

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia NEWSLETTER

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Mark your
calendar:

March 27 -- Canine Egg Fetch
April 24 -- Cash Bash
June ? -- Golf Tournament?
**August 29 -- Dog Day at the Park/
Splash Bash**
October 25 -- Howl-o-ween

Cure for Winter Blues: Springtime Fund-Raisers

Need something cheerful to think about after digging out from piles of snow for the umpteenth time? Think spring! Think Animal Friends fund-raisers! Mark your calendars for the Canine Egg Fetch and the Cash Bash.

Take your egg-hunting pooch to the:

Canine Egg Fetch

Saturday, March 27, 2010

1 p.m.

Marilla Park

Registration by donation begins at 12:30 p.m.

Don't miss the seventh annual Animal Friends Cash Bash! A \$200 drawing every 15 minutes, and \$1,000 at evening's end:

Cash Bash

Saturday, April 24, 2010

6 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Elks Lodge, 1138 Chestnut Ridge Road

\$25 per person includes food, beverages

Entertainment by Al Anderson!

Cash Bash tickets are available at Lucky's Attic Thrift Shoppe, Masman Jewelers, and Woofs; or by calling 304-290-0161, 304-290-1010, 304-599-9663, or 304-282-4052.

Thanks to You, We Have a New (Well, Almost New) Van

Last November, Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia appealed to our supporters -- both individuals and local businesses -- for help in replacing our van, which broke down with 170,000 miles on it and could not be repaired.

You responded! As of March 1, we had raised \$16,284 -- not enough for a new van, but enough to purchase a reliable, used vehicle so that we can continue our humane work. **Thank you** to everyone who contributed!

In addition to contacting local vehicle dealerships, we also wrote letters and grant applications to corporate offices of vehicle manufacturers, and we applied for several other grants. We've received mostly rejection letters or no responses to those appeals so far, but we couldn't delay any longer. We needed a van!

We recently purchased a 2006 Honda Odyssey, for which Rainbow Tires generously donated four new snow tires -- greatly needed and *greatly* appreciated THIS winter!

After using a borrowed vehicle for several months, we are now using our own van to work with the local county animal shelter (Canine Adoption Center on River Road) and four other kill shelters in the region to transport animals from their sad situations to new homes. We also continue to work with various animal rescue organizations in the eastern United States, relocating approximately 300-400 animals per year.

Since our founding in 2001, we have saved the lives of nearly 3,300 abandoned and/or stray animals through our adoption and transport efforts. Once again, thank you for contributing to that success!

It's not too late to contribute to the van purchase. There is still a small balance due. You can write your check to AFNCWV and mail it to:

AFNCWV

252 Brewer Road

Morgantown, WV 26508.

Please write "van" on the memo line.

**All proceeds from Animal Friends' fund-raisers
support our no-kill animal sanctuary.**



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Lucky's Attic Thrift Shoppe Has Bargains Galore!

Who doesn't love a bargain? Animal Friends' thrift shop in the Mountaineer Mall on Greenbag Road is well-stocked and ready for your spring shopping!

Departments include housewares, curtains and drapes, linens, furniture, appliances, decorative pieces, jewelry, music, movies, and one of the largest selections of bargain-priced used books in town.

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

Shoppe hours are:

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All merchandise is donated; all clerks are volunteers; and all proceeds support Animal Friends' no-kill animal sanctuary on Brewer Road.

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

You Can Help Us Reduce Newsletter Costs with E-mail

A continuing goal is to reduce the expense of producing and mailing our newsletter. All savings are applied to the operation of our no-kill animal sanctuary on Brewer Road.

You can help by receiving your newsletter electronically. To make this choice, send your e-mail address to Dawn Jackson at ddjackson@netscape.com. You can also contact Dawn if you would like to be removed from this mailing list.

Wish List

- riding lawn mower
- 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