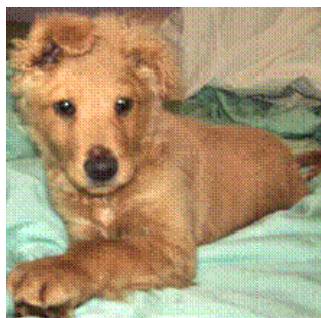




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Mickey's Story



It was a very cold day when a truck driver rounded a curve to see two puppies in the middle of the road. Mickey and his sister were just a few weeks old, too young to be without their mother, but she was nowhere in sight. They were cold, hungry, and frightened. He took them home and his daughter, Angie, contacted the Humane Society of Randolph County. HSRC accepts foster pets from the shelter, other rescues, or approved foster parents, but foster mom, Marie made an exception for these two babies.

It was soon evident that Mickey was not developing normally, his gait unsteady, and his eyesight impaired. A visit to Asheboro Animal Hospital, who works closely with the Humane Society revealed the truth. Mickey had most likely been tossed in the street, injuring his neck and causing a stroke. He was partially blind, and his ability to walk had been affected. He was in the perfect place-with other foster dogs and a nurturing caretaker, and he thrived. Mickey is six months old now, is neutered and up-to-date on vaccines, and seems unaware of his limitations. His foster mom found a rescue in West Virginia for special needs dogs. They will help him reach his full potential and find just the right home for him. In spite of his special circumstances, Mickey is sweet and happy, loves other dogs, and is making progress. His foster mom cared for him and help him safe and happy until the rescue took him in early September.

Fox 8's Emily Byrd to Emcee the Seventh Annual "A Cause for Paws"

The Seventh Annual "A Cause for Paws" (CFP) will be Saturday, November 7, 2009, 6:00 pm at Pinewood Country Club with **Emily Byrd of WGHP Fox 8** as emcee. It will feature a reverse raffle with a \$1,200.00 grand prize, silent auction, dinner buffet, and cash bar, along with smaller cash prizes and door prizes.

The HSRC has begun contacting local businesses and individuals for auction items and expects to have another outstanding auction this year. We will have a variety of Seagrove pottery, furniture, gift baskets and gift certificates, and some unique handmade items. Any member is welcome to contribute an item by contacting our phone line or sending an e-mail. We take smaller items and create baskets, so nothing is too small.

Proceeds from "A Cause for Paws" help fund our spay/neuter programs, including the Spay/Neuter Voucher Program, the Spay/Neuter Truck, and Spay/Neuter at the NC Zoo for homeless and shelter animals.

Tickets are \$100.00 and include dinner for two, participation in the reverse raffle, an evening of competitive bidding on auction items and an opportunity to help animals. To purchase a ticket for the event, call 629-7387, e-mail us at info@hsr pets.org, or contact any active member of the Humane Society. We can mail tickets or hold them at the door the night of CFP. For more information on the event, please visit our website at www.hsr pets.org.

President's Letter

I would just like to say a few words about spaying and neutering. Are we all doing what we can to prevent unwanted litters of kittens and puppies? Are we talking to our friends and family members about preventing pet overpopulation and their responsibilities as pet owners? There is that cute little kitten that the 8 year-old girl had always wanted. Her birthday came and it seemed like a good idea. Then that cute kitten started to get bigger, maybe started scratching the furniture. Time for it to go outside? Or is it? Did you know that in a year's time, that cute little kitten can be responsible for 300-600 kittens if she has 3 litters and each one of those kittens has one litter of kittens? That is too many kittens. These kittens can become either strays and fall victim to diseases or traumatic events and fill up our shelters, only to be euthanized. Then there is the little dog that the boy had always wanted. And his parents thought it would be fun to see the dog have puppies. Not all of these puppies will get adopted by well-meaning families. And they do not get spayed so several of them have a litter of puppies and the same tragedies also affect these unwanted puppies.

The Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) has a program in its 6th year. We provide a low-cost alternative for those who cannot afford to have their pets spayed or neutered otherwise. The Thirty-five Buck Truck transports 30-40 animals to a clinic in Greensboro where they are spayed or neutered and returned the following day. We can keep the costs to \$25-35 per animal with the supplements provided by HSRC. We also have a spay/neuter voucher program where the owner sets up the appointment and provides the transportation to the clinic.

We depend on donations to keep these programs running. Donations can include our special fundraisers during the year, including our Cause for Paws in November every year. Please consider contributing or better yet, joining us. We would love to have you!

Janice Coakley
President

A SMALL CONTRIBUTION CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!!

The Humane Society of Randolph County is asking each household in Randolph County to donate just \$1.00. It will go towards food and vet care for foster animals, flea & tick medication, shots, and helping to spay and neuter dogs & cats to help prevent unwanted pets. Your donation is greatly appreciated and you get the satisfaction knowing you helped what has become a serious problem in our county.

Please send your donation to:
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On behalf of the many animals that are in need,
thank you for your kindness.

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Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Benefits Pets and Owners

The Humane Society of Randolph County has a new program for pet owners who cannot afford to have their pets spayed/neutered at a regular veterinary clinic. The Spay/Neuter Voucher Program provides affordable surgery at a low cost clinic in Greensboro, NC and allows pet owners to schedule their pets and take them at their convenience. The two clinics with which the Humane Society works are Sheets Pet Clinic on Rock Creek Court and Planned Pethood on West Wendover Avenue. The clinics charge the Humane Society a 501 C 3 rescue price for services and we charge a flat fee for cats and dogs. We pay a portion of the cost of the surgeries, which can be an additional \$75-\$100.00 for large female dogs. The clinics offer other services at the time of surgery, and are required by law to vaccinate for rabies any pet not already vaccinated, and charge the owner. The vouchers must be redeemed at one of these two clinics.

These clinics are not intended to replace the ongoing relationship between a pet and his veterinarian. All pets need a regular veterinarian for routine care and emergencies.

Veterinarians perform the surgeries at the clinics, but they do not do pre-anesthetic blood work, and normally use dissolving stitches rather than stitches that must be removed. This slightly increases the risk of complications. The clinics provide spay/neuter surgery at a reduced price, allowing pet owners with limited resources to keep their pets, have them altered, and prevent the births of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Vouchers for either clinic may be purchased from the Humane Society of Randolph County for \$25.00 per cat and \$35.00 per dog for the cost of routine surgery only. Any additional cost (unexpected complications, in-heat or pregnant females, cryptorchid males, needed medicines, and vaccines) are the responsibility of the pet owner who pays the clinic directly. Volunteers sell vouchers the first Saturday of each month at Tractor Supply from 9-11 am. Please do not call Tractor Supply to ask questions about the program. They allow us to use space in their building but are not part of the organization.

For additional information, visit our website at www.hsrbcpets.org or call 629-PETS (7397).

Adopt-A-Teacher Program

The Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) has always supported the education of children in issues regarding the humane treatment of animals. The Adopt-A-Teacher program, which is organized through the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), allows local Humane Societies like HSRC, to provide fun and appropriate educational material for children.

HSRC will sponsor 9 classrooms and one media center in local schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Four classrooms (which consist of the entire first grade) of Hopewell Elementary School will receive the "Kindnews" monthly newsletter. One fourth grade classroom and the Media Center of Wallburg Elementary School, as well as every class, in all grade levels, of Stoner Thomas School, will also receive the newsletter. The "Kindnews" is a monthly publication (published for a variety of grade levels) which presents interesting topics, while educating children about the humane treatment of all animals.

The HSRC is providing the funds to sponsor a total of ten subscriptions which will provide over 200 individual children with a monthly newsletter for 9 months. The Teachers at Hopewell Elementary School have informed the HSRC that they plan to help the children hold a fundraiser to allow the HSRC to support more educational programs like this one. The impact of this program will have positive effects on future generations of animal lovers and will hopefully lead them to become advocates for animals themselves.



On Sunday, September 13th, HSRC held their annual Doggie Pool Party at the Tot Hill Farm Golf Club in Asheboro. This year's fundraiser was well attended by over 40 water loving dogs and their owners. Raffle prizes were donated by Asheboro Animal Hospital along with goodie bags for every dog owner containing important pet information and dog treats. Many thanks to Asheboro Animal Hospital for the goodie bags, Connie Ulrich for some amazing pet photos and Tot Hill Farm Golf Club for allowing us the use of their swimming pool – we appreciate your support. Over \$600 was raised for the Spay Neuter Program!!



Support HSRC whenever you search the Internet.

Here's how - Go To: www.Goodsearch.com

1. Enter HSRC in the *I'm Supporting* box, then click "Verify".
Select Humane Society of Randolph County.
2. Search the Internet from Search the Internet box.
3. Each time you search, revenue is generated for HSRC.

Give it a try. Goodsearch.com

Purina Helps!

HSRC receives credit for **Purina Cat & Dog Chow** weight circles. Not all products apply; visit our website for a list of *Purina* products. Please clip and send to HSRC, PO Box 4384, Asheboro, NC 27204

Purina "Give-a-bowl" Purina Pet Foods is providing animal rescue groups with "free" pet food coupons. Log on to the website at www.giveabowl.com and complete the simply online survey. The Humane Society of Randolph County will benefit from the program with your help AND you will get a coupon too! So everybody wins! The coupons are mailed directly to the Humane Society. Don't forget to select the Humane Society of Randolph County as your local group. Please make a note to visit this website and help us feed pets in our community. Thank you.

The Humane Society will hold its monthly business meeting at First Bank, 176 N. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC , on October 19, 2009. Please join us in the large meeting room on the first floor at 7:00 pm. Our November meeting will be held on November 16th.



-FOOD LION SHOP & SHARE-

This program allows non-profits to earn money based on the purchases of registered MVP cardholders. Once registered, just swipe your MVP card when purchasing items at Food Lion and a percentage of each purchase will be donated to the Humane Society of Randolph County. You don't have to purchase MVP items for us to benefit and it does not affect your MVP savings. You can register at your local Food Lion, on-line at www.hsrbcpets.org, or complete the following form and mail it to HSRC - P O Box 4384 – Asheboro, NC 27204.

Lion Shop & Share Program

Customer Sign Up:

MVP Card # (12 digits):

Name:

Address:

City

State

zip

Phone:

E-mail:

Memorials and Donations Summer 2009

In Memory of: Pamela Dee Carter

By: Frederick and Mary Bender
Benny Bowers
Carson and Peggy Cox
D. Glenn and Arlene H. Guy
Eugene and Evelyn Koonce

In Memory of: Dave Hancock

By: Liz Borger
Barbara Lassiter

In Memory of: Kim Croker Maness

By: Joe and Carole Andrews and Girls
Southwestern Randolph HS Class of 1983
Jamie M. Weston

In Memory of: Rosa Royell

By: Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church

In Memory of: Derri Sumner

By: Linda Huffman

In Memory of: "Buster"

By: Melissa Brewer

In Memory of: "Pooch" Bowman

By: Teena Byrd

In Memory of: "Bud" Dunn

By: Teena Byrd

In Memory of: "Harry" Helsabeck

By: Harris and Kathy Brown

In Memory of: "Hobo" Hancock

By: Barbara Lassiter

In Memory of: "Rascal" Royal

By: Teena Byrd

In Memory of: "Snowflake", "Mandy" and "Jasmine"

By: Judy C. Smith

In Honor of: Marie Chriscoe

By: Susan Smith

Franklin and Helene Allen

American Express Foundation

Archdale Trinity Middle School Student Council

Asheboro Jaycees

William and Susan Ball

Melissa Brewer

Melinda Bullard

Phillip and Betty Bumgarner

Kenneth Burrow

Donna Cook

Melissa Cox

JB and Claire Davis

Carolyn Dotson

First United Methodist Church

Bobby Hayes

Janet Henry

David Joyce

Velita Livingston

Edward M. Miller

William and Alice Missleback

Katie Raynor

Debbie and Ross Reaves

Cynthia Redding

Southmont Elementary School

Mary and Elliott Wood Foundation

Dee Ellen Yates

Does Your Pet Have Skin Allergies?

Dr. Carrie Hampton of Blue Flint Animal Hospital was our guest speaker at our monthly business meeting and she spoke about skin allergies. Allergies are not curable but they are manageable and treatable. The results of unmanaged allergies are skin infections, inflammation and hair loss. You can manage/treat the effects of skin allergies but you must also find the source or the allergies to prevent the allergy trigger from occurring again. The most common causes of allergies are food, dust/grass/mold, fleas, chemical reactions to shampoo/flea products/vaccine, mange mites and parasites.

Treatment Options - The most common treatment is bathing! You should first try washing off the allergy trigger from the skin. You should only use the proper animal shampoos, the wrong shampoo can be just as harmful as the allergy itself. A dog's skin has a different PH from human skin so human products can cause harm. Also, the allergy can cause a bacterial infection or yeast infections (a thick skin, sweet smell) which can be treated by shampoos that eliminate bacteria or yeast. Steroids are not a miracle cure for allergies. An injection can help with inflammation caused by the allergy, but it won't solve the problem. Steroids will "put out the fire" but they don't address the cause of the problem. For treatment of flea allergies, you may wish to try Comfortis, a new oral flea treatment. It has shown to be safe, has organic ingredients and offers great flea control. There are other new treatments on the market too. Your vet can assist with determining the cause of the allergies and the best method to manage the symptoms.

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