



The Lamar Animal Shelter

In 2010 the shelter has been blessed with a lot of generosity. The Barton County Humane Society (BCHS) has been a big supporter in funding and time. The society sponsored my attendance to Animal Control Certification training for the state of Missouri, and I'm pleased to say I am now a State Certified Animal Control Officer.

BCHS also donated a new fan for the puppies to stay cool. Thank you to volunteers, Karen Simmons and Marilyn Selvey who took photos and posted animals on Pet Finder, as well as fostering of two sweet Cocker Spaniels, and a lot of phone calls trying to help with adoptions.

Truman Health Care donated several mattress pads, towels and blankets to provide more comfort for the dogs and cats. Wal-Mart has kept us well supplied with food and cat litter for several months. This has helped reduce expenses. The shelter also received several memorial donations in memory of local pet lovers.



This year a new ordinance went into effect allowing chickens to be kept in the city limits. The public has done very well in following the guidelines that were set and have enjoyed having the farm fresh eggs that their hens have provided for them.

We are always striving to improve the well being and safety of all at the shelter. City staff put up an outdoor run for the dogs. This allows them to get exercise and to enjoy the great outdoors. Also tops have been put on the pens. This will provide security for the dogs and for the person walking into the shelter. It can be startling to be greeted as you walk in by a loose dog or to look up and find one looking down on you from the top of the cage when we have a climber.