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ANGEL
Animals.....the Needed Gift to Enlighten Life



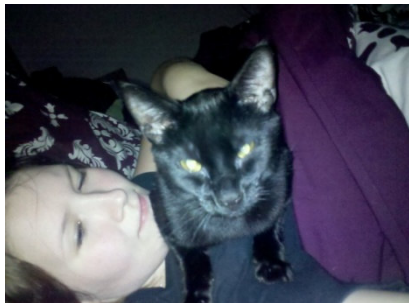
December 2, 2011

Dear Adopt-an-Angel Friend,

This holiday season will not be a happy one for many unfortunate animals in our area. How sad it is that a homeless pet has no one to love them this holiday season and far too many of them are euthanized because there simply are not enough loving homes for them all. Whether you have adopted a pet or donated to our cause, you have already joined with us to improve this sad situation. We want to continue this work until there are no more unwanted animals. You have received this letter because, like us, you know the joy that animals bring.

Southeastern North Carolina counties have some of the highest euthanasia rates in the state. Each year we track the numbers of animals that died in our animal controls and compare them to years past. We can honestly say, the numbers dying are going in the right direction---DOWN, but our mission is to reduce those numbers to zero. We have two programs to meet this goal: our adoption program and our 'Spay-a-Stray' program.

This year, our adoption program found homes for more than 800 animals and many of these were next to be euthanized at area animal controls. We spayed and neutered them, fed and loved them, gave them medical attention, and then we found them loving homes. Each week we go to our local county shelters and pull animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Then, we take them to adoption fairs where we find adoptive families for them. As soon as we find a home for an animal, we return to the shelter and pick up another one to take its place. Every weekend we show these animals at pet stores in Wilmington, and on one recent Saturday, 18 homeless animals found forever families. The following week we rescued 18 more to take their place.



Here are four pictures that we received this year from families who wanted to share their success story with us. Mom and Dad also sent us nice notes to accompany these pictures and we could print them here but you know what: there is no need, these pictures say it all. And we have hundreds more of these success stories.....



We don't get the same human/animal interaction with our second program but, in actuality, it is the most important. The real key to reducing the high euthanasia numbers is for fewer animals to be born. Through our Spay-a-Stray program, we provide vouchers to needy families so that they can have their animals spayed. This prevents the births of hundreds of homeless kittens and puppies that would have flooded our already overcrowded animal controls. This year we were able to fund over 300 spays and neuters, which prevented at least 1,200 homeless animals from ever being born.



We know that there are many worthy charities that you could choose to give to this holiday season. Here's why you should choose Adopt-an-Angel. Your donation goes a lot further with us. In the seven plus years of our existence, we have not spent one penny on salaries or wages. We have no employees and our principals take nothing. Everyone from me, the President of Adopt-an-Angel, to the newest dog walker is a passionate volunteer who does what they do because they care. Every penny you give goes to 'pull' fees at the county shelter, vet care, food and litter, and transportation to get the animals to and from our adoption fairs. It takes a lot of money to run a facility. That's why we don't have one. We prefer to spend limited resources on the items we just mentioned. Instead of a facility, Adopt-an-Angel has a strong network of pet stores, boarding facilities and foster parents who house our animals free of charge. Money in excess of what it takes to run our adoption program goes straight into spay and neuter vouchers. We publish our financial statements on our website and we encourage you to go there and view them.

Here are two recent examples of what your kindness and generosity over the years have made possible. Izzy, a homeless puppy, was surrendered to us with a broken elbow that required specialty surgery to install a pin, screw, and bolt. Tigger, the homeless kitten next to Izzy, had a rare condition in which his small intestine slipped into his large one requiring immediate emergency surgery. These problems were diagnosed and corrected quickly by the fine vets and surgeons that tend to our animals. Both are still homeless and on their way to becoming healthy, vibrant adoptable animals, but their vet bills remind us that rescuing animals is not cheap.



The holidays are a time to take a break from our busy lives to reflect and enjoy our families, but our homeless animals have no family, they only have YOU....please remember them this holiday season and help us help them.

Your tax deductible gift will make a tremendous difference in the lives of these animals and the people in our area. If your gift is in honor or memory of a friend, we will acknowledge your gift to them. Together, we'll someday reach our goal of having every pet in a loving home for the holidays.

If you can, come and meet the cats and dogs needing forever homes at one of our adoption sites or events. We have cats and kittens at Petco and Pet Supermarket in Wilmington seven days a week, and large adoption events at Petco every Saturday and Sunday.

On behalf of the animals, volunteers, and foster parents of Adopt-an-Angel we wish you the happiest holiday season ever, and the happiest and healthiest 2012.

Sincerely,

Sherry Gloer
President, Adopt-an-Angel