




Stevenson

Companion Animal Life-Care Center

2011 Newsletter



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Pictured: Jezebel

The past year has been full of exciting plans for a new addition to the center's building. There have also been changes in our resident pet population and our student resident staff. This newsletter will bring you up to date on all of these developments. Thank you, once again, to our many friends who help us make our goals and accomplishments a reality.

Student Residents and Staff

Megan McCarthy has resided at the Stevenson Center for three years and has worked here for four years. Megan began her fourth year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in May and therefore, has left the center. She has been a super addition to our “family” over the years and has formed deep relationships with our resident pets. We expect to see a lot of Megan over the next year so that she can play with her four-legged friends and visit with her two-legged friends. All of us are thankful for Megan’s tenure at the center and we will all miss her dearly.

Megan with Noah



Michelle LaRue is in her fourth year of working for the center and her third year of living at the center. This fall will be the beginning of Michelle’s third year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. The entire staff and resident pets are excited that Michelle will be with us for another year.

Michelle and Noah



Kelsey Spell will also begin her third year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences this fall. This will be Kelsey’s third year as a student resident at the center. Again, the staff and residents are happy that Kelsey will be here another year.

Kesley and Happy



Chase Crawford will begin his second year as a student resident of the Stevenson Center and also his second year of veterinary college. Chase is another integral player in the operation of the center. We are fortunate to have three of our student residents returning for another year.

Chase and Katie



David Worth has been working at the center during the spring semester and has moved in as our fourth student resident this summer. David will begin his first year at the veterinary college in August. Our pets all know David and we are happy to bring him on board. He will be a welcome addition to our staff of student residents.

David and Mac



extraordinary in the way they handle their responsibilities to the center and our pets. They manage to fulfill their scholastic commitments while tending to the needs of the pets in their care. We are proud of our student residents and grateful for their assistance in fulfilling our mission.

In addition to a superb group of student residents the Stevenson Center also maintains a loyal and dedicated permanent staff that makes sure everything runs smoothly on a daily basis. Kim Muth, our Animal Caretaker, has been with the center for seven years. Our Veterinary Technician, Janet Broadhead, started at the center eleven years ago. Ellie Greenbaum, the Assistant to the Director, is now in her thirteenth year at the center. The Director, Dr. Henry “Sonny” Presnal is in his fourteenth year as the center’s director. This group of exceptionally experienced people is responsible for the success of the center. The staff is devoted to maintaining the center’s status as a unique facility dedicated to the physical and emotional comfort of the pets that are entrusted to their care.



Lucy watching birds in her sunroom

New Pet Residents

Since our last newsletter the center has welcomed two dogs and two cats to our family. One of our dogs, Amy, came to the center in July of 2010 from Houston. She has acclimated nicely to her new surroundings. Amy particularly enjoys one-on-one time with her caretakers. Sweet Pea, a beautiful feline, came to the center in August of 2010 from San Antonio. She is best friends with one of our other cats, Elvira. They enjoy each other’s company. In October of 2010 a young cat, Jane-Claire, came to us from Tyler. Jane-Claire was less than a year old when she joined us and keeps us all entertained with her antics. She is a uniquely colored kitty who receives tons of compliments on her gorgeous markings. In December of 2010 an adorable black, long-haired Dachshund, Mac, became a member of our family. He is a sweet boy who is very affectionate once he feels comfortable with you. Our newest resident pets have all adjusted well to the center. We are all happy that they are with us.

Amy



Sweet Pea



Jane-Claire

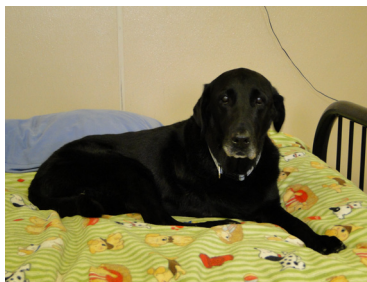


Mac



Enrollment Update

Currently, there are 390 pets enrolled in the center's program from 142 owners living in 20 different states. The 390 enrolled pets are comprised of 9 birds, 6 donkeys, 18 horses, 190 cats, and 167 dogs. At the present time there are 20 cats, 15 dogs, and 1 llama living at the Stevenson Center.



Chester loves to hang out on his futon



Precious is precious trying to snooze



Noah relaxed while Amy scratches her back



Trixie is the queen of this futon



Time for our daily naps



Pet Losses This Year

It brings us much sorrow to report that we have lost three dogs and two cats since our last newsletter. Poppy, Baby, and Lucy were the three dogs that we lost and Fendi and Dusty were the two cats that we also lost. Each one of them was special to us and we will always remember them fondly and lovingly. It was a privilege to have cared for them over the years and we will cherish the good times we had with them.





Angie loves the cat tree



Precious snuggled up in her condo



Win is winking at you



Janet and Cricket playing fetch



Kim and friends



Calie and Katie sharing a moment



Chester and Lucy sharing a bed



Nicole playing with pets



Taylor with Philo and Noah

Miscellaneous News

The center received an exceptional amount of publicity during the past year. There were newspaper articles in the Bryan/College Station Eagle, Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News.

We also had a feature on KBTX-TV in Bryan/College Station. Without a doubt, the segment on the center that created more interest than any other program on which we have been featured is the Texas Country Reporter TV show. The first showing was on March 19th and generated more than 50 inquiries for information on the center. The program aired again on Jun 11th and brought another large group of inquiries. We are very appreciative to Bob Phillips and the Texas Country Reporter show for their interest and for doing such an outstanding job of telling our story.

Texas Country Reporter granted the center permission to use the video of the program in any manner we desired. The video can still be viewed on the center web site: <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center> under The Center page. Bob Phillips Productions did an exceptional job of capturing the interactions and personalities of our resident pets.

Dr. Presnal made numerous presentations to groups during the past year. He made presentations to the Corpus Christi Estate Planning Council, Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club and numerous local civic and church groups.

Dr. Presnal would welcome the opportunity to present a program on the center to any group or organization interested in learning more about the Stevenson Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

New Building Addition

The plans for our new 3500 sq.ft. addition to the building are coming along nicely. We hope to begin construction in the fall or winter and possibly be able to move in by summer or fall of 2012. There has been a delay in the process due to a necessary change in the cooling system which required new architectural design. The new addition will consist of two more dog rooms and yards, two more cat rooms with porches, and two aviaries with porches. Once the construction has begun we will keep you apprised of the progress on our web site. Please check in frequently for new information.

Wish List

Thank you to our donors who have supported the Stevenson Center. Our daily needs are ongoing and we appreciate your assistance in helping us provide plenty of “extras” for our resident pets. We have found that gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, Target, or Walmart help us replenish worn out or ruined toys and bedding as the need arises. We are extremely grateful for your generosity to the center and our pets.

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:

- Funds to purchase new furnishings for the new building addition
- Gifts to the Stevenson Center’s building fund



Noah and the weekly teeth brushing ritual



Cricket goes “swimming” with Kim



Kim giving Little Daisy a summer hairdo



Nicole takes a break to hang out with the pets



Calie loving on our kiddos



Kim gathers the troops for a petting party

Visitors to the Center



Veterinary Enrichment Campers love Chance



Some of the Veterinary Enrichment Camp attendees

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Pictured on the back cover:
Cricket playing the role of Director



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The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center is a privately funded program of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, and as such is a resource for friends of the college to provide a home-like environment for their pets when they can no longer care for them. The center fosters educational experiences for professional students by providing opportunities in which they can attend to the care and needs of companion animals.