

about to become instant mothers. We named these 2 Mimi and Trixie, and within just a few days we were, once again, watching the miracle of birth.



Mimi is the proud mother of 4 healthy little black-and-white kittens, and Trixie couldn't be happier about her 5 little tigers.



Mimi and her kittens

Even though we are all thrilled to watch the kittens grow and play, this seems like the perfect time to stress the importance of spaying and neutering. This is a first-hand example of how a group of 13 cats can turn into 22 cats—almost overnight. Spaying and neutering is the only humane way that we will



Trixie's kittens

ever see a reduction in animal overpopulation and suffering. I am proud that PPAS allowed Mimi and Trixie to have their kittens. It was the right thing to do—given how close they were to giving birth. These kittens, however, will be the only kittens that Mimi and Trixie will ever have, because they will be spayed before being placed in loving lifetime homes through our adoption services. (Of course, we will spay/neuter their kittens before adoption too!).

Another success story to share is—the fact that of the 16 cats that we took in after the severe flooding in our area last year, we have been able to place 8 of them into wonderful homes with people that love them. Speaking of the floods, we were able to get our parking lot repaired after the torrential runoffs had washed most of it away.

Now that I'm nearing the end of my greeting, I feel it is always important to remind you how grateful we are to each of you for your support. Everything we are able to do to make the lives of the animals better, is the direct result of your kindness toward us, and I "THANK

YOU!" I also want to extend an open invitation to each of you to (1) come for a visit, and (2) call or email with any questions that you may have about animal adoptions, planned giving, our pet bequest program or just to share an animal story. I always enjoy hearing from all of you!

Best Wishes and
Meows and Barks,
Michael Reed

Resident Highlights

A Cat Named Mud

As I'm sitting here getting ready to write a story about a PPAS cat, the first cat that comes to mind (out of 275 of them) is my buddy, Mud. Mud is just plain cool. He's a loner who, from day one, has claimed the whole top bench right next to the main door that allows entry to the colony in which he lives.

Mud enjoys hearing himself talk, and greets everyone that passes his perch. If a visitor or one of us meanders too close to the wire barrier, Mud thrusts his long-haired white paw through the gaps in the wire and goes fishing for affection. On more than one occasion, Mud's antics (his thrusting paws) have startled and warmed the hearts of unsuspecting visitors who have unknowingly ventured into his territory. A love bite or a nibble, combined with a swat may be administered if too much attention is given to Mud—and he dishes out exactly the same if too little attention is showered on him.

The history of Mud is just that—a little "Muddy" (yes, pun intended). Mud came to PPAS with 48 other cats that lived through Hurricane Katrina. The story we did hear about him was, that when he was found, his long-haired white legs and his long-haired white belly were stained with the muddy flood waters that covered the state of Louisiana. I must admit, he did look pretty funny when we got him back here; this handsome long-haired black-and-white male cat with "Ring around the Body." It took months before the oily Cajun sludge gave way to fresh, soft new fur.



Mud



What his life was like before the hurricane hit will never be known. And as for his future, he has 14 of us who have come to know and love him. He loves his self-appointed position as “Door Man” of Colony III, and if the right situation were to come along, I think he might just consider relocating again.

If there ever comes a time that you feel like trackin’ a little “Mud” into your life, please give us a call. You’ll be glad you did!

A Goodbye to Our Little Friend, Scout

One of the many definitions that Webster’s Dictionary gives me for the word, “Sanctuary,” is: a place of refuge and protection.

When I became employed here at PPAS in January of 1996, we had 30-plus dogs of all shapes and sizes. Two of those dogs happened to be Beagles, Freckles and Scout, who came to know PPAS as their home.

They had been brought to us from the NHES main office when it was located in Leesburg, Virginia. Scout had been born in the spring of 1995, and Freckles was only slightly a year older than him. They were inseparable—eating together, playing together, and sleeping together. It had even been decided that should anyone express an interest in their adoption, the two of them would have to be adopted together. Adoptions did happen over the years but, like boomerangs, they always came back to us. Always for something—some reason. They barked too much. They peed where they shouldn’t have. Or, for some other reason that I can’t recall at the moment. It was actually heartwarming every time they were returned, because they would settle right back into their routine without skipping a beat. This was their sanctuary!

Time and gravity do strange things to us as we age and, unfortunately, cats and dogs feel the effects more quickly than we do. Freckles and Scout both started to slow down the last couple of years, and I don’t think any of us would

have thought that we would lose Scout first—but we did. Over the holidays, we started to notice that little Scout was just not himself and quickly had him evaluated by the vet. The results were not promising.

Scout was diagnosed with Leukemia with no real hope of recovery. We made sure Scout was comfortable and took it one day at a time to ensure that he was not suffering at all. Ultimately, the final day came when Scout was no longer having any fun and we had to let our little friend go. That was only a couple of weeks ago, and Freckles is still a little down in the dumps, as you can imagine.

The importance of this story is the importance of “Sanctuary.” Sometimes we could all use a little sanctuary where we can feel safe and secure. I’m happy to be a part of a place that has been and will be a safe haven—a refuge—for so many animals that have nowhere else to go.

A Big Thank You to those who support our “Sanctuary.” Without your continuing belief in what we do, I wouldn’t be able to share stories like this one.

Here’s to you Scout!



Scout and Freckles

Animals Available for Adoption

Peace Plantation Animal Sanctuary has many wonderful companion cats available for adoption. If you, your relatives or friends are considering the addition of a companion cat to your family, please come visit us or call us at (607) 865-5759 to learn more about the wonderful cats that are available for adoption.



Support The Briggs Animal Adoption Center & Spay Today's Bow Wow Boogie, "Meow Too!" Charitable Auction

Humane-minded people from around the tri-state area will be attending NHES's Second Bi-Annual **Bow Wow Boogie, "Meow Too!"** on October 27, 2007, at the Clarion Hotel in historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

More than 250 people attended the premiere Bow Wow Boogie, "Meow Too!" in 2005 and helped raise over \$30,000. This year, we have increased the seating capacity to 325 and set our goals high, hoping to raise \$50,000 to help fund The Briggs Animal Adoption Center and Spay Today's lifesaving work on behalf of animals. **With your help**—this financial goal—\$50,000 will become a reality!

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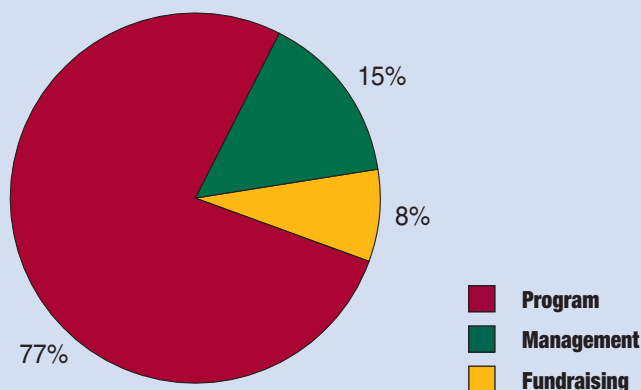
Tell Your Friends

If you know someone who would be interested in supporting our cause, please share this section of the newsletter with them so that they, too, will have a chance to help animals in need and thereby create a more humane world. **Our Bow Wow Boogie, "Meow Too!"** needs quality donations of all kinds to make our charitable auction a success! If any of your family members, friends or coworkers are an artist who loves animals, please tell them about our charitable auction and ask them to support us by donating an original piece of artwork. On behalf of the animals, we thank you!

Correction

In the last newsletter the following graph had an error in its legend. The error had both Management and Fundraising with the same color scheme. NHES is proud of how it spends your donations to help animals in need, so please view the corrected graph.

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Thank you for taking the time, making the effort, making a contribution...for reaching out and helping animals.

If you have any questions about any of the above options, please call Michael Mahrer at 304-725-0506, ext. 202 or email development@nhes.org. 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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