

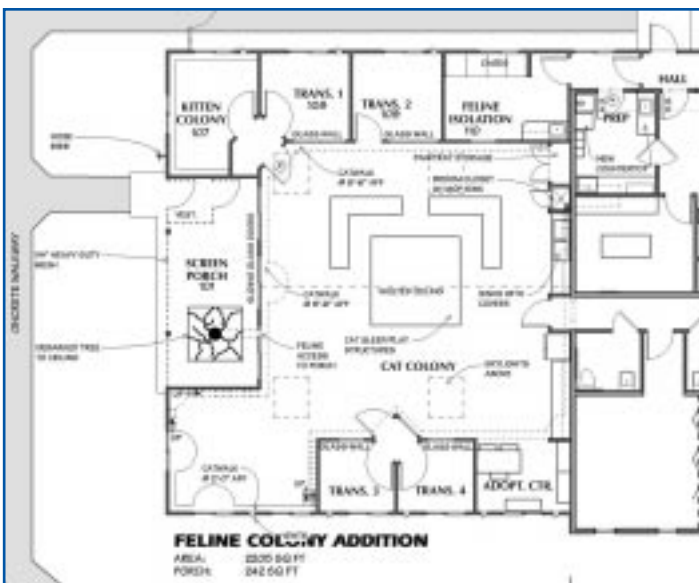
Welcome to the Spring 2004 Edition of *BRIGGS Briefs*, and greetings to each of you from the desk of Jim Taylor, Program Services Director of the Briggs Animal Adoption Center (BAAC).



In a very real sense, the BAAC and its program services, which became operational in October 2000, are still in their infancy and slowly expanding with the passing of each year. For example, we are pleased to report to you that in Fiscal Year 2003 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003) the BAAC:

- Welcomed nearly 5,000 visitors—an estimated 40 percent increase above Fiscal Year 2002, and
- Increased adoptions by more than 50 percent above the number of adoptions in Fiscal Year 2002

We will continue to focus on objectives that will bring about increased visitation and adoptions well into the future. For example, this year, the BAAC will expand its adoption services



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### Dogs of War Find Peace

We believe Tommy Franks (Tommy) and Jordan, pictured with Mrs. Anna C. Briggs, were both born sometime in April 2003. What we know for sure is this: They are “Dogs of War,” born in Iraq during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*; and their liberation is attrib-



Mrs. Briggs with Tommy Franks

uted to compassionate people from three countries—Iraq, Jordan, and the United States—all working together to bring Tommy and Jordan safely to the US and, ultimately, to the BAAC where they will soon be available for adoption.

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### The Briggs Animal Adoption Center



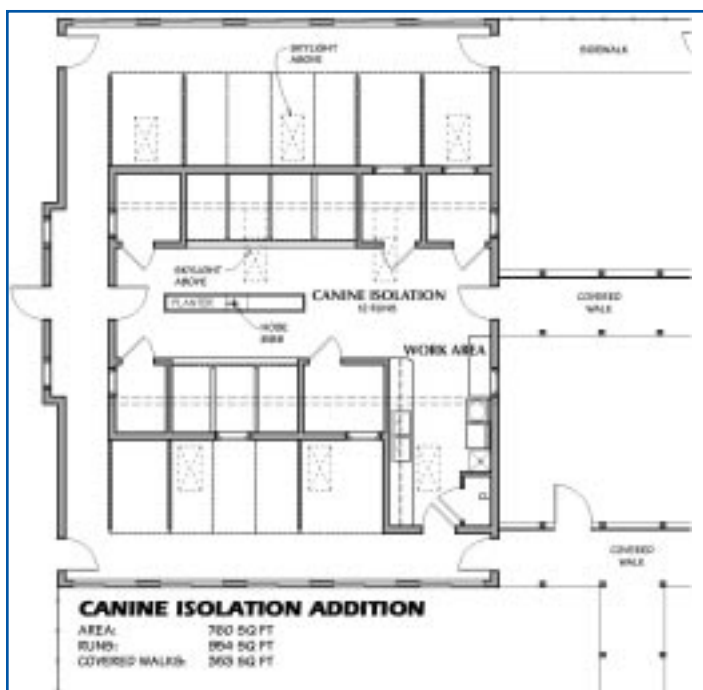
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via the construction of the new Cattery and an additional Canine Isolation Area.

As you see on the previous page and below, the final design documents for the new Cattery and the additional Canine Isolation Area are complete and the construction documents will be made available for bidding in March 2004. To view a larger version of these design documents and to learn more about the construction timeline as it develops, please visit our website at [www.baacs.org](http://www.baacs.org), click on "Happenings," and then click on "Construction Update."

Thanks to you—our supporters—we have obtained the funding to construct the Cattery. We are, however, still trying to raise the funds to cover the full cost of construction for the additional Canine Isolation Area shown below. If possible, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution today to help us pay for this Canine Incoming Area. By doing so, you will be helping to ensure that even more dogs will come to know the compassionate care of quality adoptive homes.



In November 2003, we welcomed the return of more than 130 adopters, their family members, and their companion dogs to our annual Adoption Alumni Open House. Once again, it was a heartwarming experience for each of us—both staff and volunteers—to see so many happy and healthy dogs come back to visit in the company of compassionate people like yourselves. Each

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Although you may not remember, you and many other Americans first met Tommy and Jordan on the nightly news.



Mrs. Briggs with Jordan

They were just puppies being photographed as the remaining inhabitants of a border outpost that had been abandoned by the Iraqi military. From this border station, their odyssey began. First they were transported to the Baghdad Zoo where US military veterinarians attended to their initial healthcare needs. Then The Humane Center for Animal Welfare (HCAW) in Amman, Jordan, became involved and arranged for their transfer and transport to HCAW and, from which point, their care and travel was coordinated by Mrs. Marcy Christmas—an American citizen living in California who simply cared enough to get involved.

Tommy and Jordan remained at HCAW in Amman for a number of months where they were spayed/neutered and vaccinated. At this same time, Marcy learned that US soldiers were seeking help to get their canine mascots and other homeless dogs like Tommy and Jordan into the US, and she offered to help. After many phone calls and e-mails to state, national, and international governmental agencies, Marcy achieved her goal—Tommy and Jordan arrived safely in California where Marcy was anxiously awaiting their arrival and had arranged for them to be temporarily cared for in quality foster homes.

While Tommy and Jordan were enjoying their foster homes, Marcy continued her search for a permanent home for both of them. She sent e-mails to humane organizations across the country seeking assistance to place Tommy and Jordan in permanent homes. One of the organizations that received her e-mail was the BAAC's parent organization, The National Humane Education

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# Supporter Spotlight

## Local Artist Supports BAAC

The BAAC operates on Mrs. Anna C. Briggs' guiding philosophy that companion animals are sentient creatures, each of whom has intrinsic value in and of themselves.

Local artist, Jody Wright, captures this intrinsic value—individual spirit—in each companion animal featured in her acrylic kaleidoscope painting series entitled, “Not Forgotten.” Shown below is artist, Jody Wright with two of her paintings that are for sale at the BAAC. The painting of the kitten is titled, “Discovering the New World,” and the painting of the dog is titled, “Be Buddy’s Buddy.” Buddy is a resident of the BAAC and looking for a new home. To learn more about Buddy or one of the many other wonderful dogs available for adoption at the BAAC, please visit our website at [www.baacs.org](http://www.baacs.org).

Also, please take a moment to enjoy more paintings from Jody Wright's “Not Forgotten” Series by visiting her website at [www.wsggallery.com](http://www.wsggallery.com). You will be glad you did. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each painting in Jody's “Not Forgotten” Series will be donated to the BAAC. (Thank you Jody Wright!)



*Jody Wright with paintings of Buddy and Jimmy*

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year, the Adoption Alumni is a rewarding experience by instilling in us a renewed sense of purpose. Most important, it is a testament to the ethic that by working together—staff, volunteers, adopters, and supporters—we can, in fact, help to create a more humane world for animals.



*Adoption Alumni 2003*

To help us continue our efforts to create a more humane world for animals, we also invite you to join us on Saturday, April 17, 2004, for the BAAC's Third Annual Pedal for Pooches Bike Tour to raise funds to help care for the hundreds of dogs that will find their way to the BAAC in the future. Participants may choose from a 25- or 35-mile course, both of which start from the BAAC and wind through the historic and beautiful countryside of Jefferson County, West Virginia, and Clarke County, Virginia. The courses consist of flat and rolling terrain with some hills and are tandem friendly. To learn more about or to register for the Third Annual Pedal for Pooches Bike Tour, please visit us online at [www.baacs.org](http://www.baacs.org).

We thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,  
Jim Taylor  
Program Services Director

# Adoptions

## Animals Available for Adoption

As of this writing, we have 60-plus wonderful companion dogs and puppies available for adoption. If you, your relatives or friends are considering adopting a companion dog, please come visit us in person or visit our website at [www.baacs.org](http://www.baacs.org) to view photographs of the dogs and puppies and to learn more about their individual characteristics. Thank you!

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Society (NHES), of which Marcy has been a long-standing supporter. Of course, NHES responded to Marcy in the affirmative and today, Tommy and Jordan are with us at the BAAC and will soon be available for adoption. To learn more about Tommy and Jordan, please visit our website at [www.baacs.org](http://www.baacs.org).

### Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

The BAAC continues to serve as a host donor site for the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank (EVBB). The EVBB reports, "Most large veterinary blood banks use blood from a confined colony of canine donors—dogs who reside in a housing facility and donate blood every month." As a humane alternative, the EVBB's goal "is to provide 'humane blood'—collected from donors who are

beloved pets. Donors visit EVBB once every 2 months to donate, thus eliminating the need to keep dogs in cages for this purpose." The BAAC supports the EVBB's goal of providing "humane blood," and encourages like-minded companion animal owners to learn more about the EVBB and their lifesaving work by visiting their website at [www.evbb.com](http://www.evbb.com).

### Furry Fun Fest

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 25, 2004, and join us between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the BAAC's premier **Furry Fun Fest**. This day will be filled with educational games and enjoyable activities for children and adults of all ages as well as companion dogs. Although the day's activities haven't been finalized, we anticipate having such activities as puppet shows, face painting, human/dog look-a-like competitions, canine good citizenship testing, canine agility, and much more. So please plan on joining us at the BAAC for this fun-filled day.

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