



THE Pet Gazette

Promoting the Humane Treatment of Animals

The Greater Huntsville Humane Society is a NO-KILL Shelter

Winter 2008

"PAWS IN PARIS" DOG BALL 2009

Preparations are well underway for our 20th Annual Dog Ball on February 27, 2009. Our theme is "Paws in Paris" and promises an evening complete with poodles, topiaries, and an Eiffel Tower!

The lineup each year consists of purebreds, rescued dogs, small, medium, and large dogs each with their own stories and humor. What they all have in common are families that love them. If you are the proud parent of a four-legged companion and would like to reserve a place in our future lineup, please contact Daphne Reed at rreed2207@aol.com. The ball will also feature GHHS shelter dogs groomed to the hilt showing off their unique qualities, and looking for the perfect family to love.

The event will be held at the Von Braun Center and begins at the new time of 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour and silent auction. Viewing and visiting the dogs begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 with the presentation of our Very Important Dogs beginning at 8:15. You will want to come early for our silent auction as it promises to be one of the best. Some of the items include a 42-inch plasma television, a 3-night stay in a Panama City Beach condo, and an invisible fence by Dog Watch. All the proceeds benefit the shelter, so come early and bid!

The 2009 Ball will also bring back an old favorite by raffling off a trip to the 2010 Westminster Dog Show complete with tickets for two and a \$2000 VISA gift card. Raffle tickets will be sold the night of the event and you must be present to win.

The Dog Ball is the Greater Huntsville Humane Society's premier fundraiser. Since GHHS receives no state, local or federal tax funding, proceeds from this event are used to provide shelter, food, medical care and funds for day to day operations.

Whether you present your pride and joy or attend as a dog lover, you are guaranteed a fun-filled evening while benefiting animals in need. Invitations will be mailed at the end of January so make plans to attend and RSVP early as the ball is always a sell out!

A special thanks to Paul Rufe, the artist, and Diane Strickland from the *Huntsville Times* for the wonderful "Paws in Paris" graphic which will grace our invitations, program, and t-shirts.

We look forward to seeing everyone February 27, 2009!

- Pamela K. Pruitt, Dog Ball Chairman



CALENDARS NOW ON SALE!

THE 2009 GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY CALENDAR!

Celebrate the diversity of the animals who share our community by purchasing your copy of the Greater Huntsville Humane Society 2009 Pet Photo Calendar. This 14-month calendar showcases the winners of our 4th annual Pet Photo Contest. Enjoy the beauty and convenience of this calendar, and feel good about your purchase – the proceeds from the sale of each calendar go directly to help the shelter animals. **See page 14 for purchase locations.**

Greater Huntsville Humane Society

Paws for the Holidays



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR



As many of you know, the shelter has been undergoing major changes in the past six months. I am happy to report that we are going into our busy holiday season with a fresh new look both inside and out! We have increased our weekly inventory to over 75 animals, giving the public a better variety of pets to choose from. Adoptions have increased to almost double allowing us to take in more animals.

We have added a retail line to accommodate our adopters as well as provide gift items for your favorite pet lover. We have expanded our affiliation with the Combined Federal Campaign and have hosted three tours here at the shelter, as well as attending three of their events. We are ever increasing our community relations from attending events, hosting events, and helping those in the community. We would like to invite everyone to come out and visit us in the upcoming months!

- Melissa Hull

ON THE COVER



little patience, Max will be your loyal and loving companion.

If you would like a sweet little lap dog, Max could be just the dog for you. Max is a year-old, housebroken, buff Chihuahua mix who gets along well with other dogs. He is a bit shy with people at first, but given a

SIMPLIFY YOUR GIFT GIVING WITH A GHHS CALENDAR OR ORNAMENT

Just in time for Christmas - Buy 9 calendars and get one FREE! (Offer valid at Shelter location only)



The 2008 GHHS Collectable Ornament is available for \$7.00 at the front desk of the GHHS shelter at 2812 Johnson Road, or at Salon Ka-Terra, 900 Bob Wallace Avenue. Purchase a special ornament for this year's tree - an ornament designed for GHHS. This is a red glass ball ornament with a white paw graphic with text that says: "Happy Howlidays and Meowy Christmas".

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Our first official New Volunteer Orientation on October 18th was a full house. Seventeen prospective volunteers attended the Volunteer Orientation and Training Class. It was a wonderful experience seeing such a diverse group from the Huntsville community learning how to help orphaned and unwanted pets. Please welcome the following volunteers to the Greater Huntsville Humane Society Family: Kris Poorman, Glenisha Douglas, Meg Taylor, Marlene Taylor, Holly Evans, Patricia Brown, Corey Walker, Sharon O'Neil, Sara Calahan, Shelley Roberts, Nikki Sturtevant, Sarah Kaloi, Teresa Newman, Linda Griffin, Jessica Berkholtz, Sandra Harrison and Carrie Farless.



Future Volunteer Orientations will be held the third Saturday of each month. Interested parties may call Jamie at 881-8081 to reserve a space. Please send any inquiries to ghhsvolunteers@knology.net

We appreciate the smiles, muscles and hard work of all our landscaping volunteers. The great teamwork displayed by several cheerful area groups has created a beautiful front yard for our dogs and cats. Please come by and see the pretty fall colors these great volunteers have provided to welcome you.





Angel Lights



Join with Greater Huntsville Humane Society to celebrate this season of love and remembrance. Be an *Angel for the Animals* by purchasing *Angel Lights* in honor of all those animals that hold a special place in your life.

Christmas lights will be decorating the inside and outside of the shelter and special Christmas trees located in the lobby. **Each light purchased will have a beautiful 3-inch silver foil or gold foil angel with your pet's name and your name.** Last year the trees were beautiful, glistening from the shine of the

angels decorating the trees, representing the love between the owners and their companion animals. All pets' and donors' names will be published in the next issue of the Pet Gazette.

Your *Angel Contributions* will help fund the February Spay/Neuter Campaign and make a difference in the lives of homeless pets in our community.

Angels are \$7.00 for one, two for \$10.00, \$15.00 for three, or \$20.00 for four, etc.

Be an Angel! Help us Brighten the lives of the animals.

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

Pet #1 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #2 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #3 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #4 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

I'm donating an angel (or angels) in honor or memory of another person and/or their pets:

Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

(If you want to name the recipient's pets please list them. If you want to make an angel donation just for the person, it's not necessary to list their pets.)

Pet #1 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #2 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #3 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Pet #4 Name _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___ **Other** _____

Need more room? Attach an extra page.

I'm donating an angel in honor of one of the current Shelter Animals:

Shelter Guest #1 _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___

Shelter Guest #2 _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___

Shelter Guest #3 _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___

Shelter Guest #4 _____ **Dog** ___ **Cat** ___

TOTAL DONATION FOR ANGELS

Your extra gift will help all the animals under our care

TOTAL DONATION:

Would you like a tax receipt?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please mail form & check to:

Greater Huntsville Humane Society
2812 Johnson Rd.
Huntsville, AL 35805





GHHS YEAR END REPORT

From the Board Chair



As we come to the close of another year at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society, I wanted to give everyone a report of the year's activities. This is the third year-end letter I have written since becoming Chairman of the Board and each year this letter brings more and more good news. This past year has been outstanding to say the least. Some of the accomplishments this year include:

- ❁ Hiring our first Director of Operations, Melissa Hull, who began April 15th. She is doing a fantastic job.
- ❁ Installing a large dog run outside behind the shelter so that our medium and large dogs have an open area to run and play during the day. This was paid for by a donation from a very generous friend of the shelter. This was one of my personal goals since becoming involved with the shelter, and as a result of this wonderful gift the dogs at GHHS are now spending much of their day roaming freely in their spacious backyard. Along with giving the dogs needed exercise, this makes for better socialization and thus more successful adoptions.
- ❁ Redesigning the cat shelter area. The cat room at GHHS has officially become a free roaming cat area with a full glass atrium so the cats can lounge in the sun. The cats are no longer kept in cages, although some still go into their crates to sleep, with the door open. As with the dogs, this makes for a happier animal and a more successful adoption.
- ❁ Providing homes for our animals. Almost 600 dogs and more than 200 cats were adopted at the shelter this year.
- ❁ Hiring animal-adoption specialists. This year we started using trained adoption counselors to assist people with finding the perfect pet.
- ❁ We are now microchipping all animals that leave the GHHS. It is an additional service that is provided for all animals adopted.
- ❁ Installing Shelter Buddy software system. This computerized system is now being fully utilized to track all animals that come into the GHHS and those that are adopted.
- ❁ Installing a new phone system to better meet the needs of our growing shelter.
- ❁ Purchasing a large cargo van for the shelter to transport animals to veterinary appointments and adoption events.
- ❁ Providing ongoing volunteer orientations which have been very successful. Our volunteer hours are averaging 200 per month with 400 hours monthly occurring during the summer months.
- ❁ Providing the funds for a long overdue landscape makeover. The Board of Directors and the Advisory Council of GHHS donated all of the money for the new landscaping project. We put in a sprinkler system and new plants in the front of the building, all with donated labor.
- ❁ Securing the assistance of several corporations who have donated time and money to our various projects. I would like to thank NASA, Verizon, Saturn, Starbucks and CarMax for their support in helping with our landscaping project, and a variety of other projects. In addition, the Beledi Club donated over \$1,100.00 for

the purchase of a microscope for GHHS. Hands on Huntsville and Three Springs have donated volunteers. Affordable Signs and Banners continues to donate many signs for our various needs. Jerry Damson Honda donated a much needed pick-up truck for our Thrift Store so that we could pick up donations.

- ❁ Paving the driveway and parking lot to the Thrift Store. We also repaired a serious water drainage problem on the GHHS property that had been a problem for many years. Underground drains were installed to route standing water after a rain off the property to the city drainage pipes.
- ❁ The GHHS Thrift Store has seen unprecedented sales this year. This component continues to be our largest source of income to support the shelter. Thanks to manager Lisa Chereek, as well as all of the many volunteers who so generously donate their time to our cause. A 700 square-foot storage building was installed next to the Thrift Store to provide for additional storage space.
- ❁ Presenting our annual "Hot Dogs and Cool Cats Pet Photo Contest," held at Parkway Place Mall this summer, which raised \$62,000.00. This was a record breaker and a lot of fun. The calendars featuring the winners from the contest are now here and are on sale for \$11.00 at the shelter and various locations around town.
- ❁ Presenting our annual Dog Ball, "Picasso's Pooches." The Dog Ball was held February 22nd at the Von Braun Center and was, as always, a sellout and a success. Thanks to Julie Andrzejewski for chairing the ball this year which raised close to \$100,000.00. Mark your calendars for the 2009 Dog Ball, "Paws in Paris," to be held February 27th. GHHS Board member Pam Pruitt is the 2009 chair for this event.
- ❁ GHHS participated in the international Pet Adoptathon again this year and co-sponsored the "Big Fix" spay/neuter campaign during which over 1,800 pets were altered.
- ❁ Providing over 5,000 pounds of dog and cat food to individuals and shelters in need.
- ❁ Providing over \$7,500.00 in financial aid to those who qualified for public assistance for veterinary care for their pets.
- ❁ Providing the funds for a bench at the new Huntsville Dog Park.
- ❁ Completing a successful audit of our books.
- ❁ GHHS was one of 4 non-profit charities left in the will of Sophye Lowe Young who was one of the original founders of the GHHS. This was a wonderful gift to us and allowed us to retire the remainder of our debt.

Now for some of my favorite animal adoption stories this year from GHHS...

Little "Atticus" came in very thin and in need of some love and affection. After he spent time at GHHS, he became what appeared to be a healthy, happy young dog. He had several potential adopters and was sent to the veterinarian for neuter surgery. It was then discovered that Atticus was suffering from a severe heart murmur which would

undoubtedly shorten his life. This, of course, prevented his neutering and unfortunately frightened away his potential adopters. After a few weeks, Atticus was adopted into a home that was prepared to give him love for whatever time he had. GHHS is happy to report that Atticus is thriving and in spite of his condition, is a ball of fire and loves spending his days romping with a house full of both two-legged and four-legged friends.

"J.R." came to GHHS as a senior citizen. As a 10 year-old Golden Retriever, he would have been considered unadoptable at most shelters. Add to it an eye condition that prevented his tear duct from producing moisture, which also required daily medication. The staff at GHHS accepted J.R. as just another one of the family and was happy to allow him to be the "greeter" to earn his keep. After J.R. made his television debut with Liz Hurley on Channel 48, he was immediately snapped up by a wonderful young woman who knew instantly that she had found her perfect companion.

During the summer, in the height of the "kitten season," a little kitten no more than 5 weeks old was brought into the shelter by a person who was driving down Memorial Parkway. They had observed a little ball of fur dodging in and out of the cars on this busy thoroughfare. This person was kind enough to get involved and stop to save the kitten's life. So this kitten was aptly named "Parkway" and stayed with us for a while... but of course, Parkway, too, finally found a perfect home.

This is just a sampling of the many stories that happen each day at the GHHS. As heartbreaking as it can sometimes be, I must say this is a very personally gratifying board on which to serve.

I know this letter finds us all in difficult and uncertain financial times. GHHS has had a large increase in animals left on our front step or tied to the fence with notes saying that people just can't afford to keep their pets. Nationwide, with this economic crisis, shelters all over the country are observing record numbers of animal turn-ins from people who have lost their homes or who have experienced other tragic circumstances.

Please keep the homeless animals in your heart and make a donation this year. We have greater needs than ever. Remember that GHHS is a (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization and as such all donations are tax deductible. You can also help by donating to our Thrift Store or by becoming a GHHS volunteer.

In conclusion, on behalf of our entire staff, our volunteers, the Board of Directors, and the Advisory Council, I thank you for your support and interest in the Greater Huntsville Humane Society and I ask for your continued support to help us provide homes to the many animals in need in our community. Please stop by for a tour to visit our fine residents who are hoping to find loving homes and to see the many terrific changes we have made.

- Karen Corp



Saturn Adoption Event

On October 11, 2008, the good people at Saturn of Huntsville, especially Greg and Pam McCormick, hosted an Adoption Event for GHHS. In a sun-filled room, with soft chairs and wonderful Saturn personnel to help, volunteers JoAnne LaMacchia and Madeleine Sparks found forever homes for five dogs and three cats in three hours.

This exciting and thrilling afternoon started when JoAnne and Madeleine were met at the door before one o'clock. A Dachshund and a cat were adopted even before they were all set up!



Two kitties find a new home



"Lily" and her new family

A steady stream of interested potential adopters flowed through the doorway, as everyone enjoyed themselves with the animals. After the first group of pets was adopted, the Saturn crew sent a van back to the shelter to pick up more puppies, cats, and a beautiful German Shepherd. One puppy was adopted before she got out of the van!

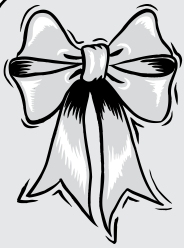
This event was a complete success for GHHS and for Saturn (their employees adopted several animals). The wonderful help provided by Saturn was the perfect background for the fabulous pets. Deep appreciation goes out to Pam Pruitt for advertising the adoptathon on Knology, and to Nickie Allison from the Huntsville Times.



"Shaggy Rose" and new best friends

Yard Sale

Don't forget that the first Saturday of every month is Yard Sale Day at the Thrift Store! See you there!



GREATER HUNTSVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY HOLIDAY WISH LIST

- Dog Toys such as Kongs, Nylabones, Squeaky Plush, Booda Toys, Rawhides
- Dog Beds such as Sherpa, Donut beds, and any others that can be machine washed
- Dog Treats
- Cat Beds
- Cat Toys such as Catnip Mice, Feather Toys, Crinkle Balls
- Cleaning Supplies such as *High Efficiency* Laundry Detergent, *High Efficiency* Bleach, Dish Detergent, Fabric Softening Sheets, Cleaning Wipes and Disinfectants
- Office Items such as Copy Paper, Photo Paper, Pens, Paper Clips and Memo Pads
- Paper Goods such as Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



TOY AND BLANKET DRIVE

As the holidays approach and the chilly weather blows further south, GHHS is asking for donations of blankets and toys for our shelter pets. The blankets will keep the animals warm and cozy on those winter nights and the toys will provide them with something to play with when it's too cold to venture outdoors. As always we appreciate the generosity of the Huntsville community.

FOOD BANK

The poor economy has had a devastating effect on many pet owners throughout the city of Huntsville and Madison County. We are asking for donations of dog and cat food to assist many families struggling to provide the necessary provisions for their pets. GHHS helps the community by providing a Food Bank located at our Thrift Store. If you would like to donate any dog and cat food, please call (256) 881-3888 or stop by 2812 Johnson Road.



THANK YOU WHITESBURG ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Whitesburg Animal Hospital is generously sponsoring two area humane groups, GHHS and Forgotten Felines, for Christmas! They will have an Angel Tree and boxes for food, beds, etc. as well as a box for cash donations. Please go by to visit them and thank them for their efforts to help needy animals in our community.

PICK ME... I'M READY TO GO HOME

Bridgette



My name is Bridgette and lounging in the sun is my favorite activity. I am ten years old and have beautiful long black hair. I am a very loving cat but also like time to myself sometimes. If you are looking for a quiet, loyal companion who doesn't require a lot of extra attention, I may be just the perfect cat for you. I would love for you to come visit and take me home with you.

Ernie

Ernie is an approximately five-year-old Border Collie/Labrador Retriever mix who loves everyone, and especially children. He requires plenty of stimulation and activity to keep him healthy and happy. If your family is active and you are looking for an additional family member, please consider giving Ernie a loving new home.



Looking for or thinking of acquiring another family member? We have many other pets anxious to meet you.

We Love School Visits

We were pleased to have the **Kids Club House** visit the shelter September 23 and 24. They are home school children ranging in age from 16 months to 8 years. A total of 50 children visited the animals over those two days. They were taught about bite prevention and learned how to "be a tree" when a strange dog approaches them. They also learned about being a responsible and loving pet owner. But their favorite part of the visit was, of course, being introduced to some of our shelter pets. Smiles, wags and purrs were abundant.

Children are our future. They hold the promise for all walks of life. We love having school groups visit and we encourage teachers to plan a field trip to GHHS. And the animals enjoy these visits as much as the humans do!

Call Jamie at 881-8081 for more information.

COME CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH US!

GHHS is delighted to offer a new opportunity for our animals! Children are welcome to celebrate their birthdays with the dogs and cats. They will enjoy an animal-themed party with themed gift bags and favors, refreshments and fun, along with quality time with the animals.



Andrew Varness

Five year-old Birthday Boy Andrew Varness shared his birthday (and lots of gifts from his friends) with the cats and dogs. Andrew and his best friend, Noah Childress, especially enjoyed the tour of the shelter.

Call Jamie at 881-8081 to schedule your special party.



Noah Childress and Andrew



SPAY/NEUTER ACTION PROJECT

**Do you qualify for low cost
spay/neuter for your pet?**

Call SNAP at 830-8459, come by the Thrift Shop at 3312 Bob Wallace, or give us a call 535-6060.

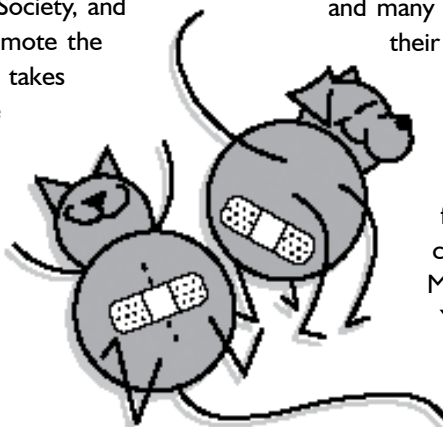
The Greater Huntsville Humane Society needs \$530,000 yearly income to maintain its current level of service to the community. We operate with absolutely no local, state or federal tax funding and depend on our two major fundraisers – the Dog Ball and the summer Pet Photo Contest – plus the Thrift Store located on Johnson Road and your generous donations for our financial security. Thanks to each of you for all you do throughout the year to help! We couldn't do it without you.

FEBRUARY IS THE TIME FOR THE BIG FIX IN THE TENNESSEE VALLEY

The Big Fix campaign is an especially good time to get your pet "fixed" (spayed or neutered). During this month, participating area veterinarians will generously be reducing the cost of the surgery by \$15. The Madison County Veterinary Medical Association, the Greater Huntsville Humane Society, and SNAP work together during this time to promote the many benefits of spaying and neutering. It takes a community-wide effort to focus on the serious problem of pet over-population in our area. This is a problem that causes the tragic euthanasia of thousands of adoptable dogs and cats each year in Madison County alone, plus thousands more in surrounding counties. We simply have too many pets and not enough homes, and prevention of births is the only humane solution.

During February, not only will the importance of spaying and neutering be emphasized, including the many

medical benefits, but also the total health of the pet. The Madison County veterinarians, along with humane educators, visit every local sixth grade class to emphasize the importance of pet health and proper pet care. This is a massive undertaking and many thanks go to all the vets that take time from their busy schedule for this important educational effort!



To participate in this campaign simply call your veterinarian to schedule an appointment for your pet's surgery. There are participating clinics in Madison, Morgan, Limestone, and Marshall Counties plus Ardmore, Tennessee. You can also help by sponsoring the surgery for someone who can't afford it. Call 881-8081 or 539-8163 to be a sponsor.

ALSO watch for something NEW for this campaign in our February advertisements!



McDuff



Miranda



Tex



Chili



Bucki

THANKS to the *Adopt To Help Adopt* sponsors listed,
these are some of the pets recently adopted!

Adopt to Help Adopt

*GHHS would like to thank the following people who have
sponsored animals through the Adopt to Help Adopt program*

Sarah and David Hill
Jay and Kathleen Harrison
Rhonda Copple
Bill and Donna Kaukler
John and Evelyn Scott
Ms. Minnie Newman
Wendy McGee
Kathryn Powers
Mrs. William Kling, Sr.
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Claire Alexander
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Ross Furner
Dita Ricell
Louise Lishman

Dan Kerl, Susan McCain and Christopher

"Adopt to Help Adopt" What is It?

"Adopt to Help Adopt" is a sponsorship program which helps defray the cost of care for the animals at our shelter while they are awaiting adoption.

Your \$10 donation will provide food, medication, immunization and veterinary care.

When the sponsored animal is adopted, you will receive information about "your" animal and a picture.

Sponsorships can be given as gifts by individuals or by groups such as schools, churches, or clubs and also are appropriate for memorials.

Please consider this rewarding experience and mail in your sponsorship today!

GHHS Adopt to Help Adopt

2812 Johnson Road • Huntsville, AL 35805

(256) 881-8081

I would like to sponsor a ☐ dog ☐ cat ☐ either

This is a gift sponsorship (to person named below)

From _____

Phone _____

Date _____

To _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ \$10 Donation ☐ Check ☐ Cash

☐ A Memorial for _____

☐ In Honor of _____

BLESSING THE ANIMALS



This autumn has been very busy at the shelter, and we've enjoyed many invitations offsite as well. We attended the **New Life Church Pet Fest** on September 20th. The event, held on the grounds of the church, was held to promote responsible pet ownership. Attendees were invited to bring their pets and asked to speak before the group about

their particular pet. There were dogs, puppies, goats and even an iguana! Three Labradors from Search and Rescue performed their skills and demonstrated "searching" for the crowd. Their trainer spoke of the dogs' duties, the service that they provide and the importance of proper training.

We talked about the importance of proper pet care and the need for spaying and neutering. At the end of the evening, treats were distributed to all of the children. Included in these treats were pet cups, animal bracelets, candy, coloring sheets, bite safety awareness sheets, and other Greater Huntsville Humane Society handouts. Plans are already being made for a future event.

We were also invited to the Blessing of the Animals at the **Church of the Nativity** on September 28th. This was such an inspiring event. All kinds of animals from dogs, cats, gerbils and even lizards were blessed by Rev. Andy Anderson.

The Blessing of the Animals at **Christ Church of Monrovia** on October 19th was attended by JoAnne LaMacchia accompanied by two shelter dogs. The dogs and their future owners received the blessing administered by the Reverend Pam Phillips-Burk. The church members also donated paper towels, cat and dog treats and office supplies to the shelter.



Rev. Andy Anderson

THRIFT STORE NEWS



Lisa and Lacy welcome you to the Thrift Store Christmas Shop

The GHHS Thrift Store proudly announces the Christmas Shop is open! The best quality and prices in town for everything from tiny tree ornaments to large lighted deer for your yard. Stop by and replenish your Christmas decorations and help the animals at the same time.



Henry and Jesse bring Christmas Spirit

The Greater Huntsville Humane Society Thrift Store needs your help! We're currently in need of volunteers. If you've got about four hours once a week to help the animals, please drop by (we'd be glad to have more of your time if you can spare it). There are clothes to hang, books to shelve, areas to straighten, donations to sort, and so much more. Could you spare some time to work with us? We can always use a cashier if you're good on the register. And who knows, you may find that treasure you've been searching for...Come join the chaos and dig in with the GHHS Thrift Store volunteers! Call Lisa at 881-3888 to volunteer.



UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE



GHHS had a great weekend at Randolph School's Under The Christmas Tree. Our booth doubled in size from last year to accommodate all the wonderful pet-related Christmas gifts we had to offer. All proceeds from the sale of these items benefit the shelter.

Any unsold merchandise is available at Salon Ka-Terra, 900 Bob Wallace Avenue, throughout the season. Drop by Salon Ka-Terra to see some of the cutest gifts available in town, and each item sold helps our needy pets. We have everything from dog and cat embroidered pillows and hand towels to nightshirts and pajamas to Spoonies Collectible Magnets to picture frames, mugs and note pads, and of course, the GHHS 2009 calendar and new Christmas ornament. Thank you, Salon Ka-Terra, for being a friend to the animals!

Greater Huntsville Humane Society

Honorariums

Given By:

Karen Dekko
 Jeff and Ellie Lienau
 Vernon and Cecelia B. Luckey
 Marilyn M. Robertson
 Francis Norrisi, Betty Hertha, Irene Ball, Evelyn Jensen,
 Edward and Anne Martin, Richard and Shirley Johnson,
 T.D. and Ethel McDonald, and Sally Freudenthal
 The Morley Real Estate Group
 Mary Spears and "Ben"
 Steve and Paula Cushman
 Susan Hunsecker
 Susana Santa Cruz
 Lois Lundberg
 Susan Baldaia and Rescue Dog "Millie"
 Dorothy Weems
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Burnside
 CarMax Cares Volunteer Grants
 Del and Pearl Brooks
 Tom and Sharon Hudson
 Rhonda Copple

In Honor of:

Joann Flanigan's 75th birthday
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 John Johnson and Amy McDonough
 "Ben's" Auntie M, Mary Margaret Townsend's birthday
 The marriage of Bill Fry and Barbara Hicks
 Beth Griffin's birthday
 All Kitties
 Claire Alexander's birthday
 Jane Jones
 "Joe Pye and the Kittens," precious pets of the Ehle Family
 Our dogs "Tank and Lily"
 Our employees' volunteer efforts at GHHS
 Apollo Animal Hospital for taking care of our girls
 Katy Moffat and Ross Furner
 Bethany Marbut for her work with Golden Retriever Rescue

Memorials

Given By:

Ginger Loder
 Lee Heath
 Helen Boyle
 Test Area 3 & 6 Personnel
 ERC Incorporated
 Betty Butler, Nancy Wilbourn and Wana Orr
 Sarah Haynes
 Tina and James Boyle
 Christine Richard
 Patti O'Toole
 Jill Garvin
 Chris and Susan McConnell
 Susana Santa Cruz
 Sallie Berryhill
 Tom and Sharon Hudson
 Tom and Wanda Russell, John and Hi-Ching Walters
 and Denise Dulaney
 Dan Jett
 Patti O'Toole
 Ron and Daphne Reed
 Ron and Daphne Reed
 Karen Borden
 John J. Rutana
 Tom and Pam Lloyd
 Jackie Reasoner
 Teresa Shurtz
 Anonymous
 Cindy and Steve Saseen
 Susanne Fagan
 Cindy Saseen and Family
 Susanne Fagan
 John and Evelyn Scott
 Jay and Kathleen Harrison
 Bill and Genia McCoy
 Bill and Genia McCoy
 Steve, Ginna, Libby and Ann Bradley Siniard
 Dean O'Farrell
 Lynda Locke
 Pat and Toni Bridges
 Mickey and Jerry Ellis
 Mickey and Jerry Ellis
 William Wells
 Brian Lampkin
 Steve Wingard

In Memory of:

Margaret Haklar, mother of Joyce Griffin and grandmother of Dana Town
 Margaret Haklar, grandmother of Dana Griffin Town
 Patricia White
 Mrs. Patricia "Trish" White
 Mrs. Patricia White
 Patricia Ann White
 Mrs. Patricia "Trish" White
 Patricia White
 "Mr. Blondie," beloved, beautiful and loving 15 yr-old Cocker mix
 "Casper," beloved American Bulldog of Chrissy Barribeau
 "Gator," beloved dog of Eric and Laura Shultz
 "Gator," dog of Eric and Laura Schultz, adopted 11 years ago from GHHS
 Her recently departed "Javier Navidad"
 Joel Curry and "Prissy" Berryhill
 Mrs. Barta S. Henn
 "Bouncer," beloved dog of Tim Brady
 "Duffy, Murphy, Dash and Cody"
 "Bandit," beloved dog of June Simpson
 "Pearl," beloved pet of Pam Pruitt
 "Onyx," beloved cat of Karen Corp
 "Jemima," beloved dog of Peter and Susan Baldaia
 "Jemima," with all my love to Susan and Peter Baldaia, Dogs' Best Friends
 "Jemima," sweet rescue dog of Susan and Peter Baldaia
 Ruth Novy, mother of Shirley Novy Shue
 Ruth Novy
 Mary Jane Miller, mother of Carla King
 Stephen Charles Saseen, our son; brother of Susanne Slaten
 Stephen Saseen
 "Dingo," dog of Patsy and Andy Perez
 "Dingo"
 "Tiki Boo," our beloved Siamese cat
 "Jennie and Measha"
 "Samantha," long time beloved pet of Dianna and Jack Norma
 "Buttons," beloved friend and pet of Marie and B Elebash
 "Oscar," beloved dog of Dag and Melissa Rowe
 "Oscar," beloved pet of Miss Anna Rowe, and Mr. and Mrs. Dagnal Rowe
 "Tippy," dog of Dana and Sandy Wells
 "Becky," beloved horse of Abby and the Ford Family
 Bernadean Nutt
 Mary Gifford
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 Deanna Springall
 Sally Wilging
 Cary McFalls
 Mike Betts
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 Rebecca Stover
 Cindy Hensley
 Tom and Sharon Hudson
 Gwen Gregory
 Tom and Jo Grady

Mary Gifford
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 Glenn Warren
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 "Rosie," beloved cat of the Donnell Family
 "Bean Pot," beloved pet of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Martinson, Clay and Reed
 "Buttercup," beloved cat of the Ehle Family
 "Bismarck, Daisy and Murphy," my beloved Rottweilers
 Mr. Ernest L. "Stretch" Schneider
 Stretch Schneider
 E. Stretch Schneider
 E. L. Schneider
 E. L. Schneider
 Mr. E. L. Schneider, our long time neighbor
 Leatrice Cole
 "Fritz"
 "Tootsie," our loving kitty. We miss you!
 "Tootsie," beloved cat of Pearl and Del Brooks
 Janice Smith and "Ladybug," our beloved German Shepherd
 "Pete," best friend of JoAnne Gallaher
 "Scraps," beloved cat of Avery Harris
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 "Ed," cat of Mary Walker
 "Pierre"
 "Lena," beloved Pomeranian of Sara Malaspina
 Don Porterfield
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The Greater Huntsville Humane Society proudly operates as a "No Kill" shelter.



SKELTER SHELTER

A SPOOKY SUCCESS

Saturday, October 25, the first annual “Skelter Shelter” was held at GHHS. All areas of the shelter were teeming with ghosts, witches, dogs in cute costumes, and even a human catsup bottle! Outside the front offices and the Thrift Store were tables full of delicious spooky baked goods for sale ... eyeballs, spider cheesecake, fabulous chocolate in all forms, and a unique “Halloween” gingerbread house ... all provided by faithful and talented volunteers.



Volunteers worked long and hard to provide the appropriate amount of spookiness for the delicious baked goods for sale

These goods were snapped up quickly as people began to arrive for the Haunted House, the pumpkin carving and, best of all, the Parade of Costumes. The staff and volunteers entered the “spirit” of the occasion, with special kudos to Jamie and his Zorro costume, and Melissa with her strategically placed spider. Even “Mortimer” (the dog) was a bumble bee for a short period of time!

The Thrift Store had a very profitable day with their 1/2 off sale, and Thrift Store Manager Lisa dressed the part by simply getting out of bed and coming to the store, bedhead and all!

The Haunted House did not look at all like the conference room; wherever one stepped, various noises ensued and spooky decorations covered the room.

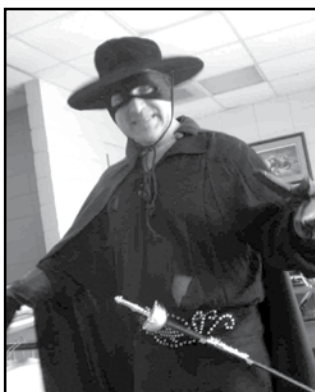
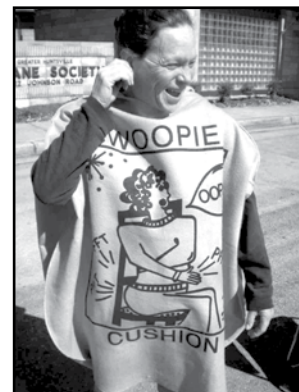
The shelter was soon overrun with dogs (and a cat) dressed to kill. In fact, the winner of the costume contest was a 10 week-old chocolate Shih Tzu named “Killer.” There were many good costumes, with a family of “Tinkerbells,” a pirate with a yellow parrot on his back, a brawny bull dog, and a beautiful fairy with matching wagging tail! There were no losers.

Everyone agreed this was a wonderful way to show off our animals and shelter, to make a bit of money, and to enjoy the gorgeous Fall weather together. Plans are already being made for costumes for next year.

- Madeleine Sparks



Lisa enters into the Thrift Store Halloween spirit





Baby Fox - "I love America!"

Hope You Sell Lots of Calendars: Hi, I'm so excited about this calendar! Four of our pets' pictures are in it, even if they are the smaller ones. However, I think "Tinker Bell" was the most beautiful choice for the cover. Her Mom and Dad must be proud. She obviously loves to have her picture taken. What a wonderful dog!

If you see Annette Lee (Tinkerbell's mom), please tell her what a well-behaved "daughter" she has, not like mine. No matter, I wouldn't trade mine for the world. Unfortunately, the bunnies are waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge.



Buddy and Flop - "Bonded"

I hope you sell lots of calendars. I am ordering three for now. Sincerely,
 -- Donna Mayes
 -- Hazel Green, AL

We Were So Blessed: Thanks so much to all of you at GHHS who care for all of these pets in need of love and a home. We were so blessed last November when we walked in to your facility.

"Lucky" has made our lives so fulfilled since he came home with us. He is our daughter's baby boy. She named him Lucky because that's how she feels...lucky he touched her heart that day in such a way that he came home with us.

We're celebrating his first birthday with some gifts for the animals living at GHHS. Thank you for all you do.

-- Lucky and his Family
 -- Huntsville, AL

The Perfect Dog for Our Family: Thank you so much for helping us find "Brownie." He is the perfect dog for our family. His transition home was so easy! It was as if he'd been with us all along. Also, thank you for all that you do. You have completed many happy families.

-- The West Family
 -- Huntsville, AL

One Great Dog: Dear GHHS, I have to say that "Bunny" is one great dog! Bunny loves to cuddle and she is very good with the kids, even the small ones as you can see. We just love her; (I think even the cats are beginning to come around).



Thanks for all your help and we wish you and everyone at the shelter all the best. Thanks again,
 - John Krzyminski and Family
 - Madison, AL



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HOTC DOG FAIR



"Jesse," adopted from GHHS

Huntsville Obedience Training Club enjoyed a huge success with their 6th annual Dog Fair on September 27th at Monte Sano State Park. Over 3,500 people attended to participate in the many events or just to have quality time with their

dogs. GHHS, with two shelter dogs, set up along with other rescue groups and vendors. Many folks stopped by our booth to tell us how happy they were with the dogs they had adopted from GHHS. And happily, our two shelter dogs were later adopted.



Happy couple with adopted GHHS dog

SPAY/NEUTER TAGS



Although the word will not be official until December, the Alabama State Comptroller feels confident the commit-to-purchase goal of 1000 for the Spay/Neuter tags was reached and then some. They will accept no applications for November, but more applications can be made in December. If the total was reached, the tags will be produced after January. Thanks for your support!

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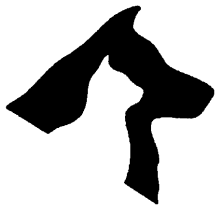


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| December 6-21 | PetsMart Photos With Santa (Weekends) 11-4 |
| December 1-31 | "Angel Lights"- GHHS Shelter |
| December 6 | GHHS Thrift Store Yard Sale 9-1 |
| December 7 | Huntsville Animal Services-Walmart
Adoptathon South Parkway |
| December 17 | PAWS class 1-3, Huntsville Animal Services |
| December 20 | GHHS Volunteer Orientation 11-3 |
| HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009! | |
| January 3 | GHHS Thrift Store Yard Sale 9-1 |
| January 5 | National Bird Day |
| January 10 | Save the Eagles Day |
| January 17 | GHHS Volunteer Orientation 11-3 |
| January | GHHS Annual Meeting
(date TBA last full week of the month) |
| February 1-28 | The "Big Fix" Spay/Neuter Campaign |
| February 7 | GHHS Thrift Store Yard Sale 9-1 |
| February 21 | GHHS Volunteer Orientation 11-3 |
| February 26 | Spay Day USA |
| February 27 | "PAWS in PARIS" - Annual GHHS Dog Ball |
| March 7 | GHHS Thrift Store Yard Sale 9-1 |

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