



Tip of the Tail

A Newsletter of the Whitman County Humane Society
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The First Canine Building is **ALMOST COMPLETE!**



Drywall goes up.



Dog washing tub goes in.



Roof goes on.



Beer Garden!

WCHS will run the beer garden at Concrete Days during the Colgate Challenge

**July 11, 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock
Schmuck Park, Colfax**

All proceeds will go to the campaign to build AnimalHaven.

Please visit us at the beer garden and drink a frosty beer for the homeless pets of Whitman County!

New Owner is Moonstruck by Luna

By Reilly Smith



When she first laid eyes on her, Lorna Hanrahan recalls, she thought Luna was absolutely beautiful. Formerly known as Ghost, Luna is a unique mix of American Staffordshire Terrier and Shar-pei. She is a sweet, calm and obedient dog. Her first home was with a college student who had to surrender her due to living complications. The shelter staff fell in love with her, as she follows any command with utter ease and delights everyone she comes into contact with.

Lorna Hanrahan felt it was time to adopt a dog as a companion and a friend. Having first met a black lab, she felt the dog was too big and strong for her to handle. Lorna then met Luna. While "Pit bulls" are not generally considered service dogs, Luna has been an exception to all the rules. Within the first few weeks, Lorna noticed a change in her lifestyle. Having mostly remained inside her apartment, Luna has given her a reason to leave the house and become more active. With Luna by her side, Lorna has found new joy in her life.

Meet Aquitaine



Bonjour, mon ami, my name is Aquitaine. I'm a 2- to 3-year-old brown tabby lady who was abandoned at the shelter with a mangled hind leg. It was an old injury and not really painful anymore, but it had left my leg all useless and floppy, so the vet took it right off. Now I'm a tripod, as they say, and it sure is easier to get around without all that dead weight back there. I've been in a foster home where I am proving myself the quintessential lap-cat. I just like being near (and/or on) people, giving selflessly of my body heat and quiet friendship in exchange for an occasional head scratch. My foster family has kids and cats, both of which I get along with. My feelings regarding dogs remain unexplored due to lack of exposure. I wouldn't like to be around any roughhousing sorts, what with my three-legged

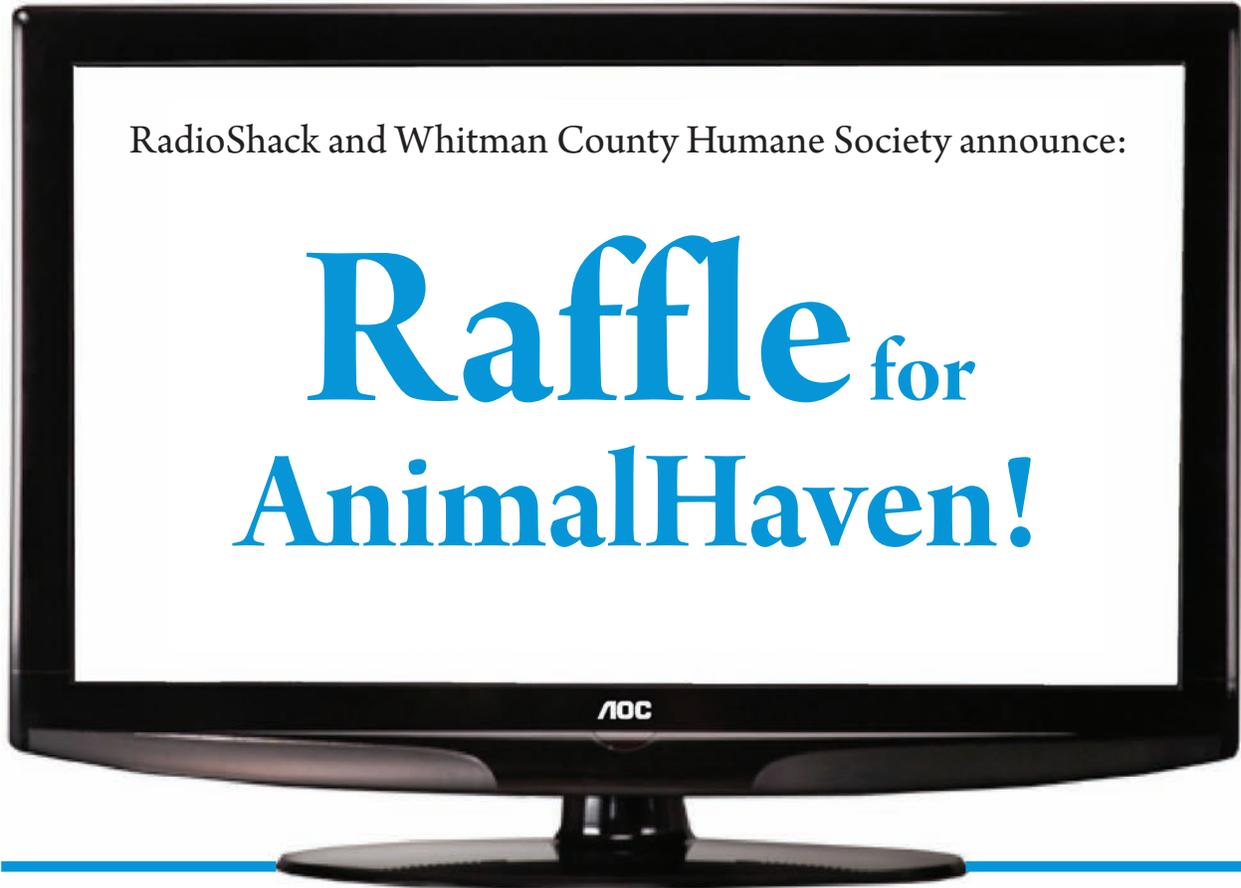
status putting me at a physical disadvantage. I do enjoy the comforts of home, so I think I'd be very happy spending the rest of my life as an indoor cat. All I need now, of course, is a home of my own!

Whitman County Humane Society's
Annual Report for 2008 is now online:
www.whitmanpets.org



RadioShack and Whitman County Humane Society announce:

Raffle for AnimalHaven!



Enter to win a 32" HD LCD wall-mountable flat screen TV, and help build Whitman County's new pet shelter.

\$5 per ticket/5 tickets for \$20

All proceeds used to construct AnimalHaven.

Tickets available for purchase at these Pullman locations:

- ▶ RadioShack (588 SE Bishop Blvd. # F)
- ▶ Neill's Flowers and Gifts (234 E Main St.)
- ▶ WCHS Pet Shelter (635 NW Guy St.)
- ▶ WCHS Administrative Office (126 S. Grand)
- ▶ Allegra Printing and Imaging (1652 S. Grand)

Winner will be drawn Saturday August 22, 2009 at the Lentil Festival and notified by telephone or e-mail. Free installation for local winner.



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Meet our Potential New Board Members!

The WCHS Board of Directors presents the following individuals from the applications received. These caring individuals are committed to ushering the organization and animal shelter into its next important phase. All members of the Whitman County Humane Society are entitled to vote on board member appointments. Please call WCHS executive administrator Connie Belcher at 509-332-2246 with your comments.

Michelle L. "Shelley" Calissendorff was born and raised in Whitman County. She is a fifth generation Palouse resident who has a keen understanding of the area. A lifelong animal advocate, she worked for many years at the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Lynnwood, WA. Among her responsibilities as office manager of PAWS, was the coordination of volunteers and the running of outreach booths. She also organized an event to help educate school teachers, animal control officers, and humane officers about the links between animal and child cruelty. She has provided a permanent or foster home to many animals. She believes WCHS could use community education to expand its volunteer and membership base and help create excitement about the organization's mission.

Donald Heroff has been a pet owner all his life and understands how important animals are in our lives. He is active in community-oriented organizations, including volunteering at the Montessorri School of Pullman, and serving on the committee for the City of Pullman 4th of July Celebration. Donald has two sons and two dogs, all of whom bring him joy, peace and friendship. His household also includes three cats and a guinea pig. He believes strongly in spay/neutering to control the pet populations, and that finishing and developing AnimalHaven is a top priority so that WCHS can best serve Whitman County.

Amy Puckett has spent her life around animals and wants to give back to the community. She volunteered at a horse ranch in upstate New York throughout high school and college, and has raised and trained Australian Shepherds. All of her past and present animals are rescues. She enjoys all that a happy, loving animal can teach and give. As an active member of the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation Board, Amy has served on the Sponsorship, Annual Gala, and Golf Tournament Committees. Amy hopes to use her knowledge of fund-raising (and "friend-raising") to help the WCHS. She is well informed of the many programs that WCHS offers, including the SNAP program and the Hope Fund, and is thrilled that a dog park is part of the AnimalHaven plans. Amy wants to help make the WCHS shelter a safe, loving, and nurturing place and is very willing to learn and work hard to gain the skills necessary to make a significant contribution.

Thank you Troop 2272!



Girl Scout Troop 2272 donated \$50 to WCHS at the shelter on June 10, 2009. Thanks girls!



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for the building of AnimalHaven.

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