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News from November & December 2010

“Mews”-letter



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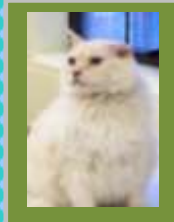
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- Shelter Challenge Winners!



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Sweet Art Event Planned



Hobo Hotel is planning a new “fun-raiser” for February which will be called the “Sweet Art” event. The event will feature pieces from local artists and various other items to help raise money for the cats and kittens of Hobo Hotel. More info to come: please keep an eye out in your mail/e-mail boxes for details.

Hobo Wins Shelter Challenge!

You did it-- fellow kitties were spotted dashing through the shelter! Hobo Hotel was announced as the state Fall/Winter winner of a \$1,000 grant from *The Animal Rescue Site* and *Petfinder.com* Shelter Challenge which ended December 19th! All thanks to your faithful daily clicking-- Hobo received the most votes in Louisiana. This cat-cash will help with food, litter and medical care. We had voters from Abilene, Belton, Forth Worth, Georgetown, Granbury, Nederland, Venus and Hemphill, Texas; High Point, North Carolina; Hanover, Maryland; Hudson, Wisconsin; Lake, Mississippi; Cameron Park, California; and Ragley, Moss Bluff, Sulphur, Iowa, Hackberry, Longville and Lake Charles. Purr, purrrrrr....

PetCo Volunteers Needed

Several volunteers are needed to clean Hobo Hotel's adoptable cat cages at PetCo. It takes no more than 1 hour and must be completed by 11:00 a.m. The days we need volunteers are Monday, Wednesday or Sunday. If you're interested, call Vernice Waggoner at 558-5652.

New Board Members

Dave Brown and Arlene Avery are the newest members of the Hobo Hotel Board of Directors! We are so happy they said “yes!” Other members of the Board include: Shanna Garofolo, Robin Anderson, Howard Trotter, Jean Smith, Roni Kemerly, Lauren Granger, and Nannette Territa-Prejean.

Hobo Totes Have Arrived!

Receive a "HOBO" tote bag for a donation of only \$5! We have red, black or navy. Made of sturdy natural cotton, they're great for shopping, travel and more. Plus your donation helps take care of the rescued kitties.

Bella Ready for Forever Home



←My name is Bella and I'm two. I got my name because of my beautiful long hair and my many colors. I was rescued by Hobo when I was just a kitten with my mother and four siblings. I was placed in a foster home until I got big enough to be adopted. When I was six months old, I was adopted but my new family didn't understand me. They gave me up after a year. Hobo again rescued me. My family missed me and wanted me back so I was returned to them. One year later they again decided they no longer wanted me. When I returned to Hobo Hotel, I was very scared. There were so many cats so I hid all the time. The lady who was my first foster mom kept visiting me and brought me to her home. She pets me for hours and gets me to drooling all over myself. I would make a wonderful lap cat if only someone would take the time to be my friend. I love sitting on the window sill and looking outside. I nap a lot and I'm very quiet but I love to be petted. I am longing to find my forever home. Will you adopt me? If so please call 439-2428 and ask to speak to Bella.

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February TBA
‘Sweet Art’ Event

February 26
Hobo In-Service



Past Events
by John Ervin

The 2nd Annual Volunteer Social & Shopping Boutique was held November 14th at the shelter.

Saturday, October 30th, 4-Paws headed up the Calcasieu Animal Coalition's huge garage sale fundraiser. There were fun things for the kids to do like face painting, fishing and games. Baked goods were sold as well. Everyone had a wonderful time and the day was gorgeous. This gave Hobo volunteers an opportunity to meet other shelters and their volunteers. Some of our volunteers who helped out were Vernice Waggoner, Debbie Smith, Arlene Avery, Kamryn Avery, Diana Andersen, Aimee Stawecki, Charlene Bennett and Debbie Watts. (Photo below)



The PetSmart Adoption Event was held November 13 and 14. Hobo Volunteer Irene Vandever helped by coordinating the Domino's pizza truck. Pizzas were sold from the truck and a percentage of the profits were donated to Hobo Hotel! Those who adopted pets also got a free spin at the Domino's prize wheel. (Pictures below)



Westlake Chemical Corporation held a health fair on November 18. Collie Rouyer and Bette Talbot volunteered to set up a table and handed out information about Hobo Hotel. (Below)

The 3rd Annual Delta Downs *Trees of Hope* non-profit Christmas tree decorating contest was held during the month of December. Debbie Smith's husband, Mike, helped decorate our tree by putting on all of the high stuff and the topper. Kamryn Avery also loved getting on the ladder to place the ornaments on the top. Jean Smith, Roni Kemerly, Carol Martin and Arlene Avery decorated the lower level. Our tree looked awesome and the pictures of my fellow felines on the snowflakes were beautiful. Carol would be proud. From December 6-15th, visitors voted for their favorite trees. Prizes were awarded December 17th. While we didn't win (hiss), we did receive a \$125 as a Runner-Up. The winners were 1st \$5000: *Team Matthew*, 2nd \$2500: *Samaritan Counseling Center*, 3rd \$1000: *Council on Aging*. (Photos at right)



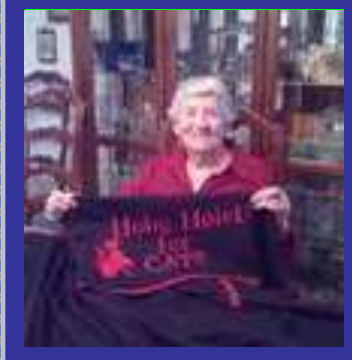
Past Events (cont.)

On December 7, several Lake Charles animal welfare volunteers attended a one-day workshop presented by Petfinder.com. Volunteers Debbie Watts, Sandy Dukes, Shanna Garofolo, Diana Andersen and Jean Smith all represented Hobo Hotel. The workshop was hosted by Louisiana SPCA and sponsored by PetCo.

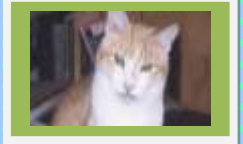


← Sandy, Debbie, Shanna, Diana and Jean represented Hobo Hotel at a workshop held December 7th.

A Hobo Hotel blanket was hand-crafted by several supporters. Volunteer Jean Smith's mother, Verna George, hemmed and sewed lace onto fabric donated by volunteer Diana Anderson. Diana then had it embroidered with Hobo Hotel. →



Upcoming Events by Sugar Baby



A special Hobo Hotel in-service will be held on February 26, 2011. All volunteers and Hobo Hotel supporters are invited to attend. Speakers will be Dr. Jaime Houston and Nanette Territa-Prejean, RN, LPC, LMFT. The meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (near McNeese University). For more information, call Hobo Hotel at 439-2428.

C-Mail Bag (Cat Mail) By Paillasse



Our C-Mail Bag was full with messages from our purr-fect Hobo Hotel supporters!

From a supporter who discovered Hobo Hotel online!
I love the service that you provide, God bless you & Merry Christmas. Thanks for all you do. —Tammie Victoria, Shreveport resident & newsletter reader

Right: Carol Cain's kitty, Judge Jerry, who was adopted by Donna Mead, is "right at home" now.



The Judge getting his beauty rest.

To All Hobo Volunteers-- We loved visiting the School St. shelter! We are amazed at all that is involved in taking care of it and all the beautiful cats. It is so clean and inviting. Thank you for all you do! Keep up the great work for such a worthy cause! --Maureen & C. A. Miller and your faithful supporters, Austin & Winter

Dear Heroes,
Our family has adopted four cats. Two are litter-mates and I call them twins. They are especially close and we are so happy they remain together. Our four kitties bring us joy each and every day. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Kool Kats' Nite Out because our beloved dog passed away. Please accept this humble donation for your noble cause. Thank you and may God bless you for your good work. --Sincerely, the Nancy Schwartzberg Family

Hello friends-- We will be leaving Lake Charles next summer to travel as full time RVers. We are excited about our plans, and Sweetie and Heart, our two kitties that we adopted from you all, will be traveling right along with us. (Please don't tell them; it's a surprise!) Keep up your wonderful work and thank you for all you do. I have reaped the rewards, times two, of your hard work, time and effort. --Donna Schexnayder

Dear Hobo Hotel,
Keep up the good work! I'm thrilled at the \$2500 grant from PetCo--a big salute to Ron Kemerly!
--DeLaney Stone, Kerrville, Texas (formerly of Lake Charles)

Spotlight on ...

Volunteer Maurice Murrell! She does adoptions at PetCo every Saturday! She also works adoptions at the Care Center every other Weds. She has been with Hobo for the past 3 years and has adopted 2 cats from us, Suzuki and Dion. She always brings in a good amount of donation money every Saturday from PetCo—more than anyone else. Our whiskers salute you!

Cat Stats

By
Clovis



Cat Stats!	Nov	Dec	2010
Altered for adoption	19	13	203
Bouree's Outreach: Tame	6	7	80
Bouree's Outreach: Untamed	6	7	96
Total Spay/Neuter	31	27	379
Adopted at Care Center	10	15	96
Adopted at PetSmart	9	10	98
Adopted at PetCo	1	3	34
Total Adopted	20	28	228
Rainbow Bridge: Care Center	0	0	20
Rainbow Bridge: Foster Care	0	0	7



Financial Cat-A-Lyst by Peggy Ruth

MEOW SHOUT OUT TO: St. Louis High School student Mary Klumpp, who is a member of the Key Club, has already coordinated two bake sales for which profits were donated to Hobo Hotel. Mary's two sales helped us raise \$174 and \$419.25! MEEEEOW-- Mary is one KOOL KAT!

Memorials: Mr & Mrs. Wayne Shaddock in memory of Donna & Rick Richard's pup Booda. | Shirley Self for some precious cats: Patches, Gabby, Midnight & Gunther | Nancy Schwartzberg family for their beloved dog | Patsy Fletcher for the mother of Mary Ann Booth | Wade & Missy Shaddock for Anthony Lanza | Suzanne & William Wilson in memory of Sarah Talbot Wilson | E. Janelle Fontenot & co-workers at Dept. of Health & Hospitals in memory of John K. Fleury | Nina Carol Moss in memory of Janet Rose Looby Morgan **In Memory of Carol Cain:** James & Deborah Watts; "A Friend"; Bette Talbot; Collie Rouyer

New Meowship! Pat Foster

Sponsorship Renewal: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond (Maurice) Murrell

Meowship Renewals: Cathleen A. Martin | Kathy Maddox for Logan Maddox

If you can't adopt ... SPONSOR! It's only \$120/yr/cat. Sponsors receive a certificate and your name in the newsletter. **OR...** **Become a Meowship Member!** Only \$60/yr.

Donations: Delaney Stone, Myrna Bond, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Self, Theresa Anderson, Sue Walkner, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Spears, Mrs. John D. Carte, H. Aubrey White III, Donna Schexnayder, Paul Musgrove, Shirley Self, Judy Guidry, Patsy Fletcher, Andrew Beers & Christina Talbot in honor of Collie Rouyer's birthday, Mr. and Mrs. John (Shannon) Andracki, Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Dorothy) Sahlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Tammy) Cole, Dana Hauser, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Fredericka) Gorum, Tammie Victoria, Susan Reed, Juanita W. Watson, Amanda & Casey Nicholas, Nancy C Collett, Jane & James Alcock, Carolyn Fusilier and Suzie, Sherry, Ali & Carolina, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Flanagan, Teresa L. Anderson, Darrell & Judy Guidry, Delta Downs Racetrack & Casino, PetSmart, Chris Alcock and Shelia Ranier.

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