

April 2018

From Mayfield Graves Co Animal Shelter

SHELTER HOURS

The shelter has the following hours:

T, W, Th, F 12:00-5:00

Saturday 12:00-4:00

Sunday and Monday Closed



Up-coming Events



Board meeting on April 16 @ 6:30 at the animal shelter.

5K-9 Dog Walk @ Kess Park April 29, 2-4 p.m. benefits MGCAS sponsored by Community Woman's Club



Walmart Day May 26, 10- 4

Newly Elected Officers

Belinda Hamlet—President

Martha Thomas—Vice President

Jasey Olmeda—Secretary

Doug Carneal—Treasurer

CAT HERO STORIES

TARA (this was on the news)
Four-year-old Jeremy Triantafilo was playing in front of his home when a neighbor's dog came up and bit him and pulled him off his bike. The first to come to his rescue was the family cat, Tara, who body-slammed the dog, followed closely by Erica Triantafilo. Tara is one brave cat! Erica tried to chase the dog off, and she was bitten, too.



PUDDING

In 2014, Amy Jung went down to the Door County (Wisconsin) Humane Society shelter to play with the cats. Jung was not planning to adopt one, but went home with two. Pudding, a 21-pound cat, stood out and seem drawn to Jung. She took him and another cat named Wimsy home with her. Later that night, Jung suffered a diabetic seizure in her sleep. Pudding jumped up on her and woke her up enough to call out to her son Ethan, but he was asleep. So Pudding ran to Ethan's room and jumped on him to wake him up. Ethan was able to get his mother medical attention, but she might have sunk into a coma without intervention. Since the incident, Jung has registered Pudding as a therapy animal.

PWDITAT THE GUIDE CAT



As Terfel, a dog who lives in Wales, aged, his eyes became blurred by cataracts. Eventually he became completely blind. Terfel's owner, Judy Godfrey-Brown, said he had a hard time adjusting; he walked into walls and became afraid to move around the house. When Godfrey-Brown invited a stray cat into her home, it was like the answer to a prayer. The new cat, named Pwditat (this is in Wales, remember) immediately became a guide for Terfel. The cat uses her paws to guide Terfel around the house and into the garden for some fresh air. The two animals became inseparable, and even sleep together.

April's Featured Pets



Zera

Meet Zera. She is a Boxer Mix. Zera is in a foster home but if you would like to meet her please call the shelter to make a meet and greet date. The following is additional information about Zera:

- Adult
- Female
- Large
- Black , Brindle
- Short hair
- Vaccinations up to date.

Merlin

Breed: Domestic Longhair / Mix
 Age: 1y 4m Gender: Male
 Color: Grey / White
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes
 Size: Small
 Declawed: No
 Merlin would love to meet you. Soon!



Shelter Facts

INTAKES AND OUTCOMES FOR February 2018 and March 2018

Animal Intakes

	Owner Surrender	ACO Seizure	Stray	Returned to Shelter	Other	Total
February	51	27	25	0	0	106
March	71	34	31	3	1	140

Animal Outcomes

	Adoption	Return to Owner	Animals to Rescues
February	23	05	72
March	23	16	91

Shelter Facts continued

March's intake break-down by jurisdiction and species:



City animal intake	20
County animal intake	120
Cats and cats with litters	46
Dogs and dogs with litters	94

Information is Based on January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018

In March 2018 the shelter has received **140** animals.

20 city animals and **120** county animals have been received.

In 2017(March) the shelter received **105** animals.

So far **in 2018 209** dogs have gone to various rescues.

You can get your dog or cat microchipped at the shelter for a very reasonable cost.
Give us a call.

*Please don't breed or buy
while shelter dogs die.*

**PLEASE be a responsible
pet owner and SPAY/
NEUTER your pet.**

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Scarlett's Story

In 1996, a fire broke out in a suspected crack house in Brooklyn. A cat later named Scarlett was observed carrying her kittens out of the building one by one. She was severely burned, and blinded by blisters. She touched each kitten with her nose to make sure they were all safe from the fire, then collapsed. Firefighter David Giannelli took the cat and kittens to the North Shore Animal League clinic. The League received 7000 applications to adopt Scarlett and her kittens! Three families were selected, and Scarlett made a full recovery, albeit with damaged eyelids and ears. The hero cat was taken by Karen Wellen, who cared for her until her death 11 years later. Scarlett's story was made into a book, Scarlett Saves her Family, and a children's book, The Bravest Cat. The North Shore Animal League created an honor in her name, the Scarlett Award, for animal heroism.

TOP 10 ANIMAL TOXINS OF 2017

Reprinted from the ASPA April newsletter.

Every year the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) examines its data and releases the top 10 categories of toxins that affect pets. The 2017 list was based on 199,000 cases of potential poisonings.

1. Human prescription medications: 17.5%

For the second year in a row, human prescription medications is at the top of the list, just barely beating out over-the-counter medications and supplements. While this group contains a wide range of medications, the most common ones people call APCC about are pain medications, antidepressants and **heart medications**. Ingestion of the medications are typically accidental, but pet owners also unintentionally give pets the wrong medication at times.

2. Over-the-counter medications: 17.4%

As in 2016, OTC medications made second place. This is a diverse group of medications including items such as vitamins, pain medications (acetaminophen, **ibuprofen** and naproxen) along with vitamins, herbals, probiotics, antihistamines and **cold and flu medications**. Like human prescription medications, most exposures are accidental. Making sure pet owners are educated about how to keeping these out of pets reach is crucial.

3. Food: 10.9%

Pets may not be able to safely ingest **some of the same foods humans eat**. Grapes and raisins, onions and garlic, avocados, macadamia nuts, alcohol, raw yeast bread dough and xylitol can all be dangerous for pets. The **popularity of xylitol** in items like gum and baked goods has continued to keep this group near the top of the list.

4. Veterinary products: 8.9%

Many pets have health issues that need medications, but many pets don't take medication well, hence the popularity of flavored and chewable medications. Since dogs and cats have a much sharper sense of smell than humans, they will seek out and overindulge in those medications.

5. Chocolate: 8.8%

While chocolate is a food, APCC gets so many calls about the confection that it gets its own spot on the top 10 list. In **2017 we fielded more than 48 calls a day about chocolate!** Dogs in particular are chocolate fiends and are very good at finding it. The popularity of chocolate gifts for occasions like Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter increases the danger.

6. Household items: 8.6%

Household items—which includes things such as paint, glue, cleaning and laundry products—dropped from No. 5 to No. 6 this year. While not necessarily a tasty group, the proximity of pets and supplies is the common reason for exposure. **Laundry pods, which made the news this year, are an up-and-coming danger** in this group.

7. Insecticides: 6.7%

While insecticides come in at No. 7 again, the percentage of calls was down from 2016. Insecticides includes items such as ant baits, bug sprays and yard products. Ant baits use attractants like peanut butter which unfortunately attract dogs as well as ants.

8. Rodenticides: 6.3%

In 2017, APCC saw a slight increase in calls regarding rodenticides from the previous year. These baits are often grain-based and very appealing to pets. While anticoagulant rodenticides are still available, **bromethalin, a neurotoxin, is also commonly seen.**

9. Plants: 5.4%

Landscaping plants, household plants and bouquets are all potential sources of dangers. **Plants like lilies (Lilium sp and Hemerocallis sp.)** pose a serious danger for cats while **Sago** palm and oleander plants continue to be a serious danger for both dogs and cats. The APCC app has lots of helpful information regarding plant exposures as well as other toxins

10. Garden products: 2.6%

Garden products are another category that many pets find very tasty. **Fertilizer, bone meal and compost** are all garden products dogs find irresistible. APCC also gets a fair number of calls about herbicides. While not as tasty, use of herbicides in areas that pets frequent is usually the cause of those calls.

Winnie the Wonder Cat



“Winnie the Wonder Cat” sprang with carbon monoxide. The mother scratching her to get her to wake able to call 911 and delusional when the police arrived.

into action when the house filled says Winnie started meowing and up. When she did, she was barely

Winnie’s owner said “If it wasn’t for Winnie, screaming and hollering and carrying on, we wouldn’t be here today.”

The family thinks the carbon monoxide came from a broken gas powered sump pump in their basement, and officials said if the cat had waited another 5 minutes, the outcome would have been horrible and most likely a coroner case instead.

A stray cat wandered into St Augustine's and St. Faith's Church in London in 1936. She was named **Faith** and adopted by the rector and parishioners. She would sit at the pulpit while Father Henry Ross preached. In 1940, Faith gave birth to a single kitten named Panda. On September 6, Faith demanded access to the church basement. When a door was opened for her, she carried her kitten down to the dark cellar. Father Ross retrieved the kitten twice, but Faith carried him back downstairs—twice. She even missed a church service, which was unusual.



The next day, air raids began in the Battle of London, and by September 9, 400 people had been killed and eight churches were destroyed by bombs. Father Ross returned to the church to find it ruined. He called for Faith and heard faint meowing in return. He retrieved both Faith and Panda from the rubble just before the roof collapsed. Faith was nominated for a Dickin Medal, for which she was not eligible as a civilian, but she was awarded a special medal for bravery anyway. Faith was presented with the medal in a special ceremony in 1945 attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury. When Faith died peacefully at the age of 14, the church was again packed for her funeral.



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JACK

JACK vs THE BEAR

An orange and white tabby named Jack showed plenty of catitude when a much larger black bear wandered onto his property in 2006.

Who knows? Tara just might be long-distance pals with Jack, a 15-pound cat who was not at all happy when a black bear wandered into his backyard in West Milford, N.J., in June 2006.

the clawless tabby confronted the bear and sent it scrambling up a neighbor's tree. Jack hissed at the base of the tree and kept the bear trapped there for about 15 minutes. Then, when the bear tried to get away, Jack chased it up another tree.

"He doesn't want anybody in his yard," Jack's owner, Donna Dickey, told the Newark Star Ledger at the time. After Dickey called Jack inside, the bear beat a path back to the woods.

Schnautzie's Story

Schnautzie was still just a kitten when she did something big—really big—for her owners. At about 2 a.m. on a cold night in October 2007, Schnautzie ambled up onto the chest of sleeping Trudy Guy and began tapping Guy's nose with her paw. The first time it happened, Guy ignored the adorable annoyance and went back to sleep. But Schnautzie was persistent: Tap. Tap. Tap.



This time around, the pats on the nose woke Guy up, and she noticed the way Schnautzie was sniffing the air. She awakened her husband, Greg Guy, and they both heard an ominous hissing noise. A gas pipe leading into their Montana home had broken and was filling their basement with fumes.

The Guys and their trusty feline fled the house. Firefighters later told the couple that if the furnace had kicked on—highly probable on such a cold night—the whole house could have exploded in flames.