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**A Successful 2007 "A Cause for Paws"**  
(5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction benefiting  
The Humane Society of Randolph County)



On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> the Humane Society of Randolph County had its' largest fundraising event of the year, "A Cause for Paws". It is hard to believe only 5 years ago the Humane Society of Randolph County held its first annual "A Cause for Paws"! We are thrilled that this event has been such a success not only financially but also in popularity. Our ticket sales increase each year which means that we are finding more and more support for the homeless animals in our community!

This year's event was at Pinewood Country Club and included a delicious buffet dinner, a reverse raffle, and a silent auction. Tickets for the event were \$100 which included food for 2 and an entry into the reverse raffle. Mr. Brett Black and the staff of the country club helped to make this a special occasion for all who attended.

Social hour and silent auction bidding began at 6:30 p.m. and dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. Those who came to the fundraiser were able to bid on over 80 items. Some of the items in this year's silent auction included pottery from many local potters, jewelry from local jewelers, 2 recliners, a queen mattress set, floral arrangements donated by a members church group, signed and framed paintings, pictures and prints from local artists and much more!

The Humane Society would like to thank this year's "A Cause for Paws" Silver Paw sponsors: Dr. Michael Sink - High Point Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Brian Barnett - Randolph Animal Hospital and The Luchenbach Family. The Luchenbach's sponsorship was in memory of the HSRC's past president, Marie Yandle and in honor of Liz Borger, former Humane Society volunteer who re-located to New Hampshire last year. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who generously donated items to this affair. The support of our sponsors and auction donors truly makes this fundraiser more successful each year.

Paige Wainright, Miss Central Carolina, volunteered to be our emcee for the evening. There was even a special appearance from Santa which helped to set the mood for the upcoming holiday season! State Senator Jerry Tillman was the winner of the \$1,500 grand prize!

The continued success of this annual fundraiser helps the Humane Society with its goal; to lower the number of unwanted animals in our county by spaying and neutering as many dogs and cats as possible.

Submitted by: Dawn Molnar-Wilson

## 2007 Fall Festival

On October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> the Humane Society of Randolph County was among the participants in the annual Asheboro Fall Festival which has now taken place each year since 1971. The volunteers who helped set up early on Saturday morning were met with overcast and cloudy skies but by mid afternoon the sun had broke out and large crowds descended on uptown Asheboro for two days of crafts, food and fun for all.

As usual, our booth was well visited by folks from not just Asheboro but all over and our volunteers did their very best to answer as many questions as possible. People seemed to enjoy looking over our poster boards with pictures of adoptable pets, often commenting on how a certain dog or cat reminded them of a pet they once had or still had at home and even a few inquires were made about how the adoption process works. As usual, many people were interested in getting information on the \$25 Buck Truck and were told where and when they could bring their animals to take advantage of this wonderful deal.

People continued to stop by all day Saturday and Sunday and each and every volunteer helped by spending a few hours making sure that the booth was never empty and that the information table was always well stocked with helpful brochures about all aspects of pet care and animal adoption.

Almost \$280 was collected in our donation jar and anyone who generously gave \$5 was given a beautiful ceramic dog bone that also had been donated by someone locally. A sincere thank you goes out to every person who dropped even a few pennies in the jar.

All of our volunteers enjoyed the camaraderie and the chance to share a few laughs together while doing a great job of representing the Humane Society and always look forward to doing it again next year.

Submitted by: Claudia Marini



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Visit [www.hsrcpets.org](http://www.hsrcpets.org) for more information.

## The Fight Against Pet Overpopulation Continues

The Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) has been doing all that we can to curb the pet overpopulation problem in our county. We have been operating the 25 buck truck ( Low cost Spay Neuter transport for the general public) monthly for the past two years and hosting Spay /Neuter (S/N) weekend events with the College of Veterinary Medicine from NC State University at least twice a year. Also our foster care program has S/N and rehabilitated over 100 animals for public adoption annually. Financially, these programs are costly to operate but, we know that it is only through efforts such as these that we will be able to reduce the pet overpopulation problem and the high rate of pet euthanasia those results from the overpopulation problem. The pet euthanasia rate in Randolph County has been decreasing slightly in the past two years and despite the fact that statistics indicate that it takes three to five years to see a decrease in euthanasia rates after institution of local S/N programs, I had hoped that we were seeing signs of early progress. I was dismayed recently when I learned that the euthanasia rate in our county had increased drastically (by over 1000 animals) this year. So, I investigated the reasons behind the increase and I have found reasons to be hopeful again. Mimi Cooper (Randolph County Health Department) informed me that the number of dogs euthanatized has **not** increased and the number of dogs adopted has increased. Over all, adoptions from the Animal Shelter have increased to approximately 500 pets annually. The increase in euthanasia rates has been feral (wild, un-owned, not pets) cats and "other" animals such as chickens (animal cruelty) and other non-pet animals suspected of suffering from disease. In fact, the increase in feral cat euthanasia has been due in part to the rise in rabies cases this past, hot, dry summer. Several local municipalities were forced to take drastic steps to reduce the numbers of un-vaccinated feral cats which are susceptible to rabies. While the euthanasia of any healthy animal is regrettable, uncared for feral cats can pose a threat to humans and other animals and I would rather see all animals living in loving, responsible homes instead of trying to survive alone without proper food, shelter or veterinary care. Once caught, feral cats can rarely be rehabilitated to become adoptable pets.

So the good news is that there has been no increase in the euthanasia rates of adoptable animals at the Animal Shelter and further good news, there is a proposed plan to ensure that the approximately 500 pets who will be adopted annually from the shelter in the future will also be Spayed and Neutered (S/N) . When this plan has been formalized (July 2008), I will be able to share the details with you.

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Pet Overpopulation continued...

The HSRC will try to continue our own progress from 2007 in the area of Spaying and Neutering and hopefully, we can S/N 500 more pets in 2008! If we are able to continue our work, with your support, and with the Animal Shelter's approximately 500 adopted pets annually and the HSRC efforts, we can have 1,000 pets Spayed and Neutered for our community every year!

Working together, we can truly begin to win this fight against pet overpopulation and one day, maybe every pet that is born will be born into a loving, forever, home.

Submitted by: Paige Wilhoit

President

Humane Society Randolph County

## Pet Photos with Santa



The Humane Society of Randolph County's pictures with Santa were held a little earlier and relocated to the photographer's, Juan Villa, own studio, *Villa Photography*. It is such a perfect setting. For those wanting truly seasonal pictures, a man in a red suit sitting in a cozy chair, next to a Christmas tree, was an option. For those wanting non-seasonal pictures, there was a serene white setting available. And, of course, there were a few of us wanting both! It was a great day for canine and feline owners and photographer alike. A special thanks to Juan and Diane Villa, Bobby Davis (for being Santa) and to all those who participated in this annual event!

Submitted by: Janice Coakley

## 10th Annual Dog Fest

Dog Fest, a Canine Corps sponsored event, was held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Level Cross. Many animal rescue groups, along with HSRC, were represented. There was a skit starring local canine actors, Asheboro Police K9 Unit demo, and, as usual, HSRC sponsored a pet costume contest. There was everything from a tiny Chihuahua to the statuesque Great Dane, and, of course, our favorites, mixed breeds of every shape and size. This is truly the highlight of the autumn season. Proceeds from Dog Fest were donated to Ruff Love, Ashley's Angels, Asheboro Police K9 Unit, and HSRC.

Submitted by: Janice Coakley



winners of the HSRC sponsored costume contest

## HSRC Thankful for Generous Donations



Jennifer Mills, a representative with "Wishbones for Pets" sponsored a supply drive for the Humane Society of Randolph County and the Randolph County Animal Shelter. Items that were donated included: dog and cat treats, cat food, collars, leashes, bowls, toys, brushes and nail clippers.

Melissa Ekas, a senior at Eastern Randolph High School, raised \$276.50 for the Humane Society's Spay & Neuter Program as part of her senior project. She held a 2 day silent auction in the teacher's lounge at the High School with items that were donated from local businesses.

## Memorials and Donations

In Honor of: Dr. Berdeen, Dr. Noeller and  
Staff of Pointe South Animal Hospital  
By: Linda Huffman

In Honor of: Audrey Ballard  
By: Bob and Carol Edwards

In Honor of: Landon Morehead  
By: Pam Freeze

In Honor of: Liz Borger  
By: The Luchenbach Family

In Memory of: Austin Henline  
By: Clark R. Bell  
Rita Edwards  
Joy Hoover  
Steve, Kem, Molly and Reynolds  
McAllister  
Cindy McElreath's 7.5 Combo Team  
Jim and Terri Ridge  
Jonathan Sawyer  
Doug Shiflet Photography  
Sharon Way

In Memory of: James W. Law  
By: Pattie and Ray Scott

In Memory of: "Ben"  
By: Betty Fulghum

In Memory of: "Buddy"  
By: Balinda Ferree

In Memory of: "Deac"  
By: Caywood Hendricks

In Memory of: "Doc"  
By: Bob and Ann McGlohon

In Memory of: "Maxi"  
By: Frank and Helene Allen

In Memory of: "Molly"  
By: Bill and Phyllis Bizzell

In Memory of: "Peebles"  
By: Betty Fulghum

In Memory of: "Sadie"  
By: Gail Swaringen  
Suzanne Tate

In Memory of: Marie Yandle  
By: The Luchenbach family

Edward Bielinski  
Canine Corps  
Carolyn Dotson  
Lisa Menius  
Jayne Parker  
L.T. Snead  
George and Connie Ulrich

A Guardian Angel of: Parker  
Lisa Shore

A Guardian Angel of: Cookie  
Dawn Molnar-Wilson

A prayer written by  
Albert Schweitzer:



Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals. Especially for the animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity and for those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

## HSRC Pet Spotlight "Cookie"

Cookie was surrendered to the Humane Society by her elderly owner who could no longer care for her due to the woman's health problems. Cookie was loved and pampered so much that when she first entered foster care she was very overweight. She has lost 26 pounds so far but has a few more pounds to shed!

Cookie has only lived in two homes, both of those being with single, older women. She prefers to be the only dog in the home; she likes cats but is not accustomed to small children.

Cookie likes to be outside in the day so she can see all the action but is ready to come inside to sleep on her blanket at night. She rides well, walks well on a leash, is housetrained and is just an all around good dog. She is 8 years old, in very good health and is ready for her forever home. If you have room in your heart and home for this beautiful girl, contact the HSRC at 629-PETS. Visit the HSRC website to see more animals available for adoption: [www.hsrbpets.org](http://www.hsrbpets.org). Submitted by: Marie Chriscoe, Cookie's Foster Mother



"COOKIE"

## A Very Special Foster Kitty

What is a rescuer to do when a special needs kitten is part of a litter? Of course, there are only two alternatives: euthanize or rescue. So far, I have never taken that harsh step of ending a life, but I was in a panic when a deaf white kitten was a member of a litter this summer, and the same week a kitten who had lost an eye to traumatic injury was a member of another litter. The eye required expensive surgery to close and repair; the deafness is a lifetime condition. The chief requirements for the deaf kitten are patience and love. Little Astra is a gorgeous female who is now six months old. She has large green (not the usual blue) eyes and is very visual. She loves to watch TV or watch a fan swirl around. She is mesmerized by interesting visuals. Sadly, I cannot use my voice with her at all. So, hardest of all, I cannot call her. Then I cannot use my voice to show

her love or disapproval either. I have to be extremely careful when doing routine household chores like running the vacuum cleaner, for Astra is not afraid of the roar of a vacuum, but instead thinks that moving vacuum head is a toy! It could be unsafe, of course, so it is better to lock her in a room when vacuuming occurs. There are many small special considerations that make her life happier. When waking her, I gently pat her and try to reassure her. Deaf kittens sleep very deeply, with no noise disturbances, so waking for a meal may be difficult sometimes.

Interacting with other felines can be challenging also. Astra cannot hear the verbal cues her fellow felines emit. This can be bother to some felines, especially alpha types. Her fellow felines also find it strange that she does not use her voice, not ever. One of the routines we have established with Astra is that we often pick her up and just cuddle her. If she did not have enough of this, we fear she would retreat in to a silent world. We stimulate her with all sorts of interesting toys. Her favorites are plastic Easter eggs and little decorative glass gems. She likes to slide both noisily around on wooden or ceramic tile. We suspect she feels vibrations. Similarly, although she did not hear her mother purr, she felt the vibration of her mother's purr.

We would like a very special home for foster Astra. We have too many pet cats, and our age is getting prohibitive for adopting a kitten who could live 15, 18, or maybe even 20 years. One would have to spend some time with her, and see how it goes. Changing her environment will be much harder for Astra than it is for other foster kittens, so this is not a commitment to be taken lightly. Call 636-5566 or e-mail [cheryljeansmith@triad.rr.com](mailto:cheryljeansmith@triad.rr.com) if you are interested in considering making Astra a part of your home. She needs a feline companion or maybe a small dog, because she has learned to follow the lead of her companions. Also the companion stimulates her. I want to add that although Astra does have special requirements, loving her is a privilege. She is a magical kitten

Submitted By: Cheryl Smith, Cheryl's Foster Felines

**HSRC Courtesy Listing - Disclaimer: Since Astra is not a Humane Society pet, we cannot attest to its' health or temperament, or be liable for her in any manner.**



## The Humane Society of Randolph County Guardian Angel Program

If you are not able to adopt but would still like to help one of our homeless pets, please consider sponsoring one of our adorable animals! By becoming a Guardian Angel, you provide food, vet care and housing for a special animal at the Humane Society of Randolph County. You have the chance to make life better for a special cat or dog. Call or e-mail us at the Humane Society and let us know that you would like to become a Guardian Angel.

**What you do:** You pick which level of sponsorship you would like to participate in. You may specify a cat or dog or you can pick one of the animals on our website.

**What you get:** A picture and information on the animal you are sponsoring. Your name highlighted next to the animal's name on the HSRC website. You will be notified when your cat or dog is adopted. Your name will be listed in our newsletter as a sponsor.

### Levels of Sponsorship:



***Platinum Paw: \$100 sponsorship fee***



***Gold Paw: \$75 sponsorship fee***



***Silver Paw: \$50 sponsorship fee***



***Bronze Paw: \$25 sponsorship fee***

*Your contributions & donations are 100% tax deductible.*

The Humane Society of Randolph County  
Guardian Angel Program Sponsorship Form

Guardian Angel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog or Cat or Specify  
Animal from website: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Platinum, Gold, Silver  
or Bronze)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your sponsor fee to:  
The Humane Society of Randolph County  
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*Your contributions & donations are 100% tax deductible*

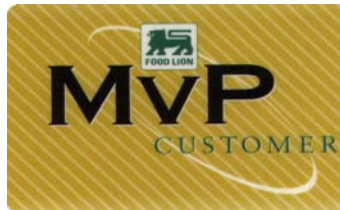
*Thank You!*

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter

The Humane Society of Randolph County offers a **low cost spay/neuter service**. This service allows pet owners to spay/neuter their pets for **\$25.00**. (HSRC pays the difference on each animal!)

Please call 629-PETS, phone Line 1 or 2, and leave your name, phone number, address, type of pet (dog/cat - male/female) to schedule your pet for the next available truck. Space is limited for this is a very high demand service and appointments are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. All vaccines, including rabies, are \$5.00 each.

Take advantage of this service and make your pet a happy and healthy companion.



Food Lion will give HSRC a percentage of all purchases made with MVP cards that are registered with The Humane Society of Randolph County through their LionShop & Share Program. To be a supporter, you must register your MVP card. You can register it at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) or enter your information on our website: [www.hsrbpets.org](http://www.hsrbpets.org)

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