

# Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia *NEWSLETTER*

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**Mark your  
calendar:**

**August 29 – Splash Bash/Dog  
Day in the Pool  
September 26 – Vera Bradley  
Bingo  
October 24 – Howl-o-ween**

## **Three “woofs!” for Splash Bash/Dog Day in the Pool**

Dogs – and their humans – are already cheering this year’s plans for Animal Friends’ annual pool outing:

**Sunday, August 29, 2010  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Marilla Park**

Activities include Dog/Owner Look-Alike, Best Pet Trick, Pool Relay, Limbo, Simon Says, and Find the Kibble. Raffles, nail trimming, concessions, and door prizes will also be highlights of the day.

Many thanks to O. J. White Transfer & Storage for once again covering the pool rental expense.

For everyone’s safety, all dogs must be on a leash -- no retractable leashes or pronged collars.

## **Don’t Miss Vera Bradley Bingo**

**Sunday, September 26, 2010  
1 p.m. (Doors open at noon.)  
Elks Lodge, Post 411,  
1138 Chestnut Ridge Road  
20 games for \$20**

If you would like to sponsor one of the prizes, please call Ronda at 304-282-4052.

Tickets are available at the Animal Friends Sanctuary, Lucky’s Attic, and Woofs, or by calling 304-282-4052.

## **Too Soon To Think about “Howl-o-ween” ?**

Not necessarily. People are busy, and calendars fill up fast! Mark the date today for “Howl-o-ween” and start designing your pet’s winning costume!

**Sunday, October 24, 2010  
1 p.m.**

**Mountaineer Mall Upper Court  
Greenbag Road**

Registration by donation will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the pet costume contest beginning at 1p.m. Prizes will be awarded throughout the afternoon.

**Proceeds from Animal Friends’ fund-raisers  
support our no-kill animal sanctuary.**

## **A Gentle Reminder – What We Are, and What We Are Not**

To all of our many supporters, we thank you. It’s only with your help that Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia has saved since our founding in 2001 the lives of more than 3,300 abandoned and/or stray animals through our adoption and transport efforts.

Thank you for understanding that our no-kill animal sanctuary is a private shelter. Animal Friends is not a tax-supported entity. We are not funded by any government body. We are supported by your contributions, our fund-raising events, and an occasional grant – money for which many good causes are applying.

We work with kill shelters in five counties to rescue animals in desperate need of care and good homes. There is a careful screening process to determine which animals are candidates for a no-kill sanctuary such as ours.

We offer Pet Finder courtesy postings on our website, for which you provide a photograph and biographical information. The person submitting a posting is the contact person for that posting. Send the information to “Contact Us” at the top of the homepage on our website.

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## What We Are, Are Not, continued

We are also able to provide pet food assistance to those who could use a little help in this difficult economy.

However, we are not a large organization with a fleet of vehicles and a paid staff. We have one van and one paid full-time staff member.

We are not equipped or staffed to respond to emergency calls. We cannot accept animals from the public, and we cannot keep the animals that are abandoned at our sanctuary.

Animals that are left tied to our sanctuary building are treated kindly, but they are considered to be strays and are transported to the local pound – the Monongalia County Canine Adoption Center.

Remember: We are a sanctuary – “a place of refuge and protection” (*Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*). We cannot expose the animals already in our care – many of whom are in fragile condition – to animals that we do not know.

Please help us spread the word, and please accept our gratitude for your support.

## Lucky’s Attic Offers Specials

Lucky’s Attic Thrift Shoppe is operated by Animal Friends volunteers in the Mountaineer Mall on Greenbag Road.

The Shoppe boasts one of the largest selections of used books in the area and was so successful with its “Buy One, Get One Free” book sale in June that it may repeat the offer in the fall.

But don’t wait until then to find a bargain! There are 10-cent bargain tables of various merchandise available at all times, as well as increased donations recently of lovely vintage and antique items!

Lucky’s Attic store hours are:  
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.;  
Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.;  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Shoppe accepts donations of everything except clothes, shoes, toys, and baby items.

To donate items or to volunteer, contact Shoppe manager Kathy Orosz at 304-290-0161. The Shoppe number is 304-291-5825.

## Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia Support/Interest Form

### Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family or group: (Please list names.) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Financial Support:

Choose one: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal

Choose one: \_\_\_ Individual (\$20/year)

\_\_\_ Group/Family (\$30/year)

To make an additional contribution, fill in amount here:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to AFNCWV. Contributions are tax-deductible.

### Volunteer Support:

Please contact me with more information about:

\_\_\_ Working at the thrift shop \_\_\_ Fund raising

\_\_\_ Working at the Sanctuary \_\_\_ Fostering

\_\_\_ Working with the newsletter

\_\_\_ Transporting/Rescue \_\_\_ Other (Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Would you prefer newsletters and information via (Choose one) \_\_\_ Email or \_\_\_ U.S. Postal Service? (Please note that choosing “Email” helps keep postage costs down.)

\_\_\_ Yes, you have my permission to publish my name as an Animal Friends supporter.

\_\_\_ No, please don’t publish my name.

Send form and contribution to:  
**Animal Friends of NCWV**  
252 Brewer Road  
Morgantown, WV 26508

*Thank You!*

### The Mission of Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia

*To operate a high quality, non-profit sanctuary and foster program, providing refuge, aid, and care for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals, free from the threat of unwarranted euthanasia.*

304-290-4PET (4738)    [www.animalfriendswv.org](http://www.animalfriendswv.org)

### Area Benefits from Dedicated Animal Welfare Groups

In addition to its county-operated animal shelters (or pounds), north-central West Virginia is very fortunate to have a number of different volunteer organizations focused on animal welfare.

Although not all-inclusive, the following list may be useful to you.

#### **Animal Friends of North Central West**

**Virginia:** No-kill animal sanctuary. Contact information is in mission statement box above.

**Friends of the Four-Legged and Furry:** No-kill feline adoption shelter serving Preston Co.; 304-379-2509; [www.fotflaf.webs.com](http://www.fotflaf.webs.com)

**Monongalia County Humane Society:** Spay/neuter expense assistance; pet food collections; educational efforts; 304-296-6247.

**Mountaineer Spay Neuter Assistance Program – M-SNAP:** Spay/neuter expense assistance; 304-985-0123; [www.M-SNAP.com](http://www.M-SNAP.com)

**Pet Helpers, Inc.:** Animal fostering, adoption; 304-672-7387; [www.pethelpersinc.org](http://www.pethelpersinc.org)

These volunteer organizations work closely with county animal shelters to educate the public and to find homes for as many animals as possible.

To report a stray animal or emergency situation in your area, you should contact your county's animal shelter:

Marion County – 706-326-7196  
 Monongalia County – 304-291-7267  
 Preston County – 304-329-3461  
 Tucker County – 304-614-9330  
 Upshur/Lewis Counties – 304-472-3865

These are the five counties with which Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia works.

## Cash Bash Succeeds Because of Community Support

The annual Cash Bash is one of Animal Friends' most important fund-raisers, and this year's April 24 event was a huge success.

Thanks to everyone who attended, to the volunteers, to those who donated a portion or all of their winnings back to Animal Friends (including the \$1,000 Grand Prize winner!).

We are also very grateful to the door prize sponsors: Hunter Properties, Masman Jewelers, Lola and Kelley Owen, Ronda Braham Smith/Alliance Realty, and Woofs. Thanks, too, to Morgantown Kroger for providing soft drinks.

A very special thank you to Al Anderson and his musical group for providing the evening's entertainment as a contribution to Animal Friends. Their talent and their generosity are both very much appreciated.

*Thank You!*

## Help Wanted "Ads"

**Position:** Lucky's Attic Thrift Shoppe Volunteer

**Duties:** Your choice, from arranging displays to measuring and tagging linens, cashiering, etc. (As little as 1 – 2 hours a week can be very helpful!)

**"Pay":** Satisfaction of knowing you're helping to save animals' lives

**Contact:** Shoppe Manager Kathy Orosz, 304-290-0161

**Position:** Newsletter Editor

**Duties:** Writing articles, doing layout, working with printer, arranging for bulk mailing (These duties can be shared among several people.)

**"Pay":** Satisfaction of knowing you're helping to save animals' lives

**Contact:** Interim Editor Dawn Jackson, [ddjackson@netscape.com](mailto:ddjackson@netscape.com) or 304-296-0186.

***Need a reason to volunteer? Just look into the eyes of an Animal Friends Sanctuary pet.***



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## **Cassville Post Master Helps Raise Awareness of Animal Friends**

Cassville Post Master Pat Sersen is definitely a friend to Animal Friends. Follow that?

Every year, Sersen chooses an organization or group and holds an open house at the Cassville Post Office to call attention to the group and to encourage support. This year, she selected Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia.

Two members of Animal Friends' Board of Directors attended the open house to answer questions and distribute information. The event was held in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service's launch of a new 44-cent stamp featuring photographs of animals adopted from shelters. Each stamp carries the message, "Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet."

The open house was covered by Channel 12 (WBOY-TV), and several donations were made to Animal Friends at the event.

Animal Friends extends our deep gratitude to Post Master Sersen for her support!

## ***Help Reduce Newsletter Costs with E-mail***

In every issue of the Animal Friends newsletter, you will be reminded that you can help to reduce the expense of producing and mailing the newsletter by receiving your newsletter electronically.

All savings are applied to the operation of the no-kill animal sanctuary on Brewer Road.

To make this choice, please send your name and your e-mail address to Dawn Jackson at [ddjackson@netscape.com](mailto:ddjackson@netscape.com). You can also contact Dawn if you would like to be removed from this mailing list.

### **Wish List**

- **bleach and mops (no sponge mops)**
- **clumping cat litter – preferably Scoop Away® or Tidy Cat®**
- **fuzzy blankets**
- **birdseed**
- **straw for bedding and mud control**
- **shelving units or gift cards to Lowes, Sears, Target, Home Depot, Sam's Club**
- **gift cards to stores that sell high-quality pet food, such as Woofs, Exotic Jungle, Petco**