

Newsletter

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Director's

As spring rolls around and we start spending more time outside I want to take a moment to visit about ways to keep your pets safe. This month's newsletter is full of information about threats to the health and wellbeing of your pet(s). I would suggest that you cut out the Poisonous Plants List and keep it handy. Also, pay special attention to the article about internal and external parasites, something that you want to be sure to protect your pet from. And remember to keep your pets safely contained in your yard.

What if a peaceful day digging in the garden turns bad when you look up and your beloved pet is no longer next to you? Would you be able to remain calm knowing that you have done everything possible for the likely return of your pet to your home? A few simple things can give you the best chance of getting your pet back. Make sure he or she has on a collar and tags with your phone number and address. We also recommend having your pet microchipped. These two identifications will help alert whomever finds your pet that they are loved, cared for and missed very much. If your pet gets lost be sure to call us and the local veterinarians to let them know your pet is missing. You can also visit our website at www.arlmarshalltown.com/lostpets to view all of the unowned pets that have entered our shelter.

What should you do if you find an animal that doesn't have any apparent identification? Call us and the local veterinarians to let them know you have found a pet. We have people call us every day that are missing their pets and are desperate to find them. Do not assume that because an animal has wandered off or gotten out of its home or yard that they are not missed very much. Imagine how bad you would feel if your pet slipped through your feet or out a hole in the fence and you were not able to find him or her.

One of the primary goals of the Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown is to reunite lost companion animals with their family. We are not able to do it alone and need concerned people like yourself to help make that happen. Thank you for your continued support of the Animal Rescue League.

By Heidi Drager
ARL Director



**WHISKERS, WINE AND
Something Divine**

BENEFIT FOR:
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE, Marshalltown, Iowa

LOCATION - SAVE THE DATE:
**REGENCY HALL AT THE BEST WESTERN
REGENCY INN, Thursday, April 18, 2013 - 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

SCHEDULE:
6:00 P.M. Wine Tasting and Champagne Social sponsored by Hy-Vee, plus hors d'oeuvres.
7:00 P.M. Live and Silent Auction filled with local merchant donations.
8:30 P.M. A beautiful piece of fine jewelry will be given away to one lucky ticket holder. (\$750 value)

TICKETS:
Tickets cost just \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door, if space allows. We are already hearing a great deal of buzz about this event and expect the tickets to be sold out. The ticket price includes entrance to the event, hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting during the social hour, and entrance into the door prize drawing. Remember, one lucky attendee will walk away with a beautiful piece of jewelry.

INFORMATION:
Contact the Animal Rescue League at 753-9046 for ticket information.

GOAL:
Last year Whiskers, Wine and Something Divine netted \$24,000 and the proceeds were used to build the Lost and Found lodging area for dogs at the Animal Rescue League. With that project complete, this year we plan to use the proceeds for general operating funds. The Animal Rescue League has an operating budget of \$285,000, not including in-kind gifts, which add up to about \$25,000. Our goal is to raise 10% of the budget, \$28,500 which would be just enough to cover the medical expenses for all of the animals we care for in a year.



Heart of Iowa Kennel Club Shows

The Heart of Iowa Kennel Club will hold two American Kennel Club All-Breed and Obedience Dog Shows on April 27 and 28 at the Central Iowa Fairgrounds. E. Olive Street and S. 12th Avenue in Marshalltown.

According to Show Chairman, Shelley Barron, “Although the Westminster Dog Show that is telecast every February is larger, our shows follows the same judging procedures and American Kennel Club rules and guidelines. Most of our judges at this show have judged Westminster and there may be dogs at this show that competed at the recent Westminster or National Dog Show”.

Each day of the weekend is considered a different show for exhibitors and there are over 485 entries each day. These dogs come from all over the United States and Canada. Top winning dogs in breed, obedience and rally obedience will be strutting their stuff at these shows. Breed competition involves judging individuals of a breed against the judge’s idea of the perfect representative of that breed. There are usually over 105 breeds or varieties expected to compete, from Afghans to Whippets .

There are also competitors in obedience and rally obedience. Most spectators will recognize most of the basic commands taught in beginning obedience classes such as heel, sit, stay, down and the recall. Advanced competition includes these basics plus directed jumping, directed retrieves, off-leash heeling and scent discrimination. Rally obedience has the handler and dog following a specific course with signs indicating the obedience exercise to be completed.

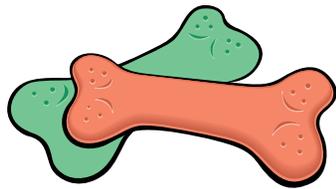
Eight boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will compete in junior showmanship where the handler, not the dog is judged. These junior handlers train, groom and present their dogs in the best possible manner in each of four classes and the winner of each class then competes for Beat Junior Handler.

No attendance fee will be taken but spectators are encouraged to make a donation to the Marshalltown Dog Park at any of the donations boxes around the show site. Judging should begin at 8:30 and no unentered dogs are allowed in the show buildings. Show times vary for each breed each day and a show schedule is available at the show. For more information, call Shelley Barron at 752-2458. Anyone interested in the kennel club may call that same number or may attend our meetings that are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Family Pet Center.

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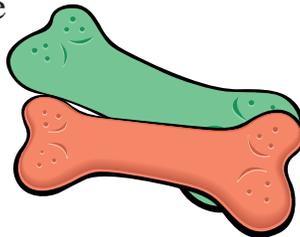
An estimated 1,000,000 dogs in the U.S. have been named as the primary beneficiaries in their owner's will.

The domestic cat is the only cat species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. All wild cats hold their tails horizontally or tucked between their legs while walking.

The longer a dog's nose, the more effective it's internal cooling system

Cats are the sleepest of all mammals. They spend 16 hours of each day sleeping. With that in mind, a seven year old cat has only been awake for two years of its life!

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", a high-pitched dog whistle was recorded by Paul McCartney for his sheepdog



& BITS

Easy Ways to Help the Animal Rescue League

Petfinder, a website we use every day to promote our adoptable pets, is hosting a contest. If you have a story about a lucky pet, be sure to visit www.Petfinder.com to enter your pet into the "Luckiest Pet of 2013 Contest." Share your story and select the Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown. If you win, we win too! Lucky pets can enter the contest now until 11:59am ET (just before noon) on February 20, 2013. The

voting period will start on February 21 and visitors can vote once a day for animals throughout the contest, with the voting period ending March 18, 2013. The luckiest pet with the most votes will win a \$500 gift card to Petco and a \$5,000 donation in their name to the designated organization (hopefully the ARL of Marshalltown).

Please visit www.theanimalrescuesite.com

to participate in the \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge. Click on the purple button to GIVE. Don't worry, there is no purchase necessary and it will not cost you anything. Next, click on the button that says "Vote Today, Shelter+ Challenge." Search for the Animal Rescue League in Marshalltown and click Vote. Be sure to vote every day and get your friends to vote too! Voting ends April 28th.

Canine Carrot Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups carrots -- boiled and pureed
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons garlic -- minced
- 2 cups unbleached flour -- *see Note
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- *or rice flour or rye flour.

Instructions:

Combine carrots, eggs and garlic. Mix until smooth. Add dry ingredients. Roll out on heavily floured surface and cut into bars or desired shapes. Bake at 300 degrees for 45 minutes or to desired crunchiness. The centers will continue to harden as they cool. Brush with egg white before baking for a glossy finish.

Save the Date for these 2013 ARL Fundraisers

April 18, 2013 - Whiskers, Wine and Something Divine

May 11, 2013 - Trails for Tails

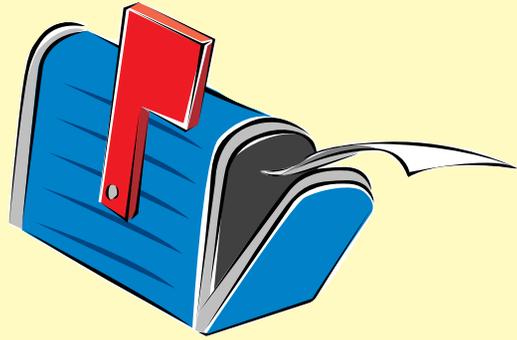
July 13, 2013 - Hog for Dogs

September 2013 - Putts 4 Mutts

September 2013 - Rummage Sale

If you are interested in learning more about participating in or sponsoring any of these events please call Heidi at 641-753-9046

<p>Visit the ★ Animal Rescue League</p> <p>★ Mon. Thru Fri. 9 Am - 5:30 Pm Adoption Visitation</p> <p>★ 11 Am - 5:30 Pm Sat. Animal Intakes 9 Am - 4 Pm Adoption Visitation 11 Am - 4 Pm</p> <p>★ Sun. Closed</p> <p>1921 Taylor Avenue</p>	<p>SHE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"NORA" Female Treeing Walker C.hound 3 Yrs.</p>	<p>HE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"OBIE" Altered Male 2½ Yrs.</p>	<p>HE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"ZEUS" Male Malamute/Elkhound 1 Yr.</p>	<p>SHE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"JEN" Female 2 Yrs.</p>	<p>HE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"HACHI" Altered Male Husky 1½ Yrs.</p>	<p>SHE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"ROXY" Female 1 Yr.</p>	<p>HE NEEDS A HOME!</p> <p>"MARLEY" Male G. Wirehaired Pointer 1 Yr.</p>	<p>Do You Need A Home?</p> <p>KARRI CARES</p> <p>about the "HOME" needs of these loving animals and yours...so whether buying or selling, call Karri Henning for all of your "HOME" needs!</p> <p>"Karri Henning" Your Real Estate Wish Is Her Command. Five Star Real Estate Group</p> <p>753-1111</p>
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From Our Mailbox...



Hi Everyone, hope this finds you all well and warm on this cold and snowy day! We adopted Bob 1 year ago on December 19th. He is such a huge part of our family and seems to keep us entertained quite well. Just wanted to send you another pic(s) to let you see how he is doing. Merry Christmas Everyone! Mike and Kandy Fisher and Family

Hello Everyone

I just wanted to give you an update on your Abby our Aggie...

She is now 25 pounds. She is such a joy and so funny. Aggie and Libby (the other dog) act so much alike it is not funny. It is so heart warming to wake up in the middle of the night and she is curled up by your head. In the morning before I get out of bed she will walk on me and give me a facial. She loves to sit in daddy's chair or on his lap.

We still are unsure what is going with her ears - I think that they may stand up. I have attached a couple of pictures.

She was spayed on 12/26/12 and I will send you paper work later this week for your records.

The Waltman's
Wendy - Dick - Libby - Aggie



After 9 months at the Animal Rescue League, Hermes was adopted! Congratulations to his new forever family.

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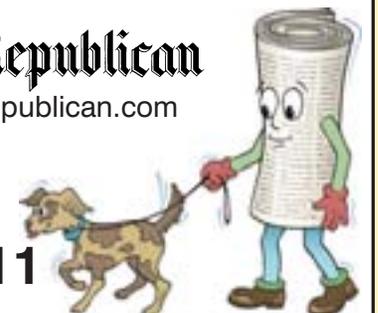
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Parasites...Dr. Ashley Ladehoff

There's no better time than spring time to be thinking about parasites and parasite prevention in your pets. It is ideal to maintain your pet on a parasite prevention plan for the entire year, but spring time is a great time to test your pet and get control of any problems that may have arisen. What types of parasites are we talking about? Well, we will discuss heartworms, various intestinal parasites, and also external parasites like fleas, ticks, ear mites, etc...

Heartworms: Heartworm disease is caused by a parasite called *Dirofilaria immitis*. It can affect both dogs and cats. Infection can occur in any breed or age. It is transferred to your pet by the bite of an infected mosquito. An animal cannot get heartworm disease just by interacting with a positive infected animal. It was to be transferred through a vector (the mosquito). The worms are called 'heartworms' because they live primarily in the chambers of the heart and spread out to the vessels of the lungs. Symptoms of disease vary depending on the severity of infection (how many worms are present). Cats usually have a very low worm burden and can present with no symptoms or with signs of coughing, difficulty breathing, and/or vomiting. Dogs can also present with no symptoms, or with signs of coughing, exercise intolerance, labored breathing, and/or ascites (fluid build up). Your dog should be tested every year for heartworm disease. Cats are usually tested on a case by case basis depending on presenting symptoms since it is less common. The test is very simple and only requires a few drops of your pet's blood. Treatment for heartworm disease varies depending on the severity of the disease/symptoms. Blood work and radiographs provide a better idea of severity, and then a treatment plan is formed. Treatment includes a stay in the hospital, with injections of an 'adulticide' drug that kills the adult worms. The number of injections given depends on the stage of disease. Follow up treatment and monitoring is also essential to make sure that the entire infection has been eliminated. The best way to prevent your pet from getting heartworm disease is by giving them preventative medication year round. There are several options, including Heartgard plus, Revolution, Trifexis, etc... Discuss these options with your veterinarian.

Intestinal Parasites: There are several types of parasites, or 'worms', that can live in your pet's intestinal tract. These parasites are transferred to your pet through various routes, depending on the type of worm present. The most common intestinal parasites found in our domestic pets are: roundworms, tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms, or coccidia (not a worm, but classified as an intestinal parasite). It is recommended that all pets have a fecal sample checked at least once a year for the presence of intestinal parasites. Many animals can have 'worms' without their owners knowing...or some owners will notice a worm in their pet's stool and bring it in to be identified. Regardless, intestinal parasites are easy to treat and should be tested for on an annual basis. Symptoms of intestinal parasites can vary from no symptoms to diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss, and/or a large pot belly appearance. Treatment varies depending on the parasite present, but is usually complete in one to three days.

External Parasites: Spring time is the most common time for external parasites to make their debut on your pet. The most common external parasites are fleas, ticks, and ear mites. Fleas and ticks can affect cats and dogs with equal severity. They are known for carrying diseases and causing discomfort to your pet, so prevention is the best way to keep your pet healthy. Fleas can be seen year round, as they can live in carpeting, upholstery, and bedding throughout the winter months.

If you are having a flea problem even while treating your pet, it is essential that you treat your pet's environment as well. Ticks are less common in the winter months, but are potential carriers for a large number of diseases (such as Lyme's disease). Both fleas and ticks have zoonotic potential, meaning they can live on people as well as animals. Prevention is key in keeping these pests out of your house and off of your pets. There are several methods of prevention, such as Frontline plus, Revolution, Comfortis, Trifexis, Vectra, etc... Discuss these options with your veterinarian to find the best choice for your pet(s). Ear mites are another common external parasite. These are mites that live in the canals of your pet's ears. They can affect both dogs and cats (and other small pets), but are much more common in cats. Ear mites usually produce a dark, 'coffee-ground' like build up in your pet's ears and cause extreme pruritus (itching). A simple swab from your pet's ear can identify the presence of any mites. Treatment is simple and usually involves a topical medicine applied directly into your pet's ear(s).

The best way to keep your pets from getting parasites is by using preventative products. There are several products available, so choosing the right one can be confusing. Many of them are better than others, so make sure to discuss your options with your veterinarian before starting your pet on a parasite prevention product. If you have any questions regarding these products, feel free to call us at Animal Clinic – The Vet at 641-753-5486. Don't wait too long as spring is (hopefully) just around the corner!



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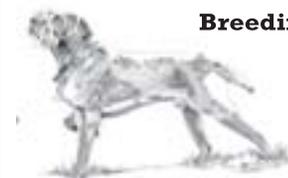


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Apricot Pits
Arrowgrass
Asparagus Fern
Avocado
Azalea
Baby's Breath
Baneberry
Bayonet
Beargrass
Beech
Belladonna
Bird of
Paradise
Bittersweet
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Susan
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Boxwood
Branching Ivy
Buckeyes
Buddhist Pine
Burning Bush
Buttercup
Cactus
Caladium
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Castor Bean
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Chinaberry
Chinese Evergreen
Christmas Rose
Chrysanthemum
Cineraria
Clematis
Cordatum
Coriaria
Corn Plant
Cornflower
Cornstalk Plant
Corydalis
Crocus, Autumn
Croton
Crown of Thorns
Cuban Laurel
Cutleaf
Philodendron
Cycads
Cyclamen
Daffodil
Daphne
Datura
Deadly Nightshade
Death Camas
Delphinium
Devil's Ivy
Dicentra
Dieffenbachia
Dracaena (all
varieties)

Dragon Tree
Dumb Cane
Easter Lily
Eggplant
Elaine
Elderberry
Elephant Ear
Emerald Feather
English Ivy
Euonymus
Evergreen
Ferns
Fiddle Leaf Fig
Flax
Florida Beauty
Four O'Clock
Foxglove
Fruit Salad Plant
Geranium
German Ivy
Glacier Ivy
Golden Chain
Golden Glow
Golden Pothos
Gopher Purge
Hahn's Ivy
Heartland
Philodendron
Hellebore
Hemlock, any type
Henbane
Holly
Honeysuckle
Horse Chestnuts
Horsebeans
Horsebrush
Hurricane Plant

Hyacinth
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Indian Rubber Plant
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Iris
Iris Ivy
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Lupine	Pimpernel	
Madagascar	Plumosa Fern	Tansy Mustard
Dragon Tree	Poinciana	Taro Vine
Marble Queen	Poinsettia	Tobacco
Marigold	Poison Hemlock	Tomato
Marijuana	Poison Ivy	Tulip
Mescal Bean	Poison Oak	Tung Tree
Mexican Breadfruit	Pokeweed	Virginia Creeper
Mistletoe	Poppy	Water Hemlock
Mock Orange	Potato	Weeping Fig
Monkshood	Pothos	Wild Call
Moonseed	Precatory Bean	Wisteria
Morning Glory	Primrose	Yews, all varieties
Mother-in-Law's Tongue	Privet, Common	
Mountain Laurel	Red Emerald	
Mushrooms	Red Princess	
Narcissus	Rhododendron	
Needlepoint Ivy	Rhubarb	
Nephtis	Ribbon Plant	
Nightshade	Rosary Pea	
Oleander	Rubber Plant	
Onion	Sago Palm	
Peace Lily	Scotch Broom	
Peach Pits	Skunk Cabbage	
	Snow on the Mountain	
	Snowdrops	
	Staggerweed	

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The mission of the Animal Rescue League of Marshalltown is to provide a safe haven for lost, homeless and abused companion animals; to help reunite lost companion animals with their family; to find new homes for adoptable abandoned animals; and to aid in strengthening the human to animal bond.

Goals Statement

The goals of the Animal Rescue League include decreasing unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals; provide shelter, food and medical care to lost, homeless and abandoned companion animals; and to foster a sustainable organization through good stewardship of shelter resources.

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