



Stevenson

Companion Animal Life-Care Center

2012 Newsletter



The center had another very busy year. Construction has recently begun on our new addition. New student residents have come on board. As always, we have had changes in our pet population. This newsletter will outline all of the transitions and news for you. Thank you to our friends who support us in our endeavors to maintain the finest facility in the country offering resident pet care.

Pictured on the front cover: Cricket

Student Residents and Staff

Chase Crawford is beginning his third year as a center resident and also is beginning his third year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. We are grateful for the care and compassion that Chase exhibits to our resident pets and are excited that he will be here for another year.

Chase and Win



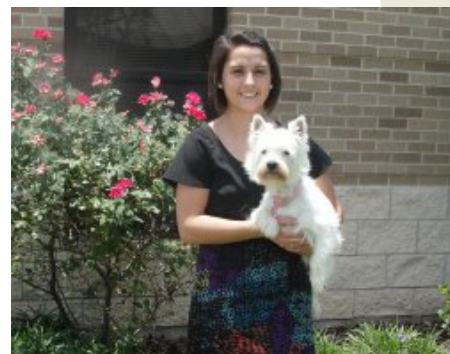
David Worth has also returned for another year as a student resident. He began his second year of veterinary college this fall. The pets and humans are all glad that David will be staying on at the center. He has a wonderful rapport and demeanor with everyone.

David and Happy



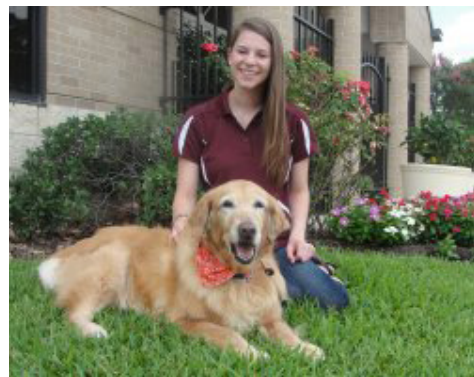
Shelby Gasson has been a student worker at the center since the fall of 2011 and became a student resident in the summer of 2012. She has started her first year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences this fall. All of our pets already know and love Shelby so we are very happy that she is living here and caring for them.

Shelby and Katy



Emily Dany just finished her first year of veterinary college and is our other new student resident. Everyone is enjoying Emily and she has immediately bonded with all of our resident pets. We welcome Emily and look forward to a great year with her.

Emily and Jazz



Michelle LaRue has left the center to begin her fourth year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Michelle resided at the center for four years. We will all miss Michelle very much and hope she can return often to visit the pets she has helped nurture over the years. We are thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Michelle over the years.

Kelsey Spell has also begun her fourth year of veterinary college and has left the center. Kelsey was a student resident for three years. All of us will miss Kelsey and wish her the best of everything in school and beyond.

The students who live at the Stevenson Center are special in that they are serious about their studies as well as committed to the jobs they perform at the center. Their responsibilities are numerous and they all handle them with the greatest amount of precision and concern. We have the best students living here and we are constantly proud of their accomplishments and their work ethics.

Angie



The Stevenson Center is fortunate to have not only a wonderful group of student residents but a superb staff to make sure its mission is fulfilled in an exemplary fashion every day. Our Animal Caretaker, Kim Muth, has been with the center for eight years. Janet Broadhead, our Veterinary Technician, is in her twelfth year at the center. The Associate Director, Ellie Greenbaum, is in her fourteenth year with the center. Dr. Henry "Sonny" Presnal, the Director, is in his fifteenth year as the center's director. The longevity of our permanent staff speaks volumes to their commitment to the Stevenson Center. Each of these staff members is devoted to fulfilling the center's mission of providing a home-like environment for our resident pets and fostering educational experiences for professional students by providing opportunities in which they can attend to the care and needs of companion animals. The center is a unique and successful facility due in large part to its dedicated and caring staff and the continuing support we receive from friends and donors.

New Pet Residents

We have had three new pet residents join the center since our last newsletter. Roxy is a 13 year old Doberman mix who came to the center in late September of 2011. She has some physical limitations and enjoys solitude. The veterinarians at our Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital have Roxy on a drug regimen that can help with her pain management. Our goal is to keep Roxy as comfortable as possible while she is here.

Roxy



Two more dogs arrived at the center in March of 2012, Jazz and Mikey. They came from the same household in Portland, Texas and have both adjusted beautifully to their new home. Jazz is a Golden Retriever and Mikey is a Yorkshire Terrier. Mikey is full of energy and keeps us on our toes. Jazz is a beauty queen who spends most of her day being petted and told how gorgeous she is. We are all enjoying them immensely.

Jazz



Mikey



Enrollment Update

There are currently 410 pets enrolled in the program from 146 owners living in 23 different states. These 410 pets represent 176 dogs, 200 cats, 19 horses, 6 donkeys, and 9 birds. At the present time there are 19 cats, 17 dogs, and 1 llama residing at the center.



Spider



Muffin



Amy



Puppy



Rusty

Pet Losses This Year

Unfortunately, we have lost two of our resident pets since the last newsletter. Little Daisy, a Shih Tzu, left us in November of 2011. Diamond, one of our beautiful male cats, also left us in November of 2011. They will always be remembered fondly and terribly missed. We are glad to have shared their lives with them. They were both very special to us.



Miscellaneous News

The center will be celebrating its 20th year in operation in March of 2013. We are proud of the center's evolution over these 20 years and are looking forward to the future with great anticipation. Thank you for being a part of our success story. Our friends make it possible for us to provide this wonderful home for our resident pets and our resident students. The dedication of our newest addition to the center and our 20th anniversary should both occur in the spring of 2013. We are planning a dedication and open house to celebrate both events together. Details and specific dates will follow as the planning develops for this very significant milestone for the Stevenson Center. We hope that you will be able to attend to help us celebrate both events.



Charlie



Gracie



Mac

Resident Pets' Medical Care

With the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital virtually next door to the center, our resident pets' medical needs are provided by an extremely competent faculty of specialists in every field of veterinary medicine. The Teaching Hospital possesses the very latest and sophisticated diagnostic equipment which is directed by extremely caring and competent clinicians. Our resident pets are fortunate to receive the very best medical care available anywhere. With our close proximity to the hospital, follow-up exams and rechecks are easily accomplished. This provides a great learning experience for the veterinary students in that they have the opportunity to monitor the results of a treatment prescribed by the attending clinician. It also assures that our pets, both large and small, are receiving the ultimate in veterinary medical care. This is another aspect of care for our resident pets in which we take great pride.

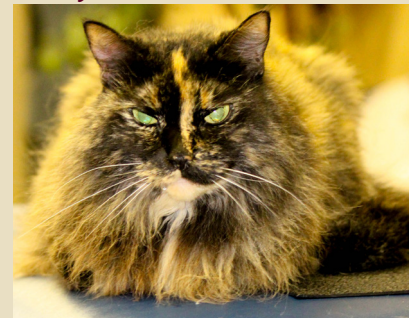
Jane-Clare's Physical



Shadow's Physical



Missy



Rusty, Shadow, Mikey, and Katie



Willie



Web Site

Please remember to check out our web site periodically for updates and happenings. The URL is <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center>. Thank you to everyone who has made gifts to the center from our web site. The “Support” tab on the top bar of our web site has a gift form that can be printed out and filled out and mailed in to the center with your gift.

There is also an option to make gifts electronically. In the same “Support” section of our web site there is a link to “Online Giving”. Gifts may be made here with credit cards and gift forms may be filled out on-line. Again, thank you to those who continue to support the Stevenson Center.



Annie



Jazz and Mikey



Puppy and Muffin



Win and Dice

New Building Addition

The contractor has been selected and has begun to build the new 3,300 sq. ft. addition. There have been delays in the process due to changes that needed to be made to the cooling system in the original building and the new wing. When it is completed there will be two additional dog rooms with separate yards, two additional cat rooms with porches, and two aviaries with porches. We will keep the web site updated as construction proceeds. Please check it out frequently to follow the progress. The following is a copy of the new addition's floor plan:



as of August 3, 2012

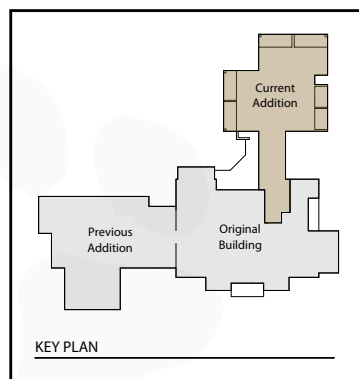
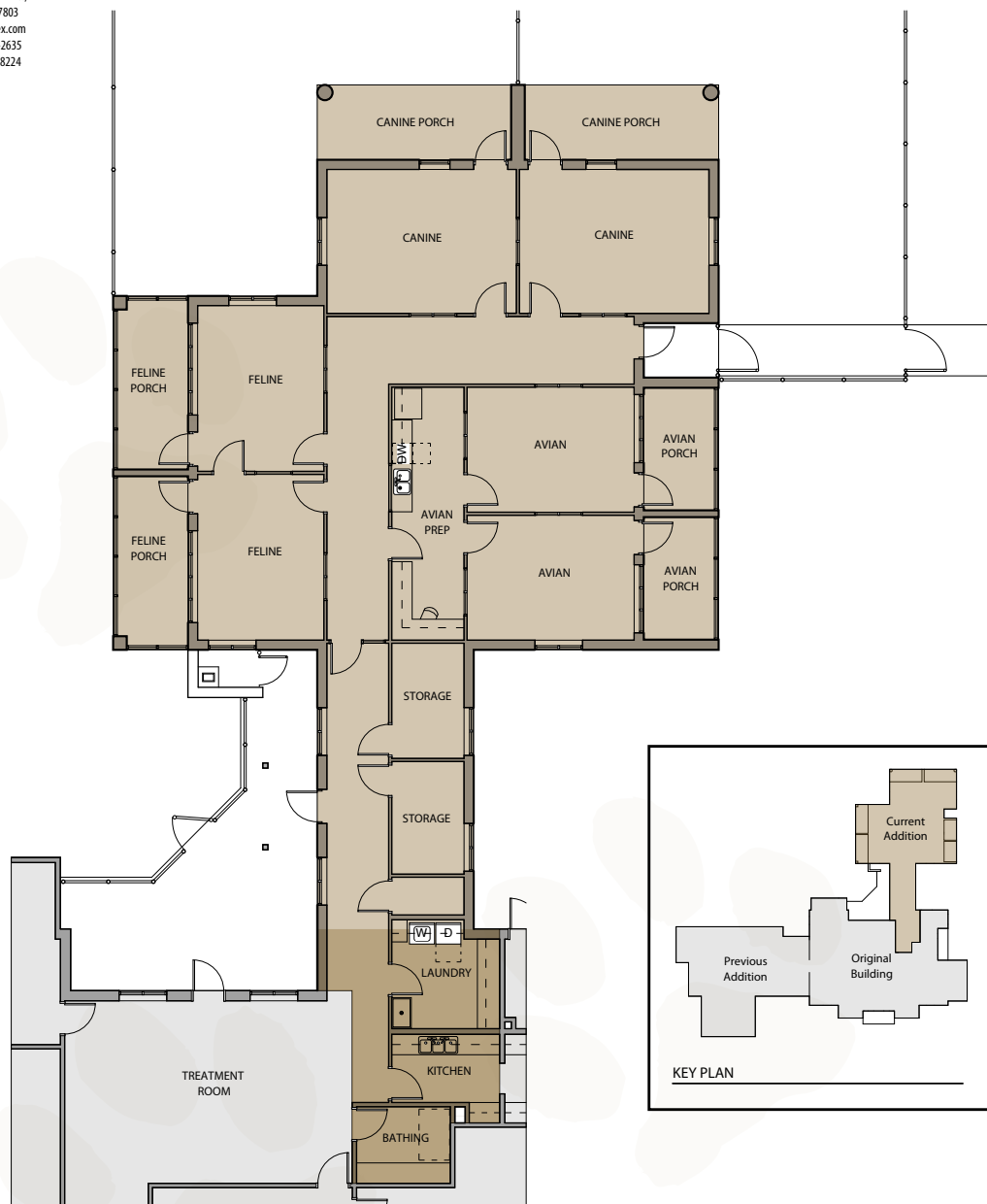


as of August 8, 2012



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- Existing
- Renovation
- New



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SCALCC ADDITION FLOOR PLAN

Refer to: 1/A1.1

Scale: 3/32"=1'-0"

PRELIMINARY Interim review only. Document is not complete and may not be used for regulatory approval, permit, or construction. Architect: Eva Read-Warden. Registration No: 15353 Date: 6/8/12



Wish List

We would like to thank our donors who have supported the Stevenson Center so generously over the years. Our daily needs continue on a routine basis. The assistance you provide for the center allows us to make sure the resident pets have plenty of “creature comforts” at all times. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, PetSmart, and Petco have been tremendously helpful when we need to replenish our worn out bedding and toys. The entire staff is extremely grateful for your generosity.

ITEMS CONTINUALLY NEEDED:

- Gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, Target, and Walmart for those “little extras”
- Dog and cat beds
- Toys (no rawhide bones please)

LARGER ITEMS NEEDED:

- Funding for new furnishings for the new building addition
- Funds for artwork to adorn the walls of the new building addition
- Gifts to the Building Fund



Kim, Chester, Chip and Mac



Ellie and Amy



Janet, Mikey and Shadow

We Appreciate Your Support



Tootsie



Noah



Shadow



Gracie

GIFT GIVING FORM

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: \$ _____

If in Memory or Honor of a pet or person (please circle):

Name: _____

Send Acknowledgment (if in memory or honor) to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

This gift is to support:

___ Stevenson Center Building Fund

___ Miscellaneous (as needed)

Please make checks payable to: Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center

Please mail to: Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center
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Thank you for your generosity.



A close-up photograph of a cat's face, looking directly at the camera. The cat has a white blaze on its face, with orange and grey tabby markings on its forehead and ears. Its eyes are a striking green color. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Pictured on the back cover: Lucy

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