

P.A.N.T.ings



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Why PANT?

According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), keeping people and their pets together in these tough times is good for both the pets AND their people:

“Difficult economic times are putting pets at risk of abandonment – but The HSUS cautions that forfeiting a pet can add up to a double-dose of bad news, both for pets and families. Economic strain on families is precisely when we need our pets the most. Study after study has shown that in addition to providing unconditional love and affection, the pets in our lives decrease stress, anxiety and feelings of loneliness. Sharing affection with a dog or cat has also proven to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. And keeping families intact during crisis is a sure-fire way to prevent remorse down the road.

“This is an especially important message at a time when shelters across the country are packed with once-loved pets who are the unseen victims of this recession.

“Local shelters cannot find new homes for all of these surrendered animals,” said Betsy McFarland, senior director of companion animals for The HSUS. “Before surrendering an animal, pet owners should exhaust all possible means for cutting costs and all possible options for pet care assistance. Giving up a furry member of the family will only further increase stress and feelings of loss during these already hard times.” *Humane Society of the United States, July 8, 2009.*

This is why PANT is here—to help people keep their pets during the toughest of times. To do this, we need the continued support of people like you--those who understand the bond between people and their pets. You can help by sending your tax-deductible donation to PANT c/o of the Topeka Community Foundation, 5431 SW 29th, Topeka, KS 66614. Thank you for your support!

Meet us at PetCo - On the second Saturday of every month, PetCo is generously providing us with a booth in their store on Wanamaker Drive. Please stop by and see us, get a “people treat,” and find out about our upcoming events. Maybe you’d like to volunteer!

C.A.T./PANT SUMMER GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!

On **June 19th and 20th** PANT joined with the Cat Association of Topeka (C.A.T.), a local no-kill cat shelter, in their annual summer garage sale fundraiser. The event was a huge success, raising a total of \$1500.. These funds allow PANT to continue helping the temporarily homeless clients of the Topeka Rescue Mission and the YWCA Battered Women Task Force by providing care for their pets until they are back on their feet.

PANT extends a **very heartfelt thanks** to **C.A.T.** for generously inviting us to partner with them in their annual fundraiser!



Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

– George Eliot

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please call PANT at 270-8104 and let us know. If you know someone who’d like to receive it, tell us that too! Thank you.

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Not An Annual Report

Inside this newsletter you'll find our first ever **Progress Report**. It's not an annual report because it's taken us two years from when a group of strangers first began discussing the concept of what would eventually become PANT, to getting things up and running smoothly. But in that time, our all-volunteer organization has done a lot!

Check it out and let us know what you think.

Help raise money for PANT when you shop online and search the Internet.

What if PANT earned a donation every time you searched the Internet or made an online purchase?

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates about a penny per search to the charity you designate. Use it just as you would any search engine.

GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting PANT. Be sure to enter P.A.N.T. as the charity you want to support. And, please, spread the word!

FUN PANT EVENTS



PANT Secretary Stacy Lowe and President Ruth Maus at the C.A.T./PANT garage sale!



Having fun at Barkapalooza, Hill's Bark Park, June, 2009, some of the PANT crew making new friends.

Advertise your business here and help support PANT! Call 270-8104 for details.

PANT is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. **All donations are tax-deductible** and may be sent to PANT, c/o the Topeka Community Foundation, 5431 SW 29th, Topeka, KS 66614. Contact us at 785/270-8104 or visit our website at www.topekapant.org. Thank you for your support.

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