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Dear Friends,

The dog days are upon us; hot, humid, weeks of rain in June, and weeks of no rain in July. So we are making the best of it, including gobbling the occasional ice cream here and there; of course the dogs need one, too. If I were living closer to the Shelter, I probably would treat the whole gang of our 4-legged friends to THAT special treat. Yesterday we had to do some shopping; we ended up in a little restaurant and had two soft-ice creams to go for our dogs, which had been waiting in the car. The bliss of licking the cones, the half-closed eyes, a riot to watch them!

No news at the Shelter – no new dogs, not because there are no throw-aways any more, but because we have no space. I still receive plenty of emails and phone calls, asking us to take in animals, which are no longer wanted. I doubt if that will ever change, so - no news.

We had several people checking out our dogs, but so far no one has been adopted. Mostly its people with several small children who want a live toy for the kids, and we don't go for that.

A funny story happened to us up here in Limestone: We "raised" 10 ducklings. The mother expected to be fed several times a day along with her young ones. Lots of sunflower seeds and mixed bird seeds had to be bought, which are not exactly cheap. Of course there is lots of food, algae and the occasional frog, in our small pond, but 11 ducks also have a good appetite. A couple of weeks ago I was very surprised when the phone rang on Sunday morning, and the local fire chief told me that Jim had won the first prize at their yearly "duck-race" of \$500! Limestone has a fairly large pond, and on the 4th of July the local fire dept. raises money by throwing a bunch of plastic ducks into the pond, the one, which crosses to the other side, first, is the winner. This year Jim had bought one ticket, the first time he did that. And won! ☺ We cracked up; we help ducks, and win the duck-prize: Too funny.

Which brings me to another fundraiser; our own. Only three more months to October, unbelievable, but true. We have received some money for sold tickets, but very little. We do need to raise money again this year for

our fuel bill, and the way we try to do it is by selling the enclosed tickets. So please, if you have a few extra dollars, or know someone who does, here they are, nice bright mint color, easy to see. ☺

I have not heard back from the pastor of the church who is hosting our fundraiser; the date is set for October, but she is planning to make a big event out of it with animal blessings. Several other rescues are supposed to participate. As always we will have plenty of home-baked goodies, plenty of prizes –the first prize \$300, and a bunch of others. Jackie Lowney will once again make her beautiful baskets to raffle or sell. So please do mark October 13 in your calendar, and come to visit us!

Right now we are trying to get the money together for the yearly land-taxes. We need \$600 for the Town of Benton by the end of next month. If any of our supporters want to help us with this, you can make out a check directly to "Town of Benton". Every little helps, of course.

On the bright side: John Wells, the gentleman who set up a table in front of different stores in June collecting money for Charley's Strays, once again helped us tremendously in July: He spent two weekends in front of Mardens, and one weekend in front of Shaw's. The money he received for us will take a big bite out of our vet bill. We just spent over \$900 on heartworm meds. Thank You, John. Also a big Thank You to Jean Tillson who made up beautiful signs for John's table!

And a huge Thank you goes to our supporters who once again mailed us stamps, care-packages, coupons and checks to feed and cloth our critters:

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Please read on, Mary's Cat Report.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Gabriele, Mary, Ted and Jim



Every cat should have her dog(s).

CAT REPORT JULY 2012

There really is no news about our cats this month, except thank-yous to their friends. They've all been well and of course very cute, but nobody's done anything unusual, good or bad. In hot weather they sleep most of the day; when it cools off in the evening, they enjoy a late supper and another round of fresh water and frequently an hour or two of romping; and I suspect some of them stay up most of the night watching moths or the moon, so they'll be ready to go back to sleep after breakfast. What a tough life!

The lovely surprise of the month was a care package from Jennie and Donna Bering with blankets, treats, food and coupons. The treats included a new kind of Friskies that Lisa really likes. I gave her a few the first time I used them to top a batch of canned-food meals, and she asked for seconds and then thirds. Whenever I opened the packet afterward she popped out of wherever she was napping and waited for more. Luckily, I found the same kind in one of our local stores to keep her happy (until she gets bored with them). The cats also got food from Pepper Charles and a variety of coupons from Suzanne Belisle, Arlene Hayes, P. A. Lenk, Iris Martinello, Laurie and Dave Mountain, Teresa Parent, Irma Simon and Al Smith. Many thanks to all of you, and I hope you and your four-legged friends are having a pleasant summer.