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For Cats & Kittens

Mewsletter

Our Mews-letter

Our Mews-letter is published every other month by volunteers of Hobo Hotel. If you'd like to volunteer to help at Hobo Hotel, please call our message service at 439-2428 or email us at hobohotelnews@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Jan 7 **New Shelter Challenge**
voting begins at
TheAnimalRescueSite.com
- Feb 23 **Sweet Art Silent Auction**
& Blue Dog Raffle
Drawing

NEW **ADOPTION HOURS:**

Monday	10am-5pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	10am-5pm
Thursday	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	2pm-5pm
Sunday	Closed



Hobo Hotel President Tours AAWS

When Hobo Hotel President Lauren Granger traveled back home to Mansura, LA to visit family for Christmas, she got a tour of a newly established animal shelter, Avoyelles Animal Welfare Society by AAWS President Chris Burke.

AAWS, which rescues both cats and dogs, was totally built from the ground up by means of donations from supporters and volunteers. Chris gave Lauren and her family a tour of the shelter and introduced them to some of the adoptable pets. Volunteers at the shelter have been scrap-booking their progress through the entire process from construction to opening day to current events. A warm welcome from Hobo Hotel goes to animal advocates and volunteers of AAWS!



To raise money for ongoing rescue efforts, AAWS is selling engraved bricks to lay in front of their shelter for only \$25. If you'd like to buy a brick with you or your pet's name, please send the name to engrave and your \$25 donation to:



"AAWS" Brick Project

c/o: President Chris Burke
223 Hwy 1187, Mansura, LA 71350

Upcoming & Past Events

SWEET ART SILENT AUCTION *by Clovis*

Mark your calendars—Hobo Hotel will hold our 3rd Annual Sweet Art Silent Auction Saturday, February 23rd at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum! This “fun-raiser” will be held 11am-2pm and will feature items for bid from local artists as well as sweets and treats from local bakeries and bakers to help raise money for the cats and kittens of Hobo Hotel. Keep an eye out in your e-mail and on Facebook for more details.

These are some of the activities the purr-fect volunteers at Hobo Hotel have been helping with to raise moola and/or promote Hobo in the community.

Christmas Open House Held

On Sunday, December 2nd, Hobo Hotel hosted our annual Christmas Open House & Boutique. Volunteers served punch and lots of goodies to eat, gave tours of the shelter and mingled with fellow volunteers and supporters. We also had the drawing for the Gourmet Food Basket and the winner was Debra Pruitt. Runner up and the winner of Christmas Cookie Tray was John Andracki. Many thanks to all our guests for donations!



Santa Pet Pics

← Hobo Hotel hosted Santa Pet Pics at PetCo Dec 8 Vernice Waggoner, Arlene Avery and Diane Andersen all volunteered for Hobo as area residents brought in their dogs, cats, and/or children for pics with Santa Claws.

Preventing Family Violence Workshop

A Preventing Family Violence Workshop was held at McNeese State University on November 2. Volunteers Jean Smith and Arlene Avery represented Hobo Hotel who was invited to attend because family violence can also affect animals. The workshop was very informative and many people stopped at our Hobo Hotel table to ask questions and some even made donations.



ART NEEDED!

Hobo Hotel is now accepting donations to auction for Sweet Art. We are looking for locally made art items such as paintings, drawings, sculptures, jewelry, hand-sewn items or baked goods. If you are a crafter, artist or baker, we would love to showcase your special designs. Call Robin at 477-3757 or email her at randerson822@att.net or call the care center at 439-2428 if you would like to donate or volunteer to help at the event.

BLUE DOG PRINT RAFFLE

**SIGNED SILKSCREENED
LIMITED EDITION PRINT OF
GEORGE RODRIGUE'S
'THE THREE AMIGOS'**

Tickets are on sale for \$5 each and the drawing will be held at the Sweet Art Silent Auction on Feb. 23. Only 1000 will be sold, so be sure to get yours early before they sell out.

LAHA Appreciation Day

An appreciation day was held for Lake Area Animal Hospital in November for all they've done to help Hobo Hotel. Yummy snacks were provided by several Hobo Volunteers.

Petfinder Adoptions Workshop

←Volunteers Diana Anderson, Jean Smith, Debbie Watts, Arlene Avery, Marianne Delaney, Michelle McCann, and Shanna Garofolo represented Hobo Hotel at the Petfinder Adoptions Options Workshop held on November 15 in Lafayette. Topics presented included URI in cats, posting pets on Petfinder, working with Animal Control, and PetCo Foundation grant opportunities.

Dear Hobo Hotel...

I met Hobo years ago. She will be greatly missed, forever cherished, and always remembered. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your loss and know that we share in your sorrow. -Suzy Heck & Heckhaven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

My niece Amanda Dean and her husband Adam live in Lake Charles and she told me about your shelter because we are both cat lovers. They have donated supplies and cat trees to you in the past. I used to volunteer at the cat shelter in my county so I know how much donations are appreciated. They lost a dear member of their family recently, Vicki Burnsed, who was a good friend to all of us. The enclosed donation is in memory of Vicki who was 57 and is gone too soon. -Teresa Epley, Marietta, GA

Our great group of cats (18) have their own little savings bank—where they collect all of the change and one dollar bills. They wanted to make this small donation in memory of Carol Cain, Hobo, and their two dog buddies who they loved so much— Buddy and Geppetto.
-Kerrv & Butch Tam and "the zoo"

At my recent birthday party, I asked that in lieu of gifts, guests bring donations for Hobo Hotel or another local recue group. And, yes, I already a rescued cat!

-Harriet Green



**Thank
you for all
you do!**

-Judy Guidry

In Memory of Father James Doyle

Hobo supporter Father James Doyle passed away and was buried December 21. He was a former sponsor, attended the open house event and has made donations to Hobo Hotel during events held at PetSmart. He had a real love for animals as he blessed the animals at church and would pick up strays when he saw them.

New Sponsorship...

Sponsorships are only \$120 for one cat / year!

• **Pat Fletcher**

Sponsorship Renewal...

• **Wilborn and Carol Poole**

We Love Our New TLC Volunteers

Eight year old Bella Carballa and her brother Lucas along with their mom and grandmother are new TLC volunteers at the Hobo Hotel. Bella also votes every day for the Shelter Challenge on the family computer! They adopted little Jambo for her kept it a secret until Dec. 22. Bella is pictured below petting the kitties AKA 'TLC' at the Hobo Hotel.



Cat Stats!	NOV	DEC	2012
Altered for Adoption	20	14	257
Bouree's Outreach (Tame)	3	2	107
Bouree's Outreach (Not Tame)	39	2	200
Total Spayed/Neutered	62	18	587
Adopted at Care Center	11	13	117
Adopted at PetSmart	5	9	102
Adopted at PetCo	1	4	32
Total Adopted	17	26	251
Rainbow Bridge	1	1	21

PetCo National Adoption Weekends
Feb 9-10 & Mar 9-10

PetSmart National Adoption Weekend
Feb 22-24

SHOUT OUTS to... TLC volunteers, mom and daughter team, Laura and Lauren Jackson, who were called to perform above and beyond the call of duty recently. A severely injured and dying cat was left in a carrier by our garbage can. They provided "lots of kisses," tenderness and comfort to this kitty on its way the Rainbow Bridge. Laura and Lauren—you hold a special place in our hearts.

Hobo Hotel Kitty Wish List

Canned Cat Food
Fresh Step Litter
Iam's Adult Food
Iam's Kitten Food
Surface Cleaner
Paper Towels
Bleach
Trash Bags
Laundry Detergent

Give the Gift of Care *We are all connected.*

If you are fortunate enough to have a healthy, happy cat, consider helping a rescued kitty at Hobo Hotel.

Please select one and print clearly:

In Memory of OR In Honor of _____

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Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Mail your tax-deductible gift to: Hobo Hotel, Inc., P.O. Box 810, Lake Charles, LA 70602

Thank you to the following who have Hobo donation jars at their businesses: Luna Bar & Grill, Prien Pines Nursery, Lake Area Animal Hospital, Fat Cat Café, PetCo, Harrington Gallery, Downtown Animal Hospital, Bayou South Animal Hospital, Betsy's Frames by Design, A Daisy A Day Flowers & Gifts

Donations

John & Shannon Andracki, Jo Ann Beam, D. C. Bounds, Niffy Brown, Nanette Cagney, Bella Callaba, Mrs. John Carte, Sarah Congiundi & Danielle Hunt who donated their birthday money, Downtown Animal Hospital, Paul Dufrene, Claudia Dyle, Jan Fitzsimmons, Dawn Frame, Dustin & Lauren Granger, Janis Granger, Dr. Harriet Green, Judy Guidry,

Dr. Patrick Harper, Leslie Hinton, Mitchell and Billie Kyle, Charlotte Langston, Coco Marek, Carol Martin, Nancy McKulskey, Barbara Milford, J. T. Milford, Olga Mounicou, Paul and Avis Musgrove, Sable Palmer, Shelia Ranier, Mrs. Lee Roy Roberts, Tanya Rodriguez, Barbara Rose, Kathleen Roush, Diane Russell, Edwin Sherwood, Ken Spears, Nanette Territa-Prejean, Susan Viccellio, Sherri Zampielo

In Memory Of...

Sarah Talbot Wilson -Bill & SuzyWilson
 Our Wonderful RedHead Carol Cain & Sweet Kitty Hobo -Vernice Waggone
 Kerry Jones -Michelle Frazar
 Cora Castleberry
 Barbara Milford (also for her Darcy), Edmond Peveto & Valeriya Kin, Jean Smith

Hobo

Cathy Martin, Denise Talbot Arnold, Lois Leug, DeLaney Stone, Butch and Kerry Tam (also for Carol Cain and their own dogs Buddy and Geppetto), Jeanne Billodeaux (also for Wheezer)

Vicki Burnsed -Teresa Epley
 Pierre Greenberg -Reve Greenberg
 Howard Trotter's Long Time Pets: AJ & Tiger-Angie Quienalty, Andrew & Landon
 Father James Doyle -Friends of Hobo

In Honor Of...

Collie Rouyer and Bette Talbot for their dedication and work with Carol Cain and Hobo -Shirley Self
 Fred Martin's Birthday -Cathy Martin (also in Memory of Hobo)
 -Niffie Brown
 Betty Dufrene, my mother
 -Mark Dufrene
 Robin E. Ballard, my daughter
 -Kenneth Ballard
 Dr. Stark and all Hobo Volunteers
 -Lois Leug
 Dr. Robert Lofton's Retirement
 -Fran McDaniel
 -Wilborn & Carol Poole, Coco, Hobo & Easter
 Hamit Grem's 75th BDay James Wyche



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