Excerpts from Sept. 21, 2014 - Journal article by Mary Stortstrom

Dog owners from the Eastern Panhandle and beyond engaged in some friendly competition on Sept. 20th as they “begged” for votes at the Animal Welfare Society’s Canine Portrait Gallery event at the War Memorial Building on German Street in Shepherdstown, WV.

Barbara Keech, of Keech Photography, spent seven months photographing dogs from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The portraits, 153 total, were printed and displayed in the War Memorial Building, and community members were invited to vote for 12 dogs, which would represent a month for the AWS “Dog Days 2015” calendar.

One of the highlights of the show was the fun but “shameless” campaigning by various dog owners to encourage folks to vote for their dogs. Some examples of the “shameless” campaigning were signs that read “Will perform tricks for votes” and “Vote for #!,” faux-one million dollar bills with their dog’s photo and number on it, and handing out candy to prospective voters with their dogs numbers on each piece. This was indeed a community event that everyone seemed to enjoy!

Approximately 600 people attended this event. This venue also highlighted the shelter dogs currently looking for homes. Each AWS shelter dog was photographed and displayed with their “story.” This resulted in one dog being adopted and the hope that others would be too.

The 12 dogs with the most votes will represent each month of the calendar. Commented Barbara Keech, “All 153 dogs will be in the calendar in one way or another, because they are all too precious to leave out.”

There will be 1,000 calendars printed and ready for sale on October 25th. The winners will be kept secret until the calendar is unveiled at the Paws and Claws Howl-O-Ween Dinner and Auction at the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. Calendar sales will then begin with each one costing $10.00 and 100% of that money will be given to the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County to help in meeting their endless needs.

This event would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of hours that Barbara Keech has devoted since March. The printing of the calendar by Progressive Printing in Martinsburg is made possible by the monthly calendar sponsors: Greensburg Bed and Biscuit; Refinements of Shepherdstown; Dickinson and Wait Craft Gallery; Dunn by Dixie; J and K Precision Auto Care, LLC; Vintage Lady; State Farm Insurance- Tammy Sirbaugh; Foto One and Imaging; BC Catering; Long and Foster-Peggy Burcker; Charles Town Moose Lodge; and Keech Photography.

Make sure you buy a calendar! We all receive calendars in the mail, but none will match the Dog Days 2015 Calendar. These make super gifts and stocking stuffers. So don’t buy just one, help the animals! These calendars can be purchased through Keech Photography – (304) 582-1953, Dickinson and Wait Gallery on German Street in Shepherdstown or by contacting any of the AWS Board of Directors.
The United Way Day of Caring was held on September 9, 2014 at many non-profits throughout Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. The Animal Welfare Society shelter was one of the lucky recipients of a full day of volunteer work for various projects. Volunteers from the Washington High School Football Team, members of the Jefferson High School Pop Singers and numerous AWS Board members and staff worked side by side to help create a better living area inside and out for the homeless cats and dogs residing at the shelter.

The projects at the shelter included mulching the flower beds and pathways by the Patriots football players, with mulch donated by Cam Tabb and Town and Country Nursery; power-washing the inside dog kennels and walls throughout the shelter, merrily scrubbed by the Jefferson Pop Singers who broke into song from time to time; repair of walls in the former isolation room in preparation for a coat of new paint; washing, waxing, and detail work of both shelter vehicles; and a thorough cleaning of the cat rooms and offices, including window washing. Cabinets donated by Alice Barkus will be hung in the laundry room and main office at a later date. Everyone worked very hard and enjoyed nice weather. Lunch for the football players was provided by Pizza City, with food donations for the other lunches provided by Panera Bread Company and Papa Johns, and apples from Jefferson Orchards. Many thanks to all who made this wonderful event a success!!

Staining and sealing the front entrance ramp and asphalt paving of our driveway were completed prior to the Day of Caring. Our thanks to Maria Lorenzen for connecting us with Bill Hoak of Jefferson Asphalt and Lee Snyder of Jefferson Utilities, who provided the work in completing the paving.
The Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County is having their annual Pet Photos with Santa on Sunday, Nov 9th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Tractor Supply in Charles Town, located off Rt. 340, behind Sheetz, on the way to Harpers Ferry. This is a great opportunity for your family and pets to kick off the holiday season. Each 5 X 7 pose will cost only $10.00. If you do not have a pet, children or family pictures can also be taken. These priceless photos captured by Keech Photography are great for Christmas cards or gifts. All dogs must be on a leash, cats in cat carriers and vaccinations up-to-date. Bring one or bring all. Enjoy Christmas shopping early for AWS merchandise. Support your local shelter and enjoy a memorable moment with your pet and Santa.

DON’T FORGET!!!

Glory Days Dining for Dollars continues through November. Dine at Glory Days in Ranson, save your receipt and deposit it in the donation jar at Petco, give to a Board member or mail to AWS. Last spring, AWS raised over $1,300!!! Enjoy a great dinner and help AWS.

VALENTINE’S PURRFECT DINNER AND AUCTION SET FOR FEBRUARY 14TH, 2015 AT HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES SKYLINE BALLROOM

WE NEED HOMES!

Pixie  Josten  Mittens  Sweetie  Diamond
Creamie first arrived at the AWS in July of 2008 at just under a year old. She was the sweetest and most vibrant puppy you could imagine! She had that twinkle in her eye and smile on her face as she always had throughout the time she spent here at the shelter. As cute and adorable as she was no one would have imagined how much of a long road she would have before finding her forever home! A couple of months after arriving at the shelter, Creamie was adopted by a wonderful individual and spent nearly a year in a home. Due to circumstances beyond the family’s control they were forced to return Creamie to the AWS.

Creamie’s return to the shelter occurred in mid-summer of 2009. The days turned into weeks and the weeks turned into months. Before long Creamie had been with us for a year! Throughout this time she started to become a bit of a “tough” player. Without realizing it she would become so excited that she couldn’t contain her happiness during daily exercise and playtime that could not help but slightly nip at your hands and feet. For some people, this was a bit intimidating because of her size. Along with the excited play, she started becoming really protective over her food and her toys. We felt that Creamie had been at the shelter so long, at that point, that she was afraid that the other dogs were going to take what she had because that was ALL she had. We promptly reached out to Elizabeth Hostler from the Greensburg Bed and Biscuit. She has given us the honor of helping to train some of our shelter dogs in the past and had already become a great benefactor of the shelter. She agreed to start with some basic training for Creamie, and Creamie looked forward to that time every week.

The staff and volunteers at the shelter gave it all they had with making special time just to help Creamie in her training. However, with the large number of dogs and cats to care for at the shelter, the extra attention became increasingly harder and harder. Creamie had also started to develop what is known as “seasonal flank alopecia”, which is a bigger term that, basically, means seasonal allergies. This made her lose spots of her fur in the spring and summer. Creamie continued to spend another couple of years at the shelter, which was very discouraging to her and to us! She was such a great dog but had a tendency to get overlooked by so many! Yet Creamie had another hurdle coming her way that no one could have imagined!

Around the summer of 2012 we started to notice that she began to limp on her right back leg. We took her to Ranson Animal Hospital where Dr. Wilt took x-rays of the leg and determined that Creamie’s right leg had started to twist outward and her right kneecap had come out of place, attaching itself to the side of her leg. This would require a very extensive surgery and a long stretch of rehabilitation. Everyone fell into shock over this news and promptly started collecting funds to help fix Creamie (who at this point had become a member of everyone’s family). Creamy had surgery to repair her leg and this was one of my hardest moments. Tears were flowing as Creamie went under to have this devastating issue repaired. But she made it through with flying colors and was ready for rehabilitation!

We pondered how we would be able to provide her with exactly what she needed to have at the shelter, which was very extensive! Our magnificent friends at the Greensburg Bed and Biscuit, once again, came to save the day and took Creamie into their facility to start her long road to recovery! It took months but Creamie finally started having improved use of her right leg again! She would never have come so far without our friends at Greensburg and the countless volunteer hours given by Scott Gordon, who walked and swam with Creamie throughout her therapy.

Now we were back at square one with our main mission, which was to find Creamie that perfect home! Greensburg had fallen in love with her and decided that they would keep her at their facility at no charge to our shelter! Creamie LOVED it there! Elizabeth started major training with her and Creamie began to look and feel better than she had in a while! Her smile got bigger and her glow got brighter!

Then one wonderful day in September of this year, after five years of being in a kennel environment, a family called the AWS to inquire about Creamie! The Suddueth family was in the market to foster and possibly adopt a dog that had been with us a long time! Who was more deserving and had been with us longer than Creamie? They paid a visit to Greensburg to meet Creamie and instantly fell in love!! Elizabeth who had trained Creamie for years, at this point, was quoted as saying, “It was like Creamie just knew that this was going to be her family!” Creamie is now in a loving and warm foster home with the Suddueth family! She is loving her new life and we are loving all the joy it is bringing to her! Creamie is a prime example of strength, determination, and the belief that there is a home out there for EVERYONE! Through all the bumps in the road that she had to experience before getting to the finish line, Creamie never stopped smiling, and that is what keeps everyone here at the AWS doing what they love to do! WE LOVE YOU, CREAMIE!!

A SMILE FOR CREAMIE by Steven Rogers
**HOW I FOUND MY FOREVER HOME**

*by Christopher (translated by Ann Trumble)*

It was October, Columbus Day weekend. Mom had three days off, so she came over to the shelter to help out. I was there, of course, since I had been adopted and returned 3 or 4 times. Once I was even left abandoned, tied to a tree. No wonder I had some separation anxiety.

Mom and I had been to a Petco Adoption Day a week before, and both of us were sure that I had charmed a nice family, especially that 10-year old boy that I wanted. However, when they didn’t come by the shelter to take me home, Mom decided to foster me for the weekend to evaluate how I behaved in a house. Dad met us in the driveway and told Mom to turn right around and take me back. Luckily, the shelter was closed by then, so I got to stay. Mom’s evaluation was that I would be great living with a newly retired person who wanted to train us to be a therapy team, visiting people who needed to be cheered up.

On Tuesday, Mom went back to work, and Dad, who was retired, was supposed to take me back to the shelter. Instead, he went over to the shelter and signed my adoption papers. I have been a very happy dog since then.

**STORY OF BRUCE AND CHUCK**

Good evening – I am just sitting at my computer doing some work and I thought I would write you guys a follow up on Chuck and Bruce – two Keeshond brothers that we adopted from AWSJC last Aug 2013. Our names are Tom and Glenda Bell from Marietta, Ga.

Where do I start? First these guys are the best two pups (dogs) we have had. They are both real gentlemen – Chuck still a little stand–offish until he gets to know you and Bruce loves everyone. The one thing in your file that was correct is that both dogs do not like cats! That is so true. We have not had one bit of problems from either one of them – they go everywhere I go (we even go to breakfast on Sat. morning so they can get an egg biscuit! ) Both are even-tempered and easy to get along with and both have pleasing personalities. They were 100 percent house broken and have never had an accident in the house. To make sure that they get plenty of exercise we put a fence around our house and they love the space!

The only issue we have had is with Chuck. In February, he was playing and he had a spinal cord stroke while he was playing. Scared us to death, for he was paralyzed and could not walk. We rushed him to our vet. After x-rays it was determined he had a stroke – much like a human, if the stroke is not bad, you get better slowly. After a couple of days he showed remarkable improvement. The Dr. told us Chuck should recover. We are so blessed that he has almost fully recuperated!

We enjoy them so much that I wanted to share how lucky we are to have them both. Truthfully, when my wife and decided to come to Kearneysville, W.Va. to get them, we did not know what we were getting ourselves into. But we are so pleased and blessed to have them. We have and we will continue to provide the best possible care, home, environment, and love for them both!

All of this comes down to thanking you guys for letting us adopt them. I do not remember all of your names (Gwen and Steven) at the shelter, but thanks for the great care you gave these guys! I hope you do not think that I am silly for writing you a follow up letter after almost a year, but I hope you can tell we are very happy to have Chuck and Bruce.

Have a great day and keep up the good work!

❤ We would love to hear your Happy Tails! ❤
DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS
AND ISOLATION CENTER

On June 14, 2014 the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County had a dedication ceremony in honor of the people who purchased inscribed bricks in memory of their loved ones, whether they were two legged or four legged. The bricks were laid the previous month by the students enrolled at Job Corps. The dedication service was performed by Reverend Melanie McCarley of Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town. Reverend McCarley began the service by blessing the shelter animals, followed by all singing the hymn, “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (the animals sang better than the humans), and a short homily.

The funds raised from the sale of the Bricks allowed AWS to complete the inside of the new isolation center. The exterior of the facility is complete. Counter tops, cupboards, flooring, doors, and all electrical and plumbing is now finished. Funds are still needed to purchase new cages for cats, examination tables and to begin renovations of the existing shelter. The ongoing sale of bricks and the proceeds from the Valentine’s Dinner and Auction on Feb. 14, 2015 will help raise much needed funding. Bricks are still available for purchase through the AWS web site. Remember a loved one and help the Animal Welfare Society by purchasing a brick today.

SEE WHAT’S NEW!

New cat isolation room
New feeding station
Completed cat and dog isolation addition

WE NEED HOMES!

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In Memory of Cadence, a dog they adopted from this shelter 14 years ago - Tom, Lisa, Remmy Patterson
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In Memory of Frisky, Bridgett and Miracle, my beloved cats - William Binkley
In Memory of Gauley, great dog of Mark Thomas - Anna Mary & Gary Walsh
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In Memory of their beloved tuxedo cat, Moppy, 2002-July 11, 2014 - Betty Jo & Joe Walters
In Memory of Jasper, their beloved cat - Anna Mary & Gary Walsh
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In Memory of Eric Eisenhart’s beloved dog, Jeter, adopted from AWS 8 years ago - Brenda & Bill Eisenhart;
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In Honor of Rolfe Hayes’ beloved cat, Bootsie- Lauren Oliver
In Memory of Otis, beloved dog of the Sherwood family – Ann Camicci
In Memory of Lucy, who passed away this past summer, a few months before turning 18 - Ginny and Dick Tucker
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AWS Sponsors 8th Annual Bark in the Park

The Animal Welfare Society’s 8th Annual Bark in the Park was held on June 7th at the Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town. Over 65 dogs and their owners enjoyed the day’s events. The day began with the Blessing of the Animals conducted by Rev. DeeAnn Dixon of New Street United Methodist Church in Shepherdstown. Participants enjoyed the interactive pledge walk, contests, demonstrations, games, raffles, food provided by Big Daddy’s BBQ and wonderful weather. Twenty-five vendors set up tents to showcase their crafts, businesses, products and individual rescue organizations. Canine demonstrations included: Karin Fellers with Keep it Positive Dog Training, Stephen Rafe with Starfire for Dogs, and Kate Poulson with demonstrations of a test hunt dog and a diabetic alert dog. Over $4,500 was raised through vendor fees, sponsorships, pledges and registration fees. Many thanks to the participants, demonstrators, vendors and volunteers who helped make the event a success. A special thanks to the Bark in the Park sponsors: McKinney’s Auto Repair and Towing, Charles Town; JLB Business Solutions, Ranson; J and K Precision Auto Care LLC, Ranson; Black Dog Coffee, Kearneysville; Cornerstone Lawn Services, LLC, Ranson; Shenandoah Oaks Farm, Shenandoah Junction; Greensburg Bed and Biscuit, Martinsburg; and Welsh Sound Systems, Bardane for the use of sound equipment. Look for next year’s event at the same place on June 6th, 2015.

A Hard Working Board of Directors

Members of the Animal Welfare Society Board of Directors are in constant motion throughout the year sponsoring and attending many fundraising events. This hard working volunteer group, along with many dedicated non-member volunteers, is involved in over 20 yearly events, not to mention monthly Adoption Days on Saturdays at Petco and PetSmart. Because most of these events occur on weekends, volunteers are busy giving their time and services for about 50% of the year’s weekends. These dedicated people show how committed they are to the cause and mission of AWS simply in the number of hours given to help the homeless animals of our county.

To get a better idea of what goes on behind the scenes to keep our shelter open, read on. Just recently, AWS held their annual Roadside Collection in Charles Town and Ranson. This four-hour event involved over 16 volunteers and netted over $2,000 for the Society. Soon after that came the annual Yard Sale at Zion Episcopal Church Parish House in Charles Town. This event covered two days – Friday was set up and pricing and Saturday held the sale itself. The crowd of eager customers grew at the doors before 8 a.m. waiting for the buying frenzy to begin. At the end of the day, the tired volunteers had the responsibility in boxing up all of the unsold items and transferring them downstairs for the church’s Harvest Sale in November. This year’s grueling, but fun day saw profits of over $2,300- our best sale to date!!!

Skip a weekend and then it was off to the Dog Calendar Gallery Show where volunteers spent the entire day greeting and assisting visitors. The following Saturday was the annual fall Rabies Clinic. This low cost clinic vaccinated 188 dogs and cats in two and a half harried hours. Dr. Adrianne Doering, VMD, and seven volunteers watched a bit apprehensively as dogs and cats of all sizes and shapes lined up an hour prior to the clinic. Volunteers feverishly filled out rabies certificates for each pet in attendance before getting their vaccination. For the first time, online registration was offered this year to help cut down on paperwork on the day of the clinic. It is our hope that pre-registering online will catch on for the March clinic.

As you can see, we need your help!!! If you are interested in helping with any of the numerous yearly events, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jill Bonvillain at jillylou@frontier.com, visit the AWS web site, or contact any Board member. We love when the whole community becomes involved in such a worthy cause such as ours. It is hard work, but the reward in seeing the homeless animals find their forever homes is definitely worth it!

Another satisfied customer at yard sale
If you are already a member, why don’t you invite a friend to join?
Change of Address? Please let us know.

Please enroll me as a member or renew my membership at the level specified below:

❤ Golden Leash Member $1,000 and over
❤ Silver Tag Member $500 to $999
❤ Best Friends Member $250 to $499
❤ Barks and Meows Member $100 to $249
❤ Whiskers Club Member $50 to $99
❤ Regular Member $30

Name _______________________________ Phone ____________________ Email ___________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

Enclosed is my additional contribution designated for:

$_________ General Operating Fund (This fund helps keep our doors open so that we can help the many homeless animals who need us.)
$_________ Spay/Neuter Fund
$_________ Shelter Capital Campaign and Renovations Fund
$_________ In Memory/Honor of (please circle):__________

I am interested in volunteering my time:

_______ Volunteering at the shelter
_______ Helping with fund raisers
_______ Offering professional skills (please specify)
_______ Volunteer at Adoption Days at Petco in Ranson
_______ Volunteer at Adoption Days at PetSmart in Martinsburg

(West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.)

Please return this portion with your remittance envelope. Thank You.

Sponsor A Dog Kennel or Cat Cage
And Make A Lasting Impression

Leave your “Paw Print” at the Animal Welfare Society Shelter

With a donation of $500 or more for a cat cage or a donation of $1,000 or more for a dog kennel you will receive a personalized certificate. A sponsor for a dog kennel or cat cage refers to those donations that support the care and upkeep of the animals in the kennels or cages.

_____ $500 Donation - Cat Cage
_____ $1,000 Donation - Dog Kennel

Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Name of Donor _______________________________
Phone ____________________
Address ________________________________

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

With your support, the Animal Welfare Society has been able to help hundreds of homeless, sick, and injured animals. With your bequest, we can continue to care for these precious animals even after you’re gone. By remembering the animals in your will, your gift can live forever for the cats and dogs who need your help most. If you wish to remember the Animal Welfare Society in your will, we recommend the following language:

To the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County,
Post Office Box 147, Charles Town, WV 25414

I bequeath the sum of ________ and/or (specifically described property) for the general purposes of the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County.

We appreciate all gifts given in tribute and in memory of friends and loved ones. To make sure that the family of those who are being honored or remembered is made aware of your thoughtfulness, please include the name and address of the family member. A note will be sent to them. Without this information, we have no way of getting in touch with them. Thank you for your help!
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Upcoming Events

- **October 25**: Paws and Claws Dinner and Auction
- **November 9**: 1 pm-3 pm Pet Photos with Santa- Tractor Supply, Charles Town
- **December 6**: Charles Town/Ranson Christmas Parade
- **February 14**: Valentine’s Purrfect Dinner and Auction
- **March TBA**: Rabies Clinic, Tractor Supply, Charles Town
- **April 3rd & 4th**: Easter Flower Sale, Domino’s Pizza, Shepherdstown
- **May 8th & 9th**: Mother’s Day Flower Sale, Domino’s Pizza
- **June 6**: Bark in the Park, Jefferson Memorial Park, Charles Town

Applebee’s Dining to Donate – First Thursday of Every Month
Glory Days Dining for Dollars – March thru May & Sept. thru Nov. Save Your Receipts!
Petco Adoption Dates – First Saturday of every month 11-2 pm
PetSmart Adoption Dates – Second Saturday of every month 11-2 pm

Wish List

- 50 gal garbage bags
- Low dust Clumping Cat Litter
- Kitten Chow
- Dry Cat Food
- Paper Towels

See website or Facebook for a detailed list.

Volunteers always welcomed!

If you receive the AWS newsletter at multiple addresses, please let us know and provide us with the preferred address. This will help us to keep our mailing costs down. You can notify us by sending an e-mail to inforequest@awsjc.org.