head against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and I jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe and always be by her side. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. But there are so many more out there to be saved. At least I could save one. I rescued a human today. Love, Zeke



PETSMART CHARITIES RESCUE WAGGIN’

About four years ago one of our optimistic SPCA Board members submitted an application to the PetSmart Charities Rescue Waggin' Program. In this program, shelters with too many dogs are partnered with shelters that have more potential adopters than dogs. Last summer we were called by PetSmart Charities telling us our application had been accepted and they were coming to visit.

It has been an exhilarating process. We attended a program orientation in Gulfport to have employees trained in behavior assessments, and they put in many long hours to get accredited.

Then came the big news - we had a transport scheduled. There was a lot of excitement - finishing the assessments, filling out and double-checking the paperwork, scheduling health certificate exams, getting vaccinations and rabies shots.

All the shelter employees and most of our Board members were at the shelter by 6am on May 13th to meet the transport. It arrived on time and we got 39 dogs and puppies examined, approved, and loaded in about an hour. Then they were on their way to Wisconsin to find their Forever Homes.

Needless to say, there was



hardly a dry eye at the shelter that morning as we waved good-bye to some of our long-term dogs and new pups. As this is to be a monthly occurrence, we look forward to sending many more dogs off to new homes in the North Central U.S. See our website for pictures and more information.

1-688-989-SPAY (7729)

From October 2006 through April 2009, the Low-Cost High-Quality Spay/Neuter Program has resulted in the altering of 3,310 dogs and 4,179 cats - a total of 7,489 animals! For the first time, the number of dogs and cats coming into the shelter is declining.

Coupons for cats are \$30; dogs, \$45. This price includes a rabies vaccination, if needed.

See www.prcspca.org
or visit the Shelter at
1700 Palestine Road
Picayune, MS 39466
10 AM - 5 PM, Monday-Friday
and 1st Saturday of Month
601-798-8000

MEET THE STAFF

Maria Beech, Shelter Supervisor, has worked at the shelter since 1998, as kennel attendant and office manager, before assuming her present position. During Hurricane Katrina, Maria and one other employee worked with no lights, no air conditioning, and no help to see that all the animals were cared for.

Debi Necaie not only knows every cat by name and personality, she can always be counted on to take in stray pigs or baby birds.

Mary Jane Cuevas is a bundle of energy, and has a knack for taking care of animals with special mental or physical needs.

Chris Phelps is our "jack-of-all-trades," and is always ready to help clients or other employees, and he has a big smile for everyone.

Cindy McDonald, although hired for data entry, believes her "real" duty is to take home dozens of foster puppies and kittens until they are ready for adoption.

Marie Douglas, the "new kid on the block," pitches in to learn any new job that needs to be done, and doesn't wait to be asked for help.

You can help these "over-worked and under-paid" employees by cutting out the coupon below and presenting it to your nearest Winn-Dixie store. All the money earned is used as a bonus for the employees.



SWEET SIXTEEN

"It was Christine's birthday and we were on our way to buy her some new shoes. Then we saw the pet adoption signs at PetSmart. So instead of new shoes, she got the precious new puppy, Riley, for her 'Sweet 16' birthday present. We really love Riley, and she has the cutest, fearless, relentless and lovable personality!"

"Thank you for your part in bringing Riley into our family. Also, thank you for all you do to help bring so many puppies, dogs, and cats to happy homes."

Patricia Conn

SCHOOL DAYS

The animals send "Meow and Bark-Bark Thank You's" to their very special friends at **Roseland Park Elementary and Southside Upper Elementary for the great donations they have made to the shelter this year.**

Money, supplies, treats, and toys are always welcomed.

RABIES CLINIC

The annual rabies clinic was held on May 23, in Jack Read Park. Over 150 rabies shots were given, and owners paid only \$7 per shot.

PETSMART ADOPTION EVENT

April 27-May 3 was a very successful adoption event at the Slidell PetSmart store. Eight cats and 19 dogs were adopted by some people who came specifically to find a companion, and by some who didn't even know they wanted one until they saw THE ONE they just had to have.

PetSmart generously donated \$25 to the shelter for each animal that was adopted that week.

LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

Thanks to a grant of \$5,000 from the G. Michael Lala Foundation for Animals, a New Orleans-based charity, we are able to offer half-priced adoptions for cats (\$40) and dogs (\$45) when they have been in our shelter for three months or more.

This grant subsidizes the lost revenue on which we depend to operate the shelter.

DRINK, DRINK, DRINK

Aluminum cans brought in \$10,073 last year. Prices are down drastically this year, so remember: "Keep drinking, so long as it is in aluminum cans!" Drop the cans in the barrels in front of the shelter.

PEARL RIVER COUNTY SPCA

The SPCA is a non-profit organization, chartered in 1986, dedicated to promoting the welfare and humane treatment of animals. The SPCA has operated the animal shelter under contract to the city and county since February 1998.

We meet every third Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at 157 Tennyson Cove, Picayune. Call 601-798-5807 for directions.

Dues are \$10 a year, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students, or \$20 for a family. You can be a Patron for \$100 or more. Checks may be mailed to PRC SPCA, P. O. Box 191, Picayune, MS 39466.

Please include phone number and e-mail address. **(June 2009)**

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NEW SHELTER DIRECTOR

Judy Wheaton, Board member and "full-time" volunteer, has been appointed Director of the Shelter, as a volunteer position.