

The Scoop

at the  **Spartanburg
Humane Society**

Summer 2011

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Shelter Adoption Hours

Monday - Friday 11 am - 6 pm
Saturday - Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

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Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm
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Visit Adoptable SHS Cats & Kittens!

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Monday - Saturday 9 am - 9 pm
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Sunday 10 am - 7 pm

From The President

Sandy Christiansen



D. Bellows

“Are you no-kill?” is a question I hear often. Years ago, it made my pulse quicken and my temperature rise. My reaction had a lot to do with the fact that it was often asked in a challenging way. As if there was really only one right answer and if I didn’t have it, I was akin to a “killer” who must not care about animals. That is a difficult place from which to answer a difficult question. Over time, I have instead come to see the question as an opportunity for education and for a dialogue that is relevant to our county.

No-kill is another term for limited admission. Being a responsible “no-kill” agency means limiting admission of animals to a number that can be housed comfortably and humanely until they are adopted. In order to avoid long term confinement, a limited admission agency often tries to choose only highly adoptable animals. This means turning away animals most in need of help.

In a county with only one shelter for animals, the consequences of turning anyone away are too great. What would happen to the litter of sick kittens born under the porch of an owner who cannot even afford medical care for their mother? Who would take the chained backyard dog who has never been socialized and was found abandoned after his owners moved? Because we will not turn these animals and thousands like them away, our answer is no, the SHS is not “no-kill.” We are an open admission animal shelter that is proud to be here for every displaced animal, regardless of their adoptability.

We recognize that pet overpopulation and its consequences—suffering, neglect, and

euthanasia—are a community problem, born in homes and backyards across the county. Each year, Spartanburg and surrounding areas generate many thousands of unwanted animals. The number of pets adopted and reclaimed by owners hovers around 3,500, far fewer than the number coming in. This despite expanded hours, more sophisticated promotions, two satellite adoption centers, and relationships with several placement partners, like the one you will read about on page 7. Sadly, because of medical or behavioral problems, many animals are not what adopters have in mind as the perfect family pet, and the majority of lost pets are never reclaimed by their former owners.

May marks my sixth year as the President and CEO of the SHS. In my time here, I have certainly been humbled, but with the help of an extraordinary team of dedicated staff and volunteers, I have felt more pride than I imagined possible. The SHS has grown into a comprehensive community resource for pet owners. Because we know that adoption alone will not compensate for the volume of unwanted animals, we offer services designed to support a stronger bond between pets and owners:

- A veterinary clinic that prevents countless litters and offers low-income pet owners an array of services to keep their pets in good health and out of the shelter due to cost of care.
- A Good Dog Academy that provides affordable dog training and behavior consultation for pet owners struggling with problems that might otherwise threaten the bond with their pet.
- A brand new Anti-Cruelty Initiatives Department that provides a stronger voice for victims of cruelty and neglect.
- Humane Education programs that teach young people—tomorrow’s pet owners—about responsibility.

While we work toward a future with fewer animals in need, we provide excellent care to those who find their way to us. We do not reserve our love only for those adoptable animals who give us the happy endings we crave. We keep our doors and hearts open to every creature who needs us, even when it hurts.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the staff, volunteers, adopters, and supporters who do not judge us because we aren’t “no-kill,” and instead support our efforts on behalf of ALL animals.

Funding Makes X-ray Machine Possible

In March, the SHS gained a powerful tool for animals in our care and in the community. Thanks to two generous anonymous donors and a grant from the ASPCA, we were able to purchase a radiography (x-ray) machine.

In the past, we relied on local veterinary clinics for radiographs. The staff resources and time required to transport animals back and forth significantly limited their use. In-house x-rays remove these limitations, opening up many potentially lifesaving doors for animals in our community.

In our Low Cost Veterinary Clinic, we have already used x-rays to help treat animals waiting for adoption as well as pets of low income families who utilize our wellness services.

Millie (above) is just one of the many animals who has already benefited. While in foster care, this sweet kitten flourished. She enjoyed playing with her foster brother and getting into mischief. One day, curiosity got the best of her. While exploring, Millie injured her paw. Her foster mom covered the cost of her first x-ray at a local veterinarian's office, which revealed that she had dislocated her wrist. But Millie needed follow-up x-rays to track the progress of her treatment. One of our first radiographic images was of Millie's healed paw!



N. DiGiacomo



We've also been able to help animals like Sprout (right). Professor Sprout, as she is known at the SHS, has luck on her side. She was brought to the SHS by a good Samaritan, after being found injured and alone. Despite not being able to put weight on her back left leg, Sprout was in good spirits. She patiently allowed our clinic staff to examine her and radiograph her leg. The x-ray revealed a fracture that had already begun to heal. Our dedicated veterinarians were able to splint her leg and get her on the road to recovery. After some TLC from her new friends, and several additional x-rays,

Sprout was ready to find a forever home of her own - something that seemed far from her reach only a month before.

X-rays and anti-cruelty initiatives

When animals come to us injured and abused, they are unable to tell us what happened to them. Thankfully, our new x-ray machine is providing them with a voice. In animal cruelty cases, x-rays play an important role in securing convictions of animal abusers.

Not only are x-rays an essential diagnostic tool for the ongoing treatment of animals who are victims of cruelty, they also help us put together their stories. Vice President of Anti-Cruelty Initiatives Dr. Dana Miller uses x-rays to learn about the animals she speaks for. From an x-ray, she can often determine whether or not an injury is accidental, approximately how old an injury is, and if the animal

has experienced repeat trauma. When a case is brought before a judge or a jury, she is then able to use these x-rays to illustrate the extent and significance of an animal's injuries.

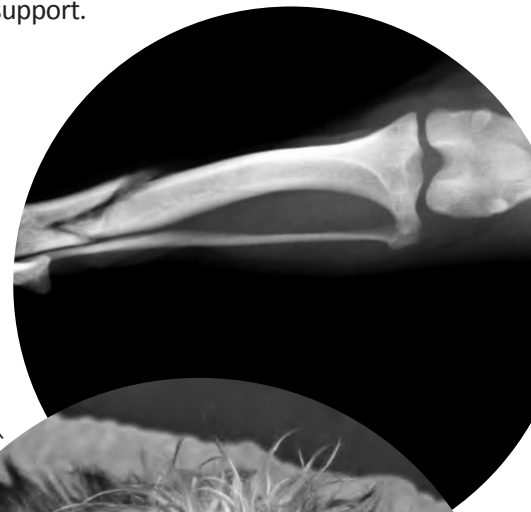
The SHS has already used our new x-ray machine for several open investigations. Stay tuned to upcoming editions of *The Scoop* to see how x-rays are making a difference for victims of animal cruelty.

Thank you!

We are sincerely grateful for this incredible opportunity to expand and enhance our ability to serve animals in our community. Join us in thanking the ASPCA, special donors, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund, for facilitating this gift.

Special thanks

For the past several years, Dr. Hearon McCravy of Reidville Road Animal Hospital offered us an incredible discount that made it possible for us to perform more x-rays than ever before. We will always appreciate his generosity and support.



K. Freseman

Honor and Memorial Donations

1/1/2011 - 3/31/2011

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Volunteer Spotlight

Rowdy & Muggles



C. McGahee

Rowdy looked forward to his bimonthly visits at Inman Healthcare almost as much as the residents!



P. Burton

No matter who he was visiting, Muggles was always ready to make people forget their problems.

In the past our Volunteer Spotlight has focused primarily on our two legged volunteers. In this issue we want to highlight two very special four legged volunteers, and their people. Muggles, an 11 year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, is Pat Burton's best friend and a beloved family member. Rowdy, a Basset Hound mix, owns the heart of Chris McGahee. The two duos, Rowdy and Chris and Muggles and Pat, are both registered therapy teams. All four volunteers have been an integral part of the SHS Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) program.

Found as a scraggly and malnourished puppy, Chris McGahee had always known that Rowdy was special. Smiles are mandatory in the presence of this gentle and goofy dog – you just can't help but share his joyful approach to life. Chris and Rowdy earned their therapy team registration in 2007 and immediately began volunteering at Inman Healthcare, visiting at least twice a month and on special holidays, often in costume. The team also helped out with humane education and outreach events, but Chris always felt that Rowdy's gift was brightening the day of his friends in Inman. Residents and staff always looked forward to visits from Chris and Rowdy and many times were waiting for them in the lobby (with a secret stash of treats). You would also find many pictures of Rowdy on the residents' bedside tables.

At 68 pounds, Rowdy couldn't be a lap dog. Instead, he trained himself to hop up on a chair to sit beside his friends for a visit. Chris swears that Rowdy always knew which residents needed his company most, and she followed his lead. Chris also paid attention when Rowdy's health made it harder and harder for him to volunteer. He retired from service in the spring of 2011, but he still brings smiles wherever he goes.

Pat Burton and Muggles have been an AAT team since 2008. Pat knew that Muggles possessed special gifts by the way he interacted with children and adults of any age. With his soulful eyes and calming personality, he possesses a remarkable ability to persuade people to forget about their problems. This quality was celebrated by residents and staff of the long term care facilities they visited. Muggles was a star at Mountainview, where he and Pat visited twice a month.

He would rest on residents' laps and listen attentively to their stories about special animals in their lives. While animal assisted therapy is a team effort, Pat felt Muggles was the MVP. This proud mom was always amazed and tickled by how much everyone loved "her boy." Muggles' affection for all generations kept him active in humane education programs, helping to teach children about the responsibility of owning and caring for a pet. He became a very special friend to many of the children in the 4-H Pet Pals program at Clifdale Elementary, where he volunteered monthly. Everyone cried when Pat announced Muggles' retirement, but we know he needs to save his energy for brightening the day of his best girl and greatest fan.

Retirement cannot diminish the gifts shared by these two amazing animals. The SHS is honored by their volunteer service. Please join us in thanking Chris and Pat for sharing them with us and with the many people they have touched throughout their therapy dog careers.

Rowdy and Muggles, you have definitely left paw prints on the hearts of all who have met you. Good luck in your retirement and don't forget to stop in and see us!

Pass It On



P. Hastings

Mabry Middle School students learned first hand how their gifts to the SHS were being used!

There is always excitement in the air when Pam Hastings and her students from Mabry Middle School arrive in the SHS lobby for their animal shelter "encounter." Their visit is the culmination of a service learning project benefiting the SHS. They are all smiles as they unload supplies collected over the previous 18 weeks. Our wish list comes to life before our eyes, as our young friends stack up piles of donated necessities, and treats, for dogs, cats, and smaller critters. Next, the students tour the SHS and spend time on activities like making toys and decorating cat condos.

This is the second year Mabry has chosen to focus on animals as part of the school's character education program. The students' enthusiasm is matched by the support of administration

and faculty. It has become a welcome tradition for everyone involved. Visits are scheduled over three days near the end of each semester. Prior to arriving, the students have learned all about the work of the SHS, helping them to understand how their donations, toys, and cat boxes make a difference in animals' lives.

The school's community service to organizations like the SHS is what earned them the national "Schools to Watch" designation. This year, they were one of only five middle schools in the state to receive this honor.

Pam is motivated by the opportunity to foster critical values including community involvement, volunteerism, and responsibility. She knows her students represent our community now and in the future. As they make a difference for the SHS, their interaction with us makes a difference for them. Students who have lost pets instruct their parents in the method of finding pets. Some students have introduced their parents to SHS spay and neuter services. And other students have understood that their family's decision to surrender a pet to our care was a more responsible decision then letting the pet fend for itself.

During their April visit, Pam beamed while a former student, now a Mabry bus driver, adopted a puppy. All of these lessons and more, not to mention the generous contributions, are the reason we wanted to highlight this amazing educational endeavor and pass it on!

Donate items to the SHS for THE charity auction of the year!

The SHS will benefit from the sale of donations like:

- New, antique, or collectible items
- Professional services
- Recreational activities and adventures



To donate, contact Katie:
auction@spartanburghumane.org
 864.583.4805, ext. 107



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 Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium

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Honor and memorial donations can be made online at www.spartanburghumane.org/honor or by calling 864.583.4805, ext. 103.

Sign up for Camp!
www.spartanburghumane.org/camp

Tails On The Trails



K. Freseman

SHS Alums Bernice (left) and Twinkie (right) stopped to say "hello" before the big walk.

This Spring, Partners for Active Living (PAL), an area nonprofit targeting an increase in physical activity and improved health of Spartanburg residents, approached us with an idea for a joint project. PAL wanted to partner with the SHS to organize the first ever dog walk along the Mary Black Foundation's Rail Trail in downtown Spartanburg. With obesity on the rise in both humans and pets, it was an offer we could not turn down.

We worked with PAL to provide an opportunity for our supporters (both human and canine) to get out, get moving, make new friends, and have fun. And, that's just what we did!

Despite being rained out on our original date, we were ready to walk on Saturday, April 2nd. We estimate that at least 60 people and 75 of their canine companions joined us on the trail. From Chihuahuas and Dachshund mixes to Great Danes and Great Pyrenees mixes, we saw dogs of all shapes and sizes walking side by side.

Each participant was asked to bring a can of dog food as an entry fee to the walk. Participants went above and beyond, showering us with over 100 cans of food as well as treats and toys for the animals awaiting adoption.

The walk was such a success for both organizations that we hope to partner on a second walk in the fall. Join our e-mail list by visiting www.spartanburghumane.org so you can have the most up-to-date information about events like this one!

Obesity in pets

It's no surprise that a growing number of Americans are obese, but many people may not realize that obesity in pets is also on the rise. During wellness visits at the SHS, our veterinarians are constantly reminding pet owners about the importance of keeping pets at a healthy weight. A study conducted by Purina even showed pets at a healthy weight outlive their obese littermates by an average of two years!

Is your pet overweight?

Whether your pal is a cat or dog, you should be able to easily see her ribs with minimal fat covering. When viewed from above, you should be able to see a waist behind her ribs.

How much should I feed my pet?

Unless your veterinarian has directed you otherwise, follow the guidelines on the back of your pet's food bag. Instead of using a mug or cup from the cabinet, use a measuring cup to make sure you are feeding your pet the intended amount. You may need to increase or decrease the recommended amount depending on your pet's figure.

If you have any question about whether or not your pet is overweight, consult your veterinarian.

Annual Calendar Needs Pets!



We are now taking reservations for our 2012 Pets of Spartanburg Calendar, our largest annual fundraiser. The SHS Calendar is a great way to show off your pet, while also raising funds for animals in need! Calendars also make great gifts. If you would like your pet to star in next year's calendar, please submit your photos and payment via our website at www.spartanburghumane.org/calendar. Or, fill out the form below and mail it with your pet's picture and payment to the Spartanburg

Humane Society. We are already looking forward to seeing this year's superstars!

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Beloved local pets can help get your business in front of thousands of people for a month. For more information, please contact Katie Freseman at 864-583-4805, ext. 107.

All registrations and sponsorships are due no later than August 1st!

2012 Pets of Spartanburg Calendar Registration *(Use additional paper if needed)*

___ # of Large Spot(s) above the fold: \$250 each ___ # of Small Spot(s) below the fold: \$100 each

Caption(s): _____

My pet is an alum (adoptee): Yes No

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

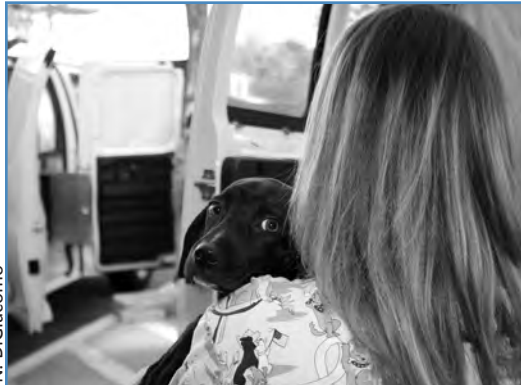
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Questions? 864-583-4805, ext. 107 or calendar@spartanburghumane.org

Mail to: Attn: Calendar, 150 Dexter Road Spartanburg, SC 29303

Michigan Transport Helps 34 More Dogs



N. DiGiacomo

Shelter Manager Kelly Stockwell says goodbye to Cane before he begins his journey north.

SHS staff and volunteers admit that it's not so bad getting up at the crack of dawn when the reason is finding new homes for lots of puppies and dogs! Who needs coffee when you can meet the morning with Little Bit, the 70 pound mastiff mix, featured on the cover of this magazine, who greets friends (and strangers) with kisses and a bear hug? Or with Sunny, part Labrador Retriever, part jumping bean? Dogs like Ferdinand, Lula Mae, and Cadbury all enjoyed one last potty break with their pals at the SHS in preparation for their road trip.

We were all smiles when two transport vehicles from Michigan arrived in our parking lot at 6 am on April 13th. Our

friends from up North were equally excited because they knew they would be driving home with adorable puppies and wonderful adult dogs.

It's still hard to believe, but Michigan Humane Society is in the enviable position of needing adoptable dogs, especially puppies, to meet the demands of families looking for pets. Our peers in Michigan, and in other communities around the country, have seen success in their efforts to control pet overpopulation – efforts including spay and neuter, identification awareness, humane education and outreach, and affordable dog training using positive methods.

If all of these strategies sound familiar to you, that's because they are all in place at the Spartanburg Humane Society! We still have work to do, but we are working hard to reach the day when we will be travelling outside our community to find pets in need of homes!

We waved goodbye to 34 canine friends as they drove away toward a very bright future! Some of us may have shed a few tears, but they were tears of joy. All of us at the SHS and our partners in Michigan are already looking forward to our next transport.

Saying "No" To Heartworm Disease



K. Freseman

Droopy patiently waits as Dr. Melissa Elledge (left) and Erin Driggers examine him.

Despite being easily prevented with a monthly pill, heartworm disease is a big problem in the Upstate. Each year, the SHS sees hundreds of heartworm positive dogs, which is a powerful motivator to help the community protect their dogs from this deadly, but preventable disease. Thanks to the generosity of Merial, the maker of Heartgard, the SHS was once again able to offer two heartworm testing clinics during Heartworm Awareness Month in April.

Droopy was just one of the 283 dogs who participated in one of the two clinics. Unbeknownst to him, this outing was one important trip!

Like Droopy, dogs who came to the clinic received a heartworm test and brief veterinary exam for just \$10. All dogs who were healthy and heartworm negative were then eligible to purchase inexpensive heartworm preventative. For Droopy, and all the other dogs who took advantage of our heartworm clinics, this medication is life saving.

When it was Droopy's turn, he barely flinched as a staff member drew his blood for the test. Before long, the results were ready and it was time to see the veterinarian. Dr. Elledge gave him a clean bill of health and gave him great news - he was heartworm negative!

After purchasing heartworm prevention, Droopy and his owner said goodbye and promised to return to next year's clinic. We hope pet owners across the community will follow the lead of Droopy's owners and make sure their pets are protected. Talk to your veterinarian today!

Calendar Cover Contest!



Is your pet the cat's meow? Is it really a dog's life at your house? Sign your best friend up for the Spartanburg Humane Society's second annual calendar cover contest! It's free to enter, easy to get your friends to help you vote, and winners receive great prizes!

For more information, prizes, and rules visit our website:

www.spartanburghumane.org/contest.

Happy Tails From Ty, Otto, Cooper, Quinn, & Layla

\$71,000 Grant To Help Cats

PETSMART
Charities

In 2010, a grant from PetSmart Charities® allowed our veterinary clinic to provide a sale on feline spay and neuter surgeries that could not be missed. For just \$15 (or \$5 for low income individuals), 2,010 Spartanburg County cats and kittens could be spayed or neutered at our clinic.

Our community responded to the sale by bringing cats and kittens from all over the county to be spayed or neutered. Our surgery schedule was booked solid weeks in advance. And, people were energized and genuinely excited to help cats.

By the end of the year, it was obvious that our community still needed our help. Our surgery schedule was still full and people were still calling to have their cats and kittens spayed or neutered at the special rate.

Both the SHS and PetSmart Charities are committed to creating a better and safer future for our feline friends. In order to continue the momentum created by the first feline spay and neuter sale, PetSmart Charities granted us a second year of funding, designating \$71,000 to help 2,011 more cats and kittens!

Help us spread the good news! Tell your friends, your family, your neighbors, and everyone you see that Spartanburg County cats can still be neutered for as little as \$5.

If you or someone else you know would like to register their cat for spay or neuter surgery, visit: www.spartanburghumane.org/helpcats or call the SHS Veterinary Clinic at 864.583.4805, ext.115.



I think this picture says it all. Ty (formerly Jerry-adopted in February 2011) and Otto (formerly Eeyore-adopted in November 2008) have become best friends. They are the sweetest and silliest pair that we've ever known. They are two very happy boys and are truly a joy to have! Thank you so much! -Dan & Vonya Bickford



I adopted Cooper about six months ago when I moved to a new city and school and started living by myself! He was the best \$85 I have ever spent! He is so smart. I had him housebroken in two days and he hasn't ever chewed on anything! I love him so much he is my number one man! -Juliette Maddox



Quinn celebrated two years with us on Valentine's Day. Not a better love story could be told! We could not have asked for a sweeter, more loving dog. She was adopted from the Spartanburg shelter at the age of five months. She is a lap dog (all 40 pounds of her) and likes nothing better than squeezing in over our other dog, Molly, to get the best spot on the couch (even if it means I hold about 60 pounds at once). She is a super example of canine love in abundance. Quinn is a mischievous, gourmet food lover, Molly's best friend, and our beloved family addition. Thank you SHS for matching this beautiful dog with our family. We are retired and have the love and time to devote to this sweetheart of a pup! -Helen and Dennis Deverin



We had our cat of 7 years pass away from cancer in August. There was a void in the house after that, so my wife started looking around for another cat and found Layla online at the SHS. The very same week, I saw her in the paper. We both fell in love with her. We adopted her in early November and she has been spoiled ever since. -Shane Brown

Don't be shy! We love to hear from our lucky shelter alums who have found happiness in new homes. Your special "tail" may be considered for an upcoming edition of *The Scoop* or may be featured on our website.

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