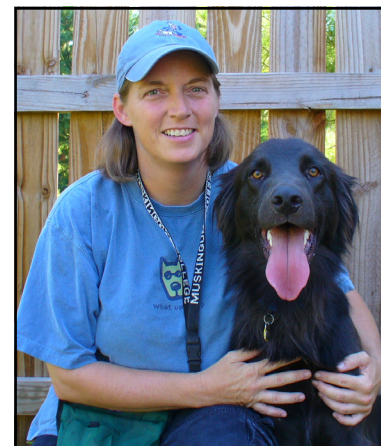




Canine Connection



Gen Lanphere poses with (l-r) Hoagey, Emmie and Lambeau, left; Volunteer Doreen Buchler and now well-mannered bud, Lambeau, right.



Patience Makes for a Happy Pack

Gen Lanphere knew her 10-year-old Retriever mix Emmie needed a break from the playful advances of Hoagey, her 2-year-old male Lab/Newfoundland Hurricane Katrina rescue. She stopped by Franklin County Dog Shelter to find a dog, in addition to her two, that would match Hoagey's energy, and there he was: Lambeau. When she knelt down to talk to him, he pressed against the chain links for a good scratch on the ears, silently pleading Gen would be the one to take him home.

A meeting at the shelter between her current and prospective pooches went well, and Gen was approved to adopt Lambeau. Reintroducing Lambeau to his roommates didn't go as smoothly.

Although Emmie was her usually sweet self, Hoagey declared war on this look-alike intruder. A frazzled Gen spent the next 10 days keeping the dogs separated to keep the peace. Gen was desperate for a truce.

"I didn't know how to make it work on my own, so I called the shelter's behavior help line," Gen said.

The voice at the other end of the line was shelter Director Lisa Wahoff,

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FCDS & FOTS: Partners in Pawsitive Progress

Since her 1999 arrival, Director Lisa Wahoff has made sweeping changes at FCDS. Her vision was to transform the shelter from a short-term holding center to the innovative adoption facility it is today. Under Ms. Wahoff's leadership, all dogs who enter the facility are treated kindly and humanely, and fed high quality food to satisfy their nutritional needs in the high stress environment of the shelter. There is no time limit on the adoption process, allowing each dog as much time as necessary to find the right home. A large outdoor exercise area was added, as well as numerous innovative programs like Meet Your Match, Open Paw and The Fix, all of which were established to best meet the needs of our shelter population and community.

But there remained a lack of available funds to

provide for the dogs who needed more than basic care and feeding. There were simply no funds available in the FCDS general operating budget to care for dogs who came to the shelter sick and/or injured, or who became sick while in the shelter. In response to this need, **FOTS was established.**

"The primary budget expense of FOTS is medical and infirmary care, and to our volunteers this represents the core value of FOTS – to rescue, rehabilitate and save lives," said Friends of the Shelter Director Ellen Mrochek. "The innovative programs of animal rescue and rehabilitation provided by the Franklin County Dog Shelter are not funded by local tax dollars. The programs that directly aid our shelter dogs are financially dependent on Friends of the Shelter."

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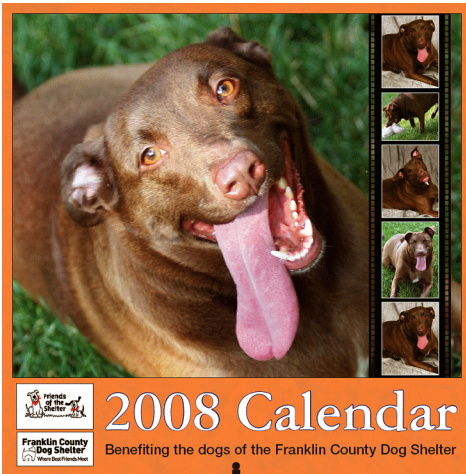
who charged volunteer Doreen Buchler to the case as peacekeeper, coach, dog trainer, cheerleader and more.

"I knew it wouldn't be easy and certainly wouldn't happen overnight, but I wanted to give Lambeau his best chance at keeping his new home," said Lanphere. "He's such a loving, lovable goofball – and he'd been with the shelter so long, he deserved the effort."

Just 90 minutes into the first session, Hoagey and Lambeau walked on-leash together – perhaps begrudgingly, but it was progress! Over several additional sessions, Gen was the dutiful student, following Doreen's suggestions of positive reinforcement and encouragement with Hoagey's acceptance of Lambeau as the ultimate goal.

Today, the Lanphere trio is stable, happy and peaceful – all because of patience, determination and Gen's understanding that, like many shelter dogs and their new siblings, Lambeau and Hoagey just needed some extra time to adjust.

"Doreen's help enabled me to keep my commitment of a forever home to Lambeau; she's instilled self-esteem in Hoagey as he overcomes his fears; she's given Emmie a peaceful home to enjoy her golden years; and she gave me the confidence to never give up on my dogs – all the while refusing take a penny for her time, treats, listening, sympathy or fuel," Gen said. "She's the epitome of a 'Friend of the Shelter' and me and my pack are living proof of how powerful that is."



2008 Calendar on Sale Now!

Although we're just getting through the dog days our summer, FOTS is looking forward to counting down 2008 with our new fund-raising calendar. Pick up your limited-edition copy while they last online at www.friendsoftheshelter.info, at the Shelter, or at our partner retailers Complete Petmart and Village Vanity Fur. Special thanks to our sponsors and contributors, without whom this project would not be possible!



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Commitment of Volunteers Key to FOTS Success

FOTS operations are maintained by a small group of volunteers who donate their varied professional expertise towards day-to-day operations, as well as fund-raising activities.

About a dozen FOTS volunteers split up the responsibilities that include the planning and facilitating of fund-raising events, budget maintenance, administration of daily business operations, accounting and legal guidance, marketing and public relations projects and grant writing.

Being an all-volunteer organization enables FOTS to keep administrative costs very low, ensuring that nearly 95% of fundraising goes

towards helping the dogs.

Each FOTS member is a genuine dog lover, and many have adopted dogs from FCDS.

"We are all suckers for those hundreds of sweet faces on the FCDS web site," said FOTS Director Ellen Mrochek. "Our goal is to provide adequate and uninterrupted funding for the various programs that directly aid hundreds of FCDS dogs every year. Our volunteers are so motivated to do whatever they can to help the shelter dogs. We are able to actually see our results, and every year we know that hundreds of dogs went on to a new life because of our efforts. It is very rewarding work."



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- \$35 sponsors a Labrador
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Friends of the Shelter is an all-volunteer organization established to coordinate the fund-raising activities that directly benefit the dogs of the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Money raised by Friends of the Shelter is allocated to fund programs and services for these shelter dogs such as diagnostic, medical/dental, grooming and training. As a 501c3 non-profit group, all donations are tax deductible.

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