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## PET FEST 100+ puppies, dogs, kittens and cats



As I walked into the holding kennel, my eyes were drawn to the mature fawn and white Whippet lying quietly amidst the bouncing and barking canine adolescents. With front paws crossed and chin resting atop them, he was the picture of regal repose. His former owner claimed he was ill and the veterinarian couldn't figure out what was wrong, so she brought him in to be euthanized. Lucky for him, she stalked out without signing the forms which would have mandated we put him to sleep. Our shelter manager gave her a call to get

the whole story and asked if we might place him with purebred rescue. Having already broken her bond with the dog, she gave permission to do whatever we wanted with him. Adopting a pet is the best thing I could ever have done. Dapper was part of my life for six and a half years, several years longer than veterinary estimates. His peaceful countenance was perhaps his greatest gift to all that met him. Can you teach an old dog new tricks? Well, I do not recall teaching Dapper tricks.

It is easy process when adopting a dog. (This was prior to 1994, when the ASPCA still held the animal control contract for New York City and received over 60,000 animals a year.) Dapper was part of my life for six and a half years, several years longer than veterinary estimates. Thirty-six hours after he was named Dapper Dan, I asked his former veterinarian what the dog's name was

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# Dogs are Heros

**Saved by the Lab** While walking Boomer, my five-year-old Lab, on a street near my home, I stumbled into a pothole and broke both my legs. Though I screamed for help, no one was around. Boomer lay right down on the road and stayed there. I knew I needed medical help, so I wrapped my arms around his neck and said, "Home." My 160-pound Lab dragged me, stopping now and then. Finally we made it to the house. My husband found me and called 911. I had rescued Boomer from a shelter. I never dreamed he would end up rescuing me. – Submitted by Bobbie Glover, Auburn, California

**Sniff and Scratch** Maggie May Longfellow, our miniature dachshund, sleeps in the top bunk with our 12-year-old daughter, Katrina. Our 16-year-old daughter, Kelli, who has Down syndrome, sleeps in the bottom. This works well for our family of seven, since our dog never disturbs anyone at night.



But on February 2, 2005, at 2:30 a.m., my husband, James, and I were awakened by Maggie barking near our bed. What the heck? Then I smelled gas. In the kitchen I found a burner left on, spewing out natural gas. Gagging, I threw open the windows, remembering not to turn on lights. That could trigger an explosion. Kelli, it turns out, had lifted Maggie May out of the bed. Our dog then pawed and scratched until she opened our door. Thanks to her, there was no headline in the paper: House Explodes, Killing Family of 7. Bremen. Indiana

# Have Fun, Raise Funds

Your club doesn't need a ton of money in order to help animals. You can get a lot done at little or no expense. You might find, though, that you'll need some cash to finance a club activity or raise awareness in your community. You may also want to raise money for an animal shelter, rescue group, or other animal charity. Here are a few fundraising ideas to try. As always, if you have questions or need help, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Pick a product to sell. The old standards such as gift wrap, spring bulbs, and chocolate bars provide people with products they can use, and a good percentage of the money can be put to your cause. Search the Internet or ask your advisor if he or she knows of any companies that will participate. Also, we've teamed up with Magazine Value Partners to bring you a great fundraising opportunity. Create a FREE online magazine fundraising store and 40% of all sales will go to your organization! Check it out at [HumaneSocietyStudents.eFundraisingOnline.com](http://HumaneSocietyStudents.eFundraisingOnline.com).

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The money raised Saturday will help pay for animal care, shelter operations and community outreach and educational programs in Southwest Washington, Griffin said.

The event nearly met organizers' fundraising goal of \$550,000. Last year's event raised nearly \$1.2 million, including a \$400,000 match from



# Upcoming Events

*Fall Trivia Night*

*Saturday, November 10*

*Moose Lodge, Marine Road, Edwardsville*

*Doors open at 6 pm; Trivia begins at 7 pm*

*Tables of 10, \$150*

*Sponsorships available -- Call 618-656-4405*

*Dine out for the Dogs & Cats!*

*Join us at Cleveland Heath on Wednesday, September 24*



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