



The Humane Society



Spring 2005

of Randolph County

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Spring is kitten and puppy season. Please consider adopting our foster animals. Spay/Neuter your pets now to prevent unwanted animals.



HSRC President Ann Williams presents the PBS video "Best Friends Forgotten," which depicts the plight of homeless animals in America, to Randolph County Public Library Director Richard Wells. The presentation on Monday, February 7 was made in commemoration of Spay/Neuter Month, recognized nationally in February of each year. The video will be available for checkout at the library.

This year is flying by and summer is almost here.

Summer is the time for fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes, so make sure your pets are protected from them and the diseases that they carry. In the heat make sure they have plenty of fresh water and never leave your children or pets locked in the car.

In March we walked with the Human Race while the dogs did a Mutt Strut. All of our four legged friends got a bandana to wear home. One of our foster care dogs was adopted by participating in this event!

Paws in the Park was a great day for people and their dogs. Look for the pictures of the winners of the dog contests. Steve Cain and his dog, Oreo, provided entertainment with the Endless Summer. From the looks of the baked goods our volunteers could open their own bakery. The day was ended with a blessing of the animals. Our thanks to: Archdale Parks and Recreation for the great place to hold this event, Rev. Linda Falin, Brad Lympany, Dr. Barnett, Archdale Animal Hospital, Food Lion, and all who came and joined in the fun.

We are placing more pet photo boards in the community. If you have been to the Randolph Mall Cinema we joined them to welcome Shrek 2 to Asheville.

Look for many more events throughout the year. Please volunteer if you have a skill, talent, or a little extra time. Check our website, come to a committee meeting, or call us at 629-PETS

One of our greatest needs is for more foster care parents. We need more people to open their hearts and homes to pets until they are permanently placed. It is a tough job to be a foster care parent, but rewarding to help a cat or dog find its forever home.

Thanks to all our hard working volunteers and patrons who continue to support the Randolph County Humane Society.
Ann Williams

Vice President Annual Report - March 2004 to March 2005

First, it has been my pleasure to serve with a group of board members, fellow officers and general members who have all contributed their personal best to the HSRC and in so doing, have enhanced and improved the lives of many animals and their human care givers here in Randolph County.

I spoke about my goals for the HSRC during my campaign speech in March of 2004 when I was running for the office of Vice-President of the HSRC.

My stated goals for the HSRC in March 2004 were to improve the relationship of the HSRC and the Randolph County Animal Shelter and to expand our Spay/Neuter program to include the service of transportation for residents who needed assistance taking their pets to be Spayed/Neutered.

It was brought to my attention by a member during that March 2004 meeting that I needed to also enhance our current education program as I was acting as temporary education chairperson in 2004. I accepted the role of education chairperson for 2005.

Relationships with the Randolph County Animal shelter have been improved in a variety of ways. The HSRC has surgically sterilized shelter animals by working with the mobile S/N clinic from the North Carolina College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University. We have established a "Veterinary Care Account" for the shelter manager to use to purchase vaccines or other medicines for the shelter animals. We have removed several pets from the shelter and placed them in our HSRC foster program before adoption. We have furnished the staff of the shelter with lunches as a Thank-you for all of their hard work in prosecuting cases of cruelty to animals. The Randolph County animal shelter leads NC in the prosecution of horse cruelty. We have had the shelter manger participate in a public education lecture on pet overpopulation. We have provided S/N assistance for any animal adopted by the public from the shelter. We have plans for an officer/board meeting with the shelter staff and health dept to investigate new ways the HSRC can assist the shelter in 2005.

Our Spay/Neuter program was expanded on March 23rd with the first of four pet transports of Randolph County pets to a S/N clinic in Walkertown, NC. A lot of planning went into this new program. The Pet Transports also offer the S/N services at a greatly reduced cost to the public: a mere \$20 for dogs and \$10 for cats. Vaccines are also offered at a great discount to pet owners. The HSRC has budgeted \$500.00 to subsidize the cost of each of these four Pet Transports. We anticipate an enthusiastic response from the public. I wish to thank Janice Coakley for her hard work establishing this program.

As Education Chairperson I maintained all of our current services such as the Adopt-A-teacher program and expanded our services to establish a monthly educational lecture for the general public. These lectures have been on a wide variety of topics with some wonderful speakers. The lecture series will continue monthly through 2005.

As Vice-President I have participated in the writing of job descriptions and the writing of the first policy and procedure manual for the HSRC. And I have participated in several revisions of the constitution and by-laws of the HSRC. All of these things will greatly enhance the ability of the HSRC to function more efficiently in the future.

Again, it has been my pleasure to serve the HSRC.

Submitted by Paige Wilhoit

Memo from the President

It would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Humane Society of Randolph County. We have some of the most dedicated volunteers that I have ever encountered.

Our passion for the animals draws us together in our group. We have continued to focus on the solution to pet overpopulation being spay and neuter. HRSC now pays 100% for this to social service clients.

The mobile unit from NC State comes to Asheboro for our foster care animals. Our first Paws in the Park was a great success and our second Cause for Paws was too. We continue to expand our programs and reach more of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.
Ann Williams

Feral Kittens Study

Believe it or not, rescued feral kittens can actually turn out to be more loving and affectionate than your average rescued domestic.

Work emerging from the charity Cats Protection is showing that if feral kittens are socialized from an early enough age, they can generally become calm and content enough to be relocated successfully to a normal home environment. During fostering, feral kittens rescued after six weeks of age were unlikely to purr when handled. Many rescued at eight weeks plus were difficult to handle at all, except when they had been in contact with people before rescue. Those socialized intermittently during fostering, perhaps in an outdoor pen, were more reluctant to play with an object presented by an unfamiliar person, compared with those socialized continuously, in a cage in the fosterer's kitchen for example.

<http://www.catworld.co.uk/>



HSRC can now get credits for Purina Cat or Dog Chow wt. circles. HSRC will receive Purina Points for Any of their products.

Liberty Spay Day



Liberty Spay Day was held Feb 19, 2005 in Liberty, NC at the Ruritan Hut on Hwy 49. We were invited to join Happy Hills Foundation for the event to educate the community and raise funds for our organization. We raffled off three free spay/neuter certificates to three lucky winners that entered our 'Gotta Buck' raffle contest.

We had our Rufus and Rover Series t-shirts on sale along with the framed Pet Prayers. Also on display was our bulletin board with our pets that are up for adoption.

Happy Hills had a yard sale and hotdog lunch sale along with their educational material to raise money for their organization. Sadly, the other groups that had signed up to attend cancelled out. They missed a good opportunity to educate that part of Randolph County on their organizations. I feel we should take EVERY opportunity we are given to reach out to all parts of our county to tell our communities what we have to offer: the adoption of pets; a Spay/Neuter Program; Educational Meetings; Fundraising Projects; and so on. The more the community is informed, the more active they can become.

We gained a new member from Liberty at this event that I would like to welcome. Her name is Dottie Vanmeuten. She is so excited about participating in our fundraising events and spay/neuter clinic coming up. She was also a lucky winner of one of the Spay/Neuter Raffle certificates. CONGRATS Dottie!

I look forward to joining more events with other organizations such as Happy Hills to further our organization's awareness to the community as well as holding our own events.

The volunteers that day were Kim Smith-Nagel, Audrey Ballard, Dawn Wilson, and I. I would like to thank them so much for their help and enthusiasm even though the turnout was minimal. Thanks for a job well done!

I hope next year we will have a better turnout and a better location which was the fault of no one. We were offered this space free of charge by the Liberty Ruritan Club and we'd like to thank them also for their generosity. We had a great day and if we educated even one person, then our mission was accomplished!
Pam Woolen

HSRC New Officers and Board Members



*Front Row (l-r): Paige Wilhoit, Secretary; Marie Yandle, President; Audrey Ballard-Board.
Back Row : Janice Coakley, Board; Ann Williams, VP; Liz Borger, Treasurer; Elaine Davis, Board
Not Present Dawn Wilson,Board and Kim Smith Nagel, Board.*

President

Marie Yandle- I have been in breed rescue and the Humane Society for a total of 4 years. Both organizations have taught me volumes about the plight of wanted and unwanted pets and their owners. Through returning calls and pleas from pet owners, I have experienced the pulse of the community in this county. I am on several of our committees and chairperson of the communications committee. It is both a privilege and challenge to serve as the Humane Society President this year. Reality in growth is what I believe will sustain our organization for years to come but always having future goals to strive towards will give us a common purpose and driving force to attain them.

Vice President

Ann Williams- Actively involved in the Humane Society for about eight years. I am Foster Care Chairman and fostered cats, been a member of the Board of Directors, and participated in our two annual largest fundraisers collecting numerous donations and selling tickets. I brought the Science Diet program to the Humane Society which provides food for all our Foster Care animals. I was President of the Humane Society from 3-2004 until 3-2005. As Vice-President this year, I look forward to assisting the new President in providing support and advice.

Treasurer

Liz Borger - I have been volunteering with the Humane Society since 1998. I have two children, Julianne (6) and Caroline (2) who are growing up with the HSRC. I have been the spay and neuter assistance administrator for almost 7 years. Spaying and Neutering is my biggest crusade and I was so proud when my eldest daughter told a friend "you need to spay your dog... you have too many puppies!". I also have two dogs, (one of which was my last HSRC foster animal) and three cats, all of whom adopted the Borger family. I am looking forward to another productive year with the HSRC and helping the homeless and helpless animal population of Randolph County

Secretary

Paige Wilhoit- I have been an officer of the HSRC since it was first formed as a non-profit in 1991 and before that I was an officer too. Usually secretary, but VP alot too. I guess I am the officer that was, that is, and probably will always be! I have served in every capacity, I have raised funds, advertised our group, investigated cruelty, saved animals, trained animals, given talks, advocated our cause, and sat up and begged for the HSRC. I am very proud of this group, which has been around longer then any rescue group in Randolph county, and we have all proven that the HSRC will not let the people or the pets of this county down!

Board Members

Audrey Ballard - I have been a member of the RCHS for 3 years. I currently serve as a board member and am chairperson for the legislative awareness committee. I have always had an interest in the welfare of animals and am the proud caretaker of a beautiful German shepherd and many cats. I look forward to moving the HSRC forward.

Board Members (Cont)

Janice Coakley- I have been a member for 10 years, was treasurer for 5 years and a BOD for 4 years. I am currently the spay/neuter chairperson, a foster parent for HSRC, answer the e-mails from the HSRC website, and am employed by the NC Zoo. After a one year hiatus, I am again on the BOD. I feel very strongly about the excellent work that we do in HSRC (and its members) and feel especially committed towards our spay/neuter goals.

Elaine Davis - I joined the HSRC in May of 2003 because I felt there was a need in our community to promote animal welfare. In 2004, I was elected to serve as a board member and the secretary of the society. One of my goals for the Humane Society is to work with the local shelter in hopes of decreasing the number of animals euthanized in Randolph County. I look forward to serving as a board member in 2005.

Kim Smith-Nagel - I have been actively involved in the HSRC for one year. I have been a School Counselor for 26 years and currently work at Southwestern Randolph Middle School. My passions are my husband, Peter, of 24 years, Duke University basketball, and my three adopted rescue dogs—not necessarily in that order. I firmly believe that the HSRC members are the most compassionate, energetic and well-informed community citizens I havd ever had the pleasure of working alongside in any organization. I am looking forward to serving and supporting the many fundraising events and animal welfare efforts of the HSRC in any capacity this year.

Dawn Molnar-Wilson - My husband Eric and I have 4 cats and 2 dogs. I became a member in June 2003. In August of 2003, I volunteered to be Co-chair of the Fundraising Committee. I was elected to the Board of Directors in March 2004 and the President selected me to serve as Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee. In January 2005, I had the pleasure of being a foster mom to a sweet little dog, Holly. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement and look forward to continue serving as a Board of Director and Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee in 2005.

The Human Race and /Mutt Strut 2005



From left to right: 3rd place walker, China and owner Darlene Wells; 2nd place walker, Raleigh and owner Mimi Cooper; 1st place runner, Abbie and owner Carol Rich; 3rd place runner Cleo and owner Mary Lisk; 1st place walker, Maxine and owner Liz Borger, 2nd place runner, Strider and owner Jason Albright

On Saturday, March 19 the dogs came out in full force to “strut” their stuff in The Human Race 5K Walk/Run presented annually by the Volunteer Center of Randolph County. This is the second year that the Humane Society has presented Mutt Strut awards to the top finishing dogs.

The first 3 running dogs to finish the race were: **first place, Abbie and owner Carol Rich; second place, Strider and owner Jason Albright; and third place, Cleo and owner Mary Lisk.**

The first 3 walking dogs to finish were: **first place, Maxine and owner Liz Borger; second place, Raleigh and owner Mimi Cooper; and third place, China and owner Darlene Wells.** These ambitious racers were presented with a Mutt Strut trophy and a goody bag. Abbie and Carol Rich were the first place winners of last year’s Mutt

Strut. Congratulations to all the winners!

Several of our foster dogs participated in the race. They were introduced during the Awards Ceremony in hopes that someone would like to give them a permanent home. Our foster dogs were: Shakespeare (lab mix), Sherlock (lab mix) and Sunny (beagle). These dogs and other foster animals can be seen on our website at www.hsrbcpets.org. Two homeless dogs from Asheboro Animal Hospital participated in the event; they are Mandy (border collie mix) and Sparky (shepherd mix). Contact AAH to inquire about these 2 dogs. We would like to thank the Volunteer Center of Randolph County and all the sponsors who make this event possible. Thanks to all who participated and raised funds for the Humane Society. This is becoming one of our annual fundraising events. We hope to see everyone next year!

Dawn Wilson

7 STEPS TO A HAPPIER PET

- 1) Make sure your pet wears an identification tag to enable him to be returned to you if lost.
- 2) To prevent animal behavioral problems, make sure you enroll your new puppy or dog in behavioral training classes and visit www.petsforlife.org.
- 3) Animal behavioral problems can be health related. Make sure your pet has a complete medical exam by a veterinarian at least once a year.
- 4) Prepare for disasters. Make sure you have a plan for your pet in the event of a hurricane, tornado, fire or flood.
- 5) Plan for your pet’s future in case something happens to you.
- 6) Learn how to avoid dog bites, and how to prevent your dog from biting by going to www.NoDogBites.org.
- 7) **Have a heart, be smart and make sure your pet is spayed or neutered.**

www.hsus.org.



About.com is a great website. Especially interesting to HSRC members is their information on dogs and cats. Listed below are the starting sites for endless information on dogs or cats. There are courses you can sign up for, such as one I took on kittens. You get a weekly session for 6 weeks or so. There are also newsletters on pets that are free e-mail guides. The following are some examples of the type of information available: FAQ’s; responsible ownership; dog care basics; working dogs; pet loss; training and behavior; and so on. I have found the information very helpful. Each session refers you to other sites and sources of information. There are also many photos and a pet of the week. Check it out!
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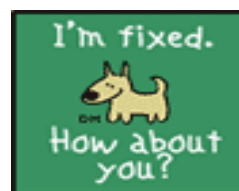
Cheryl Smith

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER TRANSPORT

On February 23rd, 2005, the HSRC held their first ever low cost spay/neuter clinic transport network. Twenty-two animals, 14 dogs and 8 cats, were scheduled, through our phone lines, to be transported to the Low Cost Spay/neuter Clinic in Kernersville (using their van) for spaying/neutering.

This new program is part of the HSRC's goals of providing low cost alternatives to the residents of Randolph County. All animals were vaccinated for rabies (or showed proof of prior vaccination) and other vaccines were available. The animals were picked up at a common area and returned the next day. The HSRC subsidized 60-70% of the costs for pet owners. The cost to pet owners was \$20 for dogs and \$10 for cats plus \$5 for any vaccine. The HSRC receives a discount at the clinic as a non-profit rescue organization. We are very excited about the success of this new program and look forward to continuing it quarterly. Janice Coakley

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BOTTLEFED KITTEN

While other children are snuggled happily in their beds, it is not uncommon for ten year old Meredith Rumbley to be wide awake bottle feeding a kitten.

Meredith comes by this talent naturally. Her mother, Tina, has feed many young kittens and puppies. When the Rumbley's are feeding a very young, motherless animal, the little one goes everywhere with them in a basket. After helping her mom with many little ones, Meredith has fed two kittens by herself. No matter how many times she must get up in the night, Meredith is faithful to the lucky little kitten. The family has decided to make the latest kitten, Sam, a family pet. Number seven, actually, but there is always room for one more!

Meredith says, "I liked holding Sam in my arms and watching him sleep. He was a hard one to feed because he would fight me and turn his head and scratch a lot."

Perhaps you and your child could learn to do this also. To quote Meredith, now an expert, "I do this because I like to feed them and get them to sleep .I do it so they won't die alone without a mother."

Cheryl Smith

THE HS VOLUNTEERS AT PANCAKE DAY



The Asheboro Kiwanis Club held their 56th annual Pancake Day at the National Guard Armory on March 15th. The Humane Society was invited to volunteer at this major fundraising event in return for a donation.

It was an all day affair beginning at 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. with thousands of pancakes served, accompanied by sausage patties and lots of syrup.

The pancakes were made from scratch and very yummy. David Smith was the Pancake Day chairman and our HS volunteers handled various jobs throughout the day and evening. This Kiwanis chief fundraiser supports numerous community programs from Crime Stoppers to 4-H and Boys and Girls Homes. Tickets were \$5. for all-you-could-eat and some people did just that.

Marie Yandle

SPRING 2005

In Memory of: Lucille Bishop Hoover

By: Barbara Lassiter
Florence M. Lucas

In Honor of: Kim Smith-Nagel

By: Connie Johnson

In Memory of: "Duchess"

By: Barbara Lassiter

In Memory of: "Jesse"

By: Bobby and Mona Chriscoe

In Memory of: "Missy"

By: Gene and Betty Bumgarner

In Memory of: "Quincey"

By: Suzanne Tate

Franklin and Helene Allen
Debra and Ken Hinshaw
Chris and Jennifer Latham
Staff of Dr. Margaret C. Szott

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