

Happy Holidays



A.W.A. Winter Newsletter

It's Chilly Outside!

With temperatures dropping outside, a few reminders to prepare for the upcoming winter months.

Beware of anti-freeze & salt – especially anti-freeze; it smells & tastes good to your pet and can be deadly if ingested. If your pet does ingest anti-freeze, seek veterinary help immediately.

With wind chill the temperatures outside can be much colder than the actual temperature readings, watch for frostbite especially on paws, tail and ears.

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be harder to housebreak. An option may be to paper train him.

It burns more calories keeping warm – if your pet spends a lot of time outdoors, or is a working animal – increase his food during the colder months and as always, make sure he has access to fresh, clean drinking water, check often to make sure it hasn't frozen – snow doesn't count!

If your dog is an outside animal, they must have adequate shelter. Straw is a good insulator – not hay, the opening should face towards the south and have a covering to prevent icy winds from entering. Old blankets, towels, etc. are not advisable as they can dampen and will make the dog house colder.

Keep your felines inside! Outdoors they can freeze and too often we hear of felines sleeping under the hoods of cars. The car is started and often the feline is injured or killed by the fan belt.

Do not let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm – they can easily lose their scent and become lost.

Pet of the Month

We hold all of our fosters near and dear to our hearts; each keeping a special place with us. Some, though are extra special. This month, we are featuring one of those extra-special ones.

Oliver was found several weeks ago, and judging from his appearance, had been on his own for quite some time. As you can see in the photo, when he was rescued his fur was dirty, matted with cockleburs, and Oliver was very thin. After much tender loving care, a trip to the vet for an exam, and a steady diet of wholesome food, Oliver is making a comeback. His fur is nicely groomed and clean now and he is back to a healthy weight. He even has a happy look on his face now. His foster mom brags to everyone about how extremely sweet and affectionate he is, describing him as a "very gentle soul". Oliver gets along well with the other foster pups, as they share a bit of playtime, or snuggle beside each other for a nap in the sun.

For more information about Oliver, please call his foster mom Donita at 314-608-7830 or our AWA line at 636-297-0486, or email startingover@centurytel.net



Raffle Baskets

One of our long-time volunteers, Becky Leonard has worked tirelessly putting together a variety of dog & cat baskets to be raffled off for our Special Needs Fund. Our Special Needs Fund is dedicated to helping those animals that come in needing assistance beyond what we can typically provide.

Becky has these baskets at our adoption events on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month at the PetsMart in Wentzville. Or call Becky for more information at 636-456-7551.

We Need You!

We are looking for dedicated volunteers interested in:

- Helping at the Love-A-Pet Center at PetsMart/Wentzville
- Fostering dogs and/or cats
- Adoption day volunteers

Please call us at 636-297-0486 or email at: startingover@centurytel.net

Do you buy Purina One dog/cat food? Send us those weight circles! We are collecting them to send in for coupons. Please mail to A.W.A., PO Box 122, Warrenton MO 63383



Hi! My name is Beau! I'm about 9 months old, I love to play with my toys!



Hi! I'm Candy; I'm a sweetie, a little shy, looking for a forever home!

For more information on these two pets, and others, please contact us at 636-297-0486 or email: startingover@centurytel.net

A sincere thank-you for yet another successful year to our dedicated volunteers!

Wish List

Pedigree dog/puppy food
Purina Dog Chow & Purina Puppy Chow
Kong dog toys
Purina One cat/kitten food
Tidy Cat or Fresh Step Cat Litter
Paper towels
Trash bags

Upcoming Events

Second Chance for Love Adoption Weekend – PetsMart/ Wentzville

Saturday, February 14

9am – 3pm

Sunday, February 15

10am – 2pm