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300 Club

In October 2011, shortly before the Fall Frolic, it became obvious that a 30' section of the foundation under the new SPCA building would need to be replaced. We soon realized that a total of 158' of foundation wall would need to be replaced at a cost of almost \$30,000. As a result of these unplanned foundation repairs much of the money allocated for renovating the kennel room on the lower level had to be utilized for the foundation repairs.

The SPCA needs your help to pay for the foundation costs and invites you to join its 300 Club...300 people donating \$300 each. There are currently 46 members..

Please help us make this new facility a reality in early 2012.



To make a donation or for more information, please (1) call us at (936)967-2287, (2) mail a check to PO Box 1403, Livingston, Tx. 77351, or (3) make a donation online through our secure donation link: <https://co.clickandpledge.com/default.aspx?wid=49292>

Donations of any size are welcome..

First Annual Fall Frolic & Yard Sale

The First Annual Fall Frolic Fundraiser was held on October 29 at the New SPCA Building at 802 Houston Ave (Hwy 146) in Livingston followed by a yard sale on November 11, raising close to \$15,000.

The First Annual Fall Frolic was originally intended to mark the Grand Opening of the New SPCA of Polk County building but unforeseen repairs have delayed the official opening of the facility until the beginning of 2012. However, we were pleased to have a soft opening for the new building at the Fall Frolic allowing the county residence to see the progress of the building and get a glimpse into the final project.



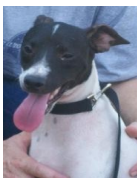
Local band Southern Revolution highlighted the day with a concert of Southern Rock and Old Country entertaining the crowd while attendees leisurely wandered through the vendor tents, enjoyed the food prepared by our volunteers, and a kid's area complete with clown and face painting plus a moonwalk and crafts area sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 5860. Many kids and animals turned out for the Costume Contest. A silent auction sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 97 and a live auction auction-

eerred by Judge Darrell Longino were both a huge success. It is estimated around 300 people attended the event attributing to \$13,000 of our \$15,000 total as well as bringing over 500 pounds of animal food and cat litter. And best of all, 3 dogs were adopted from the event.

The SPCA is very grateful for the support of the Polk County community and their generous donations that made both of these events a big success.

Pets of the Quarter

Spot is our our featured dog. He was born at the SPCA on 12 /10/10. Spot's mother was a full-blood min-pin but the breed of his father is unknown. Spot's sweet face says it all. He



is a happy, healthy young dog who is still waiting for a forever home. He has been in a kennel his entire life and would love a chance to become your new best friend.

Blithe is our featured cat. She was left at the SPCA as a tiny kitten and has

grown into a beautiful young cat. She is sweet , playful and loves people She is approximately 1 year old and anxious to meet you. Please grant her wish for a new home.



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SPCA Resale Shop

The opening of our resale shop has been delayed due to the ongoing building renovations but we are still accepting donations from the public. Betsy Waite, Director of the Resale Shop, reports that the volunteers are busy sorting, pricing items in anticipation of a Spring Yard Sale on **March 17, 2012**. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call our office at (936)967-2287 to determine when and where to drop off your items. Donations of clean, gently used items are greatly appreciated.

The yard sale held in November 2011 was a huge success. Volunteers worked long, hard hours sorting and pricing the items. As you can see by the picture, we had lots of items for sale and anticipate the next Yard Sale being just as successful.

All of the funds from the yard sales and the future resale shop will be utilized to care for the animals at the SPCA and support our programs.. **SPCA Cookbooks** are still available for \$10.00 each. Please call (936)967-2287 to place your order.



Volunteers of the Quarter

We have many individuals and families who donate food, cat litter, and money on a monthly basis. Without their support, the SPCA would not be able to continue our Food Assistance program for low-income families. Each of these individuals is a hero to the SPCA.

In December, the volunteer's hearts were especially touched by **Katy Stolley**, a young lady, who wanted to make a difference. Katy performed chores throughout the year and saved her money so that she could buy pet food and treats for the pets at the SPCA. Katy and her mom surprised and touched us with her generous donation. Katy delighted



the animals by taking the time to play with them. Katy's generous, sweet nature is a wonderful example for us all.

Deanna Gunning stepped forward and volunteered to organize and coordinate the Fall Frolic event to provide funding for our building renovations. Deanna's vision and guidance combined with the hard work of her dedicated group of volunteers made this event a huge success.

Andy Anderson, has worked long hours supervising the construction crews to insure that the building renovation are completed in compliance with city codes and as cost efficiently as possible.

Richard Venverloh, is a retired structural engineer who designed the steel support columns to provide a firm foundation for the building and has freely shared his

specialized knowledge and experience to help design/build a safe/efficient facility that will be able to serve the SPCA for many years.

Please remember that all donations of food, time, money, or services no matter how large or small all make a difference in the ability of the SPCA to care for our pets while they are in their "temporary" home and provide services to the community.

The words "Thank You" to all of our supporters and volunteers seem inadequate but we hope you all know how much we appreciate each and everyone of you.

We are also excited to introduce **Jaime Burke** as our Director of Communications for 2012. Jaime's media and communication skills will be a wonderful asset to the SPCA. We are all very excited to have her on the Board.