



## Something to ponder...

"Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later."  
~ Mary Bly

### Mission Statement

"Friends of the Union County Animal Shelter, Inc. has recently formed to assist the Union County Animal Shelter with financial assistance to the County for care, medical treatment and well being of the animals during their stay in the Shelter. "

### Volunteers

**Thanks to all of you!**

Your hard work and commitment has made the Shelter a Huge Success!!! Animal adoptions have been great!!! Please know that your time at the Shelter has been greatly appreciated and noticed by everyone that visits the facility daily!!!

### Adoptions

Here are the totals for the months January, February and March 2009 combined:  
210 Adoptions, 45 rescued and 99 returned to owners (lost/found)

### Shelter News

#### **Novella Creations, LLC Makes Charitable Donation to Animal Shelter!**

Novella's Designer and Founder, Elizabeth Wolf, is disabled by arthritis, chronic pain, and fibromyalgia. Making jewelry and fiber arts is a way to exercise her hands and mind while sitting, as the diseases and accompanying symptoms make standing and walking very painful. Elizabeth works in her studio with her four dogs, taking frequent breaks, and she is passionate about both her art and dogs.

She has one Service Dog. When necessary, he helps carry packages in his vest, is a reliable 120 pound presence in her studio, and she notes he is much better looking than her cane! Elizabeth's other three dogs were rescues. Two of the dogs came from the Union County North Carolina Animal Shelter. Elizabeth is an avid supporter of the shelter, its officers, staff, and volunteers.



For the tax year 2009, Novella Jewelry & Fiber Arts proudly promises five percent (5%) of annual profits to Friends of the Union County North Carolina Animal Shelter, Inc.

Now, every purchase you make on this website [www.novellajewelry.vpweb.com](http://www.novellajewelry.vpweb.com) will help feed and house pets in a challenging economy. In addition to finding forever homes and running a county foster program, the shelter also offers rabies shot clinics (see schedule below).

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 the Student Council members of Union Academy High School, hosted a Fun Dog Show at their Spring Festival. All proceeds were to benefit the Union County Animal Shelter.

Friends of the UCAS Board Members, Barbara Davis and Luann McCain where invited to judge the event. Volunteers, Nancy Burton, Mark Davis and Kirsten were selling Raffle Tickets and handing out information at our Booth. The Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Deputies and their handler's, Deputy Scott Green (with Eric) and Deputy Christa Haywood (with Wendell) were invited to give demonstrations which were a huge hit with the crowd.

Due to the threat of stormy weather, there was not as much participation as anticipated but everyone that attended had a great time. As the rains began we all hurried to get ourselves out of the weather and called it a day.

**Thanks to EVERYONE who made this event a Success!**



Megan, is a student at Wolfe School, she takes part in the job training program there and has had training experiences in many of our area businesses. The job training program allows students to try out many different jobs so they know what they like, what they are good at, as well as those they do not like. At the animal shelter, Megan especially loves the puppies. She looks forward to checking the Petfinder website before they go to the Shelter on Friday mornings, to find out what pets are going to be there. She plays with the animals and loves them so they will be better pets when adopted. Megan will graduate in June of this year.

~Submitted by Kathy Goode, M. Ed., Community-Based Vocational Training Coordinator

Check out the Union County Animal Shelter pets that are currently for adoption:

[Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)

**“Huge Thanks” goes to the following persons that through their generosity have made a difference to the animals at the Shelter!**

**Amy Kidder** celebrated her 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday by sending out invitations to her Birthday Party that read: “Party for Pets... come Skate, Donate, Eat Pizza and Cake. Amy asks instead of bringing a gift for her, if you bring a dollar to donate to the Animal Shelter of Union County” Her party was held at Hatley’s Skating Rink, Monroe, NC on Saturday, March 7, 2009 and donations totaled \$50.00 to benefit the Shelter Animals. **Happy Birthday Amy and Thank You for your kindness and thoughtfulness!**

**Ailish Dwyer & Morgan Bailey** (8<sup>th</sup> graders at Marvin Ridge Middle School), collected donations from their friends at school and neighbors near their homes! The donations included cat litter, pet food, toys, collars, shampoo, pet carrier and a total of \$311.00 that went to the care of the animals while they are at the Shelter. **Thank You Ailish and Morgan for caring about the animals!**

### **Fundraiser**

**FYI...** There is going to be a fundraiser, “Friends of the Animals Spring Fling” held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at **Monroe Square Assisted Living** facility located at 918 Fitzgerald Street off Sunset Drive (Monroe, NC) from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. They are hosting a benefit lunch, selling Hamburger or Hotdog meals, including baked beans, coleslaw, cookie and ice tea or lemonade, cost is \$5.00 per meal. Carolina Sunshine Cloggers will be performing at 1:30 – 2:30. **Please plan to attend and you can also purchase your “meal tickets” in advance at the Union County Animal Shelter** or by contacting Angie Oliver at (704) 242-4328 for more information or tickets. **All proceeds will benefit Friends of the Union County Animal Shelter, Inc.**

### **Rabies Clinic 2009 Schedule**

Union County Sheriff’s Office, Union County Health Dept and Brent Glenn, DVM are planning the following Rabies Clinics. NC State Law requires the owner of every dog and cat over four months of age shall have the animal vaccinated against Rabies. Rabies vaccine shall be administered only by a licensed veterinarian or by a certified rabies vaccinator. (NCGS 130A-185) **Cost is \$7.00 cash**

Saturday, May 2	Fairview Elementary School	8:00am – 9:30am
	New Salem Elementary School	10:30am – 12:00pm
	Marshville Elementary School	1:30pm – 3:00pm
	Union Elementary School	3:30pm – 5:00pm
	Union County Farmer’s Market	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, May 9	Union County Farmer’s Market	8:00am – 9:30am
	Unionville Elementary School	10:30am – 12:00pm
	Indian Trail Elementary School	1:30pm – 3:00pm
	Wesley Chapel Elementary	3:30pm – 5:00pm
	Western Union Elementary	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, May 23	Waxhaw Elementary School	8:00am – 9:30am
	Sandy Ridge Elementary School	10:00am – 11:30am
	Benton Heights Elementary	1:00pm – 2:30pm
	Prospect Elementary School	3:00pm – 4:30pm

### **Raffle Tickets**

Win a chance for one of three **(3) Raffle Prizes!** There are two (2) beautiful handmade quilts to choose from, **“For Our Little Friends in Fur Coats”** made by Charlotte Harkey of Quilt Patch Fabrics Limited, Matthews, NC, **“Cats and Mice”** made by Union County Quilters (Jane Beamer, Rose Giacchetta, Judy Jewell, Karen Wilson McWhorter, Joyce Walker) of Waxhaw, NC and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize drawing for a **PetSmart Gift Card**.

Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and Proceeds from this Raffle will benefit the efforts of *Friends of the Union County Animal Shelter, Inc* in providing beneficial assistance for the many animals at Union County Animal Services and the *Second Chance Medical Fund*

Tickets may be purchased at the Union County Animal Services located at 3340 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112 or by calling (704) 233-1707 or Barbara Davis (704) 282-9705

Drawing will be held on December 15, 2009



**Friends of the Union County Animal Shelter will be working to get a Newsletter out Quarterly and would like your help. Submit any news worthy stories, i.e. adoption, to be included in the Newsletter to [diamond\\_bar\\_d@yahoo.com](mailto:diamond_bar_d@yahoo.com) for consideration. Please limit the stories to 300 words or less.**

**Friends of the Union County Animal Shelter, Inc.**  
**is a non-profit 501-C (3) organization – please consider making a donation today!**  
**Post Office Box 322 - Wingate, NC 28174 (704) 233-1707**