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## Happy young dog looking for her “forever” home



A happy-go-lucky dog, appropriately named Lucky by her foster family, is the featured dog of the quarter. Although it may not seem that she is very lucky right now because she is homeless, Lucky is lucky to be alive.

A “good Samaritan” spotted her running loose beside busy Hwy 190 W. But before she could stop and load her into her car, the dog was hit

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## Prize winners named

Chief Financial Officer Cathy O’Neil organized a raffle for the SPCA’s final fundraiser in 2010. The drawing for the prizes was held at their holiday booth following the Christmas parade on December 11.

Mary Anne Cuero won a 12 gauge shotgun; Margie Powell won a handmade, wooden picnic table; Jack Irvin won a \$100 saving bond; Dr. David Curbo won both a \$50 savings bond and a dog gift basket; Jo Unger won an outdoor bench; and Tammy Barker won a kitty gift basket.

Linda Burnett, Executive Director of the SPCA, thanked all who purchased raffle tickets. She said, “Even those who did not win one of the prizes can be pleased to know that their ticket purchase will help care for abandoned or injured animals right here in Polk County. All animals put up for adoption by our shelter are examined by a veterinarian and no animal is

## SPCA names their 2010 heros

Every person, organization or business who brings a bag of pet food, makes a cash donation, or gives their time to help at the shelter is considered a hero by the SPCA of Polk County.

However, several persons deserve special recognition because of their outstanding generosity in 2010.

Steven & Tina Diamond and their son Jack, who live in Sugarland, TX but have a lake home in Polk County, have given their support all year long through their generous cash donations, a donation of a lawnmower and they have worked long hours at fundraisers. In addition, Jack chose the SPCA of Polk

County for his year-long Bar Mitzva project. He has raised thousands of dollars in pledges for the shelter.

Another major contribution was made by Gene Lightly of Livingston. When he learned the dogs in the outside kennels were living in mud after every rain, he not only donated a



Jack Diamond

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## Director of Office Operations presents 2010 figures

Barbara Bauld reported that the SPCA found homes for approximately 150 dogs, 75 cats and one horse in 2010. Also, 77 dogs and 75 cats were spay/neutered under their low cost program that is designed to assist local low income families properly manage their pet population. Currently there are 14 dogs, 23 puppies, 17 cats and 8 kittens living at the shelter ready for adoption. Also four dogs and two horses are currently being socialized in foster care.

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Margie Powell won a handmade picnic table at the SPCA's raffle.

adopted out without being spayed or neutered.”

The SPCA of Polk County receives no financial assistance from any federal, state, county, or city governmental agencies. Costs for medical attention, food, and flea & heartworm prevention must come from donations by local organizations, businesses, or from private citizens.

Burnett added, “The SPCA could not continue to care for lost, abandoned, or injured animals without support for our fundraisers. We thank everyone who participated.”

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by another vehicle and sent tumbling, end over end. The woman got her into her car and took her to the SPCA. They took her to a veterinarian to get treatment for her cuts and bruises, then she was placed in a foster home to recover.

“She is a lovely young dog with a happy temperament,” reports her foster mom. “She loves people, especially kids. Lucky will make some family a wonderful pet.”

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truck load of gravel to raise the dog runs, but he brought in his heavy equipment to spread it and level the site.

Diana Matlock found a kitty litter factory in northern Texas that was going out of business. Hearing that their stock on hand would be taken to a landfill, she persuaded the owner to donate it all to her. She loaded up her vehicle and brought 200 pounds of kitty litter and dozens of litter pans and scoops to the SPCA.

Susan Moran of Livingston gave a much needed utility tractor and a

large donation. Other large donations were given by Livingston residents Helen Baker and Jim & Terri Miller.

Director of Animal Care Phyllis Bridge said, “We also want to thank Walmart for their large gift of dog & cat food every month. We could not feed the number of animals in our care without their continued support.”

The SPCA of Polk County salutes all of these heros as well as the hundreds of others who continue to give out of their love for animals.