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Furkids Wish List

Trash bags
Paper towels
Clorox wipes
Clorox bleach
Canned cat wet food

We also need your personal and business empty ink and toner printer cartridges. Please drop off at the shelter lobby or at any of our adoption centers. Your cartridges save us hundreds of dollars in office supply expenses. Thank you!

Volunteer Help Wanted

Northlake & Smyrna PetsMarts: Immediate need for caretakers. Contact volunteer@furkids.org if you can help.

Ebay Help: Help needed photographing and listing items on Ebay. Most work done from home. Ebay knowledge necessary. Contact Lauren at sale@furkids.org if you can help.

Furniture Pickups Needed: We need help from time to time with furniture pick ups for the



FURKIDS NEWSLETTER — December 10, 2010

Dear Friends,

Furkids is finishing the year strong with lots of fun activities this month! From Santa Photos every weekend at our PetSmart locations, to welcoming 10 Ohio State University students volunteering during their winter break - there's never a dull moment!

As you consider your year-end donations, we hope you will be even more encouraged to donate with confidence to Furkids after reading about the *Atlanta Magazine* survey and the results of our IRS visit. Furkids continues to operate as one of the foremost animal shelters in Georgia. This is because of your continued support and generosity and we thank you for your friendship.

From all of us at Furkids, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families. Until there are no more homeless animals in Georgia, we will work ever harder for those helpless animals that need us.

Sincerely,

Samantha Shelton, *Executive Director & Founder*

Santa Pet Photos — Please Support Furkids!



Santa Claws is back at all 5 of our PetSmart adoption centers — Perimeter, Northlake, Smyrna, Mall of Georgia & Midtown!

For the next two weekends from 11 am - 4 pm, Furkids' volunteers will be taking pet's photos with Santa as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 11 — Midtown & Perimeter

Sunday, Dec. 12 — Midtown, Northlake, Smyrna, Perimeter & Mall of GA

Saturday, Dec. 18 — Midtown, Perimeter & Smyrna

thrift store. Furkids provides gas. Contact Lauren at sale@furkids.org if you can help.

Volunteers at Shelter: We have an **immediate need** for Saturday, Sunday and Monday caretakers at the shelter. This job features flexible schedules and guaranteed cat attention. volunteer@furkids.org.

MedTeam at Shelter: Help administer medications to our cats with special health needs. volunteer@furkids.org.

Shelter Front Office/Receptionist Ambassadors
volunteer@furkids.org.

Donations

Donations are always welcome and an important part of keeping Furkids successful. If you would like to make a donation via PayPal, please select the button below.

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Furkids Statistics

2010 YTD Adopted: 547
2010 YTD Rescued: 572

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Sunday, Dec. 19 — Midtown, Northlake & Perimeter

The photo, which comes with a festive frame, is only \$9.95 and \$5 per package sold is donated to Furkids. This is an important fundraiser for the organization. Please come in during one of our days with all your pets (yes, cats too!) for a very special memory. Thank you for your support!

IRS Review- Surprisingly a Great Thing

While most people probably wouldn't describe a review by the Internal Revenue Service as a positive experience, Furkids can be considered an exception to the rule. We recently underwent an IRS review to confirm our 501c3 compliance, and the result was more than great! Not only did the agent give Furkids' operations and governance high marks, he was also extremely complimentary about the good work we are doing for Atlanta's animals in need. "It is very obvious that you provide a valuable service to our community," he said at the conclusion of his visit. He was particularly impressed with how well managed the organization is and how meticulously we keep our financial records. He also couldn't help notice the incredible commitment and contributions of our fantastic volunteers.

In addition to some helpful advice, we also got a new volunteer, his daughter, as a result of the audit. Now that's a great thing!

Atlanta Magazine Ranks Furkids Among Top Rescue Groups



Furkids was featured as one of the leading rescue groups in the November 2010 "Pets!" issue of *Atlanta Magazine*. As a reader favorite, Furkids was listed among the best non-profit organizations for adopting a pet.

How did we stack up?

According to the statistics printed in the article, of the top six organizations, Furkids had the smallest percentage of its budget allocated to administrative expenses. The most astounding number is that Furkids cares for more animals on a daily basis (over

500) than any other organization, including the Atlanta Humane Society. Plus, Furkids ranked second (after the Atlanta Humane Society) for the number of animals we adopt out per annual revenue. In short, for every \$1,000 Furkids takes in, we adopt out more pets than virtually every other organization. Thank you to all of our generous supporters for making our work possible. We simply wouldn't be here without you.

Featured Pet for Adoption

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Sylvie. Date of birth: 1/4/2007. Sylvie was dumped in an alley and she had trash and bottles thrown at her before she was rescued. Sylvie is a beautiful and good-natured gray/silver tabby. She is a lap cat that loves to greet visitors at the door. She has a tiny little voice that comes out as a sweet mew.

Sylvie and her best friend Riley 10040 are an inseparable pair who fell in love in their foster home. They are tightly bonded and must be adopted together.

Writing Help Needed

Do you have a knack for creative writing? If so, we need your help. One of the most important ways our animals get adopted is through their bios. This is often the only opportunity we have to showcase their unique personality or any significant background information. We need folks to spend some time interviewing the staff and volunteers and getting to know a cat or dog so that an accurate and creative background can be written. See above for an example of the type of biography writing we need. This is an extremely important aspect to the adoption process. Please consider giving some of your time and talent to this task. To volunteer, contact Belinda at volunteer@furkids.org.



Remember Furkids in Your End-of-Year Giving



Before the end of the year, be sure to take full advantage of tax deductions by supporting Furkids — Georgia's largest no-kill animal shelter. As you know, times have been challenging for all non-profits, so any amount you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Because we are a 501(c) (3) organization, donations to Furkids are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

In addition to cash donations, tax deductions are also available for your donations of household items to the Furkids Thrift Store and donations of products and services to the shelter. Please consult your accountant for more information on applicable tax deductions.

November 2010 Adoptions (48)

10386-Mimi, 10431-Amelia Bedelia, 10503-Blue, 10501-Stripe, 6243-Sable #1, 6242-Sasha, 10408-Trudy, 10407-Judy, 10494-Addie Mae, 10313-Charlotte Pickles, 10556-Mountain Dew, 10278-Sprite, 10493-Ivy, 10492-Lauren, 10500-Red, 10502-Star, 10156-Simon, 10462-Molly #2, 10474-Nefertitti, 10475-Shaka, 10459-Dewey, 10149-Nacho, 10323-Muffet, 10464-Princess Diana, 10520-Kedi, 10107-Celeste (aka Dixie), 10480-Mia, 10258-Apple Jack, 10257-Fruit Loop, 10281-Panzer, 10282-Ridley, 10319-Humpty Dumpty, 10435-Callen, 10325-King George, 10361-Sunflower, 10424-Vanessa, 10434-Hetty, 10506-Ben, 10352-Lawrence, 10413-Bart, 10414-Olivia #2, 10412-Romeo, 10384-Christi, 10514-Joey Boots, 8409-Mango, 10525-Lydia #2, 7548-Baha (Bahagia), 10385-Mozart

Thanks to our staff and volunteers for making these adoptions possible!

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