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SPCA volunteers show their dedication

A small army of volunteers turned out for several workday sessions when the SPCA of Polk County put out a call for help.

The SPCA is working hard to make the building they purchased this spring ready for occupancy.

Clearing out the trash was the first step toward moving into the new facility. Cathy O'Neil, SPCA financial director, said, "Our volunteers are wonderful. They don't mind getting hot and dirty when they know they are helping make a better place for animals in our care."

Two commercial dumpsters, donated by Waste Management, were filled with trash the first weekend of work. A small shed at the back of the property was in such bad structural condition, it had to be torn down.

Executive Director Linda Burnett said, "Now that the trash has been removed, we are ready to make repairs to the building. We are urgently seeking people with specialized skills, such as electricians, plumbers and general contractors who would be willing to donate their expertise to help make this building operational."

"For years," she continued, "we have depended on the help of a small band of dedicated volunteers. Now that we have this larger facility, we are reaching out to residents in the entire county for additional assistance. We need more people to help prepare the

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300 Club offers unique way to fund building

In addition to choosing one of five membership or sponsorship opportunities that have been available for years, individual citizens, businesses or civic organizations now have a new way to support the SPCA of Polk County.

They can join the 300 Club by giving a donation of \$300. While

memberships and sponsorships provide food & supplies to care for the animals, funds derived from this new program will be used only to renovate the new SPCA building and to retire the mortgage.

The SPCA hopes citizens all across the county will help in some way. Many are only able to give a

bag of pet food or a small monetary gift. All gifts, large and small, are most welcome. Everyone who gives will have the satisfaction of knowing that their donation will provide a safe haven for dogs and cats in Polk County.

Call 936 967-2287 to learn how you can help.





Egg hunt and costume winners announced

Ziggy, a Chinese Crested owned by Brenda Westbrook, waded to her many admirers at the Egg Hunt and Doggie Costume Contest held recently to benefit the SPCA of Polk County.

Although Ziggy didn't win a prize, she certainly provide plenty of "bling" wearing her sparkling necklace and colorful stripe shirt.

Top prize for finding the most eggs, went to Chocolate, a small mix owned by Brandi Simmons, who found 139 eggs. Chocolate is especially good at finding dog treats hidden in plastic eggs scattered in a

field. This is the second year he has won first place. Second place went to Mason Long with his Multipoo, Delta who found 90 eggs. Marissa Gunnel's dog Ariat found 67 eggs to come in third.

Winner of the best costume went to Kristie Watson. Her Pit Bull, Stonie, came to the event as a box of macaroni and cheese. Watson designed and constructed the prize winning costume herself. Kelsey Stone's Pomeranian won second prize as an Easter basket with bunny ears, a top hat and a back full of colored eggs.

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is a publication of the SPCA of Polk County. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. Monthly meetings, which are open to the public, are held at 6 p.m. every first Thursday at the Trinity Masonic Lodge. Beginning this fall, meetings will be held at the new site at 802 S. Houston Ave. on Hwy 146 S. Call 936 967-2287 for more information.

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new building for occupancy, to help plan fundraising events, and to help with animal care.

The SPCA of Polk County receives no financial support from any state, county or city entity. Therefore, They are asking county residents, civic organizations and businesses to donate funds so the SPCA can continue its work. No salaries are paid. All donations are used to care for the animals and maintain the SPCA facility."

Call 936 967-2287 to find out how your skills or gifts can help create a safe place for lost, injured or abandoned dogs & cats.

Mandy is looking for a family she can love



A sweet-tempered, , mix breed named Mandy is the featured dog of the quarter. She is a year and a half old, medium sized with short white and black hair. She is healthy and has had her shots, is heartworm negative and is currently on heartworm preventative.

She happily plays with all the dogs in her pen, but she craves the individual attention only a human family can give. She will be a loyal, loving member of some lucky family. Ask about her today.