



chronicles from the connection

What happened to Thanksgiving?

I don't know if any of you have noticed, but it seems like this year we skipped right over Thanksgiving and went straight from Halloween to Christmas. The stores have gone from jack-o-lanterns to Christmas trees. Well, I'm not willing to do that - not when Vicky's Pet Connection has so many things to be thankful for and so many people to thank!

Thank you for saving so many lives. Thank you for believing that together we can make a difference. Thank you for your support, because without it we would not have been able to save **over 800 lives** already this year.

Vicky's Pet Connection is coming up on a decade with over 9,000 lives saved directly and tens-of-thousands more indirectly with our aggressive spay/neuter programs. When we decided on the name *Vicky's Pet Connection*, we never fathomed how many "connections" we would make, or how vital these connections would become. By connecting with C-Snip, local veterinarians, rescues and shelters, together we have become a powerhouse.

Now, more than ever, we need your help. It's as if we've finally been able to build the steps to our goal and now we need your continued support to climb them. It will take effort and perseverance, but we are ready for the job.

Our goal is to facilitate a substantial decrease in euthanasia and to promote a huge increase in public awareness of disease control, spays/neuter and pet adoption.

Please remember that no matter how much you can donate, it all helps! So please, try to put even just a little bit in the envelope provided and **you will save lives.**

Together we will climb the steps and achieve our goal. Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Vicky & Nancy



• Pet Supply & Adoption Center •

If you stopped by the Cottage after Thanksgiving, you may have noticed some empty shelves. Don't worry, we are simply making room for new and exciting changes!

Please join us in welcoming two new retailers that have teamed up with us to bring you everything you need for your four-legged friends. **2 Feet 4 Paws** will anchor our shop with pet supplies that focus on the all-natural and environmentally-friendly. They will also carry supplies for feeding wild birds. **Doubledog** is a boutique for the dog-a-holic. High-fashion, high-end and highly addictive. If you have a pet-lover on your holiday gift list... make this your first stop!

bringing people and pets together

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The Critter Cottage offers wonderful giving opportunities

The Critter Cottage has been an incredible vehicle for us to meet with the public, do on-site adoptions, accept donations and to offer new and exciting giving opportunities. We have facilitated over 60 cat and dog adoptions out of the Critter Cottage since we opened our doors in late July. We just love it and so do the animals. Following are just some of the ways you can support Vicky's Pet Connection through the Critter Cottage.

SPONSOR THE CRITTER COTTAGE Our **Man's Best Friend Sponsorship** is a wonderful opportunity to help the animals! The donation amount is \$1,500, and allows us to keep the Cottage doors open for a month. We have seven months in 2008 that remain unsponsored! Each month's patron is thanked with prominent signage on the front of our building, special recognition in our "Chronicles from the Connection" newsletter and the gratitude of the hundreds of animals that are touched by VPC that month. The donation could come from a business, an individual, an office, or in memory or honor of someone special. What a great Christmas present for that special person who has everything. It is also a great way for your business to advertise that you support the animals in need. Take up an office collection and save lives by sponsoring just one month! We expect to adopt approximately 30 to 40 animals out of the Critter Cottage each month. Call VPC at (616) 897-9943 for more information about this opportunity.

PURCHASE AND DONATE SUPPLIES Another way to help is to purchase supplies at the cottage to donate to VPC. Stop in and purchase dog or cat food, cat litter, toys, treats, or ask about our donation of the month special. **You can also make a supply donation over the phone!** Have your credit card handy and call the Critter Cottage at (616) 676-1200. The store clerk will assist you in choosing what we need the most.

SUPPORT OUR RETAILERS By shopping at the Critter Cottage for your own pet supply needs, you are providing valuable support to our organization. We would not be able to support this wonderful venture without their success!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS At the Critter Cottage, the phrase "Shop and Save" takes on a special meaning! Many folks don't know they can purchase ALL their pet supplies at our store and save lives while doing so.

STOP IN AND SAY HELLO Just seeing a friendly face or hearing a great story about the pet you adopted from us helps to keep us going. We appreciate the support and thanks, and our resident cats love visitors!

CRITTER COTTAGE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(616) 676-1200

After hours adoptions by appointment



donation of the month

December: Visit the Christmas wish tree in the store for a list of much needed supplies or visit our web site at vickyspetconnection.com.

WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

Gift cards to the following:

Meijer

Office Max

Gas stations

Phone cards

Liquid laundry soap

Liquid fabric softener

Paper towels

Bleach

CAT ADOPTIONS at PetSmart the first two Saturdays of the month, located at 28th Street & East Paris, or during all business hours at the Critter Cottage, 7205 Thornapple River Drive in Ada Village.

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Once again, the community came to our rescue and decorated the Critter Cottage for the Christmas Holiday. This was very much appreciated since Nancy and I do not have even one "decorator" gene in our bodies.

Christmas Decor by **DeVries Landscape Management** in Jenison put enough Christmas lights on the building to light up downtown Ada. **Koetsier's Greenhouse** put on the finishing touches with gorgeous winter planters on the outside and dressed up the inside with snow and poinsettias. Koetsier's also left behind gift certificates to be raffled off. (Lot's of gift certificates) When you look at the front of the Critter Cottage, you will feel like you are looking at Macy's Department Store!

We are bursting at the seams with excitement for the upcoming holidays. We hope we can send many cats and dogs "Home for the Holidays" from the Critter Cottage.

All of this decorating was donated to Vicky's Pet Connection, so please come on down and take a look, and of course shop and adopt. **Please support those businesses that support the animals.**

Critter Cottage Heroes

Our sincere thanks go out
to the following
Critter Cottage Sponsors:

November

Lois Levy

December

David & Michelle Bottrall

Visit www.vickypetconnection.com for easy ways to help the animals every day!