

THE GENTLE LEADER

WHY ARE SO MANY DOGS WEARING THESE NEW "MUZZLES"?

The dogs are wearing Gentle Leader Headcollars®. They do not muzzle a dog. The dog still has full use of his or her mouth but the Gentle Leader gives you control of their head. Where the head goes the body gently follows. They make even a large dog and/or high energy dog easy to walk and control. We use them with almost all of our shelter dogs. They are designed so that owners can communicate with their pet in a way they instinctively understand. The Gentle Leader painlessly and effectively removes the dog's natural tendency to pull by placing gentle pressure on calming points and eliminating uncomfortable pressure on the throat. In addition to reducing a dog's desire to pull away, the Gentle Leader is also a very effective tool in combating lunging, jumping, excessive barking and helping to calm an aggressive and/or anxious animal. For more information visit www.gentleleader.com, or call the Humane Society at 726-1961.



ENTERTAINING YOUR HOUSE CAT!

Keeping your cat inside and safe in our recommendation. Here are some ways to make the inside as exciting as the outside only much safer.

Lord of the Jungle

An indoor kitty can pretend he is still top cat if you grow some of his favorite plants in a box and place near a window. Some safe plants for cats are: Swedish Ivy, spider plants, coleus, ferns...

The Paper Chase

Paper ribbon sold at craft and sewing shops makes an excellent toy. It is sold still twisted and costs only about ten cents a yard. Untwist just the ends for a rope with a fan.

Tunneling

A tunneling exploratorium is ideal for small apartments because it can be tucked away. Purchase ABS flexible tubing large enough for the cat to fit inside. Place behind a couch or around a chair with some toys inside and watch the fun begin.

More ways to Entertain Your House Cat go to www.warrenhumanesociety.org



Dispelling the Myths About Shelter Pets

There are many misconceptions about the quality of animals found in rescue shelters. This stigma is one that is hard to shake as many feel they are "damaged goods".

Myth: Shelter pets are obviously not good pets, or else their original owners would not have gotten rid of them.

Fact: There are many reasons pets are brought to shelters.

*Their owners have passed away.

*An irresponsible owner did not spay or neuter their pets and now have litters they can't keep or do not want.

*An owner was neglectful or abused a pet and it was removed from the harmful environment.

*An animal was purchased or adopted by someone who did not take into consideration all of the responsibilities.

Myth: Animals from abusive homes will never be good pets.

Fact: We find the opposite to be true. They make wonderful pets. Most make a full recovery and are happy to be treated and loved by a caring owner.

Myth: You never know what you are getting with a shelter pet.

Fact: Although there may be no history, the shelter pets receive vet care and are carefully evaluated, more so than the free pet in the local paper or internet. Shelter staff is careful to tell the new owner everything they know.

In pet stores, animals are kept on display in small and often crowded cages. At a shelter, the cages are bigger. Shelter staff work to socialize the pets with people and other animals. Skilled staff learn quickly what each pet requires.

Shelter pets need homes. Adopt first!

Merlin's Magical Place



Merlin, a billy goat finds a hay bed to rest on at Double Rainbow Farm in Russell. He along with 52 other animals were removed from a home in Youngsville in December 2008. The farm has given homes to 13 other farm animals during the past 6 months. We want to thank Milton Wallace, program director at the farm for his continued assistance with our work helping all animals in Warren County.

