

TAILS AND TALES

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It is Christmas at
Western Hills
Humane Society!



*Thank you Common Grounds, for
hosting our shelter "Angel Tree"*

This holiday season all of us at Western Hills Humane Society is focusing on...

Showing Gratitude Today ... and Everyday! President John F. Kennedy has said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. Being appreciated is a gift and there are many to whom we are grateful for. Saying "thank you" means a lot to all of us and more than that, it is a sign of respect to the person who has helped in some way. It's proof that we are not taken for granted and recognition that we truly matter. And here at the Western Hills Humane Society, we have staff, volunteers, partners, business leaders and community members who don't just talk the talk; they take action and do what needs to be done – truly an example of living and leading everyday.

Every week homeless, abandoned and surrendered dogs and cats are adopted from the Western Hills Humane Society. Some have been at our shelter for quite a long time and some have above and beyond needs of care. As a no-kill shelter, we don't take lightly the fact that our job demands some long days and difficult decisions. With each guest that is adopted, while we collectively share a sigh of relief, there is no doubt that, if they could, each animal would thank everyone who assisted them through their journey (sometimes long) to find a loving home.

And while they cannot vocalize a thank you, we'd like to do it for them. The mission of the Western Hills Humane Society is to protect and enhance the lives of animals in need in Lawrence County by providing shelter, medical care, spay and neutering, adoptions and to encourage responsible pet ownership through education. We can't do this alone and thankfully we don't. But still our needs are great, whether it's some of your time, a donation, gift or the power of your voice in your local community.

Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.

Charles Schulz

Join us on December 17th from 2:00-5:00!



We will be having an Open House at our pet shelter. We will have kid's activities, food, and special treats. Our Western Hills Humane Society 2017 calendar will be ready for purchase. Also, for any monetary donations over \$20.00 you will receive a 2016 Western Hills Humane Christmas ornament.

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A Special lady helps a special kitty this Christmas...

Bright Eyes was born at Western Hills Humane Society on July 9th, 2016, along with 4 other siblings, a perfect duplicate of her mother; a beautiful, tailless muted calico. After a vet checkup when Bright Eyes was about 9 weeks old we learned that this sweet baby was born with Manx Syndrome, a form of spina bifida where the spinal cord and vertebrae fail to develop properly. A few traits of this syndrome include: a bunny-hop gait, incontinent, weakness in the hind legs and no tail. It was no surprise that Bright Eyes was the smallest of the bunch but as she grew, her larger than life personality began to take shape. Outspoken, adventurous, playful and cuddly; when it was bath-time she would purr loudly, shoot off running around the office lobby, then snuggle up in her towel for some loves and kisses. Staff and volunteers were dedicated to keeping her clean and comfortable, bathing her daily as needed. We knew that it was going to take an exceptional family to adopt this special needs kitty, but Bright Eyes, now Maggie Moo found her devoted family who showers her with unconditional love. Maggie Moo's mom is amazed at her ability to adapt to any environment, saying that she's comfortable everywhere, enjoys car rides and romping around with her two Chihuahua sisters.

