

# Paws for Thought

The Pet

Connection, Inc.

5918 Broadmoor, Mission KS 66202 913-671-PETS

www.thepetconnection.net

## Homeless Dogs Strut their stuff

Empire Pets has been a sponsor for The Pet Connection for the last 9 years. They have been a viable and dedicated part of our rescue mission. They so happen to carry a line of dog-

gie designer clothing that was selected for a large fashion show at the Hyatt Regency. When Teri Aalders was

asked to come up with some tiny models, she immediately thought of The Pet Connection. Small breed dogs and puppies were showcased from our adoption facility and from the foster care homes of LL Dog.

Six little dogs got dressed and undressed as they paraded around in evening gowns to bikinis. Victoria Secret models carried our pooches in their new clothing

down the runway and if willing the dogs walked back attached to a designer leash (one that matched their clothes).

People were so excited to see the dogs on the runway and impressed with their tolerance. They went through several changes in a mat-

ter of seconds and the lights were bright and the music loud. They were troopers.

Tandy made it to the cover of Fashionlcon and Jackie was adopted by a local designer. *Empire Pets is conveniently located in Mission, KS and appointments for care can be made by calling 913-236-5318.*

Hadley, (below) is for adop-



tion at LL Dog. They can be found at [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org).

Jackie (below) was adopted



by a designer at the show. Originally dumped by her owner in a rural area.



Sandy (left) was originally a part of the TPC rehabilitation program and was transferred for care from Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter.

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### Hours of Operation:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	9a-8p
Wednesday:	9a-8p
Thursday:	9a-8p
Friday:	9a-8p
Saturday:	9a-8p
Sunday:	9a-8p

Pets can be shown Monday's by appointment only. Call 913-671-PETS to schedule.



## TPC Available Programs

### Obedience Classes



Thursday's: 7:15p & 8:30p  
 Sunday's: 7:15p  
 \*Free to adopters  
 \*\$5 TPC members p/session  
 \*\$10 non-members p/session

Extended services for individuals in classes or for adopters:

Behavioral/Training/Socialization Day Camp on Thursday's only. Drop off between 8-11A and pick up 5-7P

after doggie has had a round of exercise, training, and stimulation. Behavioral team available to work on problem behaviors. Dogs with all types of behavioral problems accepted. It's a great place to meet new friends.

Volunteer Orientation: (Required for all volunteers & community service workers) Sunday's at 4:00PM for community service workers; and 6:00PM for all other volun-



teers.

### Low Cost Vet Clinic:

Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri weekly  
 Drop off: 8-10a for surgery



Pick up 5-7p  
 Walk in vaccines: 8a -12p  
 Appoint-

ments required for surgery patients.

The Pet Connection also performs some specialty surgeries and services including but not limited to amputations, entropion, cherry eye, tumor removal, eye removal, and parvo cases. Call for a quote. Schedule appointments by calling 913-671-PETS

### Adoptions:

Includes spay/neuter, vaccines, tested negative (FeLV/FIV cats Heartworm/ehrlichia/lyme dogs), treated for fleas,



worms, & micro-chipped. All pets receive 60 days of reduced medical in case of illness or injury. They also receive life time behavioral and obedience services including a variety of classes, seminars, and online assistance. Adoptions for members only (\$25 fee) includes a \$25-\$85 administrative donation. Cost of the pet is given to the

adopter so additional donations can be made in the future.

### Microchipping:

TPC offers low-cost 24 Hour Pet Watch microchipping to the public for \$25. Bring your pet in during open hours! No appointment needed. Registration is included.

### Recycling:

Recycle for homeless pets! TPC accepts aluminum cans, ink & toner cartridges, old cell phones, old laptops, and iPods. Bring your recyclables to The Pet Connection, 5918

Broadmoor! Aluminum can recycling



is outside by the garage door. All other recycling is available inside our facility.

### Camp for Kids

New Summer Camps are forming now. Check out the website at [www.thepetconnection.net](http://www.thepetconnection.net) for detailed information. It's a great way for the young crown to volunteer and to learn more about pets in general. Camp participants will have opportunities to work with both dogs and cats. Opportunities to work in a variety of areas including the vet clinic and behavioral center.

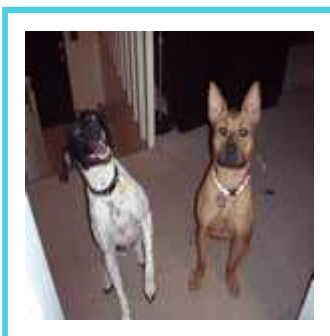


Our building houses more than just an adoption facility! We also have low cost vet services, behavioral consultations, and volunteer opportunities!

### Happy Tails—Meet Seamus and Roxy

Hello again!  
 We wanted to share a few pictures that we have taken recently of both Seamus, our most recent addition to our family, as well as Roxy (aka Freda). They are thick as thieves together and our cat has joined in the fun!  
 Tug of war remains their favorite sport but they will not hold still long enough for us to grab a picture! It is really something worth seeing and a source of great amusement for our whole family. They are almost perfectly matched

in size, weight and strength so it is truly anyone's game each



time they play!  
 Seamus is so well trained that he refuses to sleep on the furniture. Since Roxy has no such qualms, we encouraged

Seamus to hop on up at night but he refuses. We broke down after a few days and bought him a big, fluffy bed which he most certainly enjoys. (He is definitely the smartest one, as he never has to fight for leg room at night!)  
 We hope you enjoy the other pictures of our silly, happy dogs. Thank you again for matching us with these two! They are such a great fit in our home and in our family!  
 The Holy's



### Happy Tails—Meet Maxwell

Hello everyone!  
 Many thanks to all, and thank you Donna for showing us Jose (now Maxwell) on Friday 10/31/08. Maxwell has adapted exceptionally well as an indoor cat, and our 13 1/2 y/o Sally orange girl

loves him dearly. She has lost weight (a very good thing) running up and down the



stairs and in and out of the cat tunnel

with him. They like to tug op-

posite ends of strings, and sleep very close to each other.  
 Maxwell gets Science Diet Dry "Healthy Development", as well as Science Diet wet kitten food. He is right at 11 1/2 pounds. VERY active cat ...loves to fetch about anything ... strings, feathers and especially furry toys.  
 MANY thanks to all of you!  
 Richard & John

### Happy Tails—Meet Addie

We adopted Addie on 4/10/09. We were told by Humane Society that she was their favorite and she was also a favorite at TPC, she is

now a favorite at our house. As you can see from the pictures she has exceeded our expectations. She is so gentle

and so loving with the two legged children.  
 Love, The Caldwell's



## A warm tribute to our greeter cat Sela

Sela and The Pet Connection have been friends since the year 2000. Sela was fostered by one of our employees when she was at Animal Haven. When she received the call that the adoption was not working out, TPC assumed

lifetime responsibility for Sela as we do for all of the animals in our care. When Sela was returned

to TPC in 2002, we found her a new home. In 2006, Sela and TPC crossed paths again in our new facility. Her owner had lost her job. Sela was living in a car and was very sick. The lady had no money

to care for herself or for the cat.

It was soon discovered that Sela was diabetic and would require expensive and regular insulin shots and special food.



It was a reasonable trade. Sela has put herself to

work. She's an inspector of sorts, she tries out every new cubby and every new bed....she just has to make sure it holds up to her standards.

She has also been a greeter

cat in the MAIN area since her return. She has many friends: young and old alike. This is why we are taking this opportunity to inform everyone to come and see Sela in the next few weeks.

We are devastated that Sela's days with us are numbered. She is in renal failure and is getting supportive care until that is no longer feasible.

Please send a donation in care of Sela at 5918 Braodmoor, Mission, KS. 66202. Thank-you to the numerous people who have kept her supplied in her favorite Chicken Baby Food. It's almost the only thing that she will eat at this time.

Sela below:

### HARD AT WORK



## Camp for kids: Help out the pets and learn about their care

The Pet Connection is inviting kids to spend some of their summer holiday with the pets at TPC. Many times parents wish to have their children volunteer, but we don't have adequate staff to assist them while they are on the premises.

Children ages 11-15 have a fantastic opportunity to expand their knowledge of animals. Starting June 22nd, your kids will have the ability to volunteer at The Pet Connection during a week long summer camp.

Each child will be "assigned"

a specific pet and learn all about the care of dogs and cats.

They'll have the chance to look through a microscope and see what makes up a doggie or kitty ... they'll help out the veterinarians with checking vital signs, recovering pets after surgery, and, if they're up to it, observe surgery in action.

General pet care, grooming and training will be covered while your children get a hands-on experience during a summer camp that isn't just campfires and bugs!

Behavioral Consultant Melody

Kelso will assist each child in training shelter dogs so they can apply this to the family pet or to pets in the future. Many animals are given up because solutions for simple and normal problems are not known.

Your child has an opportunity to become a true advocate for animals in the future by attending these sessions. If they have a natural love for animals, let's help them expand on it.

Additional information about camp and how to sign up can be found on our website at [www.thepetconnection.net](http://www.thepetconnection.net).

## Seventh Annual Humanitarian Dinner-Tickets are still available

Every year, The Pet Connection sets aside one event a year to thank this community and the people in it for everything that they are doing to make Kansas City a better place for homeless pets.

Every year, we get better at providing more homes and killing less pets. It's definitely something worth celebrating.

This semi-formal affair includes a silent auction, a wonderful dinner, and an awards ceremony. Attendees vote for the nominee of their choice and they get to use \$800 to further a pet project in the community.

This event does not just support TPC, it supports a wide range of other organizations and people who need resources to continue their efforts. Tickets can be purchased by calling 913-671-PETS.

Please join us on June 20, 2009 from 5-11 at Sterling Hall in Merriam. We will be celebrating the many accomplishments that have occurred in our Kansas City community. Dinner tickets can be pur-

chased for \$30 by calling 913-671-PETS. Individuals accepting their nominations as of June 1, are as follows:

Barbara Billie, Bonner Springs Animal Control

Jill Bradshaw, HELP Humane Society

Tina Bratcher, Independent

Larry and Diane Cone, Independent

Gary Duncan, Beagles and More

Cynthia Epps, TPC

Gabby Griffith, Independent

Rachel Hoffman, TPC

Janice Kost, TPC

Miranda McClaughlin, HELP Humane Society

Penny Minniear, Pets are worth Saving

Nancy Nelson, TPC

Jess Myers, HELP Humane Society

Nicki Pace, Jack 105

Michelle Polivka, TPC

Larissa Reed, Bonner Springs Animal Control

Danita Schimmelpfenig, Madison Animal Control

Abby Stolberg, TPC

Bryan Truta, Jack 105

Donna Vinson, TPC

Melanie Weaver, Independent

Amy Wells, Independence Animal Control

Chuck Williams, TPC

Organizations accepting their nominations as of June 1, are as follows:

Beagles and More

German Wirehaired Pointer Rescue

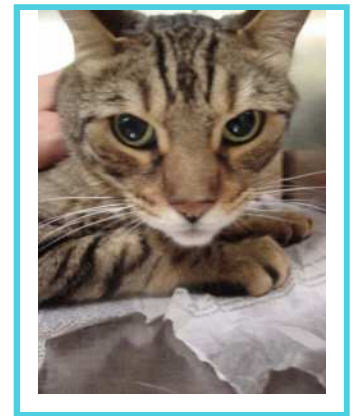
HELP Humane Society

Humane Society of Greater Kansas City

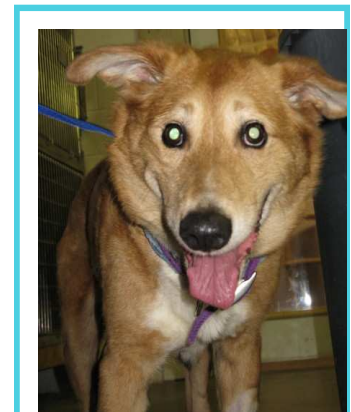
Kansas City Dog Advocates

Leavenworth Animal Welfare Society

No More Homeless Pets



Tommy needs a foster care placement with no other cats. Please consider helping a homeless pet, by opening your heart and home.



Hannah was rushed to Mission Med Vet on a Thursday night when the staff noticed that she was in physical distress. The director immediately knew that Hannah's stomach had flipped and she needed emergency surgery. Because the staff was so attentive, Hannah came through her \$2600 surgery beautifully

## Vote to keep us at #1 at [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)

It's been just a few weeks and TPC supporters have moved our facility from number 1104 to 35th in the nation.

We have now been voted the #1 shelter in Kansas. We are

asking everyone to keep up the voting, we have a few more weeks to go.

When you vote, food is donated to homeless pets. If we keep our #1 spot in Kansas,

we will get \$1000. If we can win one of the top national spots (which we are so close to doing) then we can win \$5000 more. This funding would really help us out at our facility.

**Featured Pets Available for Adoption**



In our cageless facility, visitors find dogs and cats comfortably living in a homelike environment while awaiting their forever home!!



Four of our featured pets last month, Sierra, Dutchess, Seamus, & Wolfie have found their forever homes.



**Ginger and her sibling Mary Ann were rescued from a**

**rural veterinarian clinic that does animal control. The veterinarian was out of room and so the two presumed sisters were scheduled to be euthanized. A volunteer contacted TPC about their situation and they were transferred to our facilities. They are both extra sweet and like to follow you around. They are snuggle bunny dogs and need a big lap. At 35 pounds, they are thinking that they REALLY ARE lap dogs.**

**Marcy Mane has something to say. Visit her at our website of adoptable pets at [www.thepetconnection.net](http://www.thepetconnection.net)**

**and view her video. She is a talker. She was originally found by a good Samaritan. She is a**



**young cat and still has some energy and play. She enjoys the company of other cats. Meow, meow, meow.**

**Curry is an unusual looking**

**Heeler type dog. He is only about 35 pounds and has attentive stand up ears. He enjoys playing with other dogs. He can be a little shy around new people, but once he knows you, he's quite affectionate. He is doing well with his housetraining and his basic obedience. Curry is one of the many dogs that TPC transferred from a local ACO shelter when he was scheduled to be euthanized. Sponsorship for this beautiful boy is needed.**



**Striker is a Jack Russell Terrier mix, but he isn't hyper and energetic. He's calmer and very sweet, shy.**

**He came to TPC from a local veterinarian clinic.**



**He was heartworm positive and had mange. As you can tell from his picture, he still has some hair missing on his legs. He is starting to fill out and get beautiful. He definitely needs some**

**TLC for many months. He was very malnourished and that compromised his immune system. He is still undergoing treatment and TPC will cover all his medical until he is better if he should get adopted. He likes other dogs, but is a little afraid of big dogs. He likes cats and is doing wonderful on his house-training.**

**Vanilla is a huge, beautiful cat with a lot of personality. He likes**



**to play with other cats and lounge in the sun. Vanilla was adopted out through our program and his owner**

**ended up being allergic to him. He is looking for another companion that likes to have a night time snuggler.**

**Allie was returned to TPC because the owners lifestyle changed and could no longer**



**include her. She is an older cat and front de-clawed.**

**She is very quiet and sweet, just looking for a great lounging spot.**

## Pit bull ban violates constitutional rights

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has ruled in favor of plaintiffs Sonya Dias, Hillary Engel, and Sheryl White in their appeal challenging the constitutionality of the Denver breed ban. This ruling reverses the United States District Court of Colorado's 2007 dismissal of the suit.

The Denver ordinance bans ownership or possession of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the American Pit Bull Terrier and/or any dog with a majority of physical traits of one or more of these breeds within the City and County of Denver. Since 2005, as a result of this ordinance, more than 1,000 dogs within the city limits have been euthanized.

In July 2008, the AKC® joined Karen R. Breslin of the Progressive Law Center,

LLC of Lakewood, Colorado, and retained the Washington D.C. office of Kaye Scholer LLP to represent dog-owning plaintiffs Dias, Engel and White in their appeal in which they asserted that the Denver ordinance banning pit bulls within the city limits is unconstitutional.

The original lawsuit stated the owners were forced to move out of Denver with their dogs because of the ban which they asserted was a violation of, among other things, their constitutional rights.

"The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners. We support reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs," said Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel for the AKC. "We also have serious concerns about AKC breed standards being used by law enforcement to identify dangerous dogs. Breed stan-

dards are intended to serve as the written ideal of a dog which breeders can aspire to, not a benchmark for defining dangerous dogs."

In fact, the Tenth Circuit Court's decision quotes the AKC breed standard for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier: "with its affections for its friends, and children in particular, its off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, [the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is] a foremost all-purpose dog."

The AKC supports laws that: establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as "dangerous" based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsible owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. If necessary, dogs proven to be "dangerous" may need to be humanely destroyed but the AKC strongly opposes any legislation that determines a dog to be "dangerous" based on specific breeds or phenotypic classes of dogs.



**LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF  
THE PET CONNECTION  
JASON HUFF EVERY  
THURSDAY AT 7:30 AM  
TO INTRODUCE JACK'S  
NEW BEST FRIEND.**

## Ray of Hope gives life to KC dogs and cats

On June 6, 2009, Kansas City Kansas Animal Control made front page of the Kansas City Star. Please read this story on our website at

[www.thepetconnection.net](http://www.thepetconnection.net).

Last year, Karen Sands, Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, approached The

Pet Connection about offering assistance to the Kansas City Kansas Animal Control. Rescue groups had not always been utilized in the past and large numbers of pets were euthanized every year.

The Pet Connection has taken

81 dogs from the facilities this year alone for a grand total of 278 animals transferred to our facilities. Some of the pets require rehabilitation and sponsorships, but the community has generously supported this program and reduced KCK's euthanasia to under 4%.

# PET PALz

## Monthly Donor Program

The Pet Connection

5918 Broadmoor, Mission KS 66202

913-671-PETS (phone) 913-362-8460 (fax)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_

### *Pay by Check*

Please initial the transaction of your choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> of each month \_\_\_\_\_ 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

Please attach a VOIDED CHECK from the account to be drafted.

I hereby authorize a bank draft to The Pet Connection on the account designated, for the amount agreed to above on the date indicated above. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify The Pet Connection in writing if I wish to withdraw from this program at any time. I further understand that if the check is dishonored or returned for any reason, that the amount of the check plus a processing fee of \$25 (legal limit) will be electronically debited from the account by CCF.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### *Pay by Credit Card*

Please initial the transaction of your choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> of each month \_\_\_\_\_ 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

Type of card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize a draft on the credit card account designated, for the amount agreed to above on the date indicated above. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify The Pet Connection in writing if I wish to withdraw from this program at any time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Recycling—Go Green and Save Homeless Pets

The Pet Connection is pleased to announce that we have expanded our recycling program! Recycling is an extremely important reality of the world we live in. We must save our planet!!! Why not raise money to save homeless cats and dogs while we're at it!

Instead of throwing your cans away or taking them to the recycling center, please bring them by The Pet Connection! Cans can be dropped off anytime (open or closed hours) at our facility located at 5918 Broadmoor in Mission KS. Our recycling bin is located on the south-east side of the building next to the obedience center entrance.

**We are also proud to announce recycling abilities for printer & toner cartridges, old cell phones, laptops, & iPOD's!** Recycling boxes are located in our main lobby "The Bratcher Lobby" and can be accessed any time during open hours. Simply come in and place your product in the correct box.

Want to do a fund raiser for The Pet Connection? Collect aluminum cans, ink cartridges, or cell phones from your schools, your neighborhoods, your clubs and bring them in! You'll save the planet and you'll save the lives of homeless pets all at the same time.



# WISHLIST

## THE PET CONNECTION

Pet Adoption and Obedience Center. a No-Kill Shelter...

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### Items of Greatest Need in Bold:

#### Daily Supplies:

Laundry Soap  
Paper Towels  
Bleach  
Toilet Paper  
Hand Sanitizer  
Mop Heads (commercial)  
Glass Cleaner  
Dish Soap  
55 gallon trash bags  
Tall kitchen trash bags  
**4 ft standard light bulb**  
Brooms & dust pans  
Newspapers  
Garden Hoses  
Blankets and Comforters  
Rags and Towels

#### Food:

**Premium dry cat & kitten food**  
**Premium dry dog & puppy food**  
Canned cat & kitten food  
Chicken Baby Food

#### Animal Supplies:

Kong Dog Toys  
Rawhide chewys  
Clay cat litter  
Slip Lead leashes  
Dog & Cat toys  
Cat nip  
Cat Condos  
Dog collars & leashes  
Pet Carriers  
Dog Kennels / Crates  
Hanging Plastic Dishes

#### Office Supplies:

HP 94, 97, 20, 21, 22 Cartridge  
HP 97 Cartridge (Tri Color)  
Printer Paper  
Thank You Cards  
Postage Stamps  
Highlighters  
Dry Erase Pens  
Misc. office supplies

#### Supplies:

Sturdy Rocking Chair  
Gently used furniture  
Cat/Dog related framed art/photos  
Folding Chairs

#### Medical Supplies:

Medicine  
Triple Antibiotic  
**Syringes (including diabetic)**  
Nutri Stat  
Band-aids  
Fluid Bags

#### Services:

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Handymen  
Carpenters  
HVAC  
Groomers  
Dog Trainers  
Window Cleaners  
Housekeeping  
Artists  
Painters  
Sewers: curtains, cover slips  
Project Manger-fundraising/event coord.  
Foster Care Homes

#### Fundraising:

Bottled Water  
**Canned Soda for Machine**  
Aluminum cans  
Empty printer ink & toner cartridges  
Old cell phones