



# 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](mailto:dowehave2@windstream.net).

The deadline for the May issue is April 24, 2013.

## HSOC Takes to the Skies!

*By Alan Rothberg*

The Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County (HSOC) uses a variety of methods to find forever homes for their companion animals. Besides direct adoptions from their three locations, they also work with other rescue groups in placing pets in good homes. Sometimes this involves transporting animals long distances to specialized rescue groups, or even to individuals who find them on the Internet. Frequently, these transports mean long hours on the road for both the driver and the animals being transported, but recently, the HSOC took to the air to provide help for one of its rescues.

Brodie is a sweet Eskimo Spitz that came to the HSOC several months ago. He was found to be almost completely blind, seeing only shadows during the day and almost nothing at night. But that didn't stand in his way of being a great, playful dog, who was full of energy. He loved walks outside where he would get very excited and nip into the air while playing.



*Gene and Will Braswell flew Brodie from Burlington, NC, to Richmond, VA.*

While at the HSOC, Zach's Rescue – a local all-breed rescue that's instrumental in the HSOC's success of placing dogs and cats – arranged for Brodie to be transported to the American Eskimo Dog Rescue in Maryland. It would involve two people driving many hours to a halfway point in Richmond, VA. But, even before the details could be finalized, a group called Pilots-n-Paws stepped in to help.

Pilots-n-Paws ([www.pilotsnpaws.org](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org)) is a South Carolina-based nonprofit organization that was started in 2008 by animal lover Debi Boies and pilot Jon Wehrenberg to use air transportation to quickly and safely transport rescued animals. Pilots-n-Paws presently has a network of almost 3,000 pilots and

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# Special Thanks

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## IN HONOR

Gary and Barbara Hoffstetter in honor of Jack Grossman

Thanks!

## Let's "Spring" Into a Yard Sale!

It's the perfect time of year to shake those winter blues, get into the attic and closets for some spring cleaning, and purge! It's also a good time for shoppers to hit the HSOC yard sale for some great finds!

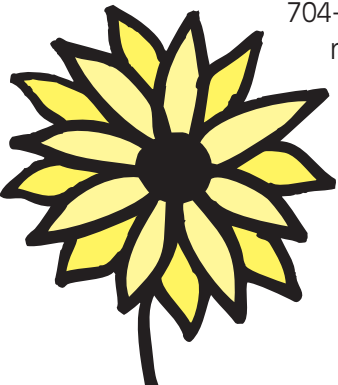
The Humane Society will be hosting a HUGE YARD SALE on Saturday, April 20, at Ruth's Memorial Shelter, 2010 Wilshire Court, Concord 28025. Proceeds from this sale will target a plumbing pressure valve replacement (\$900) at Princeton's as well as mounting medical bills at South Ridge Veterinary Hospital.

We need your gently-used items to sell! They can be dropped off at Ruth's Memorial the week of April 16. Please give us a call in advance to let us know what you'll be dropping off...especially large items:

704-784-7387. Of course, cash donations can be made and are much appreciated! All donations are tax-deductible and should be sent to HSOC, P.O. Box 5347, Concord, NC 28027.

We'll also need volunteers to help price items the night of Friday, April 19, and to help man the sale on the 20th. Please give Judy Sims a call at 704-763-8550 to sign up.

Thanks to everyone for their support! •



## Trash Compactor of the Month!



Our volunteers are an integral part of our success...

Visit the Humane Society's website at [www.cabarrushumanesociety.org](http://www.cabarrushumanesociety.org) for information about volunteering!

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12,000 volunteers who rescue and foster animals, and organize transportation needs. They have rescued more than 12,000 animals – primarily dogs, but also cats, snakes, pigs, birds, rats and even donkeys. They have teamed up with international rescue groups and transported military service dogs from Afghanistan. In 2010, they worked with Navy SEALs to transport an injured Steppe eagle from Afghanistan to New York.

They not only enrich the lives of rescued animals, but also of their human companions. In 2012, the final wish of ex-Marine, Rod Calvert, who was dying of cancer, was to see his beloved yellow Labrador, Baily, for the last time. It took dozens of volunteers, and four pilots to bring Baily the 1,100 miles to the hospice facility where Rod was being cared for. Upon arrival, she jumped into bed with Rod and put her paws on him. They spent his last three days together, with Baily never leaving his side.

Brodie's first leg of his journey would be a flight from Burlington, NC, to Richmond, VA. I met our pilot, Gene Braswell, and his son, Will, on an early Sunday morning. Brodie was excited to start his journey, and enthusiastically leapt into the back seat of Gene's Cessna Skylane. After making sure he was securely in place,

I watched as Brodie took to the skies to start his new life.

After a week-long layover in Richmond due to bad weather, Gary Schneider, flying a Cessna 172, would pilot the last leg of Brodie's adventure. Upon arrival in Maryland, Heidi Ortmeyer, executive director of Eskie Rescuers United, arranged an appointment with an ophthalmologist to help with Brodie's vision issues as much as possible.



*And Gary Schneider flew him from Richmond to Maryland.*

Brodie, now "Dylan," is doing great and is currently enjoying his new life at the rescue facility surrounded by other Eskimo dogs and waiting for his forever home. The HSOC would like to thank the Pilots-n-Paws organization, along with pilots Gene Braswell and Gary Schneider. We would also like to thank everyone else involved, including Zach's Rescue, and Karon Stewart and Heidi Ortmeyer from Eskie Rescuers United ([www.eskierescuers.org](http://www.eskierescuers.org)). We hope to be able to work with these wonderful organizations in the future. •

## Concession Fundraisers!

The HSOC has been given an opportunity to raise much-needed money at upcoming events at Lowe's Motor Speedway working in some of the concession stands. These opportunities are not afforded often and not many non-profits are given the chance to take them. To be successful, we need volunteers willing to work shifts during specific events.

The events that we have been given are as follows:

- NHRA (Zmax race), April 19-21
- Carolina Rebellion, May 4-5 (weekend concert)

There are two races in May that we are being offered, but dates are unknown at this time.

If you can sign up to work either of the above two dates, please send an email to Judy Sims ([cabarrus.humanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:cabarrus.humanesociety@gmail.com)).

Volunteers need to sign up in two- or four-hour (or longer) slots of time. Hours are from approximately 7a.m.-8p.m. on Friday and Saturday. We're told we will finish up earlier on Sunday.

Please don't commit if you don't think you can follow through. This is fun and the money is easy to earn. You must be 21 years of age to volunteer and you may not bring any other individuals who are not working along with you – that means no children or other family members may come and watch the event. •

### ATTENTION FOSTER FAMILIES:

**If you're planning an out-of-town vacation, please give a two-week notice to an HSOC officer. This will allow the HSOC to approve petsitters or help the foster family with a temporary foster while they're gone. Thanks!**

# Does Your Dog Need to Learn Some Manners?



Donna Rogers is instrumental in helping the HSOC dogs that need a “tune-up.” Maybe they exhibit some food aggression, need a positive outlet for their energy level or came to the shelter somewhat afraid of people.

Training helps you communicate with your dog and gets his attention. Some dogs need much more if they have behavioral issues such as digging, excessive barking or problems with shyness.

Whether or not you adopted a shelter dog, Donna can help! Give her a call at K-9 Capers Dog Training Academy for a consultation: 704-721-6757. Discover the super dog that lies just beneath the surface!

Donna Rogers, CPDT-KA, is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer. She is founder and director of Katie’s Kidz, d/b/a, K-9 Capers. She’s an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, an American Red Cross Pet First-Aid Instructor, a Therapy Dog International Evaluator and a Dogs & Storks Presenter.

Visit her website at [www.k9capersTraining.com](http://www.k9capersTraining.com) to learn more. •

# It’s a Petsmart Mega Adoption Event!

It’s that time again! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26, through Sunday, April 28. That’s when the HSOC will be participating with its Petsmart store partner, the location at Afton Ridge in Concord.

These quarterly mega-adoption events are very successful for the HSOC, and we need you!

Vanessa will be sending out information regarding shifts for bringing out adoptable pets from the HSOC, and foster families are urged to attend as well.

Let’s show Cabarrus County what great animals – and volunteers – we have! •

## A New Pet First-Aid App!

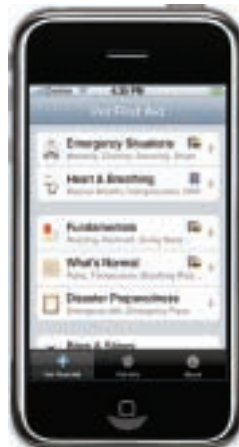
By Alan Rothberg

My collie, Ginger, hates bees with a passion. During the summer months, when the carpenter bees are buzzing, she will chase them around, snapping at them when they come into range. Imagine my panic last year when she happened to catch one that stung her in the mouth. I immediately reached for my iPhone, but this time, not to call my vet’s office, which was closed, but instead to use a recently-installed application called “Pet First Aid.”

Pet First Aid is a smartphone app that is available for both the iPhone and Android phones. This app was especially developed to quickly give you the information needed if your dog or cat has an emergency. It contains dozens of articles, including detailed procedures for severe emergency situations such as choking, bites and stings, fractures and sprains, bleeding, poisoning, burns, administering CPR and much more. It also includes general information that is helpful to pet owners, such as giving medications, restraining and disaster preparedness.

Pet First Aid contains detailed videos and step-by-step

illustrations. The content was developed by PetTech, experts in pet first-aid and emergency preparedness training. All of the information is contained within the application itself, so a data connection is not required.



This app is not designed to replace the pet care needed from your vet, but if you are a pet owner, situations like this can often occur outside of your veterinarian’s normal hours, or even to a pet that is not your own.

Thankfully, Ginger recovered nicely. With the help of Pet First Aid, I found the proper way to remove the stinger, and watched her for any allergic reactions. I hope she remembers her unpleasant encounter with bees, but summer’s coming, so we will see.

Pet First Aid has a 4.5 out of 5-star rating, and is available on Apple’s App Store for \$3.99, and the Android Market for \$2.99. You can also visit [www.jive.me/apps/petfirstaid/](http://www.jive.me/apps/petfirstaid/) for more information. •

*Alan Rothberg, an HSOC member, loves animals and writes about technology. Occasionally, the two come together.*



# Animal Tales



We renamed W.W. **Claire**, which the boys then changed to Claire-A-Belle. She is so wonderful and sweet! They say Cleo (our other cat) is the softest, but Claire is the sweetest kitty ever! They are completely correct! She is hilarious and such a cuddle-bug! We love her dearly and she has fit right in with our brood! Thank you so much for our sweet girl!

The Kritikos family



Just wanted to update everyone on **Dominic** and **Diego**! They are a wonderful addition to our family. We love them so very much. And they are getting along well with our dog Charlee...as we figured. Thanks to Princeton's for allowing us to adopt these two love-bugs!

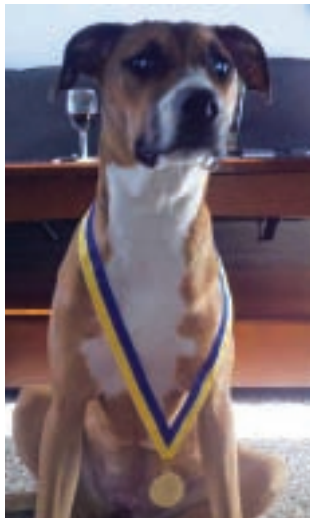
Casey Chris



Greg and Cindy Collins and their five children adopted a Labradoodle from Ruth's Memorial Shelter...

Our six-month-old, almost 60-pound baby (**Brinkley**) sits, stays, lays, rolls over, counts, plays which hand, and, are you ready?...he rings a bell hanging on the door when he wants to go out!! He is learning new things all the time. Greg says his only learning disability will be when we can't think of anything else to teach him!

Cindy and Greg Collins



It's official, **Luci** (was Beth) received her medal this afternoon (achieving the AKC STAR puppy award). Thanks for your help and guidance. We look forward to achieving the Canine Good Citizen with you soon!!!

Alison, Jonathan and Luci

From Trainer Donna Roger: She has impeccable manners and does not jump on guests. Her mom and dad have done amazing work with her!

Just a little note to let you know **Rosemary** is doing fine. She is a love. Thank you so much!

Kelley



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& Greater Cabarrus County  
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## The Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County

### Ruth's Memorial Shelter: (dog adoptions only)

2010 Wilshire Court  
Concord, NC 28025  
(behind Concord Auto Body)

### 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)

244 Betsy Carpenter Place, off General Services  
Drive and Hwy. 49, just south of Hwy. 601

### Princeton's Meow: (cat adoptions only)

29 Brookwood Avenue 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](http://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.  
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