



Pet Press

HUMANE SOCIETY OF CONCORD & GREATER CABARRUS COUNTY

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Business meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, at 6:30pm, at Ruth's Memorial Shelter, 2010 Wilshire Court, Concord, NC 28025.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Articles and pictures for the newsletter can be mailed to Pet Press News, P.O. Box 5347, Concord, NC 28027, or e-mailed to Kim at dowehave2@windstream.net.

The deadline for the February issue is January 23, 2012.

Microchips: Creating Happy Family Reunions

This beautiful Beagle – Cici – found her way back home recently because her owners cared enough to have her microchipped. Found wandering along Stallings Road, she was wearing no collar.

Karen Savage, who found Cici, frantically starting knocking on doors, trying to find her owner. Emails were sent all over Cabarrus County asking if anyone knew who she belonged to, flyers were placed in businesses, vet offices were contacted, all to no avail. Having worked with the HSOC in the past, Karen knew that we often helped locate the owners of lost pets, so she brought Cici up to Ruth's Memorial Shelter.



Karen Savage with Cici's family

Fortunately, we had just been given a microchip scanner, so Cici was checked. At first, no chip was found, but knowing that chips can slip or move around we continued scanning until we located hers. An Internet search was then performed, a phone call was made and a voice on the other end of the phone gave us the name of Cici's owner. It turns out that they lived just one neighborhood away from where she was found and they were actually on their way to our shelter when we called to say we had her.

It turned out to be a very happy ending for Cici, but it could have ended badly had her owners not been diligent in keeping her information up to date and had Karen Savage not been diligent in trying to find her owner. Many people who find lost pets are quick to turn them in to Animal Control where they are either euthanized or put up for adoption after 72 hours (many do not realize their animal may be there waiting for them to come and claim them).

When you bring new pets into your household, please be sure to have them microchipped. It is a very simple and inexpensive process. It takes less than 10 minutes and can be done while they are being spayed or neutered. You must then register your personal information with the microchip provider so that they can include it in the national microchip database. This makes it much easier for your pet to be reunited with you should it become lost or stolen. If you move, please remember to change your contact information with your microchip database. This information can be easily maintained online. Be a responsible pet owner – it can make all the difference! •



Cici being scanned

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Special Thanks

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IN MEMORY

Jean and John Bedford in memory of Fred Walker
Melissa Brinkley for Paul and Brenda Van Vale
in memory of LuLu
Mary Fredenberg in memory of Ted, Cyndi and Isabel
Ron and Karen Pridmore in memory of Jane Maryinsky

IN HONOR

Junior and all 2011 Malone foster animals in honor of
HSOC vetting team
Nancy and Mark Loper in memory of Bob Congdon
and Lois Loper
Doris Marshall in honor of Dr. Artman, Stacia Laughter,
Marleen Jenkins and Beth Malone
Janet and Dennis McKibben in honor of Penny
Jeff and Suzan Rogers in honor of Mike and Judy Sims
D.L. and P.J. Veazie in honor of Dr. Mark and Sarah
Kerry Wally in honor of new puppy "Jasper"



**MANY THANKS TO DARLENE AND ROSS SHOTTS
FOR HOSTING "CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR PAWS"
AGAIN THIS YEAR. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
WERE DONATED TO THE HSOC OVER THE HOLIDAY!**

Kirby's Kids



Mrs. Jennifer Osborne, guidance counselor at Hickory Ridge High School, reports that the students in Mrs. Osborne's classes have raised the \$1,100 needed for Kirby!



A tiny three-year-old, six-pound Chihuahua, Kirby came in to the Humane Society with both of his hips broken. (He's pictured on the HSOC Web site at www.cabarrus.humanesociety.org.) Thanks to these young people, Kirby can have



the surgery (or surgeries) needed to make a good recovery and be adopted to his forever home. Goes to show what you can do when you put your mind to a task, and we thank all of you! •

Last Chance!



The 2012 Humane Society wall calendars are going fast; this is your last opportunity to purchase one for your home or office. Pictured inside are some of the wonderful dogs and cats up for adoption at the HSOC.

The first 100 printed sold out quickly, so an additional 50 have been printed and are available at Ruth's Memorial Shelter, Princeton's Meow or the Highway 49 location for \$12 each. All of the proceeds go toward the care of our shelter animals. •

THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S

Some of the HSOC's adoptable pets have been waiting for a forever home for too long!

January's Canine Member

PRINCE (DOB 9/10) is a handsome Boxer/ Shepherd mix, weighing 47 pounds. His first year of life was spent living outside on a chain, but he made his escape and his owners chose not to take him back. Prince is sweet, but very active, so would need a fenced-in yard and an active owner/family. He can be seen and adopted at the Cabarrus County Shelter. •



January's Feline Member



SPONGEBOB (DOB 4/17/11) is a fun-loving older kitten who will entertain everyone. He's been at the Humane Society since he was a baby, so gets along great with other cats and is well-socialized. He will make someone an excellent companion. Please come pay him a visit at Ruth's Memorial Shelter. •

Anonymous

As a volunteer, it's a fact of life that you find a special place in your heart for certain animals, especially ones that have been with the Humane Society for some time...and for no explainable reason.

Such is the case with Pansy, Tatum and Big Bertha. The first two dogs are black – statistically the last to be adopted because they're "plain," plus there are so many black dogs – and Bertha is older, another stigma.



Last month, a volunteer who has seen these three girls remain at the shelter while others went home, came forward with a very generous "pay it forward." She (and she knows who she is, but wants to remain anonymous) donated \$100 of the \$150 adoption fee for each of these three dogs.

We at the Humane Society make it a point not to share this type of information with a prospective adopter until they're filling out adoption paperwork – for obvious reasons. We don't want it to be the deciding factor.

Well, it played out like some sort of Christmas miracle. After months of waiting, a family showed interest in Tatum, then it was Pansy, and both were adopted. Bertha is currently in a wonderful foster home, gaining weight and enjoying life while waiting for her forever home. All three spent Christmas with people who care about them. This is what it's all about. Happy holidays! •

Let's Eat For a Good Cause!

You will not want to miss our 5th Annual SPAYghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012. This year will be even more exciting. Chef Lou Petrozza of "Hell's Kitchen" fame will be preparing our meal and we will be auctioning off a meal prepared and served by him, as well as numerous auction and raffle items.

There will be live musical entertainment and all proceeds benefit the efforts of the Cabarrus Spay/Neuter Clinic. This will be our best SPAYghetti Dinner yet. Tickets will go on sale February 1.

NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE EVENT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS ON THE DAY OF THE DINNER.

More details will follow.

It's a Pizza Special!



Papa John's is a big fan of the Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County, and starting this month, they will be offering a weekly special each quarter.

Anyone ordering pizza will be given a 30 percent discount. Papa John's will then donate 10 percent of their proceeds back to the HSOC during that quarter. The first weekly special will run from January 16-22.

Both Papa John's and the HSOC will be promoting and advertising to their customer email base. This promotion will reach all of Papa John's corporate markets in 82 stores, including those in Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte and Greensboro.

Please spread the word. When ordering, you must **use the PROMO code: NCHS30**. Please support the HSOC and Papa John's! •

**OUR HSOC EVENT
AT PET MANIA
ON DECEMBER 18
NETTED \$299 IN DONATIONS!
MANY THANKS
TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!**

The HSOC Angel Tree



Thanks to all who participated in The Humane Society's 1st Annual Angel Tree. Spearheaded by Vicki Smith, who came up with the idea while on vacation, many wonderful items were collected at Ruth's Memorial Shelter that can now be used for the dogs and cats at all three of our shelters.

In addition to the items shown in the photo, the HSOC received six gift cards and more than \$2,000 in cash donations for the angels on our tree. Thank you to everyone for participating. You are truly angels to us! •

We've Been Handed the Keys

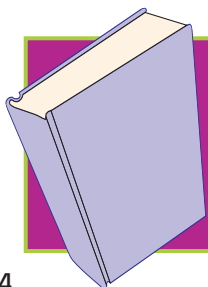


To TOYOTA U.S.A. and TOYOTA Cars of Concord, a huge thank-you from the Humane Society! On Thursday, December 15, HSOC Executive Director Judy Sims was handed the keys to a brand new 2011 Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited Edition, won last summer.

This vehicle will be instrumental in transporting animals and supplies to and from the Cabarrus Spay & Neuter Clinic as well as the variety of off-site fundraising events we participate in. Again, we thank our supporters! •

Get Your Books Here!

Ruth's Memorial Shelter has a nice selection of gently-used books for sale! Paperbacks cost \$1 and hardbacks cost only \$2! We're also accepting donated books for re-sale. Stop by anytime during open adoption hours!



Animal Tales

Hi-

Here is **Ivan** (left) with his new best buddy, Wrigley. Wrigley is a Hurricane Katrina rescue dog and they both could not be any happier right now. Thank you so much for everything you have done. Judy Neely is amazing. Keep up the fantastic job and best of luck for the upcoming year.

All the best,
Frazier and Paula



Hello,

We adopted one of Priscilla's puppies last Sunday and I just wanted to email you to let you know how smart **Freckles** is. He is picking up everything quickly and is a very loving puppy. He, of course, has his moments, but has been a lot of fun for our family. If anyone needs a testimonial, I would be willing. Thanks for doing the job you all do.

Lance Kurtz



This is a picture of **Pepper**, Kevin and I on a walkway at our favorite park, on the Craotan Trail in Cape Carteret, NC. Pepper loves the trails, the smells, the birds and anything that moves. We try and make it here for her walks at least twice a week. We thank you again for allowing us to bring Pepper into our home. She is an absolute joy!

Lisa and Kevin Miller

Have a funny or heart-warming pet story to tell?
Send copy and photos to Kim at dowehave2@windstream.net.

Hi,

Just a note to let you all know that **Marty** got home fine, although she tore a hole in her box during the drive and whined a bit. We released her in my bathroom with a litter box, food and water, and visited a bit, then closed the door and went to the kitchen to begin dinner. After about 10 to 15 minutes, I went to check on her and she pranced out and down the hall, exploring (inspecting) each room as she came.

She let us eat in peace (sort of) and then climbed on laps for some love. I decided to let her sleep in my bathroom, which is a good-sized room; HOWEVER, about

midnight, she started banging on the door and yelling at me. So, I opened the door, she climbed up on the bed and we slept peacefully for the rest of night. She stayed at my feet, but just wanted to be near.

You will be happy to know that she is actually running up and down the hallway and keeps a close eye on me. She decided one way to get my attention was to lay on my computer...of course, she just wanted some petting.



First night was a perfect beginning, so we shall see. We have not decided on a new name, but have to tell you Princess or Queen may be involved.

Best wishes and thank you!
Pat Thomas

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Ruth's Memorial Shelter: (dog and cat adoptions)

2010 Wilshire Court
Concord, NC 28025

Adoption Hours:

Monday-Friday: 11:00am-7:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday: 2:00-4:00pm

County Shelter Address: (dog and cat adoptions)

General Services Drive, off Highway 49,
just south of Hwy. 601

Princeton's Meow: (cat adoptions only)

29 Brookwood Ave. N.E.

Concord, NC 28025

(beside Brookwood Apartments)

Adoption Hours:

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30pm (Both)

Saturday: 12:30-4:00pm (shelter)

Saturday: 11:00am-4:00pm (Princeton's)

Sunday: 2:00-4:00pm (Both)

Web site: www.cabarrushumanesociety.org

Hotline: 704-763-8550

Mission Statement:

The Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County's mission is to end animal suffering and cruelty, reduce overpopulation and educate the public regarding responsible animal ownership. This mission is accomplished by utilizing trained volunteers to investigate cruelty, assist in the establishment of a low-cost spay/neuter clinic and establishing a sanctuary for homeless animals.

Membership and Contributions

Please circle the appropriate annual membership and mail your check to the address below.

Single membership	\$15.00
Couples membership	\$25.00
Family membership	\$30.00
Group/Business membership	\$50.00

Please consider a donation above your membership amount – 501 (c)3 deductible contribution.

Thank you.

Membership \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

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Total enclosed \$ _____

Would you like to be contacted concerning volunteer opportunities (shelter adoptions, fundraising, grant writing, etc.)? Check one:

Yes, contact me

No, not at this time

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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E-mail _____

Please mail check and this form to:

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