

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FEELING THE PINCH

GuideStar USA provides data on more than 1.8 million IRS –recognized non-profit organizations. Their research shows that animal related organizations showed more decline in contributions in 2010 than in 2009. At the same time demand for animal services increased. 12% of groups surveyed were in imminent danger of closing.

PUPS has had a 25% increase in demand for spay and neuter assistance while our donations have remained about the same. However, the veterinarian costs have increased, sometimes as much as 20%.

Between demand and cost increases it's a double whammy. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Don't worry, PUPS plans to be around for a very long time to come.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



The ASPCA has a 24 hour Animal Poison Control Center hotline at 888-426-4435. There is a \$65 consultation fee, but if your pet has ingested something poisonous, it could save her life. Be ready with the breed, age, sex, and weight of the animal, symptoms, the name of the poison (if known) and time elapsed since ingestion. Try to have the product container with you when you call. If your pet is having seizures, lost consciousness or is having difficulty breathing get to your vet or emergency vet clinic ASAP. Your vet can call the ASPCA hotline for guidance if necessary.

ADOPTION OVERPRICING?

Some rescue groups are finding that reducing the cost of adoptions is beneficial. The Palm City, Florida shelter was overrun with animals. Director Candice Veach said, "Our animals are priceless, so why put a price on them?" They abandoned their adoption fees (\$100 for dogs and \$50 for cats) and asked for donations instead. Adoptions increased by 33% and donations averaged \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

Research shows that animals adopted without preset adoption fees are no less likely to be cared for than animals adopted with the fees and they are no more likely to be returned to the shelter than those with preset fees. Think about it: how many of us have taken in "free" stray animals and loved them to pieces? Adoption policies still need to be met: determining if you and the animal are the best match for each other, if you can afford a pet, if you understand how to care for a pet, etc. Rescue groups across the U.S. are finding that in these economic times it is best to place animals in loving homes at an affordable price for adoptors.

Female dachshund, about 3 years old, needs a new home. Was a stray in Columbus. Has now been spayed, vaccinated and is heartworm negative. Very sweet face and a snuggle bunny. Light brown with dark markings around her face and ears. Call Cheryl at 979-732-5591 for more information .



There will be a Pet Fair at the Colorado Valley Veterinary Service on Thursday, March 24 from 6-8 P.M. They will have health related information for your pets. PUPS will be there with a booth