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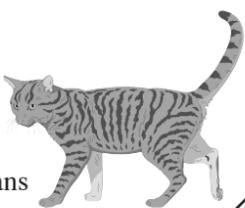
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For information or an appointment
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Bring Nashville home to your house!

By Mary Modderman and Mary Weimer
Nashville (Nash for short) is five years old and is a Blue Tick Coonhound. He is a big goofy guy who thinks he's a lap dog and loves to cuddle with people. He has a beautiful patchwork coat, a sunny disposition and a cheerful, waggly tail.

Nashville loves to play ball and knows commands like "sit," "stay," and "out." He is working on walks with his foster mom and is doing very well on not pulling on the leash. Nashville loves walks! Nash would do well with a family who loves to be outside and playing with him. Nashville gets along very well with his new dog friends, Olive and Radar. He is neutered, micro-chipped, house trained and up to date on his vaccines.

If you want to visit with Nashville, Pound Buddies is open Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.; Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. or by appointment for potential adoptions. For an appointment, or for more information, please call 724-6500.

The shelter itself is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. to search for lost dogs.

Nashville has other friends at Pound Buddies housed at 1300 E. Keating in Muskegon. Many families gave a dog a forever home last year. In 2010, 294 dogs were adopted; in 2011, that figure rose to 485 adoptions! The new website is www.poundbuddies.org. •

The truth about free cat adoptions

(Submitted by Heaven Can Wait) (<heavencanwaitmuskegon@gmail.com>)

Once shunned, no-fee cat adoptions are coming into their own.

It was once conventional wisdom in the animal shelter world that cats adopted for free would suffer at the hands of diabolical people lurking in the shadows just waiting to abuse them. Surely, we thought, people who get cats for free don't value them, and will at the very least neglect them.

But as we as a nation make great strides in finding homes for dogs in need, our other companion animal, the cat, is still facing high death rates in shelters. Why? At least in part, it's because 65 percent of people acquire a cat or kitten for free from acquaintances, family, and "free to good home" ads. Additionally, about 20 percent of all caregivers acquire a cat as a stray, leaving cats at a serious competitive advantage.

The good news is that our former fears about fee-waived cat adoptions weren't based in reality. A study conducted by ASPCA Senior Director of Shelter Behavior Programs, Emily Weiss, Ph.D., CAAB, and Shannon Gramann, manager of shelter research and development for the organization, took a look at how no-cost adoptions affect adopters' perception of the value of the pet.

The researchers concluded that eliminating adoption fees does not devalue the animal in the eyes of the adopter, and that free adult cat adoption programs could "dramatically impact the lives of thousands of shelter cats who would otherwise reside in a shelter for months or be euthanized." (Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science, Volume 12, Issue 4, 2009) •

Crunchy Potato Chip Salad

By Judy Brandow

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 2 T. vinegar
- 2 C. finely shredded cabbage
- 2 T. minced onions
- 1 can tuna – drained and flaked
- 1/3 C. shredded carrot
- 1/3 C. chopped green pepper
- 2 1/2 C. potato chips

Combine mayonnaise and vinegar. Stir in tuna, carrots, green pepper and onions. Cover. Chill. Just before serving, add potato chips and toss lightly. •

Smelly dishcloth/sponge?

By Mariann Cooper

For years I couldn't understand why my dishcloth smelled so sour only one day after using it. I never remembered a dishcloth smelling so bad!

When I had purchased some dish soap for camping, I chose a cheap brand. What I discovered was my dishcloth smelled like soap! Then I started thinking about the difference. One was cheap dish soap and the other was antibacterial dish soap. Could it be that I was killing all the bacteria, and the yeast was thriving? We need a balance of both bacteria and yeast in nature. If we kill off one, the other will grow out of proportion.

Recently, I purchased a bottle of Dawn and the label didn't say "antibacterial," so I thought it was probably regular, or the old-fashioned kind of dish soap. But since I started using this Dawn, my dishcloth has been smelly again! I called the makers of Dawn and they told me I had to wash my dishcloth in HOT water with a powdered detergent. (My guess is that it has to now kill the yeast that is rampant!) The lady said that the Dawn that I purchased was not antibacterial. Hmmmm....

Yesterday I purchased a bottle of green dish soap and today my dishcloth doesn't stink. Is it any wonder that too much antibacterial and antibiotic is not good for us?!? (Often the use of antibiotics causes a person to develop a yeast infection.)

Anybody have a better explanation?•

Muskegon Area District Library offers free library alerts

(Submitted by the Muskegon Area District Library)

The Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) is excited to offer its patrons free "Wowbrary" email alerts that showcase the library's newest items each week. The alerts feature the latest bestsellers, movies, music CDs, audio books, children's titles, cookbooks, mysteries, travel guides, health books, science fiction, and more purchased by the library.

"This is a great new way to enjoy and use your public library more," says Steve Dix, director of the MADL. "People are truly amazed when they see in one place just how many great new titles we purchase each week, which they can reserve and borrow at no cost. And we cover all age groups and many diverse interests."

Dix notes that the new Wowbrary alerts are extremely convenient and quickly show what's new, whether checked out or not, for all MADL branches, all from the convenience of one's home, work, or school computer.

The alerts help those interested in specific topics, as MADL children's librarian Michele Wittkopp points out. "It only takes a mouse click to see the newest arrivals appropriate for your child. Teens especially will enjoy this feature to see the latest releases that are available at the library."

Wowbrary alerts are free and do not require a library card. Go to www.madl.org to sign up or learn more. •

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