

# Dogwood Animal Shelter

SPRING



GEORGIA came to us pregnant and had 5 beautiful kittens. We hope they—and she—will be loved very much in their future new homes.



RUBY was picked up on a busy highway, looking like she would give birth that day! She and her 6 pups are now in great shape and ready to be adopted.



SHELBY was found, very pregnant, wandering alone on a Camden County road. She had 6 pups at Dogwood. They are all healthy. Shelby has done a great job of being mama and now she deserves a great home!

## SPRING TIME AT DOGWOOD...

Even after spaying and neutering about 2,000 dogs and cats last year, and more than 300 so far in 2012, spring again brings more homeless mamas and babies than we can handle. We're taking in as many as possible—and they all need extra nutrition, vaccine, parasite removal and other medications. Of course, they're all getting "fixed"! But the thing they need most is lots of TLC! They will learn from us that humans are faithful, gentle, caring friends. Special supplies are needed at the shelter in the spring. And special people are often needed too, sometimes to foster motherless babies, sometimes just to spend one-on-one time showing compassion to the mamas as well as their babies. Giving all of these animals a new start in life is our goal.

**Dogwood Animal Shelter's Mission** is to provide care and shelter to the homeless pets of our community, to reduce their numbers through spay and neuter, to promote humane treatment of all animals, and to enhance the human-animal bond.

## Memorials

In memory of Jeffrey John "J.T." Tillman by Lock Haven Condominium, Randal Schleicher, Angela Schuster, David Dungan, Richard Miller, Dowden Enterprises, Jo Ann Keating, and Mike Albers

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In memory of "Bear" Reinhold by Gerald Gardetta



In remembrance of Jeffrey John "J.T." Tillman, an avid animal lover and supporter, Casey and Liz Milligan of Osage Beach graciously sponsored a float for Dogwood in the Lake Ozark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our gratitude goes out to the Milligans for this and the many other ways they are helping our cause in honor and memory of their friend.

In memory of "Tessie" Benton by Gerald Gardetta

In memory of Office Manager "Denver" by Dogs Day Inn

In memory of "Roxie" by Rachel Arnold

In memory of "Sadie" by Jan Amon

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## MAVERICK



Maverick was born into Dogwood's care this winter. He was given plenty of TLC, along with everything else he needed to prepare him for life as a cherished family member. We were happy and excited for him when he was adopted by a young family from a neighboring community in January. Adopters are always encouraged to call the shelter if there is any problem at all with their adopted pet, but Dogwood heard nothing from Maverick's family and assumed all was well in his new life.

About a month later, Dogwood received a call from a veterinary hospital in the area where Maverick lived, asking for his vaccination history after his admittance there for x-rays. When asked why the puppy needed x-rays, the veterinary office stated that, because Maverick no longer belonged to the shelter, it was none of our business—despite the adoption contract's provision that the shelter can reclaim the animal if there is evidence of neglect or abuse. Dogwood's manager, Ronnie, immediately called the new owners' home and spoke with the wife, who was hesitant to discuss the matter and deferred Ronnie to the husband. Those conversations only added confusion, as his stories changed repeatedly, but one sickening fact was clear: both of Maverick's hind legs were badly broken, requiring surgery.



Alarmed and frustrated, Ronnie contacted that community's animal control agency, which promised to look into the matter. A few days later, Maverick was released from the veterinary hospital back to the adopter! The shelter staff was heart-sick, and asked the animal control agency what had happened to the "investigation." The official whom Ronnie contacted could not provide information at that point, but asked for patience and trust while the investigation continued. The wait seemed unbearable—but a response came quickly. Maverick was being given back to Dogwood and the adopter was being booked on charges of animal abuse! The nightmare was over!

Despite surgery to repair the broken bones, Maverick's hind legs are permanently disfigured and barely functional, but he still manages to be joyful and active. It's great to see him safe and happy again, all because of Dogwood's persistent and loving staff. As they always do when special needs arise, they went the extra mile and refused to give up. Had they done less, an abuser would still be free to abuse, and who knows what would have become of Maverick!

## Thank You...

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 And Shawn C for the delicious fundraising  
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