



# Animal Harbor News

November 5, 2017



**Dear Friends of Animal Harbor,**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we all have a myriad of things for which to be thankful. Among the best surely is our pets. Countless recent studies show that companionship is not the only benefit we receive from sharing our lives with a pet. Having a pet in your life:

- can decrease stress, anxiety, and depression, and lower your blood pressure, triglyceride, and cholesterol levels;
- can offer social opportunities (take an Animal Harbor dog for a romp in the new Dog Park);
- can help alleviate chronic pain and give a person a reason to get up in the morning ("Walkies?")

Children who are exposed to animals early on seem to have better immune systems and fewer allergies. A dog can launch you from the couch into a marathon, and cats will luxuriate in a yoga session with quiet grace. Walter Reed Military Hospital is using dogs to help soldiers with PTSD and has found that for those with pets, the suicide rate is decreasing.

**Count your blessings this season and remember that having a pet makes you blessed indeed.**

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**Pets of the Month -**

## Two Long-term Residents in Search of a Home

Sheila is a two and a half year old Boxer/Lab mix with a sleek black coat and elegant white neck scarf. As you can see from her shot, she is bright-eyed and ready for adventure. Sheila has been with us since April when she was brought to us after being dumped on a doorstep with six little puppies. An excellent mother to them all, Sheila is now ready to reinvent herself and move on. She is in need of a home where



she can receive loving training which will help her greet people properly and show the best of her sweet personality. She would love to go home with you for the holidays and for the rest of her life. How can you resist?



Jade is one of our oldest residents - this month marks one year at the Harbor. She sports a snazzy tabby and white coat and has yellow-green jade eyes to match her name. At 5 years old, she has been overlooked for adoption while younger, bouncier kittens steal the show, but remember - there are many advantages to older cats:

- They know how to use the litter pan!
- They are through climbing the curtains and balancing on top of the bookshelf.
- They have been spayed or neutered and their wandering days are past - your lap is now the "purrferred" destination.

Is there a home out there under the Christmas tree for a lovely older kitty? She would be the brightest ornament by far!

## November 11th - 18th Animal Harbor Salutes Active Military personnel, Veterans, and Animals in War

**To celebrate Veterans Day, Animal Harbor will honor military service by offering a 30% reduction in the fee on pets adopted by active or retired military personnel.**

The history of animals in the military - especially dogs - is a long one, but often not well known. Cher Ami, a Blue Check homing pigeon was awarded the Croix de Guerre after delivering 12

important messages at Verdun in WW I. Her flight, during which she suffered grievous injuries, saved nearly 200 men in the Lost Division of the 77th Division at the Battle of the Argonne (1918). She survived another 8 months and today is honored for her sacrifice in the Smithsonian exhibit, "The Price of Freedom."



Thousands of dogs have assisted troop movements including Sergeant Stubby, the mascot of the 102nd Infantry Regiment, who served in 17 battles (equipped with his own gas mask) on the Western Front in WW I. He "single-pawedly" captured a spy, and the women of Chateau-Thierry made a chamois coat for him on which were displayed his medals. US military dogs have protected our soldiers and given their own lives since 1835. Their heightened senses, tracking abilities,

and training make them invaluable. In fact, all military dogs rank higher than their handlers to insure that they are cared for and treated well. Look up [uswardogs.org](http://uswardogs.org), an informative website where you can donate supplies for dogs currently serving in the military.

Sergeant Reckless, the Pride of the Marines, bunked down with the Reckless Rifle Platoon, 5th Marines, during the Korean War. A small chestnut filly with a white blaze, three white stockings, and a huge heart, the story of her heroic feats at the savage Battle of Outpost Vegas in 1953, made her a national sensation. She hauled ammunition on her back to the troops up a 45-degree mountain slope, then brought down wounded soldiers. On one day she made 51 trips (95% of them



alone), carried nearly 5 tons of ammunition, walked over 35 miles through enemy fire of 500 rounds per minute, and was wounded twice. That did not stop her. She continued to climb up and down, shielding several Marines who were trapped. Her military decorations included two Purple Hearts, the Good Conduct Medal and at least 7 others. The men all agreed, "She wasn't a horse - She was a Marine!"

Books abound with stories of these brave animals. If you are in London, go to Hyde Park to see the Animals in War monument. Opened in 2004, it carries the inscription, "THEY HAD NO CHOICE." Several species carved into the Portland Stone remind us that true service can come in many forms.

**If you know of military personnel who need the companionship of a dog or cat, please consider making a special donation to "Paw-It-Forward" and help them with adoption fees or supplies. You will be honoring a long tradition of service to our country.**

[Donate now!](#)



Fall 2017

# Party for Paws For Animal Harbor

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**Saturday,  
November 11  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Otey Memorial  
Church  
St. Mark's Hall  
Sewanee, TN**

**Fabulous Food**  
Vegetarian Options

**Full Bar Music  
Silent Auction**

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**Tickets \$55**

**The Fall Party for Paws is only a few days away. Join us to celebrate our accomplishments and help us imagine the future for the animals of Franklin County. The purchase of a ticket will help us to help them.**

**Purchase tickets at:**

- **Animal Harbor 931-962-4472**
- **Animal Care Center 931-967-6345**
- **Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital 931-962-3411**
- **Town and Country Veterinary Hospital 931-967-3666**

[Or click here to order tickets online!](#)

**Buffet by Cynthia Krueger and Thomas Anderson of  
Old Mill Manor Restaurant and Catering**

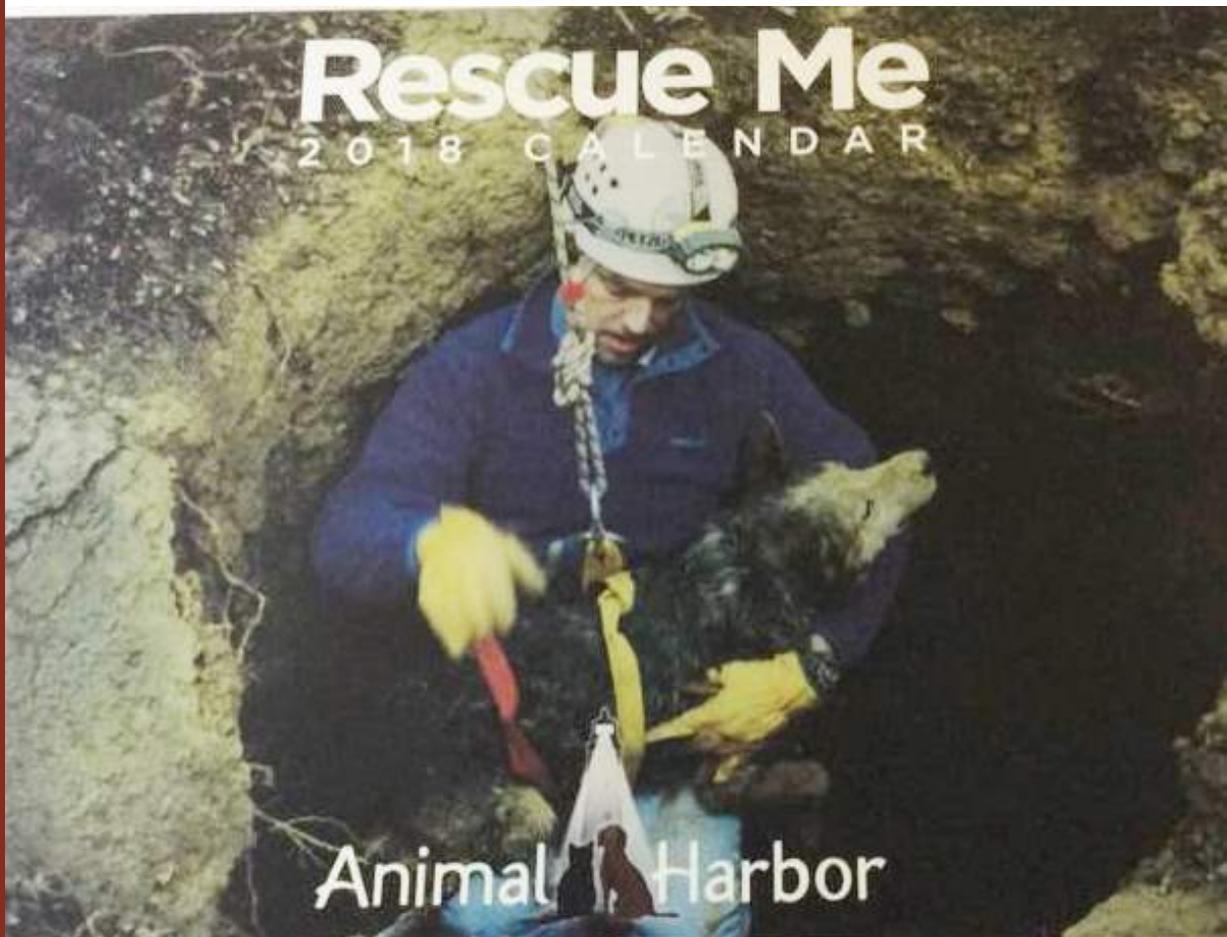
**Hors d'oeuvres:** Savory Pimiento Cheese Puffs, Smoked Chicken or Hummus Stuffed Dates, Zesty Vegetable Rolls

**Entrees:** Mediterranean Herb Couscous Stuffed Salmon, Roasted Smoked Paprika Crusted Pork Loin w. Sage Thyme Whiskey Glaze

**Vegan Options** including Grilled Eggplant and Wild Mushroom Cassoulet, Stir Fried Asian Forbidden Rice, Caramelized Brussels Sprouts, Baby Carrots, and Potatoes

**Dessert:** An assortment of Petite Home Style Pastries including Cynthia's famous Mini Cheesecakes

**All buffet menu items are 100% gluten free.  
Join us for a fabulous dinner!**



**We'll Keep You UP-to-DATE in 2018**

**Our "Rescue Me" Calendar Featuring Local Rescue Groups  
and Animal Harbor Pets is Now Available!**

**A Great Christmas Gift - Buy One for Yourself  
Only \$12.00 for a Year's Worth of Excitement!**

**Calendars are available at:**

- Franklin Farmers Co-op
- Animal Harbor
- Animal Care Center
- Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital
- Town and Country Veterinary Hospital
- Heath Automotive
- Winchester City Swimplex
- Bubbles and Bows
- Wags and Wiggles
- Lakeside Veterinary Clinic
- The University of the South Bookstore
- Mooney's Market and Emporium

[Click here for more information and pictures from each month!](#)

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## **Frozen Assets Will Be Ready for Your Freezer Soon**

**Pick-Up Days are:**

- Nov. 15th, 3-6 pm at First United Church, 4099 Owl Hollow Road in Belvidere, and
- Nov. 16th, 5-6 pm at the Sewanee Market.

For questions or special arrangements, contact Cecelia Brodioi at 931-308-7994 or [catioi@comcast.net](mailto:catioi@comcast.net)

The slicing, stirring, and baking are nearly done, so get ready for the results. Enjoy!

**Many thanks to the women of First United Church who helped make this possible and to all the other volunteers who donned aprons for the animals.**

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## **PET PICTURES WITH SANTA DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD**

**Bring your kids or your pets –  
or bring both – to see Santa  
and have pictures taken by a  
professional photographer!**

**Tractor Supply, Winchester**

**Saturday, December 2nd 10:00  
am till 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 3rd 1:00  
pm till 4:00 pm**

**Prints are made on site and  
are available in different sizes.**

**\$10.00 for one print with  
discounts for multiple prints**



**Proceeds go to the Animal  
Harbor**

**LINDA REINHOLTZ  
Professional Photographer**

**AMANDA CURTY  
Event Organizer**

**2007-2017  
10 years of pet pictures!**

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Every year our area has a wonderful opportunity to have individual, family, and pet photos made in December at our local Tractor Supply. Linda Reinholtz and Mandy Curty team up to make the photo session as colorful as possible, complete with backdrop, Christmas tree, Santa (straight from the North Pole), and treats galore for the four-footed participants. Even if you don't want a photo of yourself, stop by and watch the fun. Our Big-Belly cat and Dog banks will be ready to digest your donations.

## **Keeping Pets Warm this Winter**

Fall offers a relief from the heat, but also means the onset of chilly nights for strays, ferals and outside pets. [This page](#) shows several examples of easy-to-make shelters for stray cats or for your own outside kitties. Think about adding this as a project to do with your kids, as a scout project, or with a church group. If you don't have a need for a shelter yourself, you could always offer one to a neighbor, or bring one to the Harbor where we can distribute them to pets in need. It is wonderful what one styrofoam box or old Totes container can do for the life of an outside kitty. An old dog house with straw will offer shelter as well.



Speaking of dog houses, for the craftier among us, [this page](#) shows "13 Free Dog House Plans Anyone Can Build." Maybe

your pooch is in need of an update, or you know of a dog whose pet parent needs help. Give it a whirl, and remember - it doesn't have to be an architectural triumph. Fido will be happy if he is warm and dry. He might even invite a few cats in for a slumber party!



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