

Copiah Animal Shelter

Care and Shelter for Homeless Animals Since 2011
Supporting Copiah County, Mississippi and Surrounding Communities

Winter 2017 Newsletter

The Sweetest Word – ADOPTED !!



Some of the CAS pets ADOPTED in 2017 !!

Happy People – Happy Pets!

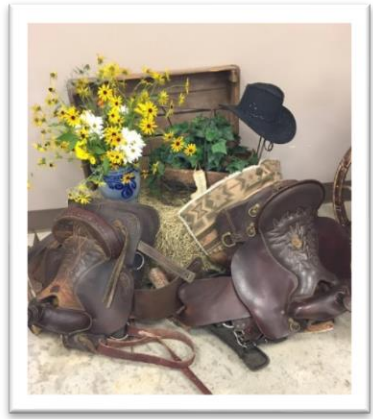
2017 GALA Fundraiser

August 2017. Yee-Haw! Three hundred people enjoyed a fun evening at the 7th Annual Copiah Animal Shelter GALA Fundraiser. Many came dressed in Western finery for this year's theme, "A Shelter Shindig!" All were united in a common mission to raise funds for the care and shelter of homeless animals in our local communities, and ultimately to place pets in loving homes.

Tables were individually, artfully decorated in Western décor; most were reserved/sponsored by individuals and businesses. The most popular silent auction items this year were a MSU Gift Basket donated by Kelly and Robin Carpenter, and an Ole Miss Gift Basket donated by Greg and Joanne Harrison.

Casual food matched the casual atmosphere with western music. Mr. Hugh McKenzie served as the Master of Ceremonies. Cowgirls and cowboys joined in line dancing, while some brave souls tried their skill riding a mechanical bull!

Congratulations to the winner of the Kamado Joe Grill, Robert Denley from Terry, MS.



On behalf of the animals in our care, Copiah Animal Shelter extends a HUGE Thank You to ALL who participated in the GALA in so many ways. Find event photos on the CAS website GALA 2017 Page under Events.

GIA – Grace in Action

We don't know her story, where she came from. We don't know why she was found in such rough shape. We do know the lady who found her said God's Grace led the pup to her house, so she named the little female puppy Gia – Grace in Action. With multiple animals of her own, the lady cared for Gia until Copiah Animal Shelter had space to take Gia in.



**Bless this poor
little baby!**

Most of the homeless animals that we find are not in as bad a shape as Gia. Stray animals are typically covered in fleas and ticks and need to be wormed. Some have skin conditions that are treatable with proper nutrition. Others with more serious skin issues require medicated baths and medicine, like Gia.

Gia received veterinary care, proper nutrition, and lots of love and attention while at Copiah Animal Shelter . . .



GIA - “AFTER”

Hard to believe, but yes, it’s the same dog! This is Gia after a few months at Copiah Animal Shelter. What a transformation!



Though a favorite of CAS volunteers, Gia was overlooked time after time by adopters. She enjoyed time in a foster home and learned to play fetch. It took more than a year, then Gia’s special guy came along to give her a loving home! Thank you, Mr. Gray!!



ADOPTION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Copiah Animal Shelter volunteers take our animals to multiple community and pet adoption events to meet more people and increase their chances of finding loving families. Thank you to the organizations who host these events!! 2017 events included:

PETSMART – Flowood, MS

Tractor Supply Co. – Hazlehurst, MS

Gray-Daniels Nissan – Brandon, MS

Hillcrest Christian School – Byram, MS

Crystal Springs Tomato Festival

Crystal Springs Fall Bazaar

Veterans Appreciation Day – Brookhaven, MS

We need more Volunteers to help with events!

CREATE YOUR OWN FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER

for Copiah Animal Shelter

facebook.com/copiahanimalshelter

CAS is a verified nonprofit organization on Facebook. This provides a convenient way for individuals to fundraise for CAS on Facebook. Invite your friends to help you raise money for the animals! *Donations are paid from Facebook directly to CAS, not to the individual who sets up a fundraiser.* Facebook collects a 5% fee.

Idea: Set up a Fundraiser for donations to CAS for a birthday instead of presents.

Look for “Fundraisers” on the left column of your personal page. Easy instructions walk you through the set-up of your own fundraiser for a charity. Look for Copiah Animal Shelter on the list. Or set up from the Fundraiser tab on the CAS Facebook Page. **facebook.com/copiahanimalshelter**

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

See the “Get Involved” Page of the CAS website for multiple ways you can help the animals, even if you physically can’t come to the Shelter or come to events to help. You’ll also see a link “More Ways to Donate” for ideas you may not have thought about.

<http://www.copiahanimalshelter.net/get-involved.html>

SHOP: Please support our local businesses. CAS buys most of our supplies and equipment locally. We also partner with several organizations that donate a portion of your purchases to CAS: Kroger, and online with AmazonSmile and iGive.com. Please see the custom links for CAS on the website “Get Involved” and “Home” pages.

SHARE: Something as simple as sharing information like CAS emails, newsletters, event flyers, and Facebook posts helps spread the word to get more animals placed in loving homes!

WISH LIST: See links to the “Wish List” of items the Shelter needs. We *always* need Purina Puppy Chow!

HOW TO DONATE: See the “Donate” Page on the website for details on how to make monetary donations:

- **ONLINE:** Processed by PayPal. Use debit/credit cards or PayPal. A monthly recurring donation option is available, too.
- **MAIL:** Please make checks payable to Copiah Animal Shelter and mail to P.O. Box 366, Crystal Springs, MS 39059
- **IN PERSON:** The veterinary clinic next door to the Shelter, *All About Animals*, can accept checks and provide a cash receipt for CAS donations. When a Shelter representative is available, we can accept credit card donations. Donate at events, too.

Thanks for helping !!

CAS 3rd Monday Monthly Meeting

6:30pm @ Chautauqua Park Welcome Center

Highway 51, Crystal Springs, MS. (No meeting in December.)

Check the website EVENTS Page for updates.

PUPPIES FOUND IN THE COUNTY



Deputy Percy Calhoun, from the Copiah County Sheriff Department, rescued a litter of very young puppies. They were found out in the county on a cold December day. Copiah Animal Shelter was able to take in the 7 puppies, with the help of foster homes.

Believe us when we say it hurts us to not be able to take in *all* homeless animals when people call, because the Shelter is full. Our Shelter is small. If we had space for hundreds of animals we could fill it, unfortunately. There just aren't enough homes for all of the lost or abandoned stray animals. You can help on the front side of this pet overpopulation problem:

Spay/Neuter your pets and help someone else who can't afford to fix their pets. Support the work of the Shelter. CAS animals are spayed/neutered as part of the adoption process.

Foster. Foster families care for animals at their homes until the Shelter has space. Or sometimes animals are adopted directly from the foster home without coming into the Shelter. If you would like more information about fostering for CAS, please call the Shelter phone, or come to the 3rd Monday Monthly Meeting. 601-954-6447.

Several of these pups have already been adopted into loving homes at this writing!

ADOPT AN ADULT PET !!

See the adoptable animal listings on the CAS website and Facebook for pets looking for homes. We currently have several great adult dogs!

<http://www.copiahanimalshelter.net/adopt.html>

Great Reasons to Open Your Heart to an Adult or Senior Pet

1. **Older dogs have manners.** Unlike puppies, many grown-up dogs may have spent years living with a family and being socialized to life with humans. Many are house-trained.
2. **Senior pets are less destructive.** Most older adoptive pets are well past the search-and-destroy phase.
3. **What you see is what you get.** A senior pet holds no surprises as to how big he might get, what color his adult coat will be.
4. **You can teach an old dog new tricks.** Adult dogs can focus on the task at hand. If your adopted older pet needs to learn a few things in her new life with you, not to worry. Enroll her in an obedience class, contact a trainer, or go the do-it-yourself route.
5. **Senior pets are great company for senior citizens.** Many elderly people find the calm presence of an older pet very comforting.
6. **Older pets are relaxing to hang out with.** Senior dogs and cats have all the basics down and aren't full of wild energy to burn.
7. **Adopted senior pets are grateful for your kindness.** Somehow, older pets seem to know you gave them a home when no one else would. Many new owners form a close bond very quickly with their senior dog or cat, because the pet shows them a level of attention and devotion that is unique to older adopted animals.
8. **You can be a hero to a deserving dog or cat.** Almost without exception, people who adopt older animals feel a special sense of pride and purpose in opening their heart to a hard-to-place pet. Doing a good thing really does make you feel good!

(Excerpts from healthypets.mercola.com by Dr. Karen Becker)

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CAS Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 to 5. Saturday by appointment.

Adoption Donation*: Dogs = \$80 and Cats = \$60.

*Includes age-appropriate shots and spay/neuter.