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Ready for Fall

Fall is a busy time of year for WAG. Adoption events, fundraisers, and calendar sales are just a few of our autumn tasks.

WAG's Fall Adoption Festival hosted at the Conyers Petsmart was a great success, with 35 animals finding new homes during the weekend. Thanks to Petsmart staff and volunteers with local rescues Pound Puppies and Kittens, Bliss Animal Haven, Morgan Co. Humane, and Rotten Russell Rescues. Our Home for the Holidays Adoption Extravaganza is planned for December 18 at the Conyers Petsmart.

We've rescued more than 97 dogs and cats through Sept. 2010. Our spay/neuter assistance program has subsidized the cost of 54 surgeries for low-income residents of Walton County.

We joined with Paradox Spay Neuter Clinic in a February promotion called "Beat the Heat" aimed at sterilizing female cats before spring kittens came along. The "Free Mama" promotion in June spayed quite a few female cats to prevent a second litter of unwanted kittens.

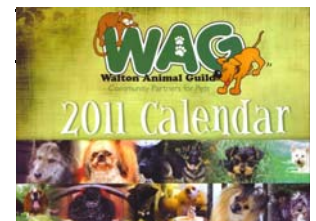
Our pet food pantry, offered in cooperation with Faith In Serving Humanity, Inc. (FISH), is keeping us busy gathering food to keep it stocked. We'd love help from community groups, so let us know if you're looking for a good project!

Community donations can also be made directly to the pantry. Why not buy an extra bag of food at a local retailer or veterinary clinic and drop it by FISH's location at 700 S. Madison Avenue, Monroe? Call us for more info at (770) 207-1896.

Cruizin' for Critters

Crank up your vehicles for Cruizin' for Critters, a motorcycle ride and poker run to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Stone Mountain Harley Davidson in Conyers.

Don't miss this great day of fun! Motorcycles return from the ride about 1 pm, and the afternoon is filled with fun, live music, food, raffles and prizes. We'll also have a Howl-o-ween Pet Costume Contest. You don't need a motorcycle to attend the fun—you can even ride the poker run in your car. Or simply come out in the afternoon and enjoy the day with us! For more info on the event visit our website at www.wagwalton.com.



Calendars are here! Contestants/sponsors get one calendar free, additional copies are \$10. Thanks for making this the best year ever!

Upcoming Events

- 10/16/10** Public Outreach—Loganville Festival
- 10/19/10** General Meeting Monroe-Walton Library
- 10/23/10** Cruizin' for Critters Stone Mountain Harley-Davidson, Conyers, GA 9:30 a.m. registration
- 11/13/10** Dollars for Dogs Drawing St. Albans Chili Challenge, 210 N. Broad St., Monroe
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- 12/18/10** Home for the Holidays Super Adoption Petsmart, Conyers 11 pm—4 pm

Read more of the newsletter at

On the Horizon

Holiday Dollars for Dogs

Need extra holiday cash? Look no further than our first Holiday Dollars for Dogs drawing.

WAG will sell a limited number of tickets for \$100 each. The lucky ticket winner will be chosen at a public drawing and receive \$5,000, or 50 percent of gross ticket sales. Odds are in your favor—each ticket holder has at least a 1 in 100 chance of winning!



The drawing will be held November 13, 2010 at the St. Alban's Chili Challenge. The Chili Challenge, a great family event, features Walton first responders, police, EMS, and fire personnel competing for prizes for Best Chili, among others. Fire and police vehicles will be on display, with children's activities, music and more scheduled to fill the day.

The drawing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Winners DO NOT have to be present to win. Look for St. Alban's at 210 North Broad Street, across from Monroe City Hall. Proceeds from the chili challenge benefit several local non-profits, including WAG.

To purchase tickets, call (770) 207-1896 or email wagwalton@yahoo.com.

Howl-O-Ween

Dress up your pet and bring your pet to our Howl-O-ween costume contest. In the past we've seen goat fairies, a Dachshund in prison garb, a spray-painted pony and a pirate cat. No telling what this year will bring!

Contest starts at 2 pm on Saturday, October 23, at Stone Mountain Harley Davidson, 900 Dogwood Road, Conyers, GA. Contest is open to anyone—all animals must be on leashes or contained in some way. Prizes, trophies, ribbons and year-long bragging rights await the winners!

Community Service Awards

The pet community consists of many "unsung heroes" who spend time and dollars helping homeless or needy pets, or assisting other pet owners.

We want to shine the spotlight on these deserving people. Nominations for our second annual Community Service Awards will be taken through December 15, 2010. Awards can be based on a specific act, or the culmination of efforts over a period of time.

There's even a category for pets. To be eligible for Dog or Cat of the Year, pets should have performed memorably or heroically during the last 12 months. Sample nominees are therapy dogs, pets who've improved the life of their owners, law enforcement dogs, or specific survival stories.

Other award categories are the following: Dog/Cat of the Year, Veterinary Professional of the Year, Animal's Best Friend, Young Animal Lover of the Year, and Officer of the Year. Winners will be announced in February, 2011.

For more details, rules or to download entry form, visit www.wagwalton.com.



Giving Thanks

As always, we are indebted to those who support our programs. A heartfelt thank you to the following pet lovers:

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Happy Endings



Want to get involved in a good cause, meet interesting people, and help animals at the same time? Come visit us at a meeting or event and see what's up for 2009. The animals could use your help, whether only one hour per month or several hours per week. We even have cyber volunteer opportunities, so you won't need to venture far from your computer screen. Have a special skill or want to help in a certain area? Let us know!



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Here are the 2010 Committee Chairpersons:

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We have a year filled with adoption events, pet shows, festivals, and plenty of other opportunities to meet other pet lovers and expand WAG's mission.

Calendar of Events

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**YES! I WANT TO HELP WAG PROVIDE A BETTER FUTURE
FOR ANIMALS IN WALTON COUNTY.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Here's my donation in the amount of \$ _____ to help the animals in Walton County:

I'd like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____ (honoring) or (in memory of) my

(friend) (relative) (pet) _____. (circle appropriate term)

SPONSORS: Guardian \$50 _____ Patron \$100 _____ Bronze \$250 _____ Silver \$500 _____ Gold \$1,000 _____ Platinum \$2,500+ _____

Check if you are interested in helping with projects promoting any of the following animal welfare issues:

Spay/Neuter _____ Pet Health _____ Humane Education _____ Fundraising _____ Adoption promotion _____ Fostering pets _____

I'd like to offer my professional services: _____

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