

# The Scoop

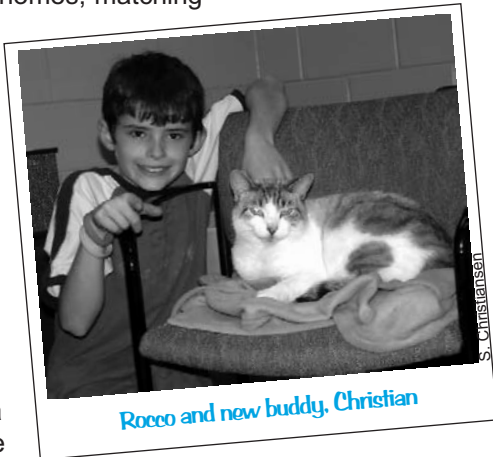


at the Spartanburg Humane Society

Winter 2007

## REUNIONS & <sup>New</sup> BEGINNINGS

The Spartanburg Humane Society is proud of the fact that we help pets AND people. Returning lost dogs and cats to their homes, matching families with their new best friends, or helping pet owners afford important services such as spay/neuter surgery or annual vaccinations. . .these are just a few of the things we do that help both people and animals every day. While reunions and adoptions are a familiar event at the SHS, in the fall of last year we were called upon to provide these services to a very special young girl, Rebecca Braun.



Rocco and new buddy, Christian

This story began more than a decade ago when Rebecca Braun was abducted and taken from her home. Last summer, a tip led the FBI to a house in Duncan County, South Carolina, where the 13 year old girl was discovered. After ten years, she was reunited with her mother.

During the years of her forced solitude, Rebecca's closest companions were 2 dogs and 3 cats, all left behind after the FBI raid. A Good Samaritan agreed to transport the dogs to Rebecca's new home, but the cats, Rascal, Rocco, and Sparkles, could not make the trip.

SHS was alerted to the situation in September, by a friend at Petfinder.com, the nation's leading online network of animal welfare groups. Rebecca was worried about her cats. She hoped to be reunited with all of them, but because of a pet limit at her mother's apartment, she could only have one. The remaining two would need to find new homes. We immediately agreed to help and set out to bring the cats to the shelter.

Because they had been through the disorienting FBI raid and were separated from Rebecca, we decided to keep them together in one of the offices. So Rascal, Rocco, and Sparkles moved in with SHS President and CEO, Sandy Christiansen, along with a healthy supply of fake mice, fuzzy balls, and comfortable cat beds. Rascal was immediately at home, snubbing the toys for his favorite treat, chasing the cursor on Sandy's computer. At first Rocco and Sparkles hung out in their "hidy boxes," but eventually relaxed in their new environment. All three cats quickly stole the hearts of SHS staff.

It wasn't easy for Rebecca to decide between the three cats. In the end, Rascal volunteered for the trip by proving to be so adaptable. SHS Vice President of Development and Outreach Programs Natalie DiGiacomo volunteered to personally deliver Rascal to Rebecca, not wanting to take any chances by sending Rascal on the trip alone. Petfinder.com



Rascal taking a rest from the computer

turned to the PETCO Foundation, one of their sponsors, for help. The PETCO Foundation provided a grant to cover costs for SHS to complete the reunion. Rascal was delivered to Rebecca's mother, while her daughter was in school. Natalie was happy that Rascal took to his grandmother immediately, explaining that "it was almost as if he

knew that she would be taking him to Rebecca."

Rocco was adopted a few weeks later, after a Spartanburg resident read about him and his sister in The Shopper. She and her son stopped by the shelter to meet the cats and it was love at first sight for Rocco and her young son. Sandy Christiansen

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## Hours of Operation

The shelter hours for adoptions and our Save-A-Pet Store are:

Monday - Friday 11:00am - 6:00pm  
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Hours for Receiving and Lost and Found Services:

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Stop in the shelter or check out our adoptable pets online at: [www.spartanburghumanesociety.com](http://www.spartanburghumanesociety.com).

You can also see SHS pets for adoption at the PETSMART Love-A-Pet store in Spartanburg and at other locations around town. Check our website for a schedule of PETSMART hours and mobile adoption events.

Don't forget that the humane society has a store for you to buy your pet supplies and flea prevention products. All of the proceeds benefit the lost, homeless, unwanted, and neglected animals of Spartanburg County!

# From the President Sandy Christiansen



It's that time again . . . time to reflect on the year past and to prepare for the New Year ahead. Once again, everyone in the SHS family can be proud of our shared accomplishments.

In 2006 our shelter staff found new loving homes for more than 3,400 pets while caring for hundreds of animals every day. Veterinary clinic staff prevented thousands of unwanted litters by spaying or neutering almost 2,700 pets, not including SHS adoptees! Clinic staff also administered more than 1,000 vaccinations and microchips at our monthly low cost shot clinics. Our Humane Education program exposed over 3,000 children throughout the community to our messages promoting responsible and compassionate treatment of animals. Hundreds of seniors visited with staff and volunteers through our Animal Assisted Therapy Program. And these are just the services we can quantify. So many of our daily gifts of kindness and compassion to pets and people cannot be counted or categorized.

Twelve short months ago, I shared with you my first New Year's resolution as the President of the Spartanburg Humane Society – to build on the numerous life saving programs offered here at the humane society and to pave the way for new ones. I am happy to report that with the help of generous SHS supporters and all of our 37 dedicated staff members, we succeeded!

I know you will be as energized as all of us here when you read about the growth in our Outreach Department on page 4 of the Scoop. Through Ingrid Norris, our new full time humane educator, SHS will be able to reach more people than ever with our humane messages about responsible pet ownership. And with the full time assistance of SHS Volunteer Coordinator Amy Freeman, we will build a larger corps of volunteers who will enhance our existing programs and services that benefit both pets and people.

If you've been to the shelter lately, you've probably been able to feel the excitement and possibility in the air. If you haven't been for a while – what are you waiting for? I encourage you to visit us to see all that you make possible through your support.

My resolution for 2008 will be to build on the momentum of 2007. You can expect bigger and better things from the Spartanburg Humane Society in the New Year. I hope we can continue to rely on your friendship and generosity, which makes all we do possible.

Happy New Year!

*Sandy Christiansen*



Spartanburg Humane Society

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### CAMP LOVE-A-PET SUMMER 2007

JUNE 4-16	Ages 11-12
JUNE 18-30	Ages 11-12
JULY 9-21	Ages 13-15

8AM – 12PM (longer on field trip days)  
\$200 (field trips extra)

Registration begins May 1, 2007.

**New time for monthly vaccine clinics!** SHS low cost vaccine clinics are now scheduled from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the shelter on the first Saturday of every month (with the exception of some holidays). No appointment is necessary. Rabies vaccinations are \$5.00; Bordatella vaccinations are \$5.00; Distemper combo vaccinations are \$7.00; get all three for \$15.00. In addition, Microchip identification is \$10.00. Bring your dogs and cats for this affordable and lifesaving protection!

All photos by Danny Bellows unless otherwise noted.



Sparkles and her new sister, Cindy

witnessed the meeting, "We knew right away that this was the perfect home for Rocco. It was a wonderful feeling and we were all excited to tell Rebecca the good news."

Last, but certainly not least, Sparkles was adopted at the end of December. Rebecca was very clear that Sparkles would expect to be spoiled, and her adoptive parents have promised to comply.

We know you join us in celebrating the happy ending to Rebecca's story. We thank you for making it possible for the SHS to be a part of Rascal's, Rocco's and Sparkles' happy ending as well!

## PASS IT ON:

Join SHS in congratulating SHS Junior Humane Volunteer Megan Janiskee, who was honored with the Rising Star Award by Spartanburg City Council. Megan was recognized at the December 11th Council Meeting for raising \$1000.00 towards the purchase of two vests for the Spartanburg Public Safety Department K-9 unit. She was nominated for the award by Officer Christy Norkett.

Megan is an alumnus of SHS's 2005 and 2006 sessions of Camp Love-A-Pet, which is where she met Officer Norkett. Norkett, along with her canine partner Riska, volunteers her time to speak with campers about the K-9 unit. Megan was moved to action after learning that some of the K-9 dogs did not have protective gear. Megan explained it this way, "I've loved animals my entire life. I heard about the protective vest shortage, and it got me thinking: If the dogs are putting their lives on the line to protect us, the least we can do is provide them with a little protection of their own."



Mayor Barnet presents Rising Star Award to Megan

According to 2006 Camp Love-A-Pet Counselor Dale Gilbert, Megan's star shone bright right from the start. "Megan was always enthusiastic about Camp and she worked extra hard to train her own canine partner. She is just as committed to being a Junior Humane Volunteer and we are lucky to have her as a member of our team."

Officer Norkett's letter nominating Megan for this honor was full of praise: "Megan is an asset to this department and our community. She is thirteen years old and has already made a major contribution to society. I believe that she will continue to do well. I am truly honored to know this young lady."

SHS knew that you would be just as impressed with Megan's efforts as we are, which is why we decided to pass it on!

## Memorials & Honors

### Memorials

Luise M. Arts	Meredith Crenshaw (continued)
Nancy Couture	MSI-Viking Gage Service
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Scarlett Burton	April Dillard
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Sabrina Carey	Willie Dodkin
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Bonnie Steptoe	Vivian & Glenn Dorsey
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Hallie & Chip Hurst	Kathryn Shell
Hunter Mahon	Princess Elrod
Margaret (Peggy) Chesbrough	Clara L. McIntyre
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Tom Chesbrough	Phyllis & Robert Wyatt
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Meredith Crenshaw	Eliza Hanna
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- Patrick Johnson
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- Mok-Mok Johnson
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- Waylon & Gloria Sasser
- Blanche Kennerly
- Candice Thomason
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- Betsy & Robin Miller
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- Samantha Elliot
- Evelyn Matthews
- Pauline Wilson
- Bobby McAbee
- Anne & Lamar McAbee
- Fancy McAbee
- Bobbie Daniel
- Hunter Mahon
- McBoo McCain
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- Robin Strickland
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- Spooki Shell
- "Molli", "Dolli" & "Winki" Shell
- Teddy Shell
- "Molli", "Dolli" & "Winki" Shell
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- Mary Lou Williams
- Madison Tyner
- Karen Tyner

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# Outreach Department Welcomes Two New Members

SHS outreach programs have always been popular. In 2006, nearly 3,000 community members participated in SHS presentations or tours. Staff and volunteers made it possible for hundreds of seniors in over a dozen nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the county to visit with canine friends, through our Animal Assisted Therapy Program. Incredibly, we were able to reach these people with only part-time staffing. Unfortunately, our programs were too popular for part time attention and we found ourselves frustrated by the desire to do more and reach more people with our educational messages. In 2006, SHS set a goal to expand our Humane Education Department, which would require hiring a full time Humane Educator.

Two long time SHS supporters who share our commitment to Humane Education stepped forward to help us realize our goal. Hans and Lucia Balmer pledged funding for a new full time position for three years. The couple's decision was rooted in a belief that "humane education is an investment in a brighter future for companion animals in our community."



Reidville Elementary

An attentive group of youngsters learn about pet care with Ingrid Norris

While we conducted an extensive national search for an experienced humane educator, we found the perfect person right here in Spartanburg. Before coming to the SHS, Ingrid Quigg Norris put her passion for educating young children and adults into developing programs for the Watershed Ecology Center at the University of SC Upstate. Her experience drove the educational programs to a higher level than imagined. Ingrid is looking forward to dedicating her resourcefulness, creativity, and positive energy into developing a humane education program that is both well-rounded and focused on the issues facing animals in Spartanburg County.

The new humane education position created a spot for a full time Volunteer Coordinator, for which we also found the perfect person. Amy Freeman recently moved to the Spartanburg area to be closer to family, a move which all of us at SHS consider destiny. At SHS, she will draw on 10 years of experience in the animal welfare arena, starting out as a volunteer for an inner city shelter in Michigan. Name a volunteer position and Amy has done it: cleaning kennels, dog walking, mobile adoptions, pet photography, fundraising and special events, and so much more.



Amy Freeman with volunteer dog walker, Mare McKenna

Ingrid and Amy want our outreach programs to become the benchmark for the southeast. Once you meet them, you'll be as convinced as we are that they will accomplish this and more! Please stop in to say hello and welcome to Amy and Ingrid.

# Volunteer for Animals!

*The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.*

-Author Unknown

The work our organization accomplishes would not be possible without the generous contributions of our volunteers. Everyday, a volunteer helps improve the life of an animal at the SHS. By joining our team, you will help us provide lifesaving services and meaningful programs to pets and people throughout our community.

## You can help us by assisting in the following areas:

- Adoptions
- Animal enrichment Office
- Veterinary Clinic
- Grooming
- Humane Education
- Foster Parent
- Fundraising/Special Events
- Pet Assisted Therapy
- Information Technology

Have a special talent or interest that you would like to share with us? Let us know!

For volunteer application information please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Freeman at 864-583-4805 x108 or email [afreeman@spartanburghumanesociety.com](mailto:afreeman@spartanburghumanesociety.com).

# New Humane Education Programs

SHS Humane Education Coordinator Ingrid Norris is busy developing a new line-up of engaging and instructional humane education programs for all ages. Each grade-specific presentation includes hands-on learning activities and animal assistants. Here are just a few possibilities:

**Story Time at the SHS** The perfect program for families of preschool and kindergarten aged children. Includes reading of an animal related story, animal visitors, and a craft.

**Red Light, Green Light** Developed for grade 1, students learn to identify safe and unsafe behaviors around dogs.

**Whodunit? Mystery Theater** An interactive presentation designed to help students in grade 5 gain an understanding of why companion animals are given up to animal shelters like the SHS.

**Solutions** Grade 12 students will work on a project using local shelter data collection and mapping with GPS/GIS.

**Pet First Aid** Adult classes will be offered at the shelter in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

To learn more about these and many more programs, contact Ingrid Norris at (864) 583-4805, ext. 113 or at [inorris@spartanburghumanesociety.com](mailto:inorris@spartanburghumanesociety.com)

# Memorials & Honors

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| Bingley Walsh                | Doug Fortune                     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Larry Thoms       | Jennifer Parks                   |
| Sam of West Forest Watson    | Joan Foss                        |
| Mr. & Mrs. Dale M. Evans     | Wallace E. Johnson               |
| Lady Wenger                  | Krissi Foster                    |
| Richard, Linda & Will Wenger | Linda Kay Foster                 |
| Alex Wilkins                 | Scarlett Foster                  |
| Kathy & Jeffrey Wilkins      | Linda Kay Foster                 |
| Nancy Linda Wright           | Rhonda Funderburk                |
| Cathy Bonner                 | Libby Waldrep                    |
| Martha Calvert               | Kylie Gable                      |
| Heather Childers             | Mary Dawson                      |
| Linda Deahl                  | Ted & Nancy Gage                 |
| Karen Friday                 | Luci W. Daley                    |
| Phyllis Guy                  | Bob & Roxanne Gheorghiu          |
| Dianne Long                  | Beth Levine                      |
| Karen Mathis                 | Bob Ringel                       |
| Natalya Reznichenko          | Betty Jo & Bob Godfrey           |
| Martha Sprouse               | Robert Simmons                   |
| Beth Stiffler                | Carroll Green                    |
| Janet Suttles                | William & Deborah McWhite        |
| Lanita & Earl Wilson         | Kay & Jimmy Green                |
| Susan Wyatt                  | Ann & David Dennis               |
| Ethyl & Gladys               | Dr. & Mrs Henry B. Gregorie      |
| Ted and Nancy Gage           | Harriet S. Chesney               |
| Garfield                     | Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Gregorie III |
| Sharon Wilson                | Harriet S. Chesney               |
| Pooter                       | Betty Groce                      |
| Judy Lamb                    | Bridget Jones                    |

## Honors

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| Judith S. Bazemore              | Alex & Graham Hall        |
| Donna Melton                    | Gus Allen                 |
| Kate & Mike Beck                | Eliza Hanna               |
| Rose Mary Ritchie               | Kevin Smith               |
| Nancy & David Blevins           | Troy & Cecilia Hanna      |
| Anne & Henry Hargrove           | Kevin Smith               |
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| Stephan Bolliger                | Conni Harrell             |
| Hedi & Markus Bolliger          | Kenneth Norton            |
| Tammy Bolliger                  | Boog & Howard Henderson   |
| Hedi & Markus Bolliger          | Ann & David Dennis        |
| Doug Brand                      | Nikki Holmes              |
| Wallace E. Johnson              | Glenn & Kathleen Mc Gee   |
| Sutherland Brice                | Tiger Holmes              |
| Leigh Robertson                 | Glenn & Kathleen Mc Gee   |
| Ann & Quenton Broom             | Beni Huentemann           |
| Ann & David Dennis              | Hilde Huentemann          |
| Glenda & Bob Brown              | Sarah Hunt                |
| Randy Wilson                    | Beth O'Steen              |
| Rev. & Mrs. Rob Brown           | Bridget Jones             |
| John & Laura Hodge              | Mildred McKinney          |
| Terry Brown                     | Buford Lemmons            |
| Anthony & Christina Atchley     | Benny & Anita Lemmons     |
| Ruby Lee Cantrell               | Jeff & Jeffrey Lemmons    |
| Bridget Jones                   | Lynda Leonard             |
| Mildred McKinney                | Donna Melton              |
| Elsie A. Cash                   | Dr. Beth Levine           |
| Marie & Lee Linder              | Christine Robertson       |
| Kitta Cates                     | Hazel K. Linder           |
| Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Hollis     | Marie & Lee Linder        |
| Mr. & Mrs. Parker Champion      | Sam "Pop" Maw             |
| John & Laura Hodge              | Emily Maw                 |
| Paulozortea & Anne Civiletto    | Dave & Atha McBride       |
| Beth Levine                     | Thomas Huggins            |
| Bob Ringel                      | Allston McCain, Jr.       |
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| Harriet S. Chesney              | Mrs. Doris P. Ray         |
| Abby Dill                       | Betsy Ray & Gabriel       |
| Rebekah Dill                    | Ted Mueller               |
| Allie Dill                      | Kenneth Norton            |
| Rebekah Dill                    | Julia Nettles             |
| Pumpkin Dill                    | Doris Adams               |
| Rebekah Dill                    | Nancy & Heyward Nettles   |
| Carolyn Dorton                  | Ken and Mary Norton       |
| Bridget Jones                   | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Atkins  |
| Doak Evans                      | Connie Harrell            |
| Dale & Joann Evans              | Kathryn Kotecha           |
| Donna Ezell                     | Ted Mueller               |
| Gordon Early, Jr.               |                           |

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# Volunteer Spotlight



Thank you, Jeff!

Tour de Paws (which you can read about on page 7) is one of our most special special events, consistently raising over \$10,000 for programs benefiting homeless animals. Ride Director Jeff Cook makes it easy for the SHS. He and a core group of dedicated volunteers and loyal sponsors handle all the details, from designing the t-shirts to spray painting paw prints along the route to help keep cyclists on track. He is the first to arrive on the morning of the event and the last to leave – and still cruises amongst the leaders on the 61 mile course.

When it comes to Tour de Paws, Jeff always keeps two primary goals in mind, organize a great ride that will keep cyclists coming back and raise as much support as possible for homeless animals. He succeeds every year! Jeff makes it LOOK easy, but we know it takes a tremendous amount of time and energy that deserves thanks and recognition. Please join us in turning our spotlight on Jeff Cook. And be sure to shake his hand next September 8th!

## Memorials & Honors

Steve & Sheila Parks	Rick & Linda Simpson
Mike & Nancy Parks	Melvin & Rita Norwood
Dr. & Mrs. Simmons Patrick	Babs & Marcie Smith
Harriet S. Chesney	Wallace E. Johnson
Mrs. Margaret Platt	Paul & Shirley Stanley
Harriet S. Chesney	Tom & Patti Moran
Alexandra Poliakoff	Mrs. Phyllis Taylor
Leigh Robertson	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Burns
Ernesto & Marianna Potes	Dr. Rev. & Mrs. Clay Turner
Beth Levine	John & Laura Hodge
Bob Ringel	Rev. Clay H. Turner
Judy Psillas	Eddie Fargis
Vicki Huffman	Irene White
Mrs. Doris Ray	Bridget Jones
Betsy Ray & Gabriel	Stacey Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rector	Nancy Morehead
Harriet S. Chesney	Janel Wilson
Aaron Ringel	Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Cann
Beth Levine	Drs. Sonny King, Quint Carlisle,
Bob Ringel	Eddie Neal, and Staff at Smith
Mr. & Mrs. William Rudder	Animal Hospital
Harriet S. Chesney	John & Laura Hodge
Doris Sanders	Nugget
Sandra Thomas	Carolyn Centuori
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Scott	Ruff
Wallace E. Johnson	Buster & Bonnie Levine
Catherine Seaberg	Sophie
Bridget Jones	Buster & Bonnie Levine
Mrs. Edward M. Seabrook	Shehan Rescue Dogs
Harriet S. Chesney	Joyce Shehan

## Maggie May

When Maggie came to us she weighed in at a massive 82 pounds, nearly three times her ideal weight of about 30 pounds. Maggie had trouble with the simplest movements like getting up or rolling over. When staff or volunteers tried to take her for a walk she seemed to be exhausted by the time she got outside, panting and needing a break before turning around to go back to her kennel.



BEFORE

SHS veterinarian Dr. Melissa Elledge was concerned that there might be an underlying condition causing the dog's obesity, such as hypothyroidism. Fortunately for Maggie, the blood tests were negative and we could get started trying to save her. Reluctant to place Maggie for adoption because of the severity of her condition, we looked for and found the perfect foster home. Dr. Rebecca Laster, who worked part time at the shelter, agreed to take Maggie and place her on a weight loss plan including calorie reduction and the very gradual introduction of exercise.



AFTER

An employee at Dr. Laster's Gaffney Veterinary Clinic fell in love with Maggie the first time she saw her. After several months in foster care Maggie was ready for adoption so she applied to adopt the dog. At that time Maggie was down to 58 pounds.

When we recently checked in with Maggie's new mom, she was very happy to report that Maggie is trotting now! For Maggie, being able to trot AND roll over were major milestones. At 52 pounds, Maggie still has weight to lose, but she is doing really well and making fast friends with her new siblings, who are teaching her how to play again.

## Thank You!

The Spartanburg Humane Society is deeply grateful to the many businesses that support us financially or materially and by donating essential services:

Advanced Therapeutic Massage  
 Baehr Feet  
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 Green Zinnia  
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 PetsMart Spartanburg  
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 Smith Animal Hospital  
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### AN OVERWEIGHT PET IS NOT A HEALTHY PET

Just as with people, obesity in pets is a serious health concern that can lead to diabetes, heart problems, and arthritis. Overweight pets are more prone to hip dysplasia, back and joint pain, and endocrine diseases. Keeping your pet at a healthy weight can literally add years to his life.

#### How do I prevent my pet from becoming overweight?

Fitness is just as important to your pet's health as it is to your own. Unless there are underlying medical reasons, most pets are overweight because they receive too many calories and not enough exercise.

#### Does spaying and neutering make pets fat?

No, but this is a common myth. Spaying or neutering may slightly slow your pet's metabolism, causing him to burn calories more slowly; therefore needing less food. Any pet, neutered or not, will gain weight if it is over fed or not exercised properly.

#### How can I tell if my pet is overweight?

In general, you'll have trouble feeling the ribs of an overweight dog or cat. Overweight pets tend to be broad across the back, have no visible waist, and have fatty deposits at the base of the tail. Overweight cats may have a drooping abdomen that hangs when they stand up. If you think your pet is overweight he probably is.

#### How do I help my overweight pet?

If you believe your pet is overweight, talk to your veterinarian about changes in diet and exercise that can help him slim down gradually. It's important not to reduce a pet's food intake too quickly, especially for cats, as this can lead to serious illness. Exercise should also be introduced gradually.

# Ho Ho Ho...

It was another successful Holiday Photo event! The SHS lobby was filled with excitement...cats, dogs, ferrets, parrots and children all donned in their best attire for a visit and photo with Santa. It is a heartwarming feeling for both staff and volunteers to see all the pampered pets, especially SHS alumni. This experience provides hope to our staff and volunteers and encourages us to continue our mission in helping the homeless animals of Spartanburg County. Our wish to Santa of course is always the same. . .that all SHS animals will find wonderful forever homes like these.

A big thank you to Debbie Hackworth and our friends at Discount Office, whose sponsorship made this our most successful Holiday Photos Event yet!



Santa Joe and the Watson Family



Santa Tony and Lil' Bit Hackworth



Santa Darrell and the Pridgen Family

## Thank You Holiday Photo Volunteers!

Our volunteers are an integral part of our success. We could not have done it without their help. Thank you to: Santa Joe Brunson, Santa Tony Jolly, and Santa Darrell Hinson and to our extraordinary elves: Amber Auten, Rita Burgess, Halley Charles, Marly & Tom Divver, Maria Gibson, Monica Levitt, Emeline McGee, Patti Moran, and Kathryn Wakefield. And of course, this event would not be possible without our fabulous photographer, Danny Bellows.



Santa and his elves: Ingrid Norris, Santa Joe Brunson, Rita Burgess, Maria Burgess, Kathryn Wakefield, Marly Divver, Amy Freeman, Emeline McGee, and Danny Bellows

# Tour de Paws 2006 a Tour de Force

September 9th turned out to be a beautiful day for a ride. Nearly 300 cyclists from Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina participated in our annual ride for animals, raising over \$10,500—a new record! After finishing challenging courses of either 27 or 61 miles, cyclists joined SHS staff and volunteers for hot dogs and refreshments at Tyger River Presbyterian Church, our gracious host. If you love cycling and care about homeless animals, we will expect to see you on September 8, for Tour de Paws 2007. Until then, all of us at SHS will be sharing the road with our friends.

Thanks to the riders and to our wonderful sponsors:

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| CWS Insurance Agency            | Bike Worx                    |
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| Freewheelers of Spartanburg     | Great Escape                 |
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| Tyger River Presbyterian Church | Power Solutions              |
| JBR Environmental Services      | Spartan Federal Credit Union |
| Mendel Hawkins Builders         | Taco Dog                     |
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Courses start and finish at Tyger River Presbyterian Church.



All smiles!

## Four More Dogs Helped by Guardian Angels

Angel, Duke, Fred, and Maggie were all diagnosed with heartworm disease. Interested adopters were reluctant to pay the extra costs associated with their treatment. After donations to our Guardian Angel fund accumulated to cover these extra costs, each dog was adopted into a new home and received the medical care necessary to cure their disease.

SHS thanks all the Guardian Angels who helped us give these wonderful animals a second chance at happiness.



Duke



Maggie



Angel



Fred visited SHS in December with his best friend, Flash

Questions about this new program can be directed to Natalie DiGiacomo at (864) 583-4805, ext. 118 or natalie@spartanburghumanesociety.com.

# Happy Tails

Dear SHS,

I just wanted to send a BIG THANKS to all of you at the Spartanburg Humane Society! My husband and I adopted Murray (aka: Patrick) last month. I just wanted you all to know that Murray has brought so much joy and laughter to our lives. I think however, he has adopted US rather than us adopting him.



Dethloff Family

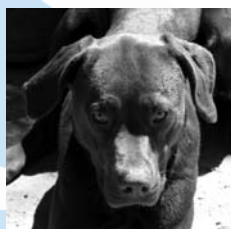
Once again, thank you all for doing a wonderful job!

The Dethloffs  
Duncan, SC

To Co-Co-Moe's Guardian Angels,

Thanks for giving Co-Co-Moe the financial support he needed to stay alive. We really love him!!

The Burke Family  
Spartanburg, SC



Dear SHS,

I was looking around at rescue websites today and thought about you and how you've changed my life. Although my contact with the actual agency has been brief, every day is a blessing due to Patches and Copper. Patches is almost like a little person, she uses her front paws to grab at things (most often to pull your hand up onto her belly for a rub), talks back to you in conversation (a garbled kind of barking speech), puts her forehead to yours and looks into your eyes (not sure what that's about), and makes sure to get a corner of the pillow every night. A year later Copper moved in – she was a stray I found and called you to see what to do. I fostered her and when no one called you to claim her, she got to stay!



Porter Family

I realized today that you might not hear back from people often . . . you taking her in, loving her, and making her available to me that day has filled my heart. I wanted you to know that.

Thank you,  
Sarah Porter  
Phillipsburg, NJ

## Calling All Pet Pin-ups!



The 2006 and 2007 calendars have been a tremendous success and have generated important revenue for the programs of the SHS. We want to know if there is enough support for us to go ahead with another edition.

If you would like to commit to one or more spaces for 2008, complete the following and mail it to the Spartanburg Humane Society.

No payment is due at this time and instructions for how to submit pictures will follow later. We will make the decision about whether or not to proceed with a 2008 calendar by the end of March.

Please reserve the following in the 2008 SHS Calendar:

- 4 x 6 (above the fold)  
\$250 each
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You can also forward your reservation to Natalie DiGiacomo by phone at (864) 583-4805, ext. 118 or e-mail at [natalie@spartanburghumanesociety.com](mailto:natalie@spartanburghumanesociety.com).

Send us your Happy Tails! Don't be shy. We love to hear from our lucky shelter alums who've found happiness in new homes. Your special "tail" may be considered for an upcoming edition of *The Scoop*. Please send your stories and pictures to the shelter, care of "Happy Tails."