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Dear Pet Lover,

In 2007, Pets and People was responsible for rescuing approximately 1,000 dogs and 800 cats and placing them in loving, forever homes. We would like to rescue even more this year. Our goal for 2008 is to rescue at least 2,500 dogs and cats! We can't reach this goal without your help.

We are writing to you today to give you the opportunity to become a Pets and People member! Your membership dollars will go directly to support this goal. Join our Pets and People team and be a part of placing these homeless pets into loving, forever homes.

Your membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, *Barks and Mews*, and also gives you a 50% discount on all Pets & People t-shirts, merchandise items and admission to Pets & People fundraisers, such as our annual auction. Pets and People members are invited to all general meetings and are entitled to vote in our annual election of board of directors and officers.

Become a member of our great Pets & People Family today.

**Together we can save lives. We need your help!**

\*The attached story is just one example of what your membership support enables Pets & People to accomplish.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership - \$20

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and mail in the enclosed envelope.

Thanks!



Hello Friends of Pets & People,

We're hoping you'll become a member of Pets & People Humane Society!

When we rescue a cat or a dog, they are safe with us until they're adopted into a good, loving home...as long as it takes. An example of one of those is Carmen, now called Patience.

Carmen is a deaf Dalmatian brought to our shelter as a young puppy. When people learned she was deaf, they passed her by. They kept passing by for almost two years. Then one day, Billy and Elaine Thomas stopped at Carmen's

run and didn't walk away. They looked at her with different eyes—eyes that saw, not her deficit, but her potential.

Six months later, the “poor deaf Dalmatian nobody wanted” knew 15 hand signals, including basic commands such as come, sit, stay and lay down. She can also shake and high five. The first thing Thomas taught her was to ring a bird bell when she needed to go outside. “It wasn't always easy,” says Thomas, “it took a lot of patience to deal with her.” Thus the new name, Patience.

Looking back on how this all came to be, Thomas said he found Patience on the Pets & People website and after reading her bio, he thought, if I don't take her, nobody will. Patience needed an adult home with no distractions. In the beginning, she was scared of everything, didn't bark and wasn't housebroken. Patience is so happy now and has blossomed beautifully. Her gentle nature inspired the Thomas' to see if they could get her certified as a therapy dog. She finished first in her class and now works for Good Shepherd Hospice, Grace Living Center and the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled. She also does home visits to people who can't get out.

Paitience, now 5-years-old, was recently invited to and attended The Victory Junction Gang Camp in Level Cross, NC for a three-day camp with deaf and blind children and their families. Victory Junction is the largest, most in-depth children's camp in the world! It was founded by Richard and Kyle Petty in honor of their son and grandson, Adam.

We're so proud of Patience and forever thankful that she was adopted by Billy and Elaine Thomas. We're sure that many of our animals have great potential that is yet to be unlocked...which brings us to our next topic. Pets & People is starting a new volunteer position: Pet Mentoring. If you'd be interested in choosing one of our dogs to mentor, then we need you. Mentoring will mean committing to visit your chosen dog at least once a week to walk, socialize, pet, cuddle, brush, teach to sit and down, etc.—basically just getting it more ready for adoption. We recently adopted out a dog that used to be very scared and had been at the shelter for a long time. Collin is a beautiful black and tan shepherd/hound mix that barked seemingly aggressively at his cage door and in turn would scare potential adopters away. A wonderful lady named Jean decided to try to help him. She spent quality time with Collin until he slowly started trusting people again. We were then able to show him for the first time. He got adopted and is doing very well in his new home. He has other dogs to play with and has even taken a trip to Petsmart! We give Jean all the credit for making Collin adoptable.

We're inviting you to not only join Pets & People Humane Society or renew your ongoing membership, but to go a step further. Come out and make a positive difference in an animal's life!