



The Humane Society



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SAVE-A-PET EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Reprinted from Courier Tribune editorials

The Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) held its first major fund-raiser on Nov. 8 at Southwestern Randolph Middle School and the response was very positive.

Although the grand prize winner of the reverse raffle, Clarice Redding, wasn't there to claim her prize, she plans to donate a portion of the \$1,500 back to the Humane Society because "It's the right thing to do," she said. In addition to the grand prize winner, five additional prizes of \$100 were handed out, two of which have already been returned as donations.

The biggest winners of the evening, however, were the animals HSRC currently has in foster care waiting for new homes. HSRC also helps low income families that need spay/neuter assistance for their pets and emergency veterinary assistance.

The event began with a grilled steak or chicken dinner catered by Chuck Gettig of Jugtown Cafe, and silent auction bidding began at 5:30 p.m. and continued until just before the reverse raffle draw down.

Everyone went home a winner even if they didn't get a cash prize since HSRC had door prizes to hand out as well as a collectible holiday ornament as a souvenir.

The silent auction had 91 items, including a pair of Lowe's Motor Speedway race tickets as well as racing memorabilia from Dale Earnhart, Inc. and Petty Enterprises. Pot-

tery, furniture, jewelry, collectibles and more were donated by businesses and individuals for this event. More than 100 people enjoyed the evening, and every item was sold. The highest bid item was a teak chair which raised \$225 and was donated by private individuals. The silent auction alone raised over \$3,000. •

The Humane Society plans to send a personal letter to each donor thanking them for their contribution. Everyone who attended the event will also get a thank-you letter as well as a brief questionnaire to complete to assist HSRC in planning this event in 2004. HSRC fund-raisers are generally small ones such as yard sales, pet photos and festival participation, but in order to help more animals, it was decided to try something different. **While membership is growing, there is still a need for more members who are willing to volunteer not only with fund-raising but also serve on committees and act as foster parents.**

The Humane Society of Randolph County is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that relies solely on membership, donations and fund-raising to continue its work. Meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month at the Randolph Library and are open to the public. For further information call 629-PETS, visit <www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc> or call me at 625-0434.



Joan Williams

FUNDRAISING UPDATE 2003

Purina Proof of Purchase Seals - \$500.
Yard Sale - \$738.
Bush Hill Festival - \$505.
Fall Festival - \$424.
Dog Fest - \$92.
Pet Photos with Santa - \$260.
Save A Pet Event - \$8,347.
Total to date for 2003 - **\$10,866**

PURINA POINTS UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who sent in weight circles. We exceeded our goal and were able to redeem 50,000 points for a \$500. check, made payable to our veterinarian. We have already collected 9,841 points for next year!

Cheryl Smith, editor

Holiday Hazards

Agent	Typical Species Exposed and Affected	Commonly Observed Signs
Yeast dough	Dogs	Drunken appearance, abdominal pain, respiratory depression, cardiac arrest
Macadamia nuts	Dogs	Weakness, vomiting, incoordination, tremors
Raisins and grapes	Dogs, possibly other species	Vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, lethargy, kidney failure
Avocado	Dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, cattle, horses, birds	Vomiting, diarrhea, inflammation of the mammary glands in some species, heart and respiratory problems in some species
Alcoholic beverages	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors, seizures
Coffee	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Drunken appearance, vomiting, lethargy, respiratory depression
Antifreeze	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Vomiting, drunken appearance, excessive drinking and urinating, seizures, kidney failure
Liquid potpourris	Dogs, cats, other small mammals, horses, birds, reptiles, livestock	Oral and esophageal burns
Ice melts	Dogs, cats, small mammals, birds	Vomiting, diarrhea, disorientation, electrolyte imbalances
Electrical cords	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Shock or electrocution
Holiday decorations	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Injury to the mouth or gastrointestinal tract, foreign body obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract
Batteries	Dogs, cats, small mammals	Foreign body obstruction, corrosive injury to the mouth and gastrointestinal tract
Human cough/cold/flu medicines	Dogs, cats, small mammals	May affect one or more body systems, life-threatening conditions possible
Poinsettia (<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, reptiles	Mild gastrointestinal upset
Christmas cactus (<i>Schlumbergera truncata</i>)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, reptiles	Gastrointestinal upset
Mistletoe (<i>Phoradendron serotinum</i>)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, reptiles	Gastrointestinal upset, lowered blood pressure, cardiovascular collapse, other variable signs
American holly (<i>Ilex opaca</i>)	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, reptiles	Gastrointestinal upset, depression
Christmas tree preservative	Dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, reptiles	Mild gastrointestinal upset
Acorns	Dogs, horses, cattle	Gastrointestinal upset, foreign body obstruction, kidney failure

FROM THE VETERINARIANS AT THE ASPCA ANIMAL POISON CONTROL CENTER
Animal Watch, Winter, 2003

6th Annual Dog Fest by Dawn Wilson

The HSRC participated in the Randolph County Canine Corp's 6th Annual "Dog Fest" on Sunday, October 19th at the Level Cross Community Center. The festivities began with a Dog Parade. The Humane Society's dogs in foster care were at the front of the parade and the emcee introduced each dog, letting the audience know that they were available for adoption. Other events included: demon-and herding; musical fast shirt contest; mock all test; and a Halloween costume contest sponsored by the



Elaine Davis, Melissa manned the Humane face painting for the kids Christine Myers took photographs of our foster care dogs and the winners of Gordon, Foster Care nized the foster care dog's

Guess Who?

Maness and Dawn Wilson Society's booth and provided for a donation to the HSRC. tographs of our foster care the Costume Contest. Regina Committee Chairman, orga-participation in various events.

Of Course the "BIG" event was the Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Humane Society. We had a surprisingly large number of dogs and their owners participate in this event. Prizes were given for "Funniest," "Scariest," and "Most Creative" costume. The audience participated in the selection of the winners by cheering for the dogs in each category. Regina Gordon, Dawn Wilson and the event emcee judged which dogs received the loudest cheers and the awards were given accordingly. Each of the three winners received a certificate and a leash and collar. Michelle Peck and Marie Yandle, Humane Society members, donated the leashes and collars. The "funniest" costume award was given to Winston as "crazy lady" and his owner Marie Beal. Louisa Barnes and her dog Hermione, who was dressed as an "angel," won the "Most Creative" award. The "Scariest" award was given to a small dog dressed as a "witch". The winners are featured on the Humane Society's web site.

A Cat's Prayer.....

I ask for the privilege of not being born...
not to be born until you can assure me of
a home and a master to protect me, and
the right to live as long as I am physically
able to enjoy life... not to be born until my
body is precious and men have ceased to
exploit it because it is cheap and plentiful.

.....Author Unknown



"Cats' Prayer" Website

EDUCATION by Janice Coakley

Statistics from the animal shelter records show that the vast majority of animal cruelty cases are the result of ignorance and neglect. Very few are the result of anyone intentionally wanting to be cruel to an animal. Most cases of cruelty are the result of animals being “dumped” by people who truly believe that “some farmer will give them a good home” or that “the cat/dog will find food. It’s an animal.” Cruelty by neglect also results because people do not understand about pet diseases or their prevention. Humane education about our responsibilities to domestic animals can help prevent the majority of animal cruelty cases in our county.

Also, pet overpopulation is the result of the poor education of some people. Many people don’t know when or how animals breed so they are caught by surprise when they are presented with an unwanted litter. Some people have out-dated notions about an animals “need” to breed to be “happy”. Some people believe breeding animals are “nicer”. There are even people who are afraid of having their pets undergo surgery to become sterilized. Humane education can help change these and other misconceptions.

The HSRC is trying to educate the people of our community in a variety of ways.

Our phone lines give information to hundreds of members of the public every year. Our volunteers who respond to the questions we receive on the phone lines do their best to educate each and every person they speak with. These one-on-one conversations are an excellent way to educate people on a variety of topics.

Our web-site also connects the HSRC to the public and by the exchange of e-mails, the passing along of articles on animal related topics, our links with other humane groups, and so on, we can better educate our own members as well as the general public.

Humane society members attend a wide variety of festivals and events in Randolph County. The Asheboro Fall Festival, Bush Hill Festival in Archdale, Canine Core, Santa

Photos, Pet adoption fairs at Randolph Mall and other events, allow our members face-to-face contact with

the public. Each event is an opportunity to educate a member of the public. And we can always hope that whenever a person learns about humane pet care from one of our dedicated members, that person will share that new knowledge with their family and friends.

Many of our members further that essential face-to-face contact by agreeing to speak at a variety of organizations in our community, such as local schools, daycare centers for children and senior citizens, rotary clubs and other civic organizations. A wealth of knowledge on humane pet care can be shared with a great number of people at any one of these speaking engagements.

But, of course, our greatest hope of changing the quality of care for animals in the future lies with educating the children today.

HSRC members who speak at local schools are a big help in that area. It is also important to work with young people one-on-one. Many kids from local 4-H clubs, the boy scouts, girl scouts, home-school association, and so on, have volunteered to work on a variety of projects with humane society members. Usually one of our members will “mentor” the young person over a period of several weeks or months. We hope that these young people will learn lessons about the proper care of pets that will last them a lifetime.

A greater audience of children can be reached through KIND news. KIND news is a newspaper published by the Humane Society of the United States. It has a wealth of humane education provided in a fun, easy to learn format. The HSRC can provide this material to classrooms of 25 children for \$25.00 dollars a year. This year we sponsored six classrooms at various local schools at a cost of \$150. Providing this educational material to so many children today has the potential of doing some good tomorrow.

Education about humane care of animals is not the job of just one committee or just one person. Every member of the HSRC has the responsibility to be an ambassador for our group. Please speak well of our many fine programs and all of the hard work of our fellow members. Tell all of your family and friends everything you know about the proper care of animals and tell them how the HSRC is trying to extend that high quality of care to all animals in Randolph county.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership has increased by 67% over last year. Fourteen Foster Care Parents are honorary members.

Tanji Frazier

Michael Zink

Salyer Chiropractic Clinic

Ally and Lincoln Thomas

Shannon Pronger

Reginald and Carla Freemyer

Barbara Lassiter

Carolyn Threadgill

Abby Griffin

Phyllis Lowe

Gail Swaringer

Caroll Rich



Animals Adopted

Camille – Border Collie Mix

Bob – Siamese Cat

Bobby – Siamese Cat

Ashley – White Cat

Maddie – Light Gray Cat

Baby – Black Kitten

Hedwig – White Kitten

Harry – Himalayan Kitten

Velcro – White Kitten

Snapp – White Kitten

Dharma – Tabby kitten

Buffy – Siamese Flame Point

Pepper – cat (2nd adoption)

Jed – Lab mix

Hermione – black kitten

Hagrid – black kitten

Lindy – grey kitten

Dog Behavior/Obedience Workshop

Our foster care parents and foster care committee members were privileged to be able to take a free two-part Dog Behavior/Obedience Workshop in November given by Ally and Lincoln Thomas of the Thomas Dog School in Randleman. There was insight into canine behavior and work on sit, stay, come, down, let's go, and heel, with and without distractions. The highlight of each workshop was the fun time for handlers and dogs when every one went over jumps and the dogs ran through barrels. We all came away learning something and had a good time doing it.

However, our main reason for the workshop is to offer a pet that has good manners, basic obedience, housebroken and crate trained so it is a joy for the new owners.

Our thanks to Ally and Lincoln for giving their time and sharing their knowledge.

Regina Gordon

Canine Corp Generosity

The Canine Corp. of Randolph County's President, Jack Brown, and Ally Thomas, Thomas School for Dogs, presented 10 dog crates to the HSRC's Foster Care/Adoption Chairperson, Regina Gordon, and Rhonda Swaney (and hidden Gary Maynard), foster care parents of foster care pup Bandit. Many thanks!--Regina Gordon



HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS WIN 2003-04

In Memory of: Lisa Bumgarner Briles
By: Beverly and Stan Beck
Betty and Gene Bumgarner



In Honor of: Claire (Birthday)
By: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis

In Memory of: "Beulah" Phillips
By: JB & Claire Davis and Hawk

In Honor of: "Buffy"
By: Annice McDowell

In Memory of: "Dottie"
By: Scottie and Dewey Michelle

In Memory of: "Kensie"
By: Scottie and Dewey Michelle

In Memory of: "Mickey"
By: Barbara Loyd and Bert Maness

In Memory of: "Sara"
By: Michael Nowak

In Memory of: "Tracy"
By: Katherine M. Pugh

In Memory of: "Mavis"
By: Greg and Ameer Stewart

In Memory of: "Philippe" and "Annie"
By: Jane and Gale Thomas

Canine Corps
Bobby and Mona Chriscoe
George Clements Realty
Larry Johnson/Tractor Supply Company of Asheboro
Brooks and Elizabeth Klostermyer
Katherine Pugh
Randolph County Animal Shelter
Emma Rush
Sprint
Candy Stringer
Anne M. Telgarez
Ally Thomas



Featured Adoptable Animal

Roxie, a Lab Mix

Spayed Female

Adoption Fee - \$75

Roxie is extremely lovable and enjoys the companionship of her "human." She has recently begun formal obedience training and is progressing nicely. The training is offered free to HS Foster Care Parents by Ally Thomas of Thomas School for Dogs. Roxie has two brothers who are also awaiting adoption.



"When you believe there is no love in the world, just gaze into the eyes of the cat in your lap or the dog on your hearth."

Traditional Welsh Poem



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