

The Scoop



at the Spartanburg Humane Society

Summer 2007

SAVING HOWIE

One day at the end of February, the Davison family was walking their dog, Abby (an SHS alum), when they decided to take a different route than usual. Today they describe that decision as fate, because it led them to an emaciated dog in extremely poor health and badly in need of their help. Young Amanda Davison named the dog Howie. The family knew immediately that unless the dog's owner came forward to claim him, he would become a member of their family. But first, Howie needed to get well. Together, the SHS and the Davison family set out to save Howie and make sure he never suffered again!



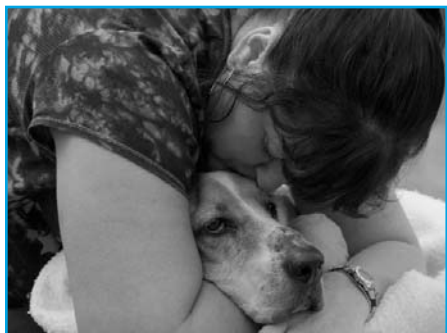
A. Dunagin

Howie a few days after coming to the SHS

Dr. Melissa Elledge, SHS Vice President of Veterinary Services, remembers clearly the first time she examined Howie. "When I first saw him, he did not have the strength to lift his head, but he still managed to wag his tail. We all wanted him to survive so that we could make up for whatever had brought him to this stage." Weighing just 24 pounds, approximately half his ideal weight, he tested positive for 3 intestinal parasites (roundworm, hookworm, and whipworm) and suffered from heartworm disease. There were serious concerns that Howie might not

make it, but efforts to save him began immediately.

Howie received a blood transfusion from a shelter dog named Bo (a true canine hero who now lives with his new adoptive family). He was placed on a high energy prescription diet and clinic staff performed light physical therapy while he regained the strength to move on his own. He was wormed to cure his intestinal parasites, but would need to recover before undergoing heartworm treatment. TLC was



A. Dunagin

Staffer Cathy Wofford came on her day off to take Howie for his "sunbath"

also essential to his recovery. The Davisons visited regularly and SHS staff would wheel him outside on a makeshift gurney so that he could enjoy the sun every day.

Dr. Elledge remembers the day Howie took his first step, nearly two weeks after coming to the SHS. "Everyone clapped and tried not to cry, but there were tears of joy and relief. We knew Howie was going to survive."

The Davisons adopted Howie on March 16th, twenty-one days after finding him. He weighed 31 pounds and his condition had improved significantly. Most important is Jessica Davison's happy assessment that, "Howie is doing Awesome!"

It's hard not to wonder how anyone could neglect such a wonderful companion. Dr. Elledge points out that all of his medical issues could have been avoided with a balanced diet and monthly heartworm prevention (most products include protection against the intestinal parasites which robbed Howie of essential nutrients).

Jessica Davison refuses to believe that Howie was intentionally abused. "I just don't want to think that any human being could be so cruel. The more we get to know Howie and see how wonderful he is, the more convinced I am that he just got lost. I only wish he were wearing identification, so that he could have been found sooner."

We will never know his history, but we are grateful that the Davison's decided to take that fateful detour and we are proud to have been here to help them save Howie.



A. Dunagin

Amanda Davison always wanted a dog named Howie



A. Dunagin

Howie at home with his new family



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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.

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



Three times a year, The Scoop gives us a chance to share with our friends a few of the highlights from all we accomplish through your support. It's a challenge trying to capture the headlines of our daily work on behalf of homeless animals. Out of the thousands of animals we care for, we can only introduce you to a few of the critters who capture our hearts...Howie, Elmo, Megan, and our shelter alums featured in "Happy Tails." We can briefly introduce you to creative friends like Frankie Dusky, who is featured in "Pass it On," and to volunteers in our regular "Spotlight." But there is so much more to their stories and there are so many more friends and volunteers who make up the rich fabric of our busy days.

So as we put to bed another issue of The Scoop, and I reflect on the headlines from the past few months, I want to share a few of the details that I wish you could have experienced with us.

The story of Howie the Bassett Hound and the amazing Davison family who found and adopted him touched all of us. This is easy enough to read. But what you won't read is that when Howie returns to the shelter for a checkup or a visit, he has a line of followers to see how well he is doing. Calls are made to different extensions to make sure co-workers have the opportunity to say hi and to celebrate a happy ending. It is heartwarming to be reminded that while we handle nearly 350 animals a day, each one is special to us.

Something you can read, but might not notice in Howie's story is the name A. Dunagin, attached to every stunning

picture. Amanda Dunagin is a Greenville Tech student who chose to do her photojournalism project about the SHS, inspired by her own four dogs (two from the SHS). Amanda spent over a month at the shelter and managed to take our breath away with her photos of animals in our care, including one of Elmo, the macaw.

Though only briefly mentioned in "All Creatures Great and Small", Elmo mesmerized all of us. Staff worked closely with Dr. Hurlbert at Healthpointe Veterinary Clinic, who donated her services to make sure this magnificent creature had the best care possible while at our facility. When the right person came forward to adopt him, Elmo knew it immediately. It is impossible to convey the joy and relief of seeing this great bird climb easily on to the shoulder of his new person and allow her to preen his feathers. His adopter e-mailed later to say that she and Elmo had fallen asleep on the couch their first night together.

These details, too, are highlights...that counter the other details of our work...the frustrations, the heartaches, the seemingly never ending supply of homeless animals in need. We hold them close and rely on them to keep us going another day. And we rely on you, our friends and supporters who make all of our work possible. Thank you!

Sandy Christiansen

SAVE THE DATE → Tour de Paws 2007 is September 8th!

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!

PASS IT ON:

Frankie Dusky is a professional photographer and a long time animal lover. In 2006, she founded UNONA Photography to provide personalized portraiture services to pet owners in the Upstate. Dusky does not operate from a typical studio. All of her work is done on location and in the comfort of clients' homes in order to make the experience easier on the pets.

In 2007, Dusky decided that she wanted her work to reflect her interests in controlling pet overpopulation through low-cost spay/neuter programs and finding good homes for wonderful pets in need of loving families. She created the Paws for a Cause campaign.

Starting in April, UNONA Photography began offering a discount on prints for portraits of pets adopted from any humane society. In addition, the discount will be matched as a donation to The Spartanburg Humane Society. Ms. Dusky explains, "My first dog, Cinnamon, was adopted from the Humane Society. She gave me 13 years of wonderful companionship. To express my gratitude for that beautiful gift, I have always found a way to help out the SHS and this is just one more way that I can do that."



F. Dusky

Maggie Bufano, star of UNONA's first Paws for a Cause portrait

SHS is delighted to benefit from a service that celebrates the special place pets have in our lives. And we are grateful that Frankie's portraits will expose more and more people to all of the wonderful shelter pets out there who make so many families complete, which is why we decided to pass it on!

View more of Frankie's work at www.unona.photorelect.com.

Thank You, Danny!



D. Bellows

Danny will always be a member of the SHS family!

In March, SHS Executive Vice President Danny Bellows accepted a new position with the John Ancrum SPCA in Charleston. In addition to overseeing shelter operations, he will manage the construction of their new facility.

Danny joined the Spartanburg Humane Society in April of 1994, as Assistant Supervisor of the old Williams Street shelter. Over the course of his thirteen years, Danny supervised major enhancements in the scope of SHS services and programs. His involvement was critical to the construction of our new shelter here on Dexter Road. Because of this wonderful facility, animal shelters in and around South Carolina call the SHS for advice whenever embarking on a building project and Danny was always available to share his experiences and lessons learned. Throughout his tenure, he saw the advent of our low cost spay/neuter clinic, our expansion into satellite and mobile adoptions, and the creation of our beautiful Remembrance Garden. In 2005 he led a team of responders to Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These are only a sample of highlights from Danny's career at the SHS.

Though the decision to leave the SHS was difficult, Danny could not pass up an opportunity so uniquely suited to his experience and talents. All of us here miss our friend and colleague, but we are happy to know that he is now part of making a brighter future for animals in the Charleston community. Please join us in thanking Danny for his amazing record of service to the SHS and wishing him and his new colleagues the best of luck in their important work ahead.

Memorials

- Elvis Barnhill
- Josh & Stephanie Barnhill
- Rocky Barnhill
- Josh & Stephanie Barnhill
- Sage Bates
- Lori Bates
- Side Dish Bates
- Lori Bates
- Dakotah Bjelland
- Kirby Adolphson
- Bubba Kitty Bowman
- Robert & Sara Bowman
- Dr. Charner Bramlett
- Carolyn Alexander
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Atherton
- Mrs. W. C. Ayers
- Claire Capell
- Leonard & Kaye Carroll
- Pat & Jeanie Case
- Liz Smith Cox
- Juliet C. Eaves
- Dr. & Mrs. Paul Eschenbach
- Harold & Nancy Foster
- Mr. & Mrs. William Frey
- John & Imogene Gibson
- James & Marian Hampton
- Elizabeth Howell
- Gregg Howell
- Lee Howell
- Melissa D. Johnson
- Melba Long
- Jane Sexton Long
- Margaret Mathis
- Jim & Livia Mitchell
- Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Morris, Jr.
- Rebecca Pennell
- L. Perrin & Kaye Powell
- Jack M. Steinberg
- Mr. & Mrs. Adair Watters
- Orrin Brewington
- Dorothy Bernardo
- Scarlet Burton
- Delores & Steve Bruce
- Wally Cat Campbell
- Mary Campbell
- Kasey Carlson
- Maureen McCloskey
- Marjorie Richards
- Peg Chesbrough
- Unity of Spartanburg
- Cindy Christiansen
- Laverne Jones
- M. J. Clary
- Julie Clary
- Guy Coates
- Lamar & Anne McAbee
- Beau Geste Conner
- Billie Conner
- Santee Darby
- Francie Little
- Jo Willa Gramling Lopez
- Gus Deal
- Faye Deal
- David Dempsey
- Randi Berry
- David & Ann Bishop
- Brenda Brennan
- Dr. & Mrs. Fred Butehorn
- Jay & Renee Cariveau
- Nan & Tim Cleveland
- Richard & Loretta Conn
- Woodland Heights Elementary PTO
- Ann Hammond
- Patricia Hoel
- Leslie W. Howard
- Joyce & Roddy Jeffers

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David Dempsey (continued)
 C. E. Kanipe
 Dale Kelly
 Ann & W. W. Kirkpatrick
 Carolyn Lamm
 Robert Lyon
 Nature's Touch Massage
 Pine Forest Neighborhood Assn.
 G.T. & Betty Neumeyer
 George & Judy Psillas
 James Seegars Family
 June Sereque
 Mr. & Mrs. William G. Stewart
 Rose Thompson
 J.E. & Sylvia Whisenant
 Larry & Myrna White
 Tibet Dixon
 Linda Lou Dixon
 Satchel Emerson
 Charlotte Import Cars
 Sadie Esce
 Tim & Vickie Pickeral
 Floyd Ferguson
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 Buddy Fischer
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 Scaredy Fischer
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 Patrick Johnson
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 William Ayres
 Rick Jones
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 Vince Kimbrell
 Cheryl & Leon Kimbrell
 Mary Jo Knight
 Sam & Anna Rogers
 Will & Agnes Rogers
 Cy & Lou Rogers
 Joe & Nancy Sprouse
 Golda Langston
 Patricia Pearson
 Andree Long
 Gail Boyer
 Don Giles
 Bob & Joyce Long

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Welcome to Our Family Room

We know that some folks believe couches are for people and backyards are for dogs. We also hear from pet owners who only allow their small dogs to live inside with the family while their bigger dogs are forced to live outside, away from the companionship they love and need. But, whoever coined the phrase, “dog is man’s best friend” was not only referring to small breeds. Pets, regardless of size, are a part of the family, and with their families is where they want to be and where they belong.

Since we believe that couches are most comfortable when shared with pets and that dogs only really like backyards when their people are in them, we set out to show that big dogs can live inside too. In January of this year, we did a little remodeling. We turned the “animal viewing room” in our front office into a family room, complete with comfy couch and big dog.

Staff and volunteers help to housetrain dogs staying in the family room with regular potty breaks. Potential adopters enjoy spending time with the dog in a “real life setting.” Perhaps even more important, our family room helps visitors to the shelter visualize how well big dogs fit in a home environment.

If you haven’t been out to the shelter recently, be sure to stop by and check out our recent home improvement. Our love seat always has room for one more!



Megan was the first dog adopted from our Family Room

D. Bellows

INDOOR DOGS

As a society, we are spending much less time outdoors in our yards (one study estimates 95% of our time is spent indoors or in our cars). If owners of outdoor pets are realistic about how much time is spent with their dog, chances are it won’t add up to meet the dog’s needs for companionship. . .15 minutes to feed, 15 minutes for a game of fetch, 15 minutes while grilling burgers for the “inside family”... This is not enough for a social animal. Consider the following:

- Dogs are happiest living inside with their people. They are social animals who want to be with the other members of their “pack,” even if that means taking a nap on the floor while the bills are being paid or channels are surfed.
- When dogs are isolated from their pack they can become stressed, anxious and bored, which can lead to unwanted and destructive behaviors like barking, digging, and escaping. Many dogs are turned in to the shelter for these same reasons.
- When kept outside, away from human interaction, dogs may lose some of their socialization skills, causing them to be fearful and aggressive, even with their human families.
- Backyard dogs, especially those that are chained or tied, are NOT going to prevent a burglar from breaking in the front door or window of your home and will NOT be able to protect your belongings. Not to mention, the barking of outdoor dogs is often ignored, while the barking of dogs on the other side of the door or window is a deterrent.
- Outdoor dogs are at greater risk from exposure to the elements, other animals, teasing from neighborhood children, and contagious diseases like heartworm.

SEND US YOUR PICTURES! We would love for you to share photos of your best friend on the couch, in the bed, or asleep by the fireplace, if the furniture is off limits! Your family photos will help us spread the word about the joy of indoor dogs (including the big ones). Send to The SHS c/o The Family Room, 150 Dexter Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

Volunteer Spotlight

On Saturday, February 24th, SHS participated in the College Service Initiative (CSI) program. CSI is a project of the College Town consortium, a collaboration of the institutions of higher education in Spartanburg County. It was an exciting day at the shelter when 20 students from nearby colleges gathered together to help the homeless animals. The students performed a variety of jobs . . . raking leaves, weeding the flower beds around the shelter, unloading the food truck, even washing windows! Just as meaningful as the tasks they accomplished was their heartwarming enthusiasm and dedication to the job. They worked nonstop while they were here and the shelter just sparkled when they were done. We ended the day with a shelter tour so that the CSI volunteers could see just some of the “furry faces” that they helped. It was a very positive experience for both students and staff. A few days later we received a lovely poster with notes from the students thanking us for participating in CSI and for the work we do on behalf of the animals. We wanted to take this opportunity to give thanks and recognition to these student volunteers for all their hard work!



Service with a smile!

Photos by Brian Fulkerson, SMC

Volunteer for Animals

Every day, 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 with adoptions, animal enrichment, humane education, animal assisted therapy, grooming, in our veterinary clinic, or in your own home as a foster parent, just to name a few possibilities! Have a special talent or interest that you would like to share with us? Let us know!

We are scheduling orientation sessions for new volunteers every month. For volunteer application information please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Freeman at 864-583-4805 x108 or email afreeman@spartanburghumane-society.com.

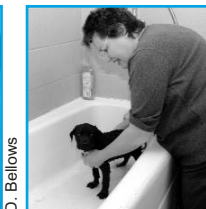


Walk a dog

D. Bellows



Comfort a kitty



Bathe puppies and dogs

D. Bellows

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Memorials & Honors

- Andree Long (continued)
- Bonnie Long
- M. H. Lutz, M. D.
- Molly Miller
- Jan Tichenor
- Carroll Zeuli
- Lucky Massey
- Jackie Massey
- Pat Mesardjian
- Chris & Debbie Voso
- Buttons Mulvaney
- Jeanne Mulvaney
- Noelle Mulvaney
- Jeanne Mulvaney
- Sugar Nix
- Niles & Wanda Nix
- Bogie Norton
- Kyle Kotecha
- Chelsea Norton
- Kyle Kotecha
- Irene Parks
- Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. Post 9539
- Marty Pascoe
- Gloria Sasser
- Robert H. (Buck) Powell
- Stephen & Janice Gelband
- Bib Gosnell
- Allen & Lee Ann Johnston
- Patricia Johnston
- Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Patterson
- Beth Powell
- George & Genie Taylor
- Brandy Roldan
- Margaret Roldan
- Sunny Roldan
- Margaret Roldan
- Jean Sarratt
- Brian & Sherry Wood
- Christi Shell
- Kathryn Shell
- Teddi Shell
- Kathryn Shell
- Spooky Shell
- Kathryn Shell
- Arthur Slavin
- Spartanburg Kennel Club
- Roger Sosbee
- Harold & Jo Sosbee
- Mary Louise Steadman
- Bessie Christopher
- L. C. Garrett
- Delores & Paul Pritchard
- Ned & Delores Steadman
- Medical University of SC
- Gertrude Stephens
- Ron Stephens
- Duck Swann
- Francie & Lindsay Little
- Charles "Jack" Taylor
- Walter & Linda Garrett
- Patricia Stephens
- Judith Wilson
- Nell Wood Thompson
- Michelle McKelvey
- Bobbie Thornton
- Carolyn Alexander
- Betty Bramlett
- Marianne Tillitson
- Royal Oaks Home Owner Association
- Madison Tyner
- Karen Tyner
- Gracie Vetter
- Matthew Grier
- Robert A. White
- Lamar & Anne McAbee
- Alex Wilkins
- Kathy Wilkins

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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Anyone who visited the shelter's adoption center this spring usually ended up taking a detour into our Board Room to see who kept asking, "WHAT? WHAT?" When visitors saw that it was a macaw named Elmo asking all the questions, they would often come back looking puzzled and wondering aloud, "What? What is that bird doing at an animal shelter?"

The answer is that the SHS is here for all animals when the protective bonds they have with their owners and guardians fail. While dogs and cats are by far the most common pets in American homes, domestic rabbits, small mammals like guinea pigs and hamsters, and small caged birds are also popular.



R. Burgess

Junior Humane Volunteer
Maria Gibson and Shorty

There is also a growing trend of exotic or untraditional pet ownership, which include reptiles like iguanas and snakes and exotic birds like parrots and macaws.

All of the species we care for come to us by similar paths. Some need shelter because they stray (or fly, crawl, or hop) from home and become lost. Others come to us when their owners can no longer care for them. Most deliver the animal to us, but sadly some decide instead to abandon their pet to fend for itself. If these animals survive, they eventually are brought to us by good Samaritans or Animal

Control. Other animals are seized by Animal Control Officers from neglectful or abusive situations, which was the case with Elmo the macaw.

In 2006 the SHS handled over 500 animals that were neither dog nor cat, including small mammals, birds and fowl, goats, sheep, reptiles, potbellied pigs, and one fish.



L. Burnett

Lucy in her
new pasture



A. Dunagin

Some domestic
bunnies come to us as
strays or abandoned
pets

As with dogs and cats, if these animals are in good health and have a good temperament, we strive to adopt them into qualified permanent homes as soon as possible. If you are an experienced owner of non-traditional pets, who may be interested in adopting from the SHS, please call Shelter Manager Kelly Stockwell at (864) 583-4805, ext. 114. She will keep your contact information and pet experience on file so that you can be contacted if such an animal becomes available for adoption.

A Cautionary Tale

Special pets have special needs, which must be considered before making them a part of the family. Before you decide to bring any new pet home, do your research to make sure that you are prepared to provide the "right stuff" for the animal to be healthy and happy. At the same time, you want to make sure that your expectations of the pet are realistic and that you know what you are getting into.

Habitat: The average bedroom has little in common with the natural habitat of many non-traditional pets. Be sure you can provide the right amount of space, warmth, light, moisture, etc., that the animal needs to thrive.

Diet: Herbivores, insectivores, carnivores, and everything in between . . . non-traditional pets have specific dietary needs that aren't often neatly packaged in the pet food aisle of your local grocery store like dog and cat food.

Health: Dogs and cats aren't the only pets who require preventive veterinary care and treatment. Small mammals, birds, reptiles, and exotic animals also have unique health needs which must be met. Not all veterinarians are comfortable treating non-traditional species, so be prepared to hit the yellow pages!

Pets add enjoyment to our lives, and in return they rely on us to look out for their well-being. Before getting ANY pet, whether a puppy or a parakeet, it is important to make sure you are prepared to meet your end of the bargain. It could save you plenty of headache and heartache in the end.



A. Dunagin

Elmo lived in cramped and
filthy quarters, denied
adequate food and vet care

Behavior:

Be prepared for natural behaviors of the pet you are considering. For example, if you aren't a night owl, then nocturnal animals who run on the wheel all night and sleep all day might not be the companion you are looking for.

Size: Babies grow up. Eight inch lizards become six-foot iguanas and adorable pot-bellied piglets can grow up to be several hundred pounds.

Human Health Risk: Homework has to include what dangers your potential pet might pose for your family. Some dangers are more obvious than others. Snakes, for example, can cause injury through bites or suffocation, in the case of constrictors. Less well known are cases in which reptiles like iguanas and red eared sliders have been implicated in salmonella infections.



SUMMER 2007 SESSIONS:

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

Monday - Friday 8AM – 12PM
 (longer on field trip days)

Tuition is \$200

Registration forms can be picked up at the shelter or downloaded from our website:
www.spartanburghumanesociety.com

For more information, contact Ingrid Norris at
inorris@spartanburghumanesociety.com or (864) 583-4805, ext. 113.

CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED!

We are looking for junior and adult counselors to help out with Camp Love-A-Pet.

Junior Counselors must have experience as a Junior Humane Society volunteer or as a past participant of Camp Love-A-Pet. Counselors must be at least 14 years old to help with sessions 1 & 2, and at least 16 to help with session 3.

If you are interested in volunteering for this fun and worthwhile program, please contact Ingrid Norris at (864) 583-4805, ext. 113.

Memorials & Honors

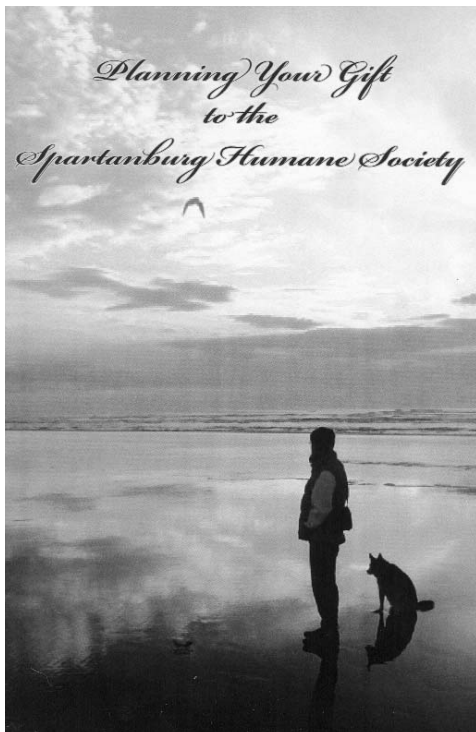
- Allie Wilkins
- Kathy Wilkins
- Charlie Robert Wilson
- Marjorie Hall
- Ralph W. Woodward
- Mahaffey Family
- Deborah McNaughton
- Harlan Wright
- Michael & Eileem Baird
- Nancy Wright
- Nicole Tucker
- Ellie
- Mims, Carlisle & Linda McGarity

Honors

- Danny Bellows
- John Chapman
- Francie Little
- Bobby Pinson
- Darwin Simpson
- Berny Berry
- J.T. & Margaret Cothran
- Nancy Dischler
- Stephen Dischler
- Taylor Hough
- Dr. Tony Glover
- Eugenia Allen
- Brenda & Sam Green
- George & Judy Psillas
- Angelo Koutras
- Michele Koutras
- Romeo Koutras
- Michele Koutras
- Coco Lamm
- Carolyn Lamm
- Sara Lanford
- J.T. & Margaret Cothran
- Lynda Leonard
- Julia Kirby
- Mitch Licht
- Laurel Greene
- Audie Linder
- Marie & Lee Linder
- Buffy Linder
- Marie & Lee Linder
- Bethany Morton
- John & Fabienne Livingston
- Mary Norton
- Susan & Robby Atkins
- Cynthia Hay
- Madison Pascoe
- Gloria Sasser
- Julia Pascoe
- Gloria Sasser
- Brad Powell
- John & Fabienne Livingston
- Harriet Ray
- Ali Beeson
- Ralph, Gracie, & C.T. Rivera
- Jean Hayes
- Kathy Heacox
- Rachel Ruff
- Kathleen Willard
- Norma Talbot
- Leona Lessard
- Lil Man Waldrop
- Sheila Waldrop
- S. S. Whisnant
- Greg Whisnant
- Jake
- Eugenia Allen
- Ally & the kittens
- Tiina Hameenantilla

**Save Thousands of Animals with One Call...
 to your estate planning professional**

The support of donors like you helps the thousands of animals cared for by the Spartanburg Humane Society each year. But, did you know that you can help the animals AND receive tangible financial benefits, including current tax deductions, avoidance of long-term capital gains taxes and reduced estate and gift taxes? We are pleased to announce the publication of a new booklet that helps you to explore opportunities that combine your philanthropic giving with your own financial needs and tax-planning strategies. There are a number of benefits you can receive when making a planned gift to the SHS. Most importantly, you can ensure that your impact on the well-being of animals will continue long into the future.



Wealth and assets are not prerequisites for considering a planned gift. With the help of experienced financial planners, individuals from all walks of life and income levels can develop a giving strategy that matches their means and their mission. All that is necessary is a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of homeless animals.

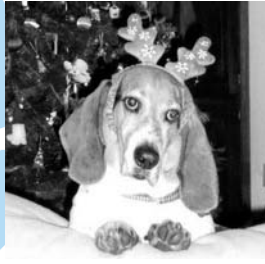
For your free copy of our new booklet, contact Sandy Christiansen at (864) 583-4805, ext. 104, or sandyc@spartanburghumanesociety.com.

Happy Tails

Hello!

Thought you'd like to see how one of your former "residents" is doing! We adopted Otis in June of 2000 and now live in Missouri. Otis has been our spoiled fur-kid for 6+ years now! We hope you all have a great 2007 and that ALL the dogs and cats (and other critters) find loving-forever-homes.

Sincerely,
Michelle & Steve Harris
Kansas City, MO



Harris Family

Hi,

I am sending along some pictures of irresistible June Bug, graduate of Camp Love-A-Pet 2006. She is enjoying her new friend Lacey (also a SHS alum) and even taught her how to play. June Bug has decided since our Sheltie (her best friend) passed away to take up the job of barking uncontrollably at the four wheelers that we have. My husband and I both race and have had them out a lot with race season started up. Besides that she is the same adorable gal with that face that could melt a heart of stone.



Horn Family

Lacey and June Bug

Best wishes,
Angela Horn
Boiling Springs, SC

Hi,

Just wanted to drop you a note and tell you about Prissy, the cat formerly known as Sparkles, and I call her The Princess. Mother and Charles have fallen in love with her and she with them. She has her very own queen-sized bed (the human kind) and the run of a two story house. She takes turns sitting on their laps, but chooses Mama over Charles when Mama has the heating pad in her lap. At bedtime, Charles tells her it's time to go to bed and she goes right with him. Mama frets when she has to leave her by herself because Her Highness turned her back to them when they returned home from visiting someone and it wasn't even overnight. The bottom line is that this was a match made in Heaven.



Parsons Family

Cindy O'Quinn,
Sister and servant to Her Highness, the Princess of the Parsons Household

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."

LAST CHANCE to Reserve Your Pet's Spot in our 2008 Calendar!



We still have a few small spaces available in our 2008 calendar. If you would like to reserve a spot for your pet, complete the following and mail it to the shelter at:

*Spartanburg Humane Society
150 Dexter Road
Spartanburg, SC 20303*

No payment is due at this time and instructions for how to submit pictures will follow later.

Please reserve the following in the 2008 SHS Calendar:

- 2 ½ x 2 ½ (below the fold)
\$100 each

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

You can also forward your reservation to Natalie DiGiacomo by phone at (864) 583-4805, ext. 118 or e-mail at natalie@spartanburghumanesociety.com.