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# Paws in Print

Brookhaven Animal Rescue League



## Visit with Santa!

Bring your furry friends out to see Santa at PetSense in Brookhaven **Saturday, December 3rd**. We'll be snapping adorable photos from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Photo packages start at \$10 and will be available for pick-up on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Help raise money for the BARL animals and capture a memory of your special pet.

Thanks to Jeanne Wroten for providing her photo services.

## Warm & Fuzzy

Do you already have the winter blues? Well, I would contend that BARL has the ultimate "warm and fuzzy feeling" to offer you. Literally, **BARL is in the 'Warm & Fuzzy' business**. Day in and day out, our caregivers and volunteers are caring for these homeless warm and fuzzy pets who are looking for homes. And on a daily basis, these pets are on display for those who visit BARL (either via social media or in person) to see if they can put off that warm and fuzzy vibe to their would-be adopter.

Do you have a current void in your life? Maybe it's not totally apparent. Maybe it's a massive void, but you can't determine what could fill it. Well, consider this. Do some BARL homework. Read this newsletter. Visit our Facebook page, website and our new Instagram page. Visit our Adoption Center. If you indeed have a void that needs filled, I'm quite confident you will find that one of our pet offerings will bring you 'that warm and fuzzy feeling.'



## BARL Fateful Outdo Themselves at Celebrity Dinner 2016

The annual Celebrity Dinner & Auction fundraiser has become the main fundraiser for BARL. And because it is such a vital piece of the BARL budget, it takes all hands on deck...even the community's.

Well, let me tell you, everyone did their fair share and then some. BARL's core volunteer group for this event seems to have grown this year, and that's exciting in itself. But, then, add on the outpouring support of the communities we serve, and you get what we got this year...the most successful event ever!

The communities came through in so many ways. We had some of the most enthusiastic and creative celebrity waiters. We had ticket sales increased over 25%. Furthermore, our sponsor patronage grew from last year.

### Humbling

We were extremely excited to have Brookhaven's own Laura Lee Lewis, the reigning Miss Mississippi, be our special guest. She is such a beautiful, talented and charming representative of our state.

**Speaking as a volunteer of over 13 years, I am so humbled to see the outpouring of support this organization receives.**

Thank you for your patience, your generosity, your understanding, your belief and your presence in BARL and its mission. That support is what keeps us going.

Thank you,

*Rusty Adcock  
BARL Board Member*





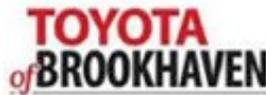
## Top Dog Sponsors



**Brookhaven**  
Animal Hospital



## Best in Show Sponsors



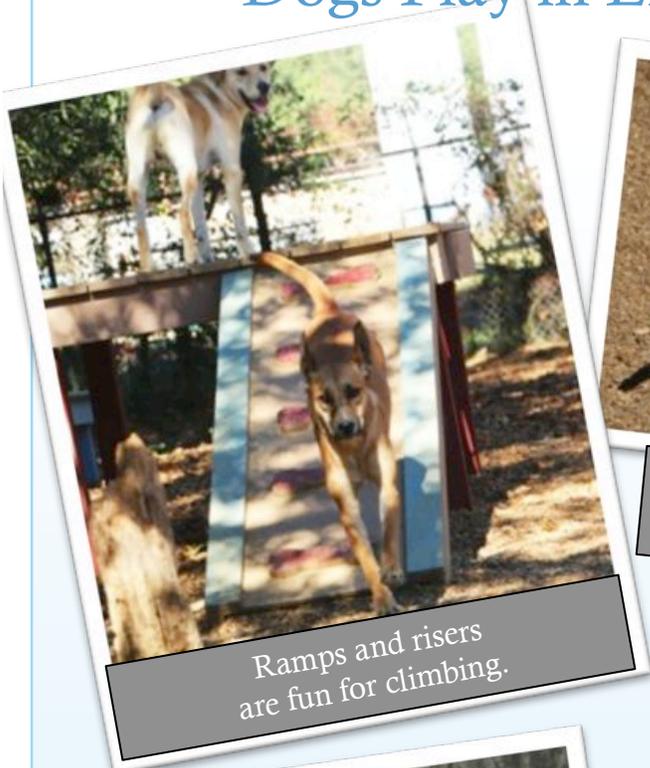
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## Pick of the Litter Sponsors

Belk Ditcharo Dental, Brookhaven Dental Center, Brookhaven Eye Center, Brookhaven Surgery Clinic, Brookhaven Wedding Rental, Brookway Dental, Emfinger Pumping, Franklin County Memorial Hospital, Franklin Ready Mix, J & B Tile, King's Daughters Medical Center, Larkin Veterinary Clinic, LaRue's Discount Drugs, Lincoln Civic Center, Magnolia Blues, Magnolia EPA, Magnolia Estates, McGehee McGehee & Torrey, Pike National Bank, Porter's Body Shop, Ross Jackson Plumbing, Service Masters, Stan King GM Superstore, State Bank & Trust Company, Tommy Cupit Plumbing

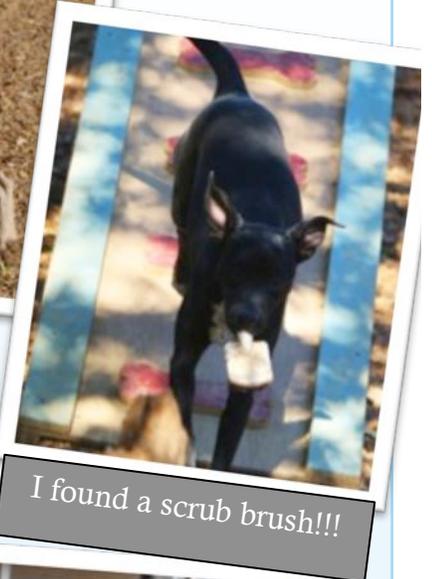
# Dogs Play in Exercise Yards Each Day



Ramps and risers are fun for climbing.



A stick? Oh, yeah... so says Clemmer.



I found a scrub brush!!!



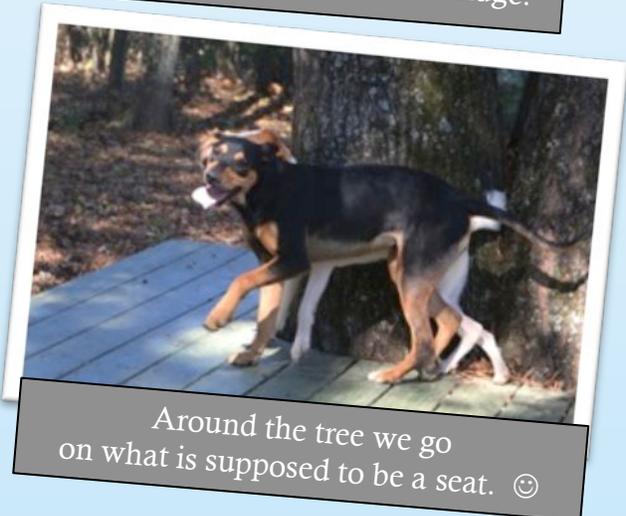
OMG! A giant tennis ball... so says Sephora!



Willow prances across the Bridge.



Giant doghouses are fun to go in and out!



Around the tree we go on what is supposed to be a seat. ☺

Photos by Shelley Little

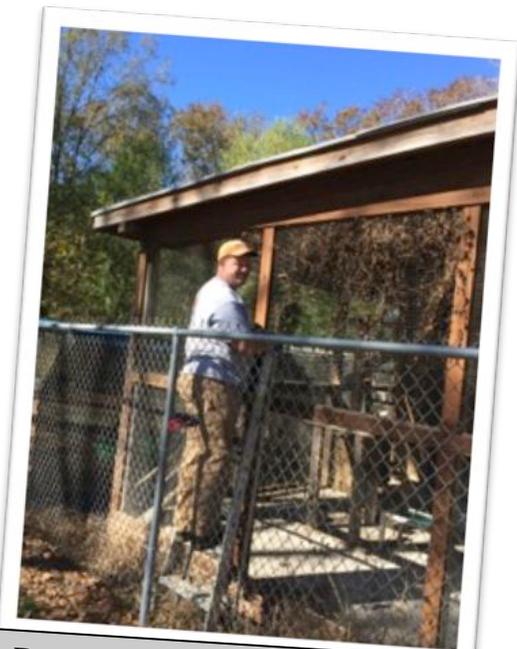
## Make a Difference... Volunteer with BARL



Shelley Little's special volunteer duty is to take photos of the animals. She drives from Bradon and fulfills a very important volunteer role. Notice she gets lots of help from the animals.

**A volunteer is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.**

Think about this for a bit. In this day and time, when it seems we're pushed to get the most out of our time, don't you know it's hard to find people who will consistently offer their time and energy without expecting anything in return?



Rusty pulls weeds off the fence.

Something we have learned at BARL is that volunteers seem to have seasons. Yes, we have a good core of volunteers, the "lifers" that keep things going through the year. But these lifers must rely on the seasonal volunteers to help get the organization through a specific time.

So, here is your chance. **You CAN be a volunteer.** We're not going to expect you to commit all of your free time to BARL. On the contrary, we need you to commit just a small amount of time.

Maybe you can help at the Adoption Center, either cleaning or socializing the animals. There are always jobs to do, such as fixing things, organizing areas, etc. If manual labor is not your thing, we have administrative duties including data entry, filing and more

We once had a routine of having a "Work Day" on a specific Saturday each month. We will begin this again starting in January. **Beginning in January, we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-noon to have a "Work Day" at the Adoption Center.** We'll clean windows, pick up sticks or whatever is needed. We'll be posting more about the "Work Days" on Facebook or contact us for more details. **Start the year off right, be a BARL volunteer.**

## Easy Ways to Help the Animals

### Check out BARL's booth

Shop at BARL's booth located inside Vendor's Emporium in Brookhaven. We are always adding something new. If you have any small home décor items for us to sell, please drop them off at the Adoption Center. Thanks to store owner, Rhonda Deer, for providing the booth.



### Shop locally when you can

If you can't find what you need locally and have to shop online, please shop through AmazonSmile. Your purchases generate funds for BARL.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0659454>

### Don't toss those drink cans

Drop off your aluminum cans, cell phones, printer cartridges and toner cartridges at BARL's Adoption Center and we'll recycle them to raise money for the animals. What an easy way to help the BARL animals and the planet too!

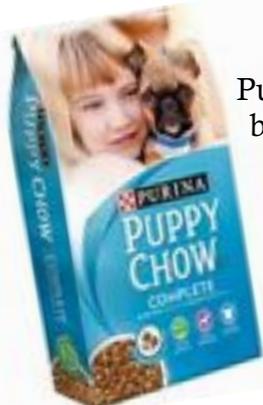


### Purchase this tag to help the animals

Your purchase of an "I Care for Animals" specialty car tag will help dogs and cats around the state. The money generated through the sale of the tags is awarded to humane organizations in Mississippi. The majority of the funds are designated for spay/neuter projects and BARL has been the recipient of several grants from the "I Care" fund. **Purchase a tag at your county courthouse.**



# Christmas Wish List



Purina Puppy Chow for our babies' sensitive tummies.



Any brand cat litter, as long as it's clumpable.



Dog collars of all sizes. We'll even take gently used ones.

Gift Cards to hardware stores, PetSense and places like Walmart and Home Depot.



KONG dog toys or stuffingless dog toys. Also treats and chew bones.



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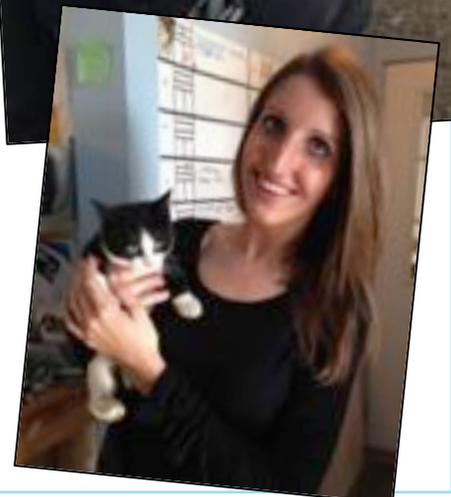
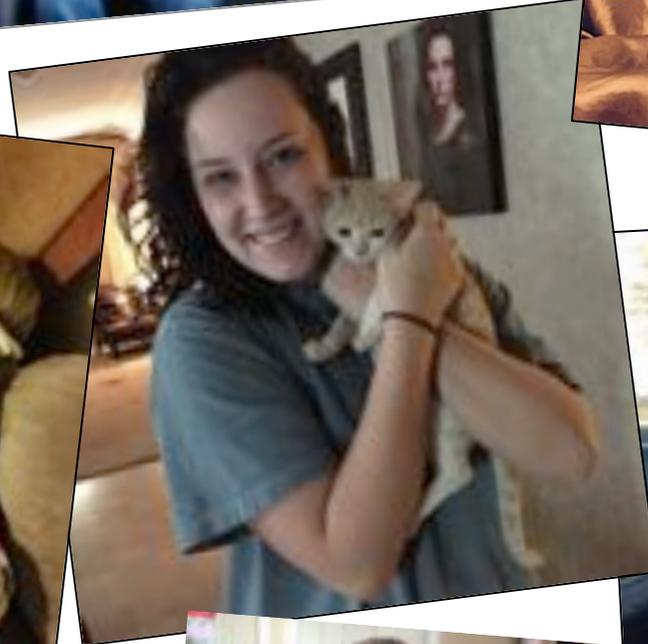
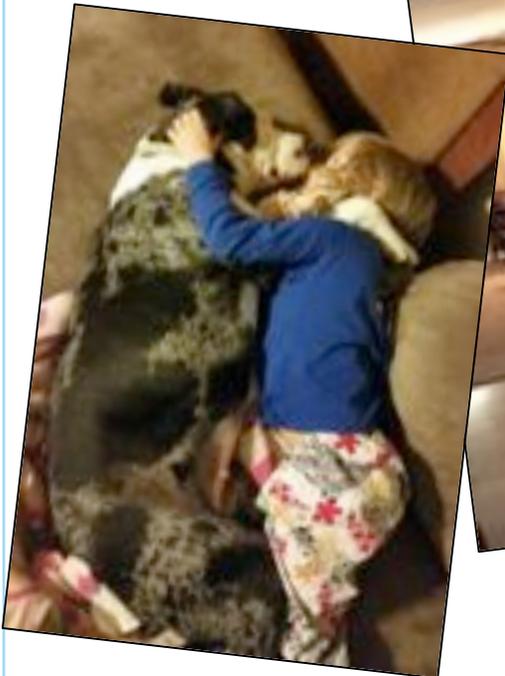
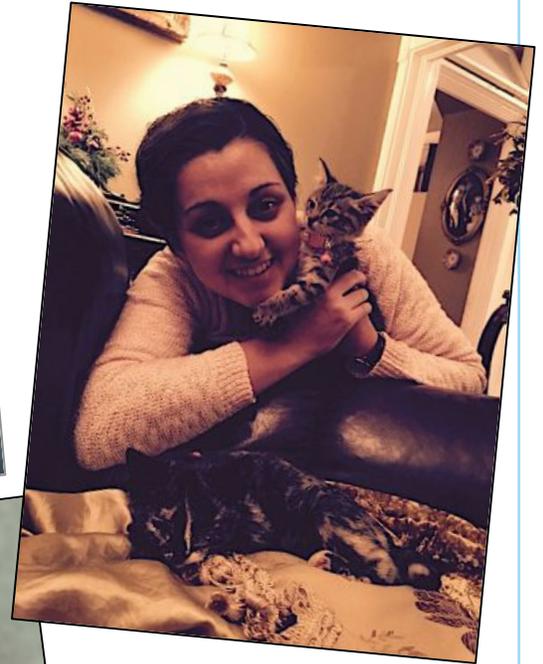
[www.barl.net](http://www.barl.net)

### Board Members:

- Lu Becker – President
- Kay Kay Travis – Vice-President
- Tammy Torrey – Treasurer
- Rusty Adcock – Secretary
- Bubba Gabbert
- Coney Lea
- Julie Montalvo
- Martha Morgan

The Brookhaven Animal Rescue League's mission is to humanely care for shelter animals while contributing to community activities that reduce pet overpopulation, encourage responsible pet ownership, protect public health and safety, and promote the human-animal bond.

# Happy Endings/New Beginnings



# Become a BARL Member!

## Purchase a Membership as a Gift!



### Membership Form

**Become a BARL member to make a difference in our community's homeless pet population.**

BARL volunteers work to find homes for abandoned dogs and cats. We provide information to the community about the benefits of spaying and neutering family pets, and generally speak on behalf of our canine and feline friends who cannot speak for themselves.

This is a  new membership  renewal

Lifetime (\$125)  Business (\$30)  Family (\$25)  Individual (\$15)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn about all the different BARL volunteer opportunities. Please contact me.

This is a Gift Membership

Lifetime (\$125)  Business (\$30)  Family (\$25)  Individual (\$15)

Recipient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Membership Recipients will be notified you have purchased them a BARL membership

#### BARL Membership Benefits:

- 🐾 BARL Membership card
- 🐾 Access to BARL's "Paws in Print" newsletters and updates through "E-Mews" emails.
- 🐾 A BARL car magnet for display and identification as a member.
- 🐾 Invitation to attend BARL's general membership meetings.
- 🐾 A vote in election of BARL's Board of Directors and on other issues presented at general membership meetings.
- 🐾 An opportunity to hold office after one year of membership.
- 🐾 Members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in volunteer activities.
- 🐾 Members receive a discount on BARL's official T-shirt.

*(Offices held and voting privileges reserved for members 18 and over)*

*The Brookhaven Animal Rescue League is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, limited admission, volunteer-based animal welfare organization.*

Be sure to LIKE our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BrookhavenAnimalRescueLeague>.

Also, FOLLOW us on Instagram at [barl\\_animals](https://www.instagram.com/barl_animals).

## BARL has touched the Lives of Many Animals

BARL helps animals in many ways...

**--SHELTER, VET SERVICES and LOVE** – Through mid November we have provided shelter, vet services such as disease testing, vaccinations and spay/neuter, and lots of love to over 750 animals.

**--ADOPTION** – Through mid November we have adopted 465 animals into homes.

**--TRANSPORT** – By partnering with other shelters, we have transported 250 dogs to shelters in other states where they are normally adopted within a week.

**“Kenny Chesney” was not being adopted here; however, through transport he immediately found a home in another state with a sweet little girl. Here “Kenny” is at the little girl’s birthday party. ☺**

**--COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER** – Looking to the **future**, we work to prevent the birth of unwanted animals through our Community Spay/Neuter program. This program offers financial assistance to individuals on government assistance, including senior citizens, providing them with the resources needed to have their animals’ spayed/neutered. The vast majority of this program is paid with grant money; therefore, the number of animals we help is dependent on grants we are awarded. Since January, over 250 dogs & cats have been spayed/neutered through this program.



**Lacy Erwin**, age 8, founded Bracelets for Barks to help local animal rescues. She and her mother make all bracelets, and proceeds go directly to shelters.

She set up a booth at the Wesson Flea Market to sell her bracelets and donated the money to the BARL animals.

Lacy’s generous attitude shows just how genuine children are. We could all learn from young people like Lacy.

## What It's All About

The Christmas season invokes family time. And a family can be made up in many different ways. However, if you're anything like those of us at BARL, a family isn't quite complete until you've inserted a pet. The Larkins realize this. Last Christmas they brought Louis into their family. That's what it's all about.



Until next time...  
Happy Tails to you  
and a  
Merry Christmas too!

