



The Humane Society



of Randolph County

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Winter 2005

3rd Annual "A Cause for Paws"

(A Night of Tail Wagging Fun)

The most successful fundraiser for the Humane Society of Randolph County took place on Friday, November 11th. The event, the 3rd Annual "A Cause for Paws", was held at the Asheboro Country Club and included a dinner, reverse raffle, silent and live auctions. Tickets for the event were \$100 which included dinner for 2 and an entry into the reverse raffle. Ms. Caroline Threadgill and the staff of the country club helped to make this a special occasion for all who attended.

"Happy tails" cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction bidding began at 6:00 p.m. Dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. Those who came to the fundraiser were able to bid on over 200 items. Several items were auctioned during a live auction by auctioneer Ms. Annette Bean. These items included a floral canvas painting by artist Kim Luther, a vacation package at Mermaid Cottages in Tybee, Georgia and a framed photographed picture of the original Pisgah Covered Bridge photographed by Humane Society member Eddie Hough.

The reverse raffle was the most anticipated event of the evening. The raffle offered a number of consolation prizes including 2-\$250 prizes and a grand prize of \$1,500. This year's grand prize winners were Dr. and Mrs. Bill Burhman and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hill. The (cont'd p.2)

Why do you volunteer?

My husband has asked me that as I left our home to attend yet another meeting. My daughter has asked me that as we made, "Just one more stop honey" on our way home the other night. So, I had to examine my reasons for what I do so that I could give them, and myself, an honest answer.

If I were a strict follower of President George W. Bush, I could answer that as of May 2005, the president has called on all Americans to volunteer at least 4,000 hours during their lifetimes as part of a "new culture of responsibility."

But that is not why I volunteer.

If I was a follower of the advice of Hollywood actresses, I could tell them that Gillian Anderson says that we should "be of service." Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need."

That advice comes closer to why I volunteer, but that is not exactly why I volunteer.

If I followed the advice of authors such as Tracy Koretzky, I could explain to my family that, "Volunteering has been my life's biggest adventure. It has brought me into the lives of people I never would have met and allowed me to develop parts of myself that no school or employment could challenge. -- -- Volunteering brings from within you something uniquely formulated—to be just what you need, right when you need it. It is part of being healthy, I think, part of being whole."

And that is closer to why I volunteer, but not exactly why I volunteer.

I volunteer because I feel responsible for this world I live in and I am grateful for it also.

I have never been truly hungry. I have always had food in my refrigerator, each and every time I opened the door. Sometimes there was food in there that I didn't want to eat and a good bit of food I shouldn't have eaten, but there has always been food there.

HUMANE SOCIETY WISH LIST

1. VOLUNTEERS!!
2. FIRST CLASS STAMPS
3. CAT FOOD
4. COLLARS AND LEASHES

(Cause for Paws, from p.1)

2-\$250 prize winners were Ms. Katherine Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris. All winners generously donated their prize money to the Humane Society.

Mrs. Sam Britt, Ms. North Carolina American Renaissance 2006, was our emcee for the evening and Mary Sweeney, Jr. Pre-Teen North Carolina 2005, drew the raffle numbers from the drum. Both ladies have a platform which includes animal welfare. The Humane Society appreciates their help with this fundraiser and wishes them continued success.

The Humane Society would like to thank this year's "A Cause for Paws" sponsors: Golden Paw Sponsor, Dr. Rich and Silver Paw sponsors, Dr. Michael Sink, First National - Asheboro branch, Sun Trust - Asheboro branch and Wachovia - Asheboro branch. 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.

This year, a portion of the monies generated by the 2005 "A Cause for Paws" will be donated to the animal victims of hurricane Katrina as well as benefit the Humane Society's spay and neuter programs. 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.

Dawn Molnar-Wilson
Fundraising Committee Chairperson

Twenty Buck Truck!

The HSRC finished 2005 with our seventh Twenty-Buck Truck. To date, 174 animals have been spayed or neutered for the year. This costs the owners \$20. HSRC allocated ~\$5000 to provide this service for the public.

This is a new program and we are very pleased with the figures. Most of the applicants have applied for S/N assistance through HSRC. We also S/N foster animals at these clinics. The animals are loaded on a large van, usually 20-30 at a time, and transported to a low cost S/N clinic in Kernersville. They are S/N and returned to Asheboro the following morning. We started this program in the Spring and pet owners arrived with their "momma kitties" and we are finishing up the year by S/N the kittens from the last litters that those same momma cats had, thus ending the perpetual problem of unwanted litters. We believe that this program, providing S/N service to pet owners for \$20, will have a profound impact on the pet over population problem in Randolph County. We hope that all HSRC members will continue to support the TBT program in 2006.

Janice Coakley

Pet Pictures with Santa

HSRC held Pet Pictures with Santa on November 20th at Blue Flint Animal Hospital. Professional photographer, Cyana Briles, of *Aesthetic Images* in Greensboro, took the pictures. We had an assortment of canines who wanted photos with Santa. There was a great dane and two labrador retrievers and also little Chico, a tiny chihuahua, who was photographed with her adoring teenage owner. Then there were the four pomeranians, all of different colors, lined up like tiny, furry soldiers across Santa's lap. It was a lot of fun! HO HO HO, Merry Christmas to all!

Adoptions

Since our last newsletter was published, these lucky dogs, cats, and ferrets have found new homes with loving families.

Harley

Liberty

Velma

Orrin

Scooby

Bootsie

Freddy

Gunner & Snipes

Shaggy

Ruby

Abby

Petunia

Patch

Mork & Mindy

Lucy

Streaker

Jake

The Uwharrie Golden Oldies

The Humane Society was invited for a speaker engagement at the Uwharrie Golden Oldies monthly meeting on October 5th held at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church Fellowship Building. Our invitation came from Della Richey, who is a Senior Adult Outreach Volunteer. A large number of members were there for the 11 am presentation and all were very cordial and polite. The varied topics were some history of the Humane Society of Randolph County, our different programs to help pets and their owners, our annual fundraiser "A Cause for Paws", birth rate statistics of pets that are not spayed or neutered and just who are the people that have made the Humane Society a success for so many years. Following was a brief question and answer session as a lady continued taking many notes. She said her daughter was in rescue located in another state. The morning ended with a fabulous lunch of assorted homemade food and of course delicious desserts. Thank you for the beautiful serving tray speaker gift and I was delighted to have met such a wonderful group....

Marie Yandle

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are already closing out another year this month, my how time does fly. It has been a banner year for the Humane Society as we have accomplished so many things that previously has been just wishful thinking. As spaying and neutering the pets in Randolph County has been number one on the agenda for the HS, we were able to begin a monthly low cost S/N option for the public. This involved sending pets to the Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic in Kernsville on their van pick up and delivery—the cost to the public was \$20. and we paid the balance. We also have a plan in progress for 2006 to S/N unowned pets that are adoptable from the shelter and our own foster pets for adoption. How great it will be for the shelter to be able to adopt out fixed animals to the public. Their limited budget cannot cover this.

Our third annual fundraiser, *A Cause for Paws*, was a very rewarding success providing the funds for us to continue our community based programs for the pets and their owners in 2006. Thank you so much, to all of our sponsors, contributing businesses and the many people who attended. Of course words are not enough to say thank you to all our wonderful, hard working members and volunteers, such a great team effort went into all the preparation. We participated again this year in a number of our Randolph community events, spoke at several meetings and best of all met new people and greeted long time friends. I wish to everyone a very special Holiday Season and a prosperous 2006.

Marie Yandle

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Lisa Bumgarner Briles on Her Birthday
By: Beverly Bumgarner Beck

In Memory of: Ray Cummings and "Ace"
By: Dewey and Evelyn Michelle

In Memory of: Mary Lou Moran
By: Ann and Mark Porter

In Memory of: "Winston"
By: Liz Borger

In Honor of: Suzanne Tate
By: Linda and Frankie Shirley

Why do you volunteer (from p.1)

I have never been truly homeless. I have always had a place to go to sleep safely. Sometimes that place has not been convenient or totally comfortable, but I have always had a place.

I have always been loved. Sometimes I have made people angry and sometimes I have been angry with other people, but someone has always loved me, all of the time.

And so I am grateful, and I feel that I have to volunteer to pay my dues for the very good life I am leading every day. A Life where I eat well, sleep safely, and love often.

But, I know that there are people and animals who are starving, cold, hurt, dirty, beaten, lost and alone. And I feel responsible for them all.

I know that doesn't make a lot of sense. I can't possibly be responsible for all of the injustice and inequality in this world but, the thing is, even though I know it doesn't make much sense and even though I know I can't possibly "save the world", I still feel compelled to try.

To *at least* try to pay the dues I owe a world that has been good and just to me.

So, that is why I volunteer. And that is what I will tell my husband and that is what I will show my daughter and with any luck, when she grows up, she'll try to change the world a little too.

That is why I volunteer.

Paige Wilhoit

DONATIONS

Franklin and Helene Allen
Karen and Bill Buhman
Jimmy and Pam Hill
Linda Huffman
Bill and Madeline Linebarrier
Audrey Marciniszyn
Fae Martin
Katherine Pugh
Frankie and Linda Shirley
Anne Telgarez
Uwharrie Golden Oldies Club

Special fund for Katrina Animal Victims:

Belinda Dry
Carolyn Dotson
Greene's Dog Grooming/Brenda Dawson
Sharon and Stephen L. Hill
Debbie Thompson
Coleridge School/Mary Tinker, Sponsor

HSRC - Communicating with our community

HSRC is the only animal group in this county which serves as an information resource for its residents. Pet owners are encouraged to contact HSRC regarding in the community do just that.

Our HSRC volunteers spend any animal related problem or concern. On a yearly basis, many people a lot of their time trying to assist the people of this county as well as their pets.

Phone calls – 178/month or 2136/year

- 30% - S/N
- 10% - Adoptions
- 10% - Stray/placements
- 35% - Inquiries
- 5% - Lost
- 5% - Owner surrender

Email – approx. 545/month or 6540/year

- 75% - advertisements
- 10% - inquiries
- 10% - adoptions
- 5% - owner surrender

Who brings the gifts on Christmas Eve to

Children all over the world?

- Belgium: *Saint Nicholas*
- Brazil: *Papai Noel*
- Canada and USA: *Santa Claus*
- The Czech Republic: *Svaty Mikalas*
- Denmark: *Julemanden*
- France and Quebec: *Pere Noel*
- Japan: *Hoteiosho*
- Netherlands: *Sinterklaas*
- Russia: *Dedoushka Moroz/Baboushka*
- Spain: *Balthazar (of the Three Wise Men)*
- Sweden: *The Tomte (Christmas gnome)*
- United Kingdom: *Father Christmas*

(from www.a-traditional-christmas.com)

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