

The Scoop

at the  **Spartanburg
Humane Society**

Fall 2011

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Shelter Adoption Hours
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Receiving and Lost and Found
Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm
Saturday 8 am - 5 pm

Visit Adoptable SHS Cats & Kittens!

PetSmart Adoption Hours
Monday - Saturday 9 am - 9 pm
Sunday 10 am - 7 pm

PETCO Adoption Hours
Monday - Saturday 9 am - 9 pm
Sunday 10 am - 7 pm

From The President

Sandy Christiansen



D. Bellows

I have to make a confession. I don't have a single friend on Facebook, the popular social networking site. However, I plan to spend the next few paragraphs sharing with you my reflections on a recent post to the SHS Facebook page. This is a social hub for nearly 2,000 of our online friends who like to be kept up to date on the happenings at the SHS.

Recently we posted a message about two transports that occurred one weekend. That Saturday, 6 dogs were flown by volunteers who also participate in the Pilots N Paws program you can read about on page 3 to a pet placement partner in Virginia. The next day, two volunteers drove 4 more dogs to a partner in Georgia. It was a great weekend and we wanted to share it with our supporters. And of course we wanted to brag on the incredible volunteers who helped to make it all possible.

Among the many happy comments we received, one in particular caught my eye. The post reminded Facebook fans about the SHS staff members who worked so hard to find the animals new opportunities. Not surprisingly, more friends joined in with applause. We were humbled.

The SHS team is a modest crew. We would much rather shine the spotlight on our supporters and volunteers than on ourselves. We often take our own efforts for granted, but continue to be amazed by the generosity of others. That generosity keeps us going when we start to feel overwhelmed by more difficult aspects of our work. This is especially true during the summer, our busiest time of year.

I hope you will indulge me as I brag on the team of employees who worked together to make certain those 10 dogs would not miss their opportunity.

When a dog is transported to a partner out of state, a lot of things have to happen in addition to the regular care we provide.

Dogs can be identified for rescue in multiple ways. For example, a very shy dog who is expected to blossom in a home might be recommended by our Behavior and Training department. Or our veterinary team may identify a dog with a non-contagious health concern that would be a wonderful adoption candidate if treated outside of the shelter environment. Sometimes it may just be a great dog who has been cared for by our operations team and simply has not been adopted after months in our care.

Deciding who is a good candidate for rescue requires collaboration and agreement from our Operations, Veterinary, and Behavior and Training departments. Everything we know about an animal is then compiled by our placement specialist and forwarded to our shelter manager so that she can contact partners.

Many placement groups foster and place pets after their day job, which means communication isn't limited to shelter work hours. When a placement group agrees to partner with us to place a dog, our volunteer coordinator works to reach out for volunteer transporters.

The day of the trip begins as early as 4:00 am, in order for staff members to take care of their own pets before getting to the shelter to walk the dogs before they leave and to make sure their paperwork and health certificates are all in order. From there, our amazing volunteers take over, transporting the critters into the care of our partners.

It's a lot of work, but the thrill of seeing our dogs drive or fly off to their new opportunity and the joy of getting updates about their new homes makes it all worth it. Each happy ending is our motivation to start the process over again.

From my perspective, these efforts are the epitome of teamwork. So, at the end of the day, I am completely comfortable having 0 friends on Facebook. I am much more proud to be part of a fantastic team of dedicated animal lovers and a community that supports our efforts. Thank you to the staff, volunteers, and donors who make these stories possible.

Sandy Christiansen

By Car, By Bus, And Now By Plane!



In just a few short months, SHS volunteers Lori and Terry Connorton have helped SHS animals by flying 19 dogs to placement partners in neighboring states.

Dedication to animals is not a typical 9 – 5, Monday through Friday job. It involves being ready for what it takes to find homes for pets at a moment's notice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

As we grow as an organization, we are continuing to expand opportunities for placement. We've added satellite adoption centers run by volunteers at PetSmart and Petco in Spartanburg. We're featuring our pets in local media like on WSPA, on "Your Carolina with Jack and Kimberly," and in the Spartanburg Herald Journal. And we're using websites like Petfinder, Petango, and Facebook to reach people who may be looking for a pet.

Our dedication to animals doesn't stop there. Another way we find homes for animals is by partnering with smaller adoption groups – we call them our placement partners. Through the years we have reached out to many of these organizations, both locally and statewide. We continue to depend on them to help us find homes for more animals. Recently, we have developed relationships with

groups who are out of state, relying on volunteers to safely transfer animals to our new partners.

This spring, we were approached by two of our long time volunteers about a new way to transfer SHS animals to our out-of-state placement partners – by plane. In addition to their work with the SHS, Lori and Terry Connorton had also begun volunteering for Pilots N Paws, a network of people who are committed to helping animals find their forever homes by overcoming the barriers of ground transportation. Lori and Terry had flown animals for other organizations before, but were eager to help the SHS.

On Saturday May 21st, SHS staff members rose before the sun to meet Lori and Terry at the Spartanburg airport for our very first animal transport by plane. Four dogs were sent to a partner in Georgia that morning, all of whom have found wonderful forever homes. Lori and Terry were back in Spartanburg in time for lunch, shaving over 6 hours from the time it would ordinarily take an SHS volunteer to drive.

During May, June, and July staff and volunteers were at the airport bright and early for four transports. So far, 19 animals have been sent via plane.

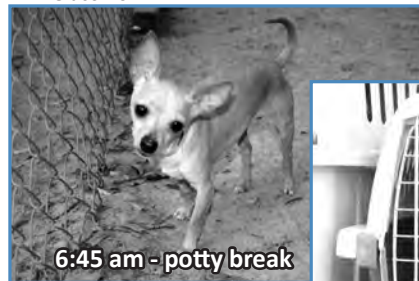
We're not the only ones who are excited about this opportunity. Our placement partners have been delighted to see the animals from the SHS. They have kept us up-to-date via e-mail on their success stories.

Transporting animals to pet placement partners has been so successful, we have expanded our volunteer opportunities to include a new short term foster care program developed specifically for animals who are waiting to be transported. SHS volunteers can now sign up for and train to be a part of this exciting new endeavor.

Whether SHS volunteers drive or fly pets to out of state partners, they return with the same message - our partners LOVE the animals. We are not surprised by this at all, but we never get tired of hearing it. There is nothing quite like the feeling of seeing someone else celebrate an animal who was once homeless.

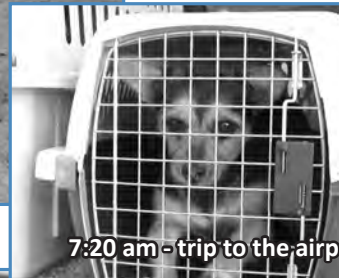
One of our partners recently wrote to thank us for sending such amazing dogs. She was grateful for the opportunity to help them. We are grateful to everyone who makes that opportunity possible.

N. DiGiacomo



6:45 am - potty break

N. DiGiacomo



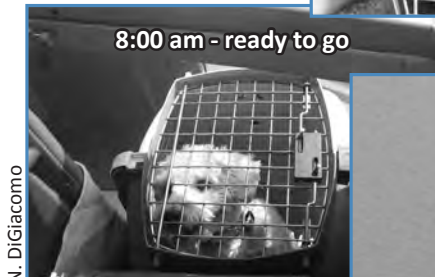
7:20 am - trip to the airport

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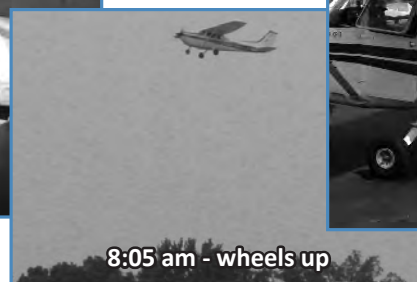
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courtesy L. Connorton



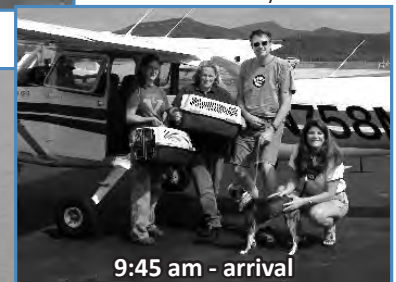
8:00 am - ready to go

N. DiGiacomo



8:05 am - wheels up

N. DiGiacomo



9:45 am - arrival

Honor and Memorial Donations

4/1/2011 - 7/31/2011

Honor	Emma W. Talbert
Bella Dona	Lois W. Harley
Marge Rossi	George Thomason
Buffy	Grady & Ann Beaty
Marie & Lee Linder	Megan Turner
Lucy	Roberta Gaile Crow
Amelia Dickerson	Ruby M. West
Roxie	Lois W. Harley
Butch Lancaster	
Tiger	Memorial
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Trixie	Richard Perkins
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Sarah Hunt	Dorothy S. Putnam
Becky Dill	Mac
Reagan Martin	Mary Snoddy
Kara Adkins	Major
Angela Filler	Jan Kennedy
Stefany Martin	Mia
Roy & Heather	Chris & Sunshine
Mullman	Furner
Yancy Quinn	O.C.
Sandra Wyatt	Bill & Kay Chidester
Kaye & Don McCurry	Porter
Arminda & Douglas	Carl Scibetta
Curry	Riley
Kim Curry	Clara McIntyre
Peggy Moore	Rudy
Casey Blackwell	Larry & Penny Rock
Helen Mortensen	Samantha
Cheryl Monson	Pamela Camp
Brayden & Ethan	Sammy
Parton	Ken & Mary Norton
Brayden's Day Care	Scooter
Jackie Powell	Susie Dempsey
Carolyn M. Thompson	Scruffy
Harry Schoen	Wayne & Gayle
Bill & Tracie Schoen	Mason
E.A. & Katie Shehan	Mr. Spock & Lucky
Jennie Padgett	Shirley Reynolds
Annie Steedly	Sunshine
Steve & Reid Steedly	John & Laura Hodge

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Volunteer Spotlight

Deb Morton



SHS volunteer Deb Morton fosters puppies and a love for animals!

B. Szustak

Deb Morton became an SHS volunteer in 2009, quickly showing her commitment to making a difference for animals. She became a student of every opportunity put before her – asking questions and “practicing” her new abilities with enthusiasm and dedication. She demonstrated a natural ability to understand the needs of animals in our care and in the community. From that understanding she became a champion for the many volunteer

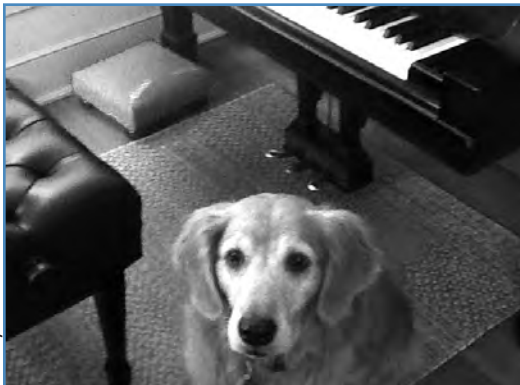
programs that helped to meet those needs. She brings equal parts determination and joy to everything she does, whether she is walking dogs, helping out at our vaccine clinic, or assisting the public at an adopt-a-thon.

Before long, the student became a teacher, accepting a position as volunteer mentor. Even after going back to work full time, Deb is always ready to spend her Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoons sharing her energy and talents with new volunteers. Her passion makes her an excellent trainer.

Deb has also taken on yet another role as a foster mom. She takes her role very seriously, understanding her impact on these young lives. Deb and her husband Tom nurture, care for, and socialize young puppies until they are ready to find forever homes. Most recently the Mortons cared for two litters at once – a total of 10 puppies! Each and every pup blossomed from the attention they received with their foster mom and dad. Deb wouldn't have it any other way!

It is with great pleasure that we honor Deb Morton in our Volunteer Spotlight. We want to thank Deb for her dedication and friendship and for making an incredible difference in so many lives – both human and furry.

Pass It On: Piano for Pets



Thanks to Melanie Foster Taylor's creativity, her students are learning more than their piano lessons.

M. Taylor

Finding a way to encourage students to practice the piano and raise money for homeless pets while promoting good citizenship and community involvement is a tall order. For piano teacher Melanie Foster Taylor, it's all in a day's work.

We were excited when Melanie contacted us in December with an idea to get her students more

involved. Inspired by a similar event in Asheville, Melanie approached the SHS about a potential fundraiser that would benefit the animals while helping her students grow as individuals. Melanie proposed a “practicing piano for pets” event. Melanie would encourage each of her students to solicit pledges for every hour they spent practicing the piano. But, Melanie didn't stop there.

Melanie's students kicked off the project with a shelter tour where they learned more about how their gifts would make a difference for animals at the SHS. They also helped us make cat condos and learned a little about composing music for pets.

Inspired by the animals at the shelter, 12 of Melanie's students began practicing with a purpose. One of her students was so inspired by the project, she nearly doubled the amount of time she practiced. Over the course of 10 weeks, Melanie's students practiced a total of 383 hours and raised \$760.17 for pets!

We were so moved by Melanie and her students, we wanted to Pass It On!

Joey's Calling



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Thank you for helping the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc. provide the vital gift of Second Sight to people who are blind, and for your generous support in donating guide dog

"JOEY"

Grete Kilde
Director of Canine Care
Wells B. Jones, CAE, CFRE
Chief Executive Officer

April 11, 2009



A good picture, a carefully written description, and an insightful video make a huge difference in helping pets find their forever homes. For a smooth collie named Joey, they were invaluable in starting a chain reaction that led to a new beginning we never expected.

In April of 2009, two staff members were taking video and pictures of several pets for our website. Before packing up all their equipment, they decided to do just one more video. Joey, a shy, six month old smooth collie, caught their eye. In the weeks Joey was on the adoption floor, only a few people had looked at him. In that time, not one adoption application was completed for Joey. There was something about this dog that attracted staff members to him. He needed a little something extra to help him find a great home.

Although he was shy, he was incredibly sweet and very intelligent. Joey was surrendered by his previous owners who reported that he did not get along well with their feline family member, but we were confident he would thrive in a home without cats. A special page on our website would definitely help him find the right person or family.

As soon as SHS staff members took him outside for his photo shoot, Joey lit up. He performed for his audience; politely sitting for a treat and smiling for the camera as he was photographed and videotaped. Later, staff members set Joey's video to an upbeat country song and published his

picture, video, and story on our website to help unite him with his forever home.

Staff members also told Collie Rescue of the Carolinas (CRC) about this special dog. After finding out more about Joey and watching his video, CRC agreed with the SHS. There was just something about Joey that made him stand out. We said goodbye to Joey that spring as he left with CRC, but his story was far from over.

After only a month of being in their care, CRC was able to help Joey find his calling. In May, Joey was adopted by the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc. They, too, seemed to recognize something about him from his picture and description that would make him a good candidate as a Seeing Eye dog.

Two years went by. Staff members and volunteers at both the SHS and CRC still wondered about little Joey. Was he able to complete his training to be a Seeing Eye dog? Was he helping someone? In May, we were delighted to hear that after successfully completing an intense training program for potential Seeing Eye dogs, Joey had been matched with an individual with visual impairments. It brought a smile to our faces knowing that he is his new owner's eyes. We hope they have many long, happy years together.

Who knew that one small decision to help just one more animal would mean so much, not only to Joey, but to so many people. Stories like these are what keep us going the extra mile for pets every day.

Honor and Memorial Donations

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Caring for the Carolinas



N. DiGiacomo

Jack Roper and the Caring for the Carolinas team partnered with the SHS to find homes for 35 pets!

One very special opportunity to spread the word about our programs and services this summer energized our community. As one of WSPA's Caring for the Carolinas partners during the month of July, the SHS was featured in a television commercial as well as an all-day, televised celebration.

On Wednesday, July 27th, Jack Roper was at the shelter to film live segments during each news hour. In honor of this spotlight on animals, we held a one day, 50% off sale on adoptions for dogs and cats and stayed

open until 6:30 pm, a half hour later than normal.

Adoption fees for dogs were reduced to the low price of \$42.50. Adoption fees for cats were reduced to \$24.50. Not only could adopters find a loving companion, they also received the same great services that come with our regular adoption prices – spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip ID, deworming, discounts to our Good Dog Academy and more!

With live segments at noon, 5, 5:30, and 6 pm as well as a featured story about our many programs during the 5 pm news cast, we were able to spread our message to a captive audience of tens of thousands of people.

And, they responded in droves. After the last adoption application was completed, we had matched 35 pets with forever homes and inspired many community members to utilize our programs and services. It was an amazing day for animals in our community.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the Caring for the Carolinas team!

Back to school, back to class!



Now enrolling students of all ages! Sign up today!
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| Colleen & Mike | Lige & Jerry Mathis |
| Mauney | Jill Riddle |
| Scott Lewis | Randy K. Riddle |
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Congratulations to SHS Volunteer Lynn Haller on her retirement from Spartanburg Methodist College. Lynn's retirement gift from the college was a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund. What a compassionate way to honor her many years of service!

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

Camp Love-A-Pet Inspires and Educates

The SHS has been inspiring children at Camp Love A Pet, a summer camp for youth, for more than 10 years. Camp has evolved and grown each summer, but one thing has remained the same – camp programs are a great way for kids to have fun while learning more about responsible pet ownership.

And, the programs aren't just for campers. They are a vehicle for both campers and their parents to learn more about our organization and the many resources we offer the community. Many times, we see our campers' families again as students at our Good Dog Academy, as volunteers, or as adopters.

This year, 50 campers signed up for the day camp ready to interact with pets and learn more about animals. Humane Education Coordinator Ingrid Norris was prepared with dozens of innovative activities for teaching children.

Campers did much more than train animals waiting to be adopted. Every day they completed activities that were

not only fun, but also taught important lessons. A dog treat taste test was an opportunity to discuss the value of nutrition. Puppy Picasso painting sessions were a fun way to practice basic dog obedience, like "sit," "down," "come," and "stay." Bathing puppies not only prepared animals for the adoption floor but also taught campers the necessity of grooming.

In 2011, as in years past, Camp Love-A-Pet focused on building compassion and empathy for animals. Each day, campers in grades 5–10 worked in teams to train a shelter dog using positive reinforcement and clicker training. Children in grades 3–4 enjoyed clicker training with cats and small animals. All campers enjoyed guest speakers, field trips, arts & crafts, and more!

Campers in grades 8-10 delved a little deeper this year with a behind the scenes look at some of the jobs of shelter employees. They explored topics like large animal rescue, parasites, and veterinary forensics. One activity included a mock crime scene

investigation, in which campers created dental impressions to rule in or out possible suspects in a fictitious dog bite case.

By the end of camp, each participant was ready to show off his skills. Children in grades 3–4 went home with a certificate for their accomplishments during the week long mini-camp. At camp graduation for grades 5–7, proud parents – both of the campers and many of the newly adopted dogs – cheered as the dogs sat on command and showed off a trick or two. And kids in grades 8–10 completed a video project demonstrating the skills their camp dogs had learned during the week.

As we closed the door on another successful year of camp, we knew both the campers and the pets they helped were prepared. The campers had gained the knowledge to make good decisions on behalf of animals. And, the pets were ready to begin their lives in forever homes with a few tricks under their belts, or collars.



Thank you camp sponsors, SEW Eurodrive and www.davispromotionals.com!

Happy Tails From Bella, Bonzo, Cullen, Gracie, & Hannah



What's Happening

Tour de Paws September 10th

Are you a cyclist? Do you know someone who is? Our annual Tour de Paws cycling event is rapidly approaching. Join us for this 28 or 62 mile ride through the scenic roads of southern Spartanburg County. The starting line and finish line will be at Tyger River Presbyterian Church, 5961 Reidville Road in Moore. For more information visit: www.spartanburghumane.org/tdp.

Auction for a Cause October 7th

Join us on Friday, October 7th for a night of shopping to benefit animals! The proceeds from items donated to the SHS will benefit our Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) program. Donations will be accepted until Friday, September 30th. You can also purchase tickets for only \$10 at the SHS or online prior to the auction. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. For more information or to buy tickets visit: www.spartanburghumane.org/auction.

Santa Photos December 3rd & 10th

Mark your calendars! Santa will be visiting all the good and furry boys and girls at the Spartanburg Humane Society from 11 am – 4 pm on Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 10th. Professional photographers will be donating their time and talents to benefit animals. Packages start at just \$15 and photos can be purchased on a CD to be reproduced for holiday cards and gifts. See you there!

Hannah was adopted 2 years ago. She is the most loving cat. She loves to give kisses. She likes to bathe the dogs. It is so cute the way she takes care of them. She took up with our friends Spazy right away and they are the best of friends. Hannah is very dainty and Spazy is so big. -Dottie Moore-Bruce

This is Bonzo. He went by the name Pete while the SHS took care of him. My wife says she knew she would love a dog but did not know she would love him this much. He was a year old on July 23, 2011 and is just under 40 pounds. Bonzo loves to hike the trails at Connemara in Flat Rock, NC. He gets up every morning looking forward to his morning walk around the neighborhood. Bonzo just got back from his first vacation to Charleston, SC. We are grateful to have Bonzo as part of our family. -Walter and Angela Whelchel



I adopted Bella on August 6th of 2010 when she was a couple months old. I decided that she was lonely and went to get another cat. I was planning on getting a kitten but I saw Cullen and fell in love with him. He is such a sweet cat and just a year older than Bella. Cullen even looks like Bella. I couldn't leave without him. Bella is still adjusting to Cullen, and I have a feeling they will be great friends. When I got Bella her name was Bobbie and when I got Cullen his name was Jerry. Jerry had been at the Humane Society for about 2 months before I came and got him I can't understand how or why because he is the best and most well behaved cat. He is very patient with Bella and very loving. I'm very happy to have them both and love them both. -Bonnie Mieure



We adopted Gracie from the Humane Society in April. She was found a stray and had only been there a couple of weeks when we came in and fell in love. She has been an absolute joy and blessing to us. She is always happy and playful and brings so much happiness to our lives. You can't help but spoil her rotten because she is such a sweetheart. We are so thankful for her and the Spartanburg Humane Society for all they do! -Caroline Kind

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.

Please send your stories and pictures to 150 Dexter Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303, care of "Happy Tails." You can also submit your photos, videos, and stories online at: www.spartanburghumane.org/happytails.