



# The Humane Society



# of Randolph County

PO Box 4384 Asheboro, NC 27204

(336) 629-PETS

[www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc](http://www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc)

Spring 2003

## HSRC sponsors the “Big Snip”!

*NC State Mobile Spay/Neuter unit visits twice!*

After almost a year of making calls, leaving messages and securing information, the mobile unit made its anticipated visit January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Saturday was “cat day” and Sunday “dog day” with 65 animals being spayed or neutered. All eligible Humane Society foster care animals were operated on as well as a select few from the county animal shelter, Happy Hills Animal Foundation and several feral cat colonies.

The event was so successful, that Dr. Ferris of the NC State Vet School agreed to come back March 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Almost 100 animals were altered during these four days.

Big thanks to Collision Works in Randleman for providing the perfect location for the mobile unit to “park”. Also thanks to HSRC director Paige Wilhoit for doing all the leg work to get the unit here! All volunteers that participated in the clinic contributed to its success.

*Continued on page 2*

## WISH LIST

- “Spay/ Neuter” (or other varieties) postage stamps
- Monetary Donations
- Volunteers to participate in new and exciting programs!
- Color and Black and White ink jet cartridges
- Ideas and follow through for fundraisers

## Future of Humane Society

*Where we’re going...*

The constitution of the Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) states that the purpose of the organization is “to promote the welfare of animals through the prevention of cruelty to animals, the reduction of overpopulation, and the promotion of humane education.”

The HSRC strives to fulfill our stated purpose in many different ways. We try to educate the public about humane animal care by setting up information booths at Asheboro Fall Festival, NASCAR days and other local public events. We operate a telephone information “hotline” to give people information and assistance with a wide variety of animal related issues. In the past we have organized educational lectures for the public on the spread of rabies in our county and on the issues surrounding feral cat colonies. We try to get our message out by doing presentations and giving talks at local schools and community organizations. We send information about humane animal care to several classrooms in our area through the Adopt-A-Teacher program. The prevention of cruelty to animals is accomplished by educating people, especially children about the proper care of animals. We also work closely with the local

*Continued on page 2*



Volunteer Audrey Ballard watches a Vet Student spay a cat at the Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

## **Other Spay/Neuter events**

The last Tuesday of February is traditionally "Spay Day" which is sponsored by the Doris Day Animal Foundation. In addition to the Spay/Neuter clinic, the Humane Society sponsored a drawing for 5 free spay or neuter surgeries. The response was tremendous with over 40 entries received. All but two non winning entries qualified for HSRC Spay/Neuter assistance.

It is the goal of the Humane Society to get a low cost spay and neuter clinic open to the public. Since the NC State unit is only able to operate on "unowned" animals, spay/neuter assistance is the only option for helping citizens and their pets. We will continue to explore options.

Nevertheless, in the first quarter of 2003 there are almost 200 animals in Randolph County that are not reproducing. All thanks to the efforts of the HSRC!

## **Future... continued from page 1**

animal control officers and the county cruelty investigator by sharing information we receive about possible cases of cruelty to animals.

The HSRC has been fighting the pet overpopulation problem by offering half price spaying and neutering through most local veterinarians. Members of the public can apply for assistance, which is based on financial need, by requesting an application through our telephone lines 629-PETS. We send out approximately 300 applications every year. In 2002 we approved 126 application and 70 pets were surgically sterilized

We also have been battling pet overpopulation by participating in a scientific study of feral cat colonies conducted by Dr. Felicia Nutter. This study not only resulted in the spaying and neutering of hundreds of "wild" cats in our area but the cats were vaccinated against rabies which helped protect the people and animals of our county. The scientific data gathered from the study of these cats will help our group as well as other across the country deal more effectively with colonies of feral cats.

Another way the HSRC reduces pet over population is by spaying and neutering all our animals before they are adopted by the public. In 2002 we surgically

sterilized 76 animals. By placing "fixed" animals in homes in our community, we are spreading the message that spayed and neutered pets make the best pets!

For the past several years, one of the stated goals of the HS has been to one day build and operate an animal holding/adoption facility. But, all of the money that we are able to generate through our fundraisers and public appeals for donations goes back into the community through our various programs. We receive no financial support from the county or state. Animal rescue, foster care and spay/neuter assistance takes a large part of our budget. No one in the HS draws a salary. We are all volunteers who donate our time and energy as well as our own money. The goal of building and operating a shelter for animals seemed beyond our reach.

In 2001 the HS asked people who operate other successful organizations to come and speak with our members and offer us some of there "hints' on how we should proceed in the future. After listening to what they had to say, our membership asked ourselves the question, "What do we most want to do to help the animals of Randolph County?" and the answer from everyone was "reduce pet overpopulation!"

In 2003 we began the new year by focusing on doing just that. Our time and energy and donations have gone into hosting our first spay/neuter clinic in January with the College of Veterinary medicine from NC State University in Raleigh. At no time have so many different groups come together to do so much good for the animals of this county!

## *Committees Formed*

In an effort to better utilize the talents of all HSRC members, the board has formed five standing committees. Foster Care, Spay and Neuter, Communication, Fundraising, and Education. Committees will meet independent of the business meeting. They will make plans and discuss details then make a report at the monthly meeting. It is the wish of the Board that these committees will help make the business meetings go smoother and we will be able to attract and retain new members.

Eventually we can incorporate fun programs into the meetings. If each member would choose one or two committees to be involved in, we can get a lot accomplished.

*Continued on page 3*

continued from page 2

## Memorials and Donations

*The Humane Society of Randolph County welcomes your tax deductible donation*

In Honor of: Donna Campbell  
By: Liz and John Borger

In Honor of: Peggy Gerard  
By: John and Sue German

In Memory of: Teresa Gayle Harris  
By: Matching Gifts Program Unilever US., Inc.

In Honor of: Charles W. McCrary IV  
By: Liz and John Borger

In Memory of: Gloria Witt Maness  
By: The June M. Auman Family  
George and Genie Matthews

In Memory of: Harriet Maresh  
By: Carole Gilliam

In Memory of: Betty Randles and "Haley"  
By: Paige Wilhoit

In Honor of: Paige Wilhoit  
By: Lucille Duncan

In Honor of: "Daisy"  
By: Betty Bumgarner

In Memory of: "Henry"  
By: Gail Swaringen

In Memory of: "Josie" and "Haley"  
By: Liz and John Borger

In Memory of: "Mary Christmas"  
By: Suzanne Tate

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

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Allen  
William Bizzell  
Christie Luckenbach

So... if you've been "silent" for a while or have a talent you would like to share, please give us a call. We'd love to have you join us in our ongoing effort to reduce pet overpopulation! There is a lot to get excited about!

### *New Members:*

**Audrey Ballard  
Ed and Judy Noonan**

The HSRC is thrilled to have these new members in our group. Audrey was a big help at our January Spay clinic and Judy has been a big help with the pet lines!

(PS: from a "seasoned member".... At no time in the past 5 years has there been such a positive outlook for the HSRC. We are at the point where we are able to branch out into the community further than in the past. This is possible by the addition of our new volunteers. Again, the "seasoned" members say THANK YOU and the animals say lick... meow... purr... woof....)

## LIONSHOP & SHARE PROGRAM

Food Lion has a new program called LionShop & Share where non-profit organizations can earn money based on the purchases of registered cardholders. The Humane Society of Randolph County is one of these groups. If you have a MVP card already, you can register on-line at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) or go to our web site, [www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc](http://www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc). We get a portion of sales, up to \$350 per quarter. If you don't have a card, you can get one at your local Food Lion store. Participation does not affect your MVP savings, nor do you have to buy MVP items to participate. Simply swipe your MVP card each time you make a purchase at a Food Lion store. This is a simple way to help the animals of Randolph County. Tell your friends who shop at Food Lion to sign up. You need not be a member of the HSRC, just a shopper with a cause!

Don't forget to send in the weight circles from Purina Brand Dog Food. We can redeem them for coupons and other pet related items.



## Lost Animals

Thanks to Wendy Freeman Davis from Seagrove who wrote to the Courier Tribune to inform us about a website for lost pets. Hopefully, none of us will need it, but just in case, here it is.

[www.lassiecomehomenc.org](http://www.lassiecomehomenc.org)



Suzanne Tate  
monitors a dog in recovery during the Spay Clinic.

Humane Society of Randolph County  
PO Box 4384  
Asheboro, NC 27204

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## *ANIMALS ADOPTED since last newsletter*

Best wishes to these animals in their new homes

Ursula- Germ shepherd  
Josey- kitten  
Punkin- torti cat  
Molly- lab-mix  
Muffin- Persian  
Prissy- poodle  
Mickey- grey kitten  
Duke- mixed pup  
Murphy- collie/spaniel pup  
Gracie- long hair cat  
Boots- black and white cat  
Baby Super-Aussie Mix Dog  
Maple, Droopy, Wildman- 3 kittens  
Callie and Torti- kittens  
Congo- mix pup  
DiDi- mixed pup  
Topaz and Leena- Calico and Torti kittens  
Pickles-terrier mix  
Hermine-grey tabby cat  
Wilbur-terrier mix  
Hagrid-black cat  
Sly-grey kitten  
Starlite-black and white kitten  
Dutchess- black mixed puppy  
Gage Sr.-grey tabby cat



