



# The Humane Society



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## Paws in the Park 2005

After months of laborious planning and after being postponed from its' original date due to rain, The Humane Society's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paws in the Park took place on Sunday, May 22 at Creekside Park in Archdale. Many members arrived anywhere from 10:00 to 12:00 in order to prepare for the day's festivities.

The event began with opening remarks by Marie Yandle, President of the Humane Society followed with entertainment by Pride of the Carolina's Cloggers. The cloggers danced to a number of upbeat, hand-clapping songs including "Who Let the Dogs Out." Ally and Lincoln Thomas from Thomas School for Dogs and the Canine Corps of Randolph County did several dog obedience demonstrations including Canine Good Citizen. Several guests participated in the hands-on demonstrations. Various dog contests were held throughout the day. The winners were as follows: James Norton's Greyhound Rachel won most colorful; Melanie

Hick's Great Dane Xena won tallest dog; James Davis' Saint Bernard Bonnie had the longest tail; Stephanie Whiteheart's dog Debo won the musical sit contest; Douglas Williams and his dog Sassy won the owner/dog look-a-like; Barb Hoehn's Bassett Hound Elvis had the longest ears; Linda Hoehn's miniature Chihuahua was the shortest dog; Lorene Morphis's dog Sassy won best singer; and Nancy McDowell's beloved Boston Terrier Gracie had the shortest tail and was the oldest dog at the age of 14. Gracie won the senior dog in 2004 also!

The highlight of the day was the "Fido Fashion Show" where dogs for adoption sported the seasons "mutt have fashions" designed by Ginny Wiltsey of Classy Sassy Paws. Numerous Humane Society dogs along with 2 dogs from Asheville Animal Hospital had a grand time strutting down the runway in their designer wear to songs such as "I'm Too Sexy" and "Vogue." Ginny spoke of each dog's glamorous outfit and told

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each dog's story in hopes that someone in the audience would be willing to provide one a forever home!

A number of vendors joined the fun by participating at the event. Several food vendors joined in the festivities: Bluff Mountain Homemade Ice Cream of Trinity, Cameron's Funnel Cakes of High Point, and Archdale Parks and

Recreation sold hotdogs, chips and various snacks. Many vendors selling a variety of items were present also: Classy Sassy Paws of High Point, Susan's Boutique of Yanceyville, Artful Faces of Kernersville, Wanda Edwards of Trinity and Gaza Molnar of Archdale. Diamond Amusements brought a moon bounce, a number of games and sand art for the children.

Audrey Ballard and Roger Morphis created a beach scene where guests could have a Polaroid picture taken with their pets. Participants were able to choose from various props: beach ball, beach ring, large sunglasses, and goggles, in order to "strike a pose" in the sand for the camera. There was a contest for kids to do animal impersonations and each child received a coloring book and crayons for their participation. And, through-



out the later part of the event, a series of trivia questions was asked and winners received their choice of a ball or a travel water bowl for their dog.

The lucky winner's of the 50/50 raffle were Ally and Lincoln Thomas of Randleman. Adrienne Burleson of Randleman won a free spay or neuter surgery compliments of Dr. Ayer of Archdale Animal Clinic.

Reverend Barry Lemons of Fairfield United Methodist Church closed the event with a Blessing of the Animals. This is a popular activity and many guests come to the event just to have their pets blessed.

The Humane Society would like to thank the following: Archdale Parks and Recreation for providing a place for this community event; Dr. Ayer of Archdale Animal Clinic for donating a free spay or neuter surgery for our drawing; Ally and Lincoln Thomas of Thomas School for Dogs for the dog obedience demonstrations; The Canine Corps of Randolph County for dog obedience demonstrations and coordinating the fashion show; Ginny Wiltsey of Classy Sassy Paws for the "Fido Fashion Show"; Reverend Lemons for doing the blessing of the animals; Pride of the Carolina's Cloggers for donating the use of their PA system; Food Lion of Archdale for contributing canned drinks; Lowe's Food of Archdale for donating bottled water, and all the vendors who participated and made generous contributions to the Humane Society.

Dawn Molnar

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## Low Cost Spay/Neuter

HSRC held its second Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Twenty-five pets were spayed or neutered and updated on vaccines for a low cost (owner's) of \$20 per animal and \$5 per vaccine. It has been nicknamed the "20 buck truck." Liz and I loaded the 25 animals onto the truck for their transport to the Low Cost S/N Clinic in Kernersville on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>; One of our participants even provided lattes for us! Debbie, Marie, and



I unloaded the animals the following morning. All owners were happy to have their pets back and very happy with the new program. The Humane Society's contribution is approximately the same as it would be for routine spay and neuter assistance at a local veterinarian. However, the owner's portion is considerably less. It is a great opportunity to have pets spayed or neutered at a low cost for people that may not have been able to afford it otherwise. We hope to continue this program on a quarterly basis. Janice Coakley

## PETS AND BUSINESS STATS

This year Americans are expected to spend more on their pets than ever before. Expected breakdown according to American Pet Products Mfg. Association:

\$14.4 billion for food

\$8.8 billion for supplies and OTC meds

\$8.6 billion for veterinary care

\$2.4 billion for other services (training, grooming, pet-setting)

\$1.6 billion for live animal purchases

Total: \$35.9 billion.

In 1994 we spent just \$17 billion on our pets. Pets are increasingly seen as part of the family, are considered good for your health, and fill the "empty nest syndrome" for baby boomers.

## Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Mobile spay/Neuter clinic went very well. We had plenty of volunteer help, our dedicated, experienced members and brand new members too. We also had a great turn-out of teenagers who are our future members. I want to thank everyone who participated: foster parents (or their husbands, who brought animals; who picked up animals; and those who stayed all day and walked and cleaned-up after animals. Our last guest speaker at our education talk, Bridgette Arbore, came and volunteered to be a surgery technician all day, both days, and was very much appreciated by Dr. Ferris and her head tech, Susan.



Thank you, Janice for making all those phone calls and typing and re-typing our schedule of volunteers and pets. Of course none of this would be possible without the support of the Health Department and Animal Shelter employees. Thank you, Mimi and Robyn.



At this clinic, we were able to process a lot of our foster pets, but we were unable to do any feral cats. None of the ferals could be caught for this clinic. We did, however, process a lot of animals from the shelter, more than we have ever done before! There are now nine pets at the shelter, available for adoption, which are fixed. This is the most fixed pets they have ever had to offer the public. I hope that this sends a message to the public that fixed pets are best! One of the dogs from the shelter, a small rat terrier named Minnie, was spayed before having to suffer the agonizing pain of dying trying to give birth to pups that were far too big for her tiny body to handle. Another dog from the shelter, Freda, was adopted out as a pup from the shelter over two years ago and was just dropped back at the shelter because "she keeps having puppies" the owner said. We were able to fix sweet Freda, so that now, she will be able to be adopted and will not continue to contribute to the pet overpopulation problem. We also fixed a Saint Bernard from the shelter which had to be brought to the clinic in a horse trailer! In all, twenty animals were fixed, but at least a half dozen more were examined and determined to be fixed already or not suitable for surgery. So, it was a great weekend for the animals in Randolph County! These intense clinics are tough, but definitely well worth it!

Paige Wilhoit

## Sheltering

This is an abridged version of an article that appeared in Animal People news, [www.animalpeoplenews.org](http://www.animalpeoplenews.org) and it is written by Merritt Clifton. For a copy of the complete article you can view the archives (November 2003) on the website.

### ***Sheltering is pointless until the need is reduced.***

“No humane society anywhere should even think about starting a shelter until and unless it receives a gift or bequest of the land and money needed to build and run the shelter without diverting resources from **sterilization, vaccination and public education.**”

“Later, if sterilization, vaccination and public education are successful, starting the right kinds of shelter at the right times might represent worthwhile expansions of the mission. But until the numbers of homeless dogs and cats are markedly reduced, and until the public shows increased sympathy and tolerance toward them, putting funds into a shelter makes less sense than using money for cat litter!”

“Fortunately, putting money into sterilization, vaccination and public education first is the least costly way to get started. **Public education** can begin with as little as one volunteer sharing knowledge by word-of-mouth. **Providing low-cost or free sterilization** requires paying veterinarians, which necessitates fundraising, but does not require building or buying a clinic, of either the fixed-site or mobile variety, until the funds become available. Other than hiring vets, the most useful investment a sterilization program can make will usually be in **providing transportation** to relay animals to and from the veterinarians, on behalf of elderly, disabled, and poor people who have no transportation of their own.”

“If sterilization is properly promoted, and humane education is successful, a community will never need conventional animal control shelters. Indeed, after more than 125 years of shelter-building, half of the rural counties in the USA, still have no shelter, public or private, —and shelter-building has meanwhile proved futile, because enough shelter space can never be built to contain every dog and cat without homes, so long as dogs and cats breed freely or are intentionally bred.”

“Rather than spending money to run a shelter, animal rescuers need to **set up networks** which enable the nearest rescuer to collect the animal who is being surrendered, which may be redeemed or re-homed with reasonable effort, and then deliver the animal to the most appropriate **foster home.**”

“Adoptions can be arranged in at least four ways without any need to have a shelter:

- By using the adoption programs of pet supply superstores such as PETSMART.
- By arranging frequent adoption events at heavily frequented public places.
- By using a web site with photos to advertise available animals.
- By partnering with a high volume adoption center in a big city which may have a shortage of adoptable animals.”

“These days many US, Canadian and western European city shelters have a shortage of adoptable animals. Remote and rural animal rescuers, however, are still receiving huge numbers of animals. Transferring these animals to adoption centers in exchange for sterilization funding, helps everyone, and enables the adoption centers to compete successfully for the “market share” against pet shops and puppy mills that sale un-sterilized, unvaccinated animals.”

Mr. Merritt Clifton goes on to suggest that before a Humane Society builds an animal holding facility of its own, it should first ensure that any existing shelters in the community are of a high standard.

**“Treat animals as if they have value, and people will want them-**and the way a humane organization treats animals (and allows animals to be treated in the community) will be perceived as the community standard of pet care.”

That is the end of the editorial by Mr. Clifton, but I would like to add that the current animal shelter in Randolph County is located in the county dump. I believe that the HSRC needs to work tirelessly to improve the living conditions for the animals in the care of this county already. By improving that facility and by showing people that the lives of those **animals have beauty and meaning**, we can best teach this community what humane care really means.

Paige Wilhoit

## Letter From the President



The summer heat seems to finally be with us and as always we ask that you practice precaution with your pets. Death from heat stroke is very preventable-lots of shade and water. Do not leave your children or pets in parked vehicles. Over exertion in the sun can be especially deadly for older pets. Fleas, ticks and mosquitoes can pass disease to your pets,

so practice prevention methods for this also.

Thus far this year the Humane Society has participated in a number of events: the Liberty Spay Day,; Pancake Day; Mutt Strut in the Human Race; Generations Fair; Paws in the Park; monthly educational lectures from various speakers; a 2 day spaying and neutering of rescue and shelter animals by the Raleigh S/N van; 2 successful spay/neuter van trips to the Kernersville Low Cost S/N Clinic for the public-owned animals; and some of our adoptable pets have been on the Fox 8 news at 5 pm monthly. Our dedicated volunteers have been very busy in the planning phases of these events, so a big pat on the back and huge thank-you for all that hard work.

Our fundraising committee will now begin the methodical stages of our largest fundraiser of the year- A Cause for Paws to be held in November, and we will be counting on our membership and friends of community animals to attend again this year. Our programs are growing more each year. We are 100% monetarily-dependent on the generosity of businesses and people in our county for donations that help us continue our work, but needless to say none of that would be possible without our wonderful volunteers.

When one reaches out in unconditional love to help a creature in need, there is no material gain, only the warm feelings from the satisfaction of intended kindness coming from the heart and deep from within the soul.  
Marie Yandle

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## Generation's Day Celebration

The Carolina House of Asheboro invited the Humane Society to join them on April 30th in their festivities for the day. The residents had children, grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

There were many vendors and concessions and some organizations like the HS. Pam Woolen and Marie Yandle were present to greet people to the HS table and we were warmly received by all. Everyone was supposed to set up outside in the parking lot area but the day was windy and raining, so all were invited to tables inside which made the afternoon a bit more cozy. We handed out literature and had pet prayers and Hill's Science Diet bags of pet food for sale, and look forward to joining them again in the future.

Marie Yandle



**In Memory of: David Wills Auman**

By: Ken and Sara Hutchins

**In Memory of: Aretta Laughlin Hill**

By: Old Liberty Road Community Flower Club

**In Memory of: Henry Johnson York, Jr.**

By: Westwood Flower Club  
Alfred and Patsy Wilson

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By: Liz Borger

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By: Liz Borger

**In Memory of: "Mickey" and "Spanky"**

By: Elaine and Bobby Davis

**In Memory of: "Quincey"**

By: Liz Borger

**In Memory of: "Shasta"**

By: Elaine and Bobby Davis

**In Memory of: "Sissy"**

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