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And then there were eleven...

There is a gas station in my neighborhood near a highway where many people come and go. I go there often for gas and snacks. It is a pop in and pop out place for everyone. While pumping gas with my infant in the car, I notice a few dogs hanging out near the truck stop. Being the advocate for dogs that I am, I go inspect. There was the saddest most scared pair of brown eyes I have seen in a while. She was emaciated and very afraid. I put some food down for her (always have dog food in my car). She came no where near the food while I was there. A few days later, Neese Liver Pudding truck stopped and threw some pudding to her. Even that did not get her to come close. Being on maternity leave and having just adopted out a foster dog, I was able to go often to check on her. Those little eyes appeared in my dreams and thoughts often which made it hard to turn away. My older daughter would come and help me check on her. She and I named Annabelle together before we could get her to come to us. After several weeks and many attempts, daily, I finally got her coming up to me. One day with help from the gas attendants, I got her in my car. I was thrilled. Little did I know that getting her home was the easiest part of our journey together. Annabelle needed help and I needed to help her. It took a while and lots of patience but within a month she allowed me to sit with her and pet her. Lots of fattening foods later, she



started to look healthy. Time to get the girl spayed. She had other plans...three weeks later we had 10 puppies (6 boys, 4 girls). They all look so much like her it was hard to determine who was who. Annabelle turned out to be the best mom to the pups and my girls. My oldest daughter has been a big help, carrying the puppies and helping to clean. Now the puppies are weaned and going to their foster homes to eventually be adopted. I learned the hard way but my new motto, "spay/neuter ASAP". With that said, the puppies are being spayed/neutered before adoption, protocol for HSRC fosters. Annabelle is still with me, still a little nervous around strangers but has come leaps and bounds from her days at the gas station. She has bonded with my oldest daughter and never leaves her side when she is playing outside. When Annabelle sees me coming she runs in circles and initiates play. This Journey of helping Annabelle out has been a rewarding experience for me to show my kids selflessness. I hope that my girls will grow to be animal advocates and pass on their knowledge from this experience with their friends. Education is a key

part to reducing the number of unwanted pets. Experiencing helping a dog in need is the ultimate bonding opportunity for a parent and child. Annabelle's story is a story of inspiration of one determined mom helping another determined mom. HSRC has been an intrinsic part to making this an easier experience. Without the volunteers support, I would never have been able to accomplish all that I have to date.



"FEED ME TOO" Program

Our "Feed Me Too" Program is set up to help Seniors who participate in the "Meals On Wheels" Program at the Senior Center. Often the seniors who are in need of the "Meals On Wheels" Program will feed their pets the food that is meant for them. We want to make sure our seniors don't have to give up their "meals on wheels" food for their pets. Pet food is delivered to the seniors the same time their "meals on wheels" are delivered. If you are a Senior in need and would like to participate in the "Meals On Wheels" Program, you can contact Donna Dickens at the Senior Activity Center in Asheboro.

Why not join the Humane Society of Randolph County...

Helping animals...

Good people...

Community service...

All the best reasons!

Meetings are 3rd Monday at 7pm, currently 170 Worth St.

HSRC needs

a webmaster
a used file cabinet
postage stamps
storage containers
copy paper
meeting room purses for a spring sale

Volunteer Opportunities with HSRC

The Humane Society of Randolph County consists of volunteers who work to improve the lives of companion animals in our area. We are a non-profit organization whose operating funds come from the community we serve. We receive no government funding nor do we get funds from the Humane Society of the United States or any other organization. We have four committees: Animal Welfare, Spay/Neuter, Education and Outreach, and Communication. Fundraising is a shared activity in which all active members participate. Some of our fundraising activities involve pets, but others do not. We are looking for new ideas for raising money so we may continue to support our programs. There are always more things to do than people to do them, so we welcome volunteers, regardless of the amount of time they can contribute. Some of our volunteers work exclusively from their homes while others work in the community, assisting pet owners, educating the public, raising funds, selling vouchers, or a variety of other things. We always need people with computer skills and are currently looking for a new webmaster. We also need people to help sell vouchers the first Saturday of each month. We have telephone lines that need to be checked on a regular basis, paperwork to be completed, and records to be maintained. We need people to speak to children in

the schools and to community organizations. We even have a request for dogs that can visit schools and listen to children read. Whatever interests a person has, we can find something for him/her to do.

Dog Pool Party



We had another fun dog pool party at Tot Hill farm Country Club. Our hostess, Connie Ulrich, pulled out all the stops, with a raffle by Asheboro Animal Hospital staff, Red Cross demos, and Connie's own photography skills for dog portraits. Dogs and owner's alike had a blast – a good day for fundraising! Thanks to Connie, Asheboro Animal Hospital staff and all participants!

Fundraising 101 or Bring us your gently used purses

The economy has hit us all hard this year, non-profits are no exception. For this reason, we have decided to pause "Cause for Paws" this year. The fundraising committee is in the process of putting ideas together for next year. We would love input from our general membership at info@hsrccpets.org We will be having a purse sale Spring 2011. So save any gently used purses and call/e-mail us to arrange a pick-up.

Donation to HSRC

The "Friends of the NCVMA foundation" is an organization that is

directly associated with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. The NCVMA foundation is based in Raleigh NC, but has local chapters all over our State. The Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) was the happy recipient of a \$500 donation from the NCVMA foundation. We were presented with the donation in recognition of our efforts to assist animals in need. We were nominated for this donation by Dr. Mike Sink, the NCVMA District 6 representative, who is also the owner of High Point Veterinary Hospital. The HSRC appreciates the confidence that Dr. Sink and the NCVMA foundation have shown in our organization. Dr. Sink presented the donation check in person to HSRC Education Chairperson, Paige Wilhoit at his office in High Point. The HSRC will continue our good work in the community and it is wonderful to have been recognized for our efforts by the Veterinarians in our area.



Helping those to help themselves

The Emergency Veterinary Assistance Program (EVAP) is part of the Humane Society of Randolph County's (HSRC) comprehensive goal of helping pet owners keep their pets in their own homes. It would be wonderful if no pets were ever turned out of a home, or ever turned into a shelter or Humane Society group. The HSRC uses our phone lines, our website and our email to answer questions, and provide resources for the

general public to help them solve pet related problems before they have to resort to surrendering a pet. Our Programs, such as "feed us too" and Animal Welfare, also work toward keeping pets safe in the homes of their owners. EVAP helps pet owners who have unpaid veterinary bills at our local veterinary offices due to unforeseen, and non preventable medical problems. HSRC cannot pay veterinary balances in full, but we can contribute to lowering the balances owed by pet owners, in the hopes that by doing so, we can make a hopeless debt, seem like something a pet owner can work through. We hope that by assisting pet owners and veterinarians, decisions can be made that keep a pet in a home, rather than decisions which cause a pet owner to abandon a pet due to debt. This past year, the HSRC offered up to \$100 per pet owner who qualified for the program. HSRC had budgeted to help two pet owners each month, but, due to the economy, we soon had many more requests for assistance and we went over our budget. Rather than discontinue this much needed program, we have decided to reduce the amount of assistance to \$75 per pet owner, so that we can assist a greater number of people and pets. This may not seem like a great amount of money when a pet owner is facing a large financial debt, but we believe every little bit helps. Recently we helped: Zorro the diabetic dog get his blood sugar tested and get a new prescription of insulin, Amos the cat who had a blocked prostate gland, Penny the Chihuahua who had pancreas failure and Goliath the stray kitten who needed a leg amputation.

Update on the HSRC Spay/Neuter Program

The Spay/Neuter (S/N) programs of the Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) continue to thrive. We currently sell an average of 100 vouchers per month for the low-cost S/N clinics in Greensboro. We sell vouchers to Planned Pethood S/N Clinic on West Wendover Avenue, which is affiliated with the Guilford County Humane Society and to Sheets Pet Clinic on Chimney Rock Ct, which is owned and operated by Dr. Kim Sheets. Veterinarians at the clinics perform all surgeries. The clinics provide other services including testing, vaccines, and microchipping, all which are discounted if done at the time of surgery. Older pets and pets with health concerns should have surgery at a regular veterinary hospital where pre-anesthetic blood work is routinely done. S/N clinics are not intended to replace the ongoing, life-long relationship between pet and its regular veterinarian. S/N has many benefits for pets and their owners. The surgery eliminates a female's heat cycle and makes male cats less likely to spray. It makes male dogs and cats less likely to roam, fight other males, or bite. S/N reduces the risk of many cancers and other hormone related diseases in pets. S/N prevents uncontrolled breeding and the subsequent abandonment, neglect, and death of unwanted companion animals. Communities spend tax dollars to house, kill, and dispose of the bodies of unwanted pets that have become the property of animal control. This means that all citizens are forced to pay for the irresponsible actions of those who do not S/N their pets. To purchase a voucher to one of the low-cost S/N clinics in Greensboro, come to Tractor Supply on Dixie Drive the first Saturday of each month, between 9 and 11 am. Bring a

photo ID to prove residency in Randolph County and cash or money order. Families are limited to 5 vouchers a year and 10 lifetime, but may use the clinics for additional S/N surgeries at reduced prices. HSRC charges \$25.00 for cat vouchers and \$45.00 for dog vouchers. Additional costs: testing, vaccines, complicated spay surgeries or cryptorchid males are paid directly to the clinics. The clinics also charge extra for antibiotics and pain medicine. Please do not contact Tractor Supply, they allow us to use their property, but are not part of the S/N program. We do not sell vouchers to rescue groups or breeders, who should work with the clinics. Please visit website www.hsrbcpets.org for more information on S/N programs.

The Humane Society of Randolph County is offering a one night stay in a Standard Family Suite with up to 6 water park passes at the *Great Wolf Lodge* in *Concord, NC*.

Visit Greatwolf.com to see this place, its awesome! The price is \$250, and taxes and room fees are included, but meals are not. This would make a wonderful family vacation or a really great overnight Birthday party, for some lucky children. Call or email us for reservation information.

Webmaster wanted:

**Have some extra time for HSRC but want to work from home?
HSRC is looking for a webmaster. This involves knowing about computers and websites. We currently have a website, so this would just entail maintenance, probably 2-3 hrs/wk. This is not currently a paid position but is considering paying a small stipend. Email or call HSRC: info@hsrbcpets.org or (336)629-PETS.**

If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to man. All things are connected.
-Chief Seattle of the Suwamish Tribe

Memorial/honorariums:Fall '10

In Memory of: Jennalee Young Mills
By: Carnegie Management and Development Corporation

In Honor of: Harris & Kathy Brown
By: Evelyn Harris

In Honor of: Robin and Bill Croom
By: Evelyn Harris

In Memory of: "Cinnamon" Beane
By: Evelyn Harris

In Memory of: "Cookie" Britt
By: Billy and Snowdene Beane In

Memory of: "Wilson" Chriscoe
By: Balinda Ferree

In Memory of: "Buddy" Faulkner
By: Balinda Ferree

In Memory of: "Drexel" Henning
By: Mark and Katherine Henning

In Memory of: "Rozie" Horsey
By: John and Liz Borger

In Memory of: "Sweetie" Pollard
By: Dr. and Mrs. John Atwater, Jr.

In Memory of: "Spero" Wade
By: Harris & Kathy Brown,
Evelyn Harris

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