



AWLMC Newsletter

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August Adoption Events Calendar

Sat. August 11:
Shelter
Kentlands
White Flint

Wed. August 15:
Shelter

Sat. August 18:
Shelter
Kentlands

Wed. August 22:
Shelter

Sat. August 25:
Shelter
Kentlands

Wed. August 29:
Shelter

Fundraising Meeting:

**Thursday, August 23,
7PM @ Linda Buel's
house**

Look for updates!

Message from the President

Hello fellow volunteers,

This edition of the newsletter represents a change in Newsletter Coordinators. As many of you know, Roger Gagne was working as the lead on the newsletter. I think that we were all impressed with the professionalism of the AWLMC newsletter and Roger's diligent work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Gagne for his time as the Newsletter Coordinator.

With Roger's election to the Board, Heidi Weber has agreed to take on the newsletter. Heidi was the first AWLMC Newsletter Coordinator, but had left the Newsletter to take on coordinating some off-site adoption events. The newsletter is really a critical part of our organization as it provides a great venue for us to tell the community about the AWLMC. I want to thank Heidi for taking on this very important task.

I would also like to welcome Candice Kramer as shelter manager. Candice has agreed to temporarily fill in for Posey Fox. Candice, along with the shelter committee is making great strides in updating our facility. The electronic keypad to the front door is finally operational! This committee has certainly been busy. They have re-organized and cleaned the shelter, updated the cat care manual, had a training session with the cat care volunteers, to name just a few things. I am told that a new sink and the washer/dryer should be installed sometime soon. Thanks to Pat and Roger Gagne, we have an all-in one printer/copier at the shelter.

On the financial/grant front, I am in the final stretch in the grant process with the county to get the air purification system for the shelter. The contract has been written and signed. We should have that purification system soon. In addition to the grant from the county, we also received a \$1000 grant from the Marvin & Jo Anne McIntyre Family Foundation of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

We are also in the process of negotiating with the Washington Humane Society to get low cost spay/neuter and other veterinary services from them. In terms of fundraising, the AWLMC will be participating in the national capital cat show on September 8-9, 2007. This is one of the largest cat shows in the country. The show is at the Dulles Expo Center. Please try and come out and see us. We will also have cats and kittens at the show for adoption. It should really be a great day. If you would like to help with the show, you can contact Nona Silver at (301) 237-6339.

Thank you for your continued support of the AWLMC,

Laurie Graham, President, AWLMC



The AWLMC Goes to the National Capital Cat Show!

September 8-9, 2007

9:30am - 5:00 pm on Saturday

9:30am - 4:00 pm on Sunday

The Dulles Expo Center

On Rt. 28 – between I-66 and Rt. 50

Chantilly, VA [Directions](#)

General Admission:

\$8.00 Adults; \$5.00 Children (under 12) and Seniors (60 and over)

Free Parking. Free Admission for Volunteering at the Show!

The National Capital Cat Show is a Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) licensed cat show where cats from all over the country come to compete for national awards. This show is one of the largest cat shows in the country. The show draws a gate from all of the Washington DC suburbs and beyond. Exhibitors and vendors come from throughout the country. Check out www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com for all the details. Look for the AWLMC under the Vendors link!

The AWLMC will have two booth spaces for adoptions and educational activities at the show. We will be taking our cats for adoption on both days! We will be distributing materials about the AWLMC to spread our message. We will be selling AWLMC logo merchandise for fundraising.

This is the first year that the AWLMC has had the opportunity to participate at the National Capital Cat Show. If you have gone to this show in the past, you know how great it is for cat lovers! If you have heard about it, this is your chance to get in free just for spending some time at the AWLMC booth. It's just great to meet people from all over the country who share your interest in all matters feline!

For more information about the cat show contact Janet Culp at 301-963-1595 or jmaculp@aol.com. An AWLMC telephone tree will be set up later in August to volunteer some time at the show.

Helpful information....

From the Cat Fancier's Association website:

Plants add the needed finishing touches to any decor. But, if you have a feline, that beautiful plant could become a deadly enemy.

Listed here are plants poisonous to cats that must be avoided if there are cats in your home. [Note that lilies\(*\), in particular, are dangerous to cats.](#) While in some cases, just parts of a plant (bark, leaves, seeds, berries, roots, tubers, spouts, green shells) might be poisonous, this list rules out the whole plant. If you must have any of them, keep them safely out of reach.

Should your feline friend eat part of a poisonous plant, rush the cat to your veterinarian as soon as possible. If you can, take the plant with you for ease of identification.

For more information and a complete list of dangerous plants, please visit:

<http://www.cfainc.org/articles/plants.html>

AWLMC Fundraising Calendar: We need your help!

September 3, 2007

Kensington Labor Day
9 AM – 3 PM

September 8 & 9, 2007

National Capital Cat Show
Sat 9:30AM-5:00PM, Sun 9:30-4PM

October 6, 2007

Germantown Octoberfest
9AM-9PM

October 14, 2007

Kentlands Octoberfest
12 Noon-4PM

October 14, 2007

King Farm Octoberfest
1PM-4PM

Please Nona Silver at (301) 237-6339 if you
can volunteer for any of these activities.

New vet hospitals working with AWLMC:

*Dr. Adam Jaffe and staff, Montgomery Animal Hospital,
Rockville

*Gaithersburg Animal Hospital

Janet Culp gets credit for sticking with the effort to get Dr. Jaffe on board. He wanted to work with us but was a bit difficult to track down. **Great work, Janet!**



AWLMC Financial Snapshot:

As of 7/30/07:

Total \$ = \$18,200

Main Acct. = \$5,600

Shelter Acct. = \$9,600

Adela Bar (Special Needs) Acct. =
\$3,000

**It is kitten season now, and that means more trips to the vets and therefore more and higher vet bills than in the wintertime.

Our main expenditures for July have been as follows:

Cat Medical Care = \$2,078

Shelter (rent, utilities) = \$1,308

GOOD NEWS!

The AWLMC was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Marvin & Jo Anne McIntyre Family Foundation of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region! Last year they gave us \$500.

A special thank you to Julia....



As part of a school club called Pay It Forward Society, Julia Cavicchi and her fellow students were encouraged to put an idea into action that spreads light, kindness....along the idea of random acts of kindness to any living thing, including the environment. The club's premise was taken from the movie by the same name: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.com/>.

Julia is going into 6th grade and attending Parkland Middle School, which is a magnet school for Aerospace Technology and Robotics. She's taken Spanish and French and this fall she'll be taking Chinese. She plays the trumpet and loves to read.

Lucky for the AWLMC, Julia selected us as her project and brought in a basket of cat toys during one of our Saturday shelter adoption events. As you can see, Julia was a big hit with the cats. We appreciate her donation and hope that she'll pay a visit to our shelter in the future. She has a caring heart for animals that we hope she'll carry throughout her life.

Thanks Julia!



Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County

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Gaithersburg, MD 20898

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website: www.awlmc.org

Shelter : 18959 Bonanza Way

Gaithersburg, MD 20879



Thank you also to.....

**The Pet Panty for donating shelter
supplies.**

<http://www.thepetpantrystore.com/index.htm>

Volunteer of the Month: Candice Kramer

Candice grew up on a farm in northwestern New Jersey, so animals have always been a part of her life. Volunteering has, too, been volunteering with animals and in other caring capacities all her life, beginning with 4-H (rabbits and goats). Throughout her college and young adult life, she always found time to volunteer with both animals and hospice patients. Obviously, it's all about quality of life for her!

It was after helping a neighbor save his horses from a burning barn that Candice really became interested in animal welfare. Since then, she worked—both paid and unpaid—with dogs, cats, and wildlife. Whether as a show runner at dog shows or helping rescue wayward cattle, helping people help animals is a big part of her life. One of her college projects involved connecting pets with nursing home patients. Later, as a trainer with North Shore Animal League and the Humane Society of New York, the time Candice spent with animals was the best part of her day. When she married and had a son, Candice brought her son along to volunteer, and now he volunteers with animals, too, in Austin, Texas.

When Candice and her husband sent their son off to college and moved from Albany to Maryland to avoid shoveling snow, she found the MCSPCA and did cat care with them for several years, until her work schedule made it impossible. Now, however, she works at home designing and developing online training materials, and has more time to give. So when Candice saw the article about AWL in the Gazette last February, she didn't hesitate to volunteer.

She's enjoying the work with our cats and the people who love them. Candice hopes that she can help the organization grow and mature, so that the group can make sure that everyone in our little corner of Maryland has the opportunity to share the joys and responsibilities of knowing a four-legged friend.

Candice has also taken over the very important job of shelter manager. She's been a very dedicated volunteer since joining the AWLMC and her efforts have been noticed and appreciated by many volunteers.

THANK YOU, CANDICE!