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Things to Do Calendar March-April 2020

ACW=Asheville Cat Weirdos AHS=Asheville Humane Society BRHS=Blue Ridge Humane Society
BWAR=Brother Wolf Animal Rescue FFAR=Forever Friends Animal Rescue FHS=Foothills Humane Society

March

Poison Prevention Awareness Month

Tues. 3/3 – If Pets Had Thumbs Day
Mon. 3/9 – Fri. 3/13. Professional Pet Sitters Week
Mon. 3/9 – Tues. 3/10. – 7pm. FHS Cat Video Fest at Tryon Theatre, 45 South Trade Street, Tryon. Tickets \$12 at box office or online.
foothillshumanesociety.org.

Fri. 3/13 – K-9 Veterans Day
Mon. 3/16 – Sun. 3/22. National Poison Prevention Week
Mon. 3/23 – National Puppy Day, Cuddly Kitten Day
Tues. 3/24 – Noon-2pm. BRHS benefit luncheon at Champion Hills Clubhouse to honor K-9s for Warriors and announce BRHS/Hunter Subaru Hero Dog award winner. Tickets \$75. blueridgehumane.org/get-involved/fundraising-events/lunch or 828 692-2639 Ext 304.
Sat. 3/28 – Respect Your Cat Day
Mon. 3/30 – Take a Walk in the Park Day
Tu. 3/31 – 6am-1145pm. AHS 17th Annual Dine To Be Kind fundraiser. Dozens of

participating restaurants donate part of their proceeds to AHS. Participating restaurants listed at ashevillehumane.org.
Thur. 4/2 – AHS Drink To Be Kind fundraiser. Dozens of participating bars and breweries donate part of their proceeds to AHS. Participating establishments listed at ashevillehumane.org.

April

Heartworm Awareness Month Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month

Wed. 4/1 – Sun. 4/5 – International Pooper Scooper Week
Sat. 4/4 – 10am. Tails and Trails charity hike up Bearwallow Mountain to benefit BRHS and Conserving Carolina. \$20 fee includes T-shirt if registered by March 8, but Day-of registration OK. Info, registration at blueridgehumane.org.
Fri. 4/10 – National Hug Your Dog Day
Sat. 4/11 – National Pet Day
Fri. 4/17 – Thur. 4/23 – National Pet ID Week
Sat. 4/25 – International Guide Dog Day
Sun. 4/26 – Hairball Awareness Day
Thur. 4/30 – Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

Coming in May

Sat. 5/2 – 8am-11am. BRHS, WTZQ Radio and Historic Downtown Hendersonville Strut Your Mutt/Tails inTown event. Walk with dog and 7th Avenue vendors. Registration fee in by April 5 includes T-shirt. blueridgehumane.org.
Sat. 5/2 – 10am-4pm. AngelPetsExpo at WNC Ag Center. Bringing together people and resources to support and honor pets. 70+vendors, presentations, music, more. \$7 in advance at Eventbrite, \$10 at door. angelpetsexpo.com.

Ongoing Events

Please call or email organization to confirm events since schedules can change.
Every Saturday – FFAR Cat Adoptions, 2-6pm, Petco, 964 Merrimon Ave., Asheville. 828 412-6073
Every Sunday – 2-6pm. FFAR Adoption Event at Pet Supermarket, 244 Tunnel Rd., Asheville. 828 254-4481
Every Saturday morning – 10-11am. BRHS Yoga with Cats! Venues change. Details at

blueridgehumane.org, 828 885-3647
Every third Mon. – 1-5pm. Low-cost vaccines at BRHS, Hendersonville. blueridgehumane.org, 828 685-7107.
Every second Tu. – Hendersonville Paws for Love tests potential therapy dogs. Venues vary. Sign up, get directions at 828 692-5641.
Every second Tu. – 10am-1pm. ACW Cat Pantry distributes food at the Thrift Hound, 234 New Leicester Hwy., Asheville. pantry@ashevillecatweirdos.org.
Every Wed., Sat., Sun. – 10am. BWAR Outward Hounds Hiking Club meets at shelter to take dogs on hikes. volunteer@bwar.org. 828 505-3440.
Every Sun. – 10am-2pm. AHS Hiking Hounds. Take shelter dogs for hikes. ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.
Every First Sat. – 11:30am-1pm. AHS Volunteer orientation, 14 Forever Friends Lane, Asheville. volunteer@ashevillehumane.org, 828 761-2001.
Every Fourth Sat. – 10am-4pm. ACW Cat Pantry distributes food at the Thrift Hound, 234 New Leicester Hwy., Asheville. pantry@ashevillecatweirdos.org.




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Information that nurtures the pet-people bond.

Dear Reader:

We hope you'll come visit with us at the May 2 Angel Pets Expo. We're honored to once again be a Gold Sponsor of this groundbreaking and unique event, because the Expo's mission is one we so strongly identify with: "Supporting Pets. Enhancing Lives". Our experience last year was moving, there's no other word for it. The Expo is the one place in which the entire pet community comes together. This event is not to be missed, whether as an attendee or vendor. See the article later in the issue and go to AngelPetsExpo.com.

Also, we're so happy to be able to serve the community with the newest resource in pet adoption - a page on www.WncPetGazette.com called **Rosie's Rescue**. When our beloved Rosie passed last year, we vowed to honor her death by bringing life - and we hope you will join us in this, by adopting a pet from this page. For every Rosie pet rescued, PetGazette will make a donation to that organization, and print a picture of you and your new BFF in the paper!

But wait, there's more... www.WncPetGazette.com is easier to read current and back issues, there are prominent blog posts, real-time calendar listings - and great advertising opportunities!

We'd love your feedback! Plus of course your articles, ads and ideas ~ all by April 10 for the May-June print issue.

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Clubs, breeders can help choose right pet

by Terri Everwine, Hendersonville Kennel Club

So you're looking for a new pet? Adoption from a rescue may not meet your needs. There are many reasons to choose a purebred dog, such as, your child has allergy issues? No mixed breed can be assured of not causing them, but many purebreds are considered hypoallergenic. You want a dog of a certain size and temperament? No mixed breed pup can be guaranteed to fit the bill when it is grown. Maybe want a dog bred for a specific skill? You need an ethical breeder. What is an ethical breeder?

An ethical breeder will help you choose a pup based on your lifestyle and your intent on acquiring a pet. They know the personalities, faults and advantages of each dog they breed. They can tell you everything about each pup, and what you can expect when that pup grows up. They may even go so far as to tell you their breed, or even a certain pup in a litter will not be the best choice for you.

Buying from an ethical breeder means you will acquire not just a dog, but a backup support system from the breeder you can trust to help with any issues, any time. An ethical breeder is fully invested in the pups they produce. You'll likely sign a contract, and that contract will state that if for any reason you decide you no longer want the dog, it will go back to the breeder. You won't get that from a pet shop, backyard breeder, or rescues.

The Hendersonville Kennel Club and

Asheville Kennel Club will help you find an ethical breeder. We are always willing to help ANYONE who wants to find an ethical breeder. All you have to do is ask! It takes almost no time and we're always happy to answer ANY question you have.

You found a breeder you like but you're not 100% sure? Give us their kennel info and we'll double check for you.

You're interested in a purebred but you're not sure what breed will best fit your lifestyle? Tell us your interests and how much time you can put into grooming, training, and exercise and we will narrow it down to a few breeds.

You've never looked into purchasing from a breeder but you're interested? Ask us anything and we'll tell you what it's like and what's to be expected.

You want a second set of eyes for the contract with your breeder? Send it on over and we can go over it together!

Unethical breeders are much too damaging to continue to be unknowingly supported. We can help you avoid them. We are always willing to help. Just ask. We can also help you find a RESPONSIBLE RESCUE. There are many rescues that purchase from irresponsible breeders and then "adopt" the puppies out at a higher cost than what they paid. They will lie and say it is to help cover costs of other dogs. This is called RETAIL RESCUE. Retail rescue STILL supports irresponsible breeders. Most purebred breed organizations have breed

rescues throughout the country and we can put you in contact with them.

And an ethical breeder may also have older dogs ready for adoption, whose show and breeding careers may have ended. These dogs are more than ready to take up new lives with new families who do not want to deal with having to raise and train a puppy. These dogs will already be house broken, crate trained, fully vaccinated, health tested and ready to become part of your family.


Feel free to share this so anyone can feel like they can reach out. We are willing to help ANYONE who is looking for an ethical breeder.

Taking on a new pet is a responsibility. Doing your homework prior to acquiring a pet is essential to a lifelong happy relationship.

Breeder referral contacts:

Hendersonville Kennel Club: Terri Everwine: everte@comcast.net or Hollie at [703-785-9855](tel:703-785-9855) or visit hendersonvillekc.org.

Asheville Kennel Club: Marcia Allen: Ashevillekcinfo@gmail.com or ashevillekennelclub.com.

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BRHS benefit luncheon to honor K9s for Warriors, give Hero Dog Award

The Blue Ridge Humane Society (BRHS) will host Adam LeGrand of K9s for Warriors and his service dog, Molly, at the Cause for Paws luncheon benefiting BRHS on Tuesday, March 24, at 12pm at the Champion Hills Clubhouse.

In addition to LeGrand and Molly, the luncheon will feature the presentation of the first K9 Hometown Hero Award presented by Hunter Subaru to celebrate the dogs who do extraordinary things in our community.

LeGrand will explain the impact that Molly, a dog adopted from Henderson County Animal Services, has in his life as a service animal. LeGrand enlisted as a medic in the United States Air Force and was deployed for over 10 years in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), and Operation Noble Eagle (homeland security) before being medically retired for physical injuries, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury-related problems.

Suffering from his injuries, LeGrand applied to the K9s for Warriors program, a veterans service organization that provides service dogs to veterans, and adopted Molly from Henderson County Animal Services. LeGrand and Molly completed their training in 2015 and since then they have served as K9s for Warriors Ambassadors who travel the country advocating for veterans' healthcare options.

To nominate a dog for the Hunter Subaru

K9 Hero Award, visit blueridgehumane.org. The dog can be your own or someone else's, and serve as a guide, hearing, law enforcement, military, search and rescue, service, or Credentialed Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) dog. A committee of judges representing the BRHS, Hunter Subaru and members of the Henderson community will



Adam LeGrand and service dog Molly

Photo by John Benson Imaging

select the three top finalists from among all the entries. Then the top three finalists will be invited to the BRHS Cause for Paws benefit luncheon for recognition and for the announcement of the overall winner.

Tickets for the Cause for Paws benefit luncheon are available online at blueridgehumane.org/get-involved/fundraising-events/lunch/ or by phone at (828) 692-2639 Ext 304 for \$75. Questions can be directed to Laresa Griffin at lgriffin@blueridgehumane.org or the above phone number. Luncheon sponsorships are also available for businesses or individuals.

The Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc., is a 501(c)3 animal welfare organization started in 1950. It is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of life for animals in Henderson County and our neighboring communities. BRHS cares for pets awaiting adoption at the Adoption Center; offers low-cost vaccine clinics; animal education programs; pet training classes; and youth education and projects. BRHS also coordinates community pet food assistance, emergency vet assistance, and the Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP), which is a collaboration with Henderson County, the City of Hendersonville, and the Henderson County Animal Services Center.

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AHS Thrift Store plans Grand Opening

The Asheville Humane Society (AHS) will have the Grand Opening of its new thrift store at 1425 Patton Avenue, in West Asheville, on the evening of Tuesday, March 10.

The store shares space in Asheville Humane's Community Center, which also houses administrative personnel and the Community Solutions programs. While the store had a soft opening in February, the Grand Opening will be able to offer much more to buyers.

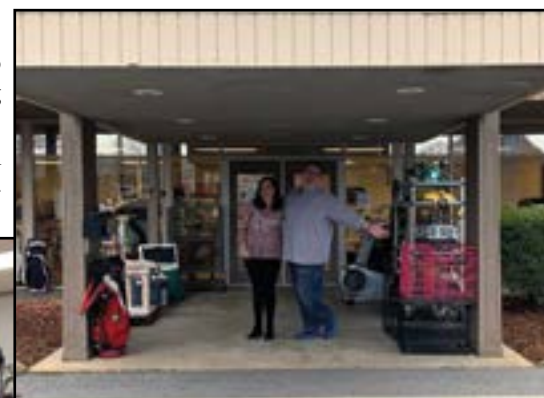
The thrift store was born when staff sought new ways to diversify funding. AHS has historically relied solely on private donations and grants to keep its programs running. By opening the Thrift Store, AHS is offering an attractive new way for the community to help local animals in need, either by donating goods or shopping at the store. Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the proceeds go directly to helping the animals.

The AHS Thrift Store is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9am-

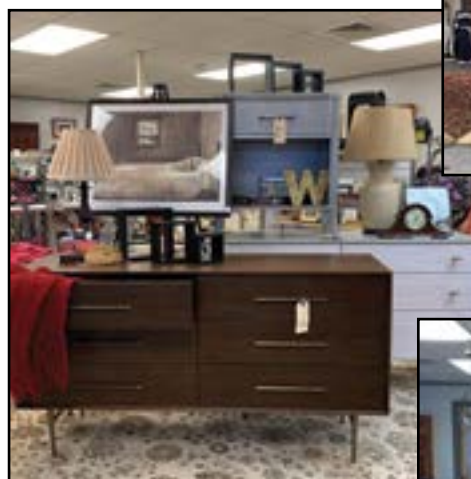
guidelines and additional store information are available at ashevillehumane.org/thrift.

Store Manager Kim Klaas said, "The community has been so supportive, both with donations and as shoppers, since our opening. West Elm Outlet has even donated their imperfect pieces of furniture. If you're looking for a fun place to shop on the cheap." Klaas then enthusiastically added, "You will definitely want to check out Asheville Humane Thrift."

Up-to-date details on the AHS Thrift Store Grand Opening are available on the store's Instagram page (@avlhumanethrift) and Asheville Humane Thrift Store Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AVLHumaneThrift). The sites also display featured items and daily discounts.



Manager Kim Klaas and Lead Cashier Michael Lankford pre-celebrate the Grand Opening of the AHS Thrift Store



Incredible credenzas at AHS Thrift Store

5pm. It offers a variety of items for the whole family, including pet supplies, housewares, clothes, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Donated items can be dropped off Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-4pm around the back of the building at the carport. The store also offers free pick-ups for larger furniture items, provided they meet store guidelines. (To schedule a pick-up, call 761-2002.) The



Sectional sofa at AHS Thrift Store

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Getting to Know Your Local Rescue

Phoenix Landing Foundation

by Ryan Jo Summers

A drive north past Weaverville will take one to the town of Alexander and the campus of Phoenix Landing Parrot Rescue, a non-profit organization dedicated to parrot welfare. A cacophony of yells and whistles may greet one upon arrival. This is normal.

A tour of the campus will show about 30 to 35 parrots playing, climbing, eating, laughing, screeching, and bobbing. This is all normal too. What is surprising is very few of these birds are true “rescues”. Most are sweet, well-loved birds who unfortunately outlived their owner(s) and found themselves homeless.

Many parrot species can live for decades. A serious concern for large, long-lived parrots is whether they have a succession of good homes planned out by their current guardian. To have a big bird is to also have a series of good homes lined up.

Phoenix Landing was formed April 20, 2000 with one green-wing macaw. Now, twenty years later, they have a database of 3,000 birds, and usually house over 100 in care at any given time, with 35-40 at the Alexander campus. They have networks that span several states from Maryland and DC to Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida. They hold educational classes for the public, usually on the third Saturday of each month. The on-site store holds endless bird treasures, foods, toys, treats and more, and is open to the public.

Previous Alexander residents include Pippin, an eighteen-year-old, bare-eyed cockatoo who is part of Jen Cunha’s research on avian cognition with My Reading Pets. Pippin is learning to read books. Others can learn basic math and vocabulary skills. Archie is a green-cheek conure. There are also macaws,

cockatoos, cockatiels and budgies, plus everything in between.

According to veterinarians across the country who treat exotic birds, diet is the largest issue they see, followed by the need for a clean environment, including full spectrum light and fresh air. So many avian health problems could be eliminated if owners were knowledgeable about diet and environment guidelines. Fortunately, Phoenix Landing is trying to educate parrot parents. Every other month the Phoenix Landing classes cover core subjects as part of the requirements for potential adopters and anyone else wishing to know more about large birds. The alternate months are for special topics covering broad assortments of subjects.

Phoenix Landing is celebrating this year’s milestone with their 20th birthday party, focusing on the local community. Several area businesses and non-profits will be at the Phoenix Landing complex on April 18, 2020, from 1pm to 5pm. The public is welcome to attend.

May 16-17 there will be a special conference: 2020 Wellness Retreat: 20/20 A Vision for the Future of Parrots at the Sherrill Center at UNC Asheville. This information-packed conference will host about a dozen expert speakers on a comprehensive variety of topics and is perfect for anyone who has a bird, is thinking about getting a bird or is just interested in parrots.

Once a year, the group offers Eco Tours to such bird-ful places as Peru, Brazil and Uganda to observe parrots in their native habitat. Volunteers are a huge, important facet of the group. Because parrots are such intelligent and social creatures, with many

having IQ’s like children, they do better in homes interacting with families. Anyone with available space, time and interest in fostering a parrot is encouraged to contact Phoenix Landing.

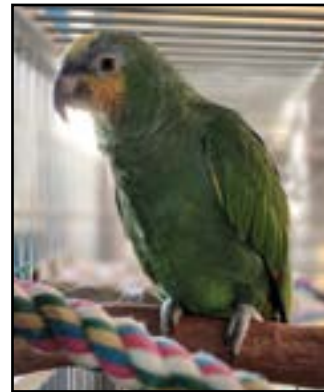
The best place to start in an interest in birds is the group’s website. www.phoenixlanding.org Follow the various links to foster, adopt, donate, volunteer, sign up for classes/ conference and much more! Phoenix Landing is more than a rescue group. It is a community-driven, education-focused placement organization. Congratulations, Phoenix Landing, on 20 years of growth and success! 🐾

Ryan Jo Summers is a local author and animal advocate. To learn more about her own pets and her writing visit her website www.ryanjosummers.com or her Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/RyanJoSummersAuthor.

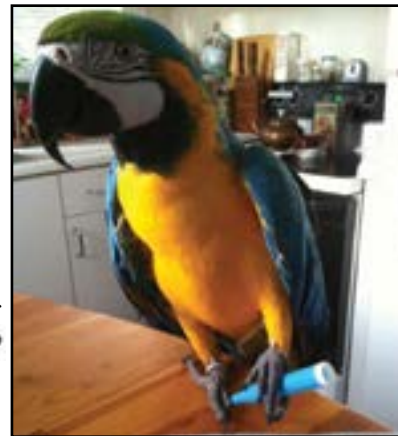
“Getting to know your Local Rescue” is



Pippin, a bare-eyed cockatoo learning to read



Merlin, an orange-winged Amazon



Taz, Ryan Jo Summers' 26 year-old blue and gold macaw



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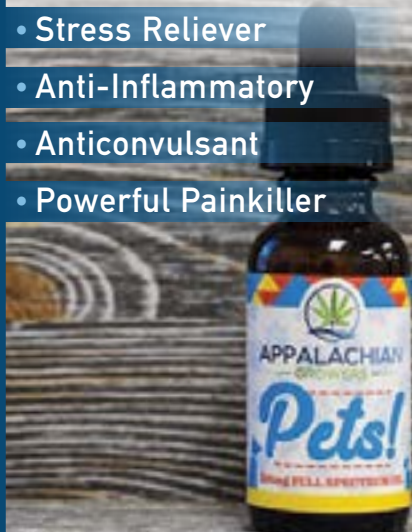
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WCDFA All Breed Dog Show and Trial

The Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association (WCDFA), an American Kennel Club member organization, will host its annual All Breed dog show on Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19, 2020.

The event will again be at the Haywood County Agriculture and Activities Center on Crabtree Road (NC209) in Waynesville. The two-day event will run from 8am until approximately 3pm each day, and will include Conformation, Obedience and Rally competitions. Pre-entered dogs will compete for Best in Show each day and a variety of Obedience and Rally awards. (Rally is informally known as "beginning obedience.")

Well over 100 dogs are expected to compete in the Conformation event, based on participation from prior years. The Obedience and Rally events are anticipated to have minimums of 50 and 20 respectively, again based on prior

year's participation. The Conformation competition is for purebred dogs only, while Obedience and Rally are open to mixed breed as well as purebred dogs.

Dogs that are not competing should not be brought to the event as they can become distractions or even safety hazards for dogs, their handlers, and for spectators. The two-legged public is welcome to come view the many breeds that will be competing and learn about the history and habits of the breeds that interest them. Admission to the event is free, but a small parking fee will be collected for visitors. Food concessions will be on site to provide breakfast and lunch nourishment, and several wonderful dog supply vendors will offer fabulously fidocious items.

For more information about the WCDFA All Breed show or the WCDFA itself, visit WCDFA.org or Infodog.com.



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GROUP DOG TRAINING CLASSES

by Kathryn R. Gubista, PhD

As professional dog trainers, we receive lots of inquiries for group classes/sessions. While this may seem like a logical first step in training, group classes are not ideal learning situations for untrained, novice dogs. In addition, dogs with behavioral issues, such as anxiety, aggression, fear, etc., really struggle in group settings. Why are group classes so challenging?

DOG CLASS = HIGH STRESS SITUATION

Group classes are high stress situations because of all the distractions. Many dogs are stressed and restless just seeing other dogs and/or people. If class is held outside, add a new level of distractions with the sight and

smell of squirrels, rabbits, bicycles, cats, birds, leaves, etc. Group classes are stimulation overloads. Training new skills to novice dogs requires quiet and calm, which are not features of group class environments.

HOW TO LEARN TRAINING SKILLS

Low stress situations are optimal when teaching novice dogs new skills. Private sessions are less stressful than group classes because other dogs/people are not present. However, the presence of other dogs can be helpful in training. This is true only if trained therapy dogs are working with novice dogs in friendly, social environments. Socializing and training dogs in calm, friendly environments is the fastest, easiest way to train new skills because dogs are relaxed and happy.

VALUE OF GROUP SESSIONS

So, if group classes are not the place to teach new skills to novice dogs, what is their value in training? Group classes are great way to practice training skills in higher distraction situations. First, group classes include a teacher who can guide the class and monitor any problems. In addition, dogs become comfortable around other dogs when they see each other regularly.

HOW TO LEARN SOCIALIZATION

Often times, people hope group classes include socialization with other dogs. However, group classes are not the venue to practice socialization skills. Group classes should focus

on obedience, leash skills, self-control and other related skills. Dogs should be under control and not interacting with other dogs. Board and Train (B&T) programs that provide playtime and group training are the optimal way to provide socialization training.

GROUP CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Our training programs include group classes to supplement private sessions and B&T



programs. Group classes provide an invaluable opportunity to practice basic obedience and leash skills in high distraction situations. The classes are important for both you and your dog to build confidence to take on any challenging public situations. All our clients are encouraged to attend our weekly group classes during our 8-month group class season (March-October). Just like mastering anything, practice makes perfect and group classes are a great way to practice dog training skills with distractions.

HOW TO OPTIMIZE DOG GROUP CLASSES

What is the best way to optimize dog group classes? First, basic obedience and leash skills should be learned in low distraction situations. Once basic skills are learned, dogs should start attending regular group classes. Dogs who previously exhibited leash reactivity can learn how to be accepting of other dogs through the combination of private sessions and/or B&T supplemented with group sessions. Please contact us for more information. 🐾

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17th Annual Dine To Be Kind benefits AHS and people who like to eat out

The 17th Annual Dine To Be Kind fundraiser of the Asheville Humane Society (AHS) will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Once again, dozens of area restaurants of all kinds will donate up to 25% of their day's proceeds to AHS.

Those who enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at any one of the participating restaurants, or order take-out from them, will be helping homeless animals while doing something they like to do anyway. So the Dine to Be Kind program presents a rare opportunity to do good while being good to yourself.

Dine to Be Kind also presents a great opportunity to be good to others while helping out helpless animals. Haven't taken your spouse out to dinner for a while? Do it March 31. Haven't yet paid off a losing dinner bet on the Super Bowl, or the latest Blue Devils

vs Tar Heels skirmish? Do it March 31.. And if it's time to do a little extra something for a colleague, take him or her to lunch on March 31. Maybe you could even wake up your teenager and take him or her out to breakfast before school. That would be something really different, and dogs and cats and bunnies and birds would thank you for it.


At PetGazette press time, no list of some of the participating 17th Annual Dine To Be Kind restaurants was available. But an accurate list of participating restaurants will be available at ashevillehumane.org close to the March 31 event date. In the meantime, why not consider having all three meals out at participating Dine To Be Kind restaurants on March 31, 2020? Then you, Asheville restaurateurs, AHS and the animals it saves will all have a red letter day. 

2nd Annual Drink To Be Kind benefits AHS and people who like to drink out

The 2nd Annual Drink To Be Kind fundraiser of the Asheville Humane Society (AHS) will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Once again, dozens of area bars and breweries will donate up to 25% of their proceeds to AHS.

Haven't bought a colleague a drink lately? Do it April 2. (They won't be suspicious that it's an April Fools' prank, because it will be the day after.) Haven't watched a game while hoisting some brews recently?

Do it April 2. Haven't sampled some of Asheville's brewmeisters' latest offerings? Do it April 2. And if anyone questions your motives, tell them you're doing it to help helpless animals.

At PetGazette press time, no list of the participating 2nd Annual Drink To Be Kind bar and breweries was available. But an accurate list of participating bars and breweries will be available at ashevillehumane.org close to the April 2 event date. Cheers. 

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Angel Pets Expo grows to Ag Center

The Angel Pets 2020 Expo will be held this year on May 2 from 10am to 4pm at the WNC Agricultural Center in Fletcher. Building on the huge success of the 2019 Angel Pets Expo, the 2020 version has expanded to include more than 70 pet resource vendors, rescue groups, some with pets for adoption, food by Deli Volv, music by Hope Griffin, presentations and more – a pet friendly, family friendly celebration of all things pets.

“Supporting Pets. Enhancing Lives”, the tagline of the Angel Pets Expo, indicates the dual purpose of the event. The founder of the Angel Pets Expo, Leigh Love of Bright Star Studio in Hendersonville, says “The goal of the Angel Pets Expo is to bring people together with resources, services and products which support and honor our pets, and ourselves as pet parents. The Angel Pets concept of ‘pets are angels and pets ARE family’, has blossomed into a wonderful pet loving community of members who want to better care for their pets and themselves, as pet parents. How can we give our pets a better life? How can we support ourselves and how can we support and connect with other loving pet parents? Angel Pets Expo has a holistic focus and prides itself on inclusion of all things pet and all stages of pet life and relationship including young pet care, adult pet, senior pet care, end-of-life care and

healing from pet loss. An additional goal of the Angel Pets Expo 2020 is to increase the pet loving community, connect with each other, and increase the quality of life of our pets and ourselves, as pet parents.”

Business people and care practitioners of supportive pet care products and services all kinds will be available for conversation at their booths. These include: Nutritional pet supplements, Canine Rehab specialists, Pet Insurance specialist, Animal trainers, Puppy/Kitten Care, Pet Artists, Pet memorabilia, Pet supplies, Pet food and treats, Holistic Veterinarians, Animal healers, Pet groomers, Pet sitters, Pet memorial sanctuary, Animal non-profit groups, Senior pet needs, Pet End-of-life care, Caregiver support, Animal Communicators and more!

As of the writing of this article there were too many vendors to mention each individually by name, but even in a stellar field, some stand out. Would you like to meet a mini therapy horse? Hope for Horses will be bringing the diminutive, charming Willow, who will “meet and greet” from 12 to 2. Another unique

participant is Tricord Ventures, a company which sandblasts images of loved pets into memorial stones, from a photo, forming a lasting tribute. Some vendors have products that are unique in solving problems – Nifti SafeLatch Safety Leash has invented a leash clip that will not unclip when walking your dog – which I didn’t think could happen until my very own tiny Cavalier broke away just last week – so I can hardly wait to get to the Expo to get one!

In case you have always wanted to know what your pet is thinking, here’s your chance. Come to the Expo and meet with Rose Proud, a professional and Certified Animal Communicator, and contributor to PetGazette. Rose helps to open the line of communication between you and your animal companion with love, mutual respect and understanding. She can communicate with any animals and animals in spirit. Rose will be offering in-person mini-sessions of 20 minutes, for \$25 from 1-4pm. Spirits can also be captured in art, and Copper Witch, a Silver Sponsor,™ specializes in creating

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scene, will be playing from 10:30 am to 1:30pm. She is well known for her free spirited stage presence, velvety vocals, and heart wrenching ballads, all delivered behind her hauntingly beautiful acoustic guitar playing.

Attendees will have chances to win some amazing door prizes. Among them, A private Pet Honoring Memorial Service by Pet Honoring. Memorials can be indoors or outdoors, at a home, a park or just about any location desired. They can be for one or many -family, children and friends can be included. They can be for a dog, cat, rabbit, bird, horse or any family pet. Whisker Designs – Volana Kote makes beautiful bespoke whisker jewelry pieces. Naturally fallen whiskers are carefully custom set and sealed into a myriad of jewelry settings for everyday wear. Enter to win a keychain valued at \$90.00.

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Cat Video Fest in Tryon

The ultimate fun fundraiser will happen on Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 starting at 7pm each night. The Foothills Humane Society (FHS) and the

countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and classic internet powerhouses. Cat Video Fest is a joyous communal experience, available only in theaters, and raises money for FHS to better serve cats in need.

Tickets for the Cat Video Fest are available at the box office or online at tryontheatre.com or foothillshumanesociety.org for \$12 each.

The eponymous Tryon Theatre is at 45 South Trade Street, Tryon. (Where else?) Those who go there on March 9 or 10 for the Cat Video Fest will have a wonderful, laugh-filled evening while helping FHS help homeless cats.

“Cat Video Fest is a joyous communal experience.”

Tryon Theatre will present big screen versions of the best cat videos people can't help watching even on the small screens of their cell phones, tablets, laptops or desktops.

Starting at 6:15pm and lasting until show time there will be live, adoptable kitties in the theatre lobby, brought there by Foothills volunteers. The kitties will be so cute and cuddly many might even want to adopt one. Then again, the live felines will have a hard time out-cutting the cinematic cousins that will be seen inside.

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