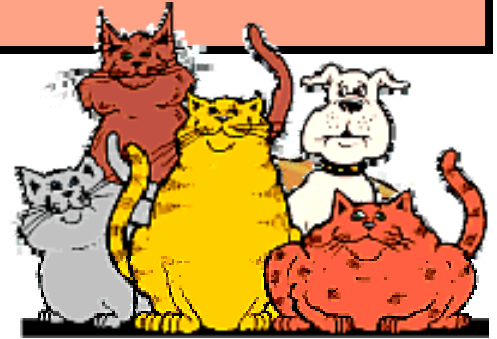


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CHROME FOR CRITTERS, BY DOROTHYBELLE POLI

PREPARATIONS FOR **CHROME FOR CRITTERS** MOTORCYCLE RIDE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW ARE UNDERWAY, AND WE EXPECT **SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006** TO BE A HUGE SUCCESS! WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING CYCLISTS, AUTO SHOW ENTRANTS, VENDORS AND CORPORATE PARTNERS. PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION ORGANIZATIONS.

JOIN US AT **BOWIE BAYSOX STADIUM**. GENERAL ADMISSION IS \$5 PER PERSON (AGES 12 AND UNDER FREE).

THERE WILL BE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFTS, VENDORS, AND A DOGGIE WASH. IN OUR FIRST YEAR, WE

HOPE FOR MANY MOTORCYCLES AND CLASSIC CARS!

PLANS INCLUDE A FAMILY FUN AREA, WITH FACE PAINTING, CARICATURE ARTISTS, BALLOON SCULPTORS AND MORE. OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF EXHIBITORS OFFERING INFORMATION ON RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP.

TO PARTICIPATE IN CHROME FOR CRITTERS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CHROMEFORCRITTERS.ORG FOR REGISTRATION FORMS AND CORPORATE PARTNER PACKAGES. OR CALL CHAIR, DOROTHY BELLE POLI, AT 240-463-7961.

MUNCHIE AND TRACEY'S HEART

MUNCHIE'S STORY STARTS UNDER A SHED IN A GOOD SAMARITAN'S BACK YARD. MUNCHIE SHARED THE SPACE WITH HIS BROTHER, CRUNCHIE AND SISTER PEANUT. THESE THREE KITTENS HAPPILY PLAYED IN THE SUMMER GRASS WHILE THEIR SEMI-FERAL MOM KEPT WATCH. MOM WAS TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASED AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN CONTINUES TO CARE FOR HER.

CARA FOSTER PARENTS WERE FOUND, AND THE THREE KITTENS WENT TO THE VET FOR THE FIRST TIME. DR. RUTH, FROM ALL PAWS VET CENTER, NOTICED THAT MUNCHIE WAS DEVELOPMENTALLY SLOWER THAN HIS SIBLINGS. WHEN THE KITTENS RETURNED TO BE SPAYED AND NEUTERED, DR. RUTH PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MUNCHIE.

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SPRING ADVICE. BY VIVIAN COOPER

SPRING! NOT ONLY DOES THE WEATHER BECOME MORE TEMPERATE, BUT NATURE PROGRESSES IN ALL OF HER FORMS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE **FLEA**. MOST PET OWNERS ARE AWARE OF THE DISCOMFORT THAT THE FLEA CAN CAUSE FOR THEIR ANIMALS, BUT MANY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE HIDDEN THREAT THAT THE FLEA CAN CARRY. IN OUR AREA, IT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF FLEAS ARE CARRIERS OF THE TAPEWORM EGG. ONCE A CAT OR DOG INGESTS THE CARRIER FLEA BY CHEWING OR BITING AT THE IRRITANT, THE ANIMAL THEN BECOMES INFESTED WITH THE **TAPEWORM**. TAPEWORMS CAN LIVE IN THE INTESTINAL TRACT OF THE ANIMAL TO MATURITY, STEALING THE NUTRIENTS FROM THE ANIMAL'S SYSTEM. TAPEWORM INFESTATION IS SELDOM DETECTED BY FECAL EXAM. INSTEAD, IT IS USUALLY DEPENDANT UPON THE VISUAL DETECTION OF RICE-LIKE GRANULES IN THE FUR NEAR THE ANIMAL'S REAR, IN THE FECES, OR IN THE BEDDING. MANY TIMES, LIVE SEGMENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND NEAR THE ANUS OF THE ANIMAL.

HOWEVER, **TREATMENT** OF TAPEWORMS IS EASILY MANAGED. **DRONTAL**, A DEWORMER AVAILABLE FROM YOUR VET, CAN BE GIVEN ORALLY TO THE ANIMAL ELIMINATING THE TAPEWORMS FROM THE ANIMAL'S DIGESTIVE TRACT. BUT UNLESS THE FLEAS IN THE ENVIRONMENT HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, THE TAPEWORM CYCLE WILL BEGIN AGAIN.

SPRING-CLEANING SHOULD INCLUDE A FLEA PREVENTATIVE TO ALL ANIMALS THAT HAVE NOT SHOWN SIGNS OF FLEA INFESTATION. FOR ANIMALS SHOWING SIGNS OF AN ACTIVE FLEA INFESTATION, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BREAK THE CYCLE:

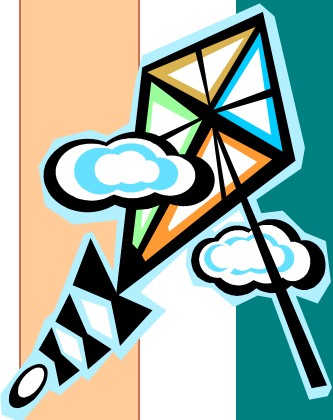
- ☺ **IMMEDIATE RELIEF — CAPSTAR**, AN ORAL FLEA TREATMENT, WHICH YOUR VETERINARIAN CAN PRESCRIBE, KILLS ADULT FLEAS WITHIN 30 MINUTES, AND ALLEVIATES THE IMMEDIATE AGGRAVATION OF HARSH INFESTATIONS.

- ☺ TOPICAL TREATMENTS, SUCH AS **ADVANTAGE** OR **FRONTLINE** SHOULD BE APPLIED TO CONTROL THE FLEA INFESTATION FROM THE LARVAL STAGES (IF TICKS ARE A THREAT, USE A TOPICAL THAT PROTECTS AGAINST BOTH FLEAS AND TICKS).
- ☺ INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL — **ADAMS** AND **ZODIAC** OFFER ENVIRONMENTAL SPRAYS FOR FURNITURE, ANIMAL BEDDING, AND CARPET. A THOROUGH VACUUMING SHOULD ACCOMPANY ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. ENSURE THAT ANIMALS (INCLUDING FISH) ARE NOT IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THESE SPRAYS. IF FOGGERS ARE USED, ANIMALS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES.
- ☺ EXTERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL — IF FLEA INFESTATION IS PROMINENT IN THE OUTDOOR AREAS IN WHICH THE ANIMAL FREQUENTS, SPRAY PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MANY PET CARE RETAIL OUTLETS.
- ☺ DEWORMER — THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF TAPEWORMS ALREADY INGESTED BEFORE VISUAL SYMPTOMS ARE DETECTED. CONTACT A VETERINARIAN FOR WEIGHT DOSAGE.

PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED AS THE TEMPERATURES DICTATE TO PREVENT RE-INFESTATION. ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR VET BEFORE BEGINNING A FLEA FREE REGIMEN IF YOUR ANIMAL IS ON ANY MEDICATIONS, OR HAS ANY HEALTH ISSUES.

BY FOLLOWING THESE MEASURES, YOUR PET'S HOME WILL SOON BE A FLEA FREE HOME!

**SPRING
FLEA AND
TAPEWORM
PREVENTION**



MUNCHIE AND TRACEY'S HEART

WHEN DR. RUTH EXAMINED HIS EARS, LARGE AMOUNTS OF YELLOWISH FLUID APPEARED FROM WHAT WAS A DEEP EAR INFECTION ON ONE SIDE OF HIS HEAD. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS SUCH DAMAGE TO HIS INNER EAR THAT THE BONES WOULD NEED TO BE REMOVED TO SAVE MUNCHIE'S YOUNG LIFE.

SURGERY WOULD NOT BE INEXPENSIVE: \$1000 MEANT SOME PAIN FOR THE CARA POCKETBOOK, BUT THIS SWEET, LOVING GUY DESERVED A CHANCE.

TRACY'S HEART FUND WAS ESTABLISHED FOR JUST SUCH CASES WHEN TRACY GROSS, BELOVED FOUNDING MEMBER OF CARA, SUCCUMBED TO BREAST CANCER IN 2005. SINCE HER SPECIALTY WAS SICK KITTENS, MUNCHIE WAS THE PURR-FECT FIRST RECIPIENT FOR THE FUND, "TRACY'S HEART."

SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL, ALTHOUGH MUNCHIE IS DEAF NOW. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAVING SURVIVED HIS SURGERY, MUNCHIE HAS FOUND HIS FOREVER HOME AND IS THRIVING!

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IN HIS
FOREVER HOME



OVER THE RAINBOW

LADY MUEHLING: BELOVED 12- YEAR OLD KITTY ADOPTED FROM CARA IN 2003 PASSED AWAY WITH HER FAMILY'S GOLDEN RETRIEVER AND TWO FELINE SIBLINGS FROM SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE ON 12/2/05. THE MUEHLING PETS WILL BE FOREVER MISSED.

MARLA TUCKER: LOVING 9- YEAR OLD KITTY ADOPTED FROM CARA IN 2006 PASSED AWAY DUE TO LYMPHOMA ON 3/28/06. UNLIKE SO MANY HOMELESS ANIMALS, MARLA HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW A FOREVER HOME BEFORE CROSSING RAINBOW BRIDGE.

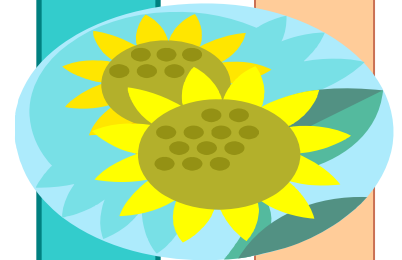
BOOSHIE HARBIN: PRIVATE DONATION MADE IN MEMORY OF A LOST FAMILY PET WHO SUCCUMBED TO SPINAL ARTHRITIS ON 3/28/06. BOOSHIE'S MEMORY WILL LIVE WITH THE FAMILY FOREVER.

HONEYBEAR: CARA KITTEN PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY, ON 3/1/06 FROM INTESTINAL DISTRESS. HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON WITHIN HIS SIBLINGS, HONEYDEW, HONEYBEE, AND HONEYBUN.

GEORGINA WISE: NINE YEAR OLD GEORGINA PASSED AWAY ON UNEXPECTEDLY ON 4/2/06. THE WISE FAMILY RESCUED HER AT 8 WEEKS OLD. IN MEMORY OF HER LOSS, THE WISE FAMILY HAS MADE A DONATION, AND CARA HAS RESCUED OUR "GEORGINA" FROM A MD SHELTER IN HER HONOR.

KITTY LACEY: THIS SWEET THING WAS HELPED BY ONE OF OUR CHARTER MEMBERS, SEVERE BITE WOUNDS MEANT SHE HAD TO CROSS THE RAINBOW BRIDGE. A \$200 DONATION TO CARA WAS MADE IN HER MEMORY.

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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION, BY VIVIAN COOPER, CHAIR



BOING!!! SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND KITTENS ARE ALREADY UPON US! ACTUALLY DID KITTEN SEASON EVER REALLY END?? WITH LUCK, CARA WILL SOON BE ABLE TO OPEN OUR DOORS TO WELCOME SOME PUPPIES AGAIN. OUR DOG COORDINATOR HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK ROUNDING UP SOME DOG FOSTERS AND DOG INTAKE HAS PICKED UP. THIS SPRING, KITTEN SEASON MAY INCLUDE A FEW LITTERS OF PUPS, TOO!

2006 HOLDS MUCH IN STORE FOR CARA! THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OF *CHROME FOR CRITTERS* SPEARHEADED BY DOROTHYBELLE POLI WILL COME TO FRUITION, OUR CAT AND DOG FOSTER BASE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW, THUS INCREASING OUR AVAILABLE ANIMALS

FOR ADOPTION, AND SOON CARA WILL BECOME MORE OF A HOUSE HOLD NAME IN THE RESCUE WORLD. MY HOPE IS THAT ONE DAY WE WILL HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO TAKE IN ANY ANIMAL IN NEED, REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN. WE DO HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL!

CARA VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE HEART OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE. FOR EVERYTHING YOU ALL DO, I EXTEND MY HEART FELT GRATITUDE. CARA VOLUNTEERS AND ADOPTERS ARE FAMILY, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU UNDERSTANDS THAT CARA FAMILY IS FOREVER FAMILY!



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