



## Seasons Greetings

The doctors and staff of Gwinnett Animal Hospital want to wish all of our clients and their families a happy and joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year!



### Why adopt a pet ?

1. **You'll save a life.** Sadly, over 3 million healthy, loving dogs and cats are killed in the US annually because there are too many people allowing their pets to breed and not enough people taking them. By rescuing a pet, you actually save 2 lives– the one you adopt plus the homeless one who can now be taken in by the space you've freed up.
2. **You get a health-screened pet.** Though there's no guarantee against future health problems, if you go through a well-run organization, pets have been examined, tested for certain diseases, and vaccinated before they are adopted out. Most of them are also temperament tested and spayed or neutered before adoption as well.
3. **You'll save money.** Though rescues charge an adoption fee, the fee is small when you consider that these animals are already vaccinated, dewormed, and fixed for you!
4. **You can have the dog breed of your choice!** Shelters are full of dogs of different breeds– up to 30% of the dogs in shelters at any given time are pure-bred dogs. Or you can go directly to a breed-specific rescue to get exactly what you want.

Please consider adoption,  
the holidays are the perfect time to open your home  
and your heart to a new friend!

### RIP Uncle Herman



On November 6, 2013, we had to say goodbye to our beloved friend. Letting Herman go was a heart wrenching decision to make, but the right one for such a special cat.

When he came to us in October, 2010, we expected him to be with us for a few months at the most. With tons of love, good care, and luxurious living, we were honored to have him in our lives for just over three years.



Goodbye Uncle Herman, you will forever be remembered as our special friend and our "Hug Therapist".

### LASER THERAPY

Laser Therapy (LT) is a form of rehabilitation therapy that uses a warm beam of focused light to promote tissue/cell healing as improve function. LT can be used to stimulate wound healing, reduce pain and inflammation, improve nerve function, and increase blood flow to a specific area of the body.

Visit our website for more information or ask a staff member if laser therapy may help your pet!

### How about spreading a little holiday cheer to some special furry friends?!



The GAH Giving Tree is a way to give back and make the holidays special for dogs and cats who don't have a home of their own (yet!). Each year, our generous clients donate gifts and money to the Gwinnett Humane Society and the Gwinnett Jail Dog program through the Giving Tree in our lobby.

It's easy! Just choose an ornament and give a donation– the gift goes directly to the animal and the funds go to these local organizations dedicated to animals.

### \*\* Employee Spotlight \*\*

#### KAT ARWOOD

Kat joined our technician staff in 2010. You will see her assisting the doctors in exam rooms. Kat is well versed in both holistic therapies and conventional medicine.

She and her husband have four dogs, three cats, a snake, and a lizard. In her free time, she likes to read, watch movies, and have cookouts with friends



### CRANBERRY DOG BISCUITS

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup oats
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 cup cranberries, chopped
- 1 egg
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup water, as needed

Mix all dry ingredients, then add melted butter, chopped cranberries, egg, molasses and slowly add water a little at a time. Roll the dough to 1/4 inch thickness and use cookie cutters to make fun shapes. Bake on a cookie sheet for 30 minutes in a pre-heated 350° oven. Treats will harden upon cooling.

