

Peace Plantation was able to help a local shelter that was overflowing with evacuated animals, by taking in sixteen cats. This enabled the Sidney Shelter to humanly care for the ongoing number of dogs and cats that were coming in after the flood.



The reunion of Bear with his owner Phillip. Bear was lost during the flood.

All of the staff here at Peace Plantation are proud that we could help a little, those animals and people that have lost so much (from New Orleans and our own back-yard). I would like to ask for your continued support of our mission to help animals, as the budget we prepared for this year did not include this unexpected additional number of cats (or dogs).

As I wrap up this greeting, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful upcoming holiday season and remainder of 2006. Please feel free to call, write or e-mail with any questions you may have about animal adoptions, planned giving, or our pet bequest program. I want to thank you all for everything you do for us; "You" are what keeps us going!

Best Wishes and Meows and Barks,
Michael Reed

Adoption Highlight

Finley Finds His Match

On Tuesday, the 16th of August, the sun was shining, the sky was blue, and we found ourselves looking at a small little pup that was in need of help—and we were able to provide it. An elderly couple had found the pup running alongside a deserted stretch of back country road, about fifteen miles from the Peace Plantation. After not finding any ID tags or seeing any homes nearby that he may have wandered from, the couple ventured on, in their new quest to help this little hobo find his way.

When the couple walked into the front office area of Peace Plantation with the little black puppy sleeping in

their arms, one of our staff members, Susan Storrer, fell in love. After a surrender form was signed and the puppy became part of the Peace Plantation family, we all took turns lovin' him up as the afternoon wore on. As the four o'clock hour neared, Susan volunteered to take him home with her (just so he wouldn't be lonely on the first night). Susan also gave him a temporary name, which was, "John Dear" in the hopes of winning her husband over so that she could keep the little puppy (her husband, Craig, has a favorite tractor made by "John Deere"). That was the plan that was set into motion that August afternoon as Susan left the parking lot with "John Dear" as her co-pilot.

Some plans never work the way you want them to. Susan and her little co-pilot "John Dear" both returned to work the next day and we were informed that "It just wasn't meant to be—even the "John Dear" part didn't win him over." Even though none of us knew it early that morning, little John Dear's destiny was about to unfold on that very day.

On Wednesday, August 17, Peace Plantation was to be the afternoon rest stop for the annual Empire State AIDS Ride, where bicycle riders from all over the country would be riding from Niagara Falls to Manhattan, N.Y., to raise awareness and money for the cause.



Finley

The coordinator for the whole ride is a wonderful woman named Marty, and this is the third summer that she has asked if we would play host. Marty swung into our parking lot mid-morning to see how we were and if we were ready for the riders that afternoon. Out of the blue she then asked if we had any puppies; telling the story of how her husband had said "Yes" to a puppy for her birthday a year ago, but their living situation in NYC had not allowed one—Until Now!

John Dear had been sleeping soundly up until this point, but awoke quickly when we told him there was someone he should meet. After a string of OOOHHHHS and AAAHHHS, Marty was pretty sure she had just met the dog that she had been dreaming of for the past year. Her

husband, Barry, was riding in the event and would get a chance to meet the little puppy as soon as he pedaled that far. Marty confessed to us that for the past year she has had an imaginary pet dog named “Finley,” just for the fun of it and to help her visualize a real pet dog in the future.

Early afternoon came and Barry reached our oasis of shade, cold water, snacks, and unbeknownst to him, “Finley” incarnated. We could all feel it, an adoption was appearing

on the horizon as the three of them played and bonded on the cool front lawn. By the end of the day it was agreed upon that “Finley” would go to his new home after his date with our surgeon the following week.

As Marty was saying her goodbyes she told us, “You know, about a month ago, just for fun, I went out and bought a dog leash that happened to have a John Deere logo on it.” Funny how life works.

How Your Continuous Support Helps NHES and Its Programs



After 58 years, how does NHES continue to provide quality animal care, humane education, and assist communities and individuals in their efforts to help animals? Because of the continuous generosity of people like you—63% of our income is through individual contributions and 34% through wills and bequests. This means 97% of all our income comes from your contributions! NHES receives no government funding, not from the federal, state or local levels. It is you that ensures the continuation of NHES’s quality programs on behalf of animals!

There are many ways you can help us help animals in need:

You can make a monetary donation.

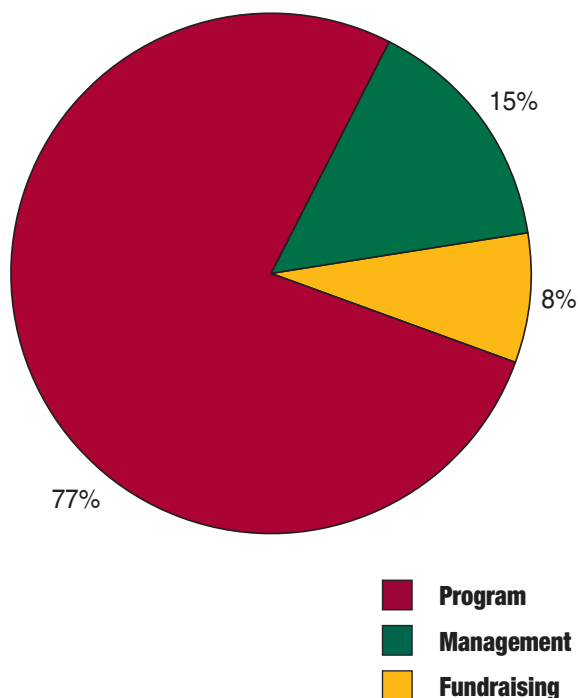
Your donations go to sustaining our everyday needs. From allowing us to send free educational kits to feeding our animals. It costs us...

- \$5 is the average cost to produce and send out 1 educational kit to humane educators.
- \$12 is the average cost per day per animal to feed, house, care for, and place in a forever home.
- \$37 is the average cost for us to spay or neuter an animal.
- \$15 is the average cost to test for feline leukemia.
- \$7,000 was spent on emergency medical care that needed to be performed by specialists last year alone.
- The list goes on and on.

Your donations also helped us grow and aided us in helping more animals in need. As you have read earlier in

the newsletter, the BAAC opened its new Cattery and Dog Isolation addition, and is currently retrofitting its dog kennels at a cost of more than \$90,000.

HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE SPENT



Your donations will help in the future of NHES, which is currently working on building **Peace Plantation Animal Sanctuary II** near the Briggs Animal Adoption Center. We have met with architects to determine the amount of funding needed to build this additional sanctuary and the current conceptual plan calls for close to 9,000 square feet at a cost of \$1.3 million dollars. We need your help to see

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Your support is most important to us and to all the animals we help together—thank you.

Please don't make the decision that we can get by without your donation because you think it may be too small or because others will donate. We Need Every Donation to Help Us Help the Animals! Thank You!

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