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County by Fostering the Humane
Treatment of Animals Since 1975

Shelter Hours:
Tuesday & Friday, Noon to 4PM
Wednesday & Thursday,
Noon to 7PM
Saturday, 11AM to 4PM
Closed Sunday & Monday



**Addison County
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Mark your Calendar!
The Bobcat Café in Bristol
is hosting a benefit evening to help
homeless animals.



Please dine at the Bobcat
July 25, 2007 from 5pm to 9pm.

20% of the food proceeds
go to ACHS!



ACHS Welcomes Sherry Coburn as New Shelter Manager



We are excited to announce that Sherry Coburn has joined the ACHS team as our new Shelter Manager. Sherry is responsible for overseeing the admission and care of over 700 animals per year, heading up our adoption program, and helping ACHS continue to serve as a resource to the community for animal-related issues.

“We are so excited to have Sherry here,” said Jill Tucker, ACHS Executive Director. “Her veterinary technician, customer service, and supervisory experience, along with her passion for animal welfare, will help us continue to deliver outstanding animal care and services to the community. She has a winning combination of both people and animal skills making her a wonderful addition to our team.”

Many of you may recognize Sherry as a familiar friendly face. Sherry worked at Vergennes Animal Hospital for 4 years as a veterinary technician and receptionist, and prior to that worked five years as the evening supervisor of Middlebury College’s Starr Library.

Stop by the shelter today and say hello to Sherry!

Good Golly Miss Molly! Sweet Senior Dog Finds a Wonderful Home

Dear sweet Molly was picked up as a stray in the city of Vergennes. Upon her arrival here at our shelter, it became obvious to our staff that the poor girl wasn’t feeling well. Turns out she had a significant infection in her mouth causing pain and a fever. After some antibiotics and TLC from shelter staff, Molly’s tail was back to wagging. In order to make a full recovery, Molly had to have several teeth removed. Good thing canned food is so delicious!

Generally speaking, older dogs with special needs can be more difficult to place. Molly was extremely fortunate, however, to quickly find the perfect forever home with a retired, newly-wed couple from the Rutland area. Molly is as sweet as can be and has been a wonderful addition to their home.

Molly’s adoption was under our Seniors to Seniors adoption program where we match senior animals with senior people. Seniors enjoy reduced adoption fees along with a starter kit for the animal. If you know of any seniors looking for love, send them over to ACHS!



Update! Barney's Happy Ending

After suffering heartbreaking neglect and spending six months recovering in a foster home, we are happy to say that Barney has found a wonderful forever home. Katherine Knox and her family in Charlotte, VT have welcomed Barney into their lives. At his new home Barney enjoys lots of attention and TLC, acres of beautiful pasture, and the company of other animals. Congratulations to Katherine and family on the new addition, and best wishes to Barney who has touched the hearts of so many of us.

Barney's former owner was convicted of cruelty to animals and as the result of a plea bargain, is serving a two year deferred sentence with probation conditions to include 40 hours of community service and restitution of \$1,876 to ACHS. Additionally, he is prohibited from possessing horses while on probation.

ACHS is pleased with the outcome of this case as it is well-aligned with the standard penalties for misdemeanor animal cruelty convictions. From the start of the investigation to the final resolution, this case was handled beautifully by our state's attorney's office and we commend John Quinn and his staff for their efforts.



Animal Cruelty Stops with You!

If you witness or suspect cruelty or neglect,
Please call ACHS
802-388-1100

Animal cruelty is against the law.
Speak for those unable to speak for themselves.

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Love Your Cat. Keep the Claws Intact!

Written by Veterinarian, Dr. Christianne Schelling, copyright 2006

If you are considering declawing your cat, please read this. It will only take a moment, and it will give you valuable information to help you in your decision.

First, you should know that declawing is pretty much an American thing. It's something people do for their own convenience without realizing what actually happens to their beloved cat. In England declawing is termed "inhumane" and "unnecessary mutilation." I agree. In many European countries it is illegal. I applaud their attitude.

Before you make the decision to declaw your cat, there are some important facts you should know. Declawing is not like a manicure. It is serious surgery. Your cat's claw is *not* a toenail. It is actually closely adhered to the bone. So closely adhered that to remove the claw, the last bone of your cat's claw has to be removed. Declawing is actually an amputation of the last joint of your cat's "toes." When you envision that, it becomes clear why declawing is not a humane act. It is a painful surgery, with a painful recovery period. And remember that during the time of recuperation from the surgery your cat would still have to use its feet to walk, jump, and scratch in its litter box regardless of the pain it is experiencing. Wheelchairs and bedpans are not an option for a cat.

No cat lover would doubt that cats – whose senses are much keener than ours – suffer pain. They may, however, hide it better. Not only are they proud, they instinctively know that they are at risk when in a weakened position, and by nature will attempt to hide it. But make no mistake. This is not a surgery to be taken lightly.

Your cat's body is perfectly designed to give it the grace, agility and beauty that is unique to felines. Its claws are an important part of this design. Amputating the important part of their anatomy that contains the claws drastically alters the conformation of their feet. The cat is also deprived of its primary means of defense, leaving it prey to predators if it ever escapes to the outdoors.

I have also had people tell me that their cat's personality changed after being declawed. Although, the medical community does not recognize this as a potential side effect.

Okay, so now you realize that declawing is too drastic a solution, but you're still concerned about keeping your household furnishings intact. Is there an acceptable solution? Happily, the answer is yes. A big, joyful, humane YES! Actually there are several. The following website www.catscratching.com provides many solutions as well as insight into the psychology of why cats scratch. You can teach your cat to use a scratching post (www.purrfectpost.com are by far the best). You can trim the front claws. You can also employ aversion methods. One of the best solutions I've found is Soft Paws.

Soft Paws are lightweight vinyl nail caps that you glue on the cat's front claws. They're great for households with small children and are extremely useful for people who are away from home all day and can't exercise the watchfulness necessary to train a cat to use a scratching post. Soft Paws are easy to apply and last about four to six weeks. They come in clear or colors – which are really fun. Now *that's* a kitty manicure! The colored caps look spiffy on Tabby or Tom and have the added advantage of being more visible when one finally comes off. Then you simply replace it. You can find Soft Paws® on the web at www.softpaws.com or call 1-800-989-2542.

You need to remember, though, that the caps and nail trimming should only be used on indoor cats who will not be vulnerable to the dangers of the outdoors.

For a list of countries in which declawing is either illegal or considered extremely inhumane and only performed under extreme circumstances, or for medical reasons, visit www.declawing.com. On this site, you can also read "The Truth About Declawing – Technical Facts."

Adorable Adoptables:



Meet Midnight!

Hi! I'm Midnight! I'm a sweet, spayed, female chow mix looking for a wonderful forever home. I'm about 5 ½ years old and I love to be with people. I am here looking for a home where I can be the only animal so all the attention is focused on me. I can be described as fearless at times as I want to make sure my family is safe. I will protect what is mine, mainly my food and toys. I would like a family where I can play ball with older children and then be able to take a siesta on the couch. If you want to go for long walks, then I will be with you all the way. As I have said before, I will need to be the only animal in my home as I don't do well with other dogs or cats. All I want to do is give all my love to my new family and in return I hope I have a nice place to lay my head.

Meet Bentley!



Hi, I'm Bentley! I'm a handsome 9-month-old neutered male domestic shorthair. I was brought to the shelter with my siblings as very scared kittens. I went into foster care and with lots of time and love I am now ready to go to my new home. My foster mom says that I am still skittish, but with a little coaxing, I can be quite loveable. I would like to live with other cats that will continue to teach me the ropes and give me someone to snuggle with. I really like to snuggle with my brother Milo. I am a little insecure when alone and want a friend. My foster mom says that I really can be quite the love bug once I feel secure with the person who is holding me. I would prefer no dogs in my new home as they may upset me when they get playing. The same goes for young children as they move quickly. I want a quiet home where I can get lots of petting and loving. I am getting used to living in a house, and really like it.



ACHS would like to thank these veterinarians for donating their time at the shelter during March, April, and May

Dr. Nate Heilman – Vergennes Animal Hospital
 Dr. Matt Quinn – Independent Veterinarian
 Dr. Karen DeMoy – Otterside Animal Hospital
 Dr. Patty Pruitt – Open Air Pet Repair
 Dr. Paul Urband – Independent Veterinarian
 Dr. Scott Sutor – Middlebury Animal Hospital
 Dr. Liz Poulsen – Independent Veterinarian
 Dr. Susan Hayden – Otterside Animal Hospital
 Dr. Randy Ross – Ch Vly Small Animal Mobile Clinic
 Dr. Keely Henderson – Valley Equine Clinic
 Dr. Tom Munschauer – Middlebury Animal Hospital
 Dr. Betsy Meinhardt – Bristol Animal Hospital
 Dr. Elizabeth Berger – Affectionately Cats

The Addison County Humane Society has received donations

In loving memory of:

Frances Brown
Bear the dog
"Gryph" Lynch
Alice Bouvier
Bill Hageman
"Mila"
"Zima"
"Siska"



In honor of:

Peter Langrock
Shelly Hudson's Graduation
Ben Randlett

Special thanks to

Jennifer Nokes for serving as our interim shelter manager while we conducted our search.

Casella Waste Management for donating the last two full years of garbage and recycling services. This contribution helps ACHS and our animals tremendously. Thank you!!!

Girl Scout Troop 502 for donating lots of supplies for our shelter animals.

Bill Shafer, Bob Recupero, Mr. Charlie and Friends, The Bluesbirds, Mark Lavoie, Snake Mountain Blue Grass, and the Horse Traders for volunteering their time and talent for the 2nd Annual Folk and Blues Festival

Bill Campanelli for donating a hoof trimming and natural horsemanship training session for Barney.

Janet Russell for counting and rolling ALL of our dog bank coins. It's a big job and we really appreciate it!

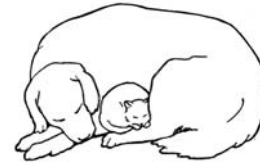


A big thank-you to Two Brothers Tavern for choosing ACHS as the beneficiary of their April 2nd Charity Monday. \$348 was raised for the animals!



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Honor the memories that will last a lifetime

Professional service
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All proceeds benefit ACHS and the homeless animals we serve.

Did you know that HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) has no formal affiliation with, nor is it a parent organization for local humane societies, animal shelters, or animal care and control agencies? ACHS receives no funding from HSUS.



ACHS Wish List

Dry and Can Cat Food

Dry and Can Dog Food

Rodent Food Towels & Blankets

Rabbit Food Bagged Shavings

Dog & Cat Treats and Toys

Liquid Laundry Detergent

Liquid Bleach 13-Gallon Kitchen Bags

Liquid Hand Soap 33-Gallon Trash Bags

Acrylic Knitting Yarn

Paper Towels 500 mg L-Lysine Tablets

Cellulose Kitchen Sponges

Photocopy Paper (white and colored)

Peanut Butter

Postage Stamps Bagged Wood Pellets
(used for litter)

Gift Certificates to grocery stores, pet/farm supply stores, hardware stores, and general stores like WalMart

Kong Toys - Medium and Large

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Feedback?

We love to hear from our members!

If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or feedback for ACHS, please contact Jill

Tucker, ACHS Executive Director, at

jill@addisonhumane.org or 802-388-1443

We greatly appreciate your support!



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