

Pet Press

HUMANE SOCIETY OF CONCORD & GREATER CABARRUS COUNTY

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Business meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, at 6:30pm, at Ruth's Memorial Shelter, 2010 Wilshire Court, Concord, NC 28025.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Articles and pictures for the newsletter can be mailed to Pet Press News, P.O. Box 5347, Concord, NC 28027, or e-mailed to Kim at dowehave2@windstream.net.

The deadline for the April issue is March 24, 2013.

Another Record-breaker!

SPAYghetti 2013 is in the record books! Literally! This year the Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County (HSOC) was able to raise more than \$13,000 to spay and neuter the animals in our care. After expenses, that's nearly three months of surgeries. This SPAYghetti dinner was a phenomenal effort and speaks volumes to the commitment of our loyal HSOC members, volunteers and supporters.

More than 400 plates of spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, dessert and drinks were enjoyed by those who came out for this event. Live music by "Perfect Strangers" served as a very nice backdrop. Besides the raffles and silent auction, there was also a table of pet products and delicious baked goods for sale, as well as a photo booth, complete with props.

A huge thanks to our sponsors: Ben Mynatt, S&D Coffee, the Rice Family,



the VanValens, Brookdale Animal Hospital (Dr. James Pressley), Bill and Ann Cannon, and Eric Bowman, and to the many organizations, companies and individuals that contributed items for our raffles and silent auction. Without your support, we would not have been successful.

Many, many thanks to the Planning Committee, which met each week for two months: Judy and Mike Sims, Beth King, Stacy Stewart, Valerie Birdsall, Michele Larsarso, Janet Poteat, Jo Spencer and Kelly Mottolese, and to the many volunteers who worked to make this event happen. A very special word of thanks to Beth King, Stacy Stewart and Jo Spencer for countless hours of coordinating, wrapping, and putting together raffle baskets for our silent

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Special Thanks

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IN MEMORY

Dr. Jenny Artman in memory of Bee Malinoski
Kristine and Derek Blackwelder in memory of "Roxie," who was loved by her humans, Cindy and Buzz Blackwelder
June Gamble in memory of Aileen Goldston
Harrison Morrison Company in memory of Aileen Goldston
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Karolewski in memory of Aileen Goldston
Patty Lee in memory of "Annie"
Bill Lowrance, Meg Patchett, Stacey Wilson, Brenda Haley and Tammy Fulton in memory of Mary Malinoski
Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in memory of Ruth Wilkes
Elaine W. Shoaf in memory of John Edwin Long
Carol and Wayne Zweifel in memory of Laura Zweifel Beam

IN HONOR

Dr. Jenny Artman in honor of Alan and Lea Rothberg (in memory of "Hannah")

Thanks!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR HSOC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013!

**SINGLES: \$15
COUPLES: \$25
FAMILY: \$30
GROUP/BUSINESS: \$50**

**THE HSOC WILL BE AT THE THUNDER ROAD LOCATION
OF WALMART FOR AN ADOPTION EVENT ON FRIDAY,
MARCH 22, 11:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.**

**COME SEE THE WONDERFUL ANIMALS
WE HAVE FOR ADOPTION!**

**ADOPTION RATE CHANGES
PUPPIES: \$175 KITTENS: \$125**

**THE ADOPTION RATE FOR DOGS AND CATS
ONE YEAR OF AGE OR OLDER
WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT THIS TIME.**

**Trash
Compactor
of the Month!**



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auction and raffle tables. This is a work-intensive effort and these ladies gave up more hours than you can imagine.

So many people gave so much of their time and talents, and we are



deeply grateful for each and every one of you. We are especially grateful for our new volunteers and contributors to this event. We hope that you will come back next year and join us! •

Lea and I just wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for another fantastic SPAYghetti fund-raiser. It's come a long way from its first couple of years at Mt. Olivet, and I'm happy to see the direction it has taken under the HSOC. Judging from the comments I heard, everyone had a great time and it was a very positive reflection on all of you. And, hopefully, it brought more awareness of the serious issue of pet overpopulation.

We are so thankful to have such a dedicated, caring group of people here in our community that is making such a difference in the lives of animals that can't speak for themselves. I know many times, every day, all of you put the needs of homeless and abused animals ahead of even your own needs. I am always inspired and amazed when I see the good work that you do. We are extremely proud to be a part of HSOC and wish all of you

continued success in your efforts to help our animals, and in being advocates for their welfare.

We wish you all the best,
Alan and Lea Rothberg



Some of the HSOC's adoptable pets have been waiting for a forever home for too long!

March's Canine Member



HERSHEY (DOB 2008) is a very special girl!!!! She loves attention and is very submissive with other dogs, but does not particularly care for cats. Hershey once lived in an uncovered 6' x 6' kennel where she was left to fend for herself until a neighbor with a kind heart started caring for her and showing her love. They were able to get her owners to surrender her to the HSOC. If interested in Hershey, contact cabarrushumanesociety@gmail.com. •

March's Feline Member



LILLY (DOB 2008) weighs seven pounds. She has a flea allergy that is being medicated, so her coat is not thick and luxurious like it should be. She has a beautiful exotic face and is very quiet. We hope someone will step up to take on this beauty's medical needs and offer her a happy home. She is currently in foster care and can be seen by emailing saramontgomery@live.com. •

The Simple Facts

- It's true: a female and male cat pair and their offspring can produce 420,000 cats in just seven years!
- Of those, 385,000 will be euthanized in shelters because there are no homes for them.
- Spay one cat and stop the birth of 100 homeless kittens!
- One unspayed female dog and her offspring can reproduce 67,000 offspring in six years!
- There are 45 cats and dogs for every person born in the U.S.
- A cat can get pregnant while nursing; a dog cannot.
- A cat can produce kittens every three months; a dog can produce pups twice a year.
- Only one out of 12 cats born ever finds a home.
- A pet can get cancer if not spayed/neutered.
- Eight-hundred dogs and cats are killed every HOUR in the U.S. because there are not enough homes for them all. •

Petsmart Event a Hit!

Many thanks to all who came out to the first Petsmart Mega Adoption event of 2013, from February 22-24. The iffy weather and the fact that we had to be inside didn't keep people away. We had 11 HSOC cat adoptions and one dog adoption!

Thanks, too, to all the volunteers who gave up some of their weekend time to help out at the event. You're the best! •

Beds Needed!

With dogs being sheltered at Ruth's Memorial in addition to the Highway 49 campus, Kuranda beds are in great need. Some of our animals are forced to sleep on concrete. Please think about donating a bed today! Call Judy at 704-763-8550 for more details.



VOLUNTEER of the Month!

The Humane Society has a wonderful network of volunteers, but, between Ruth's Memorial Shelter, the Highway 49 campus, Princeton's Meow and fostering, they often don't cross paths. To help put a face with the name, we are highlighting our AWESOME HSOC volunteers here in our newsletter each month.

Sara Montgomery started volunteering with HSOC almost a year ago. She is one of the volunteers that gives time to both Princeton's Meow and the Highway 49 Campus.

Sara fosters cats for HSOC as well as assists with cleaning at Petsmart, working offsite events and volunteering multiple days at our shelters. An esthetician by trade, it was a natural step to have Sara foster cats with skin issues. She also takes on "project" cats: those who are terribly frightened and need to learn the kindness of human touch again, or those who are very sick and need special TLC. At the Highway 49 shelter, she takes a special interest in dogs that are timid and caring for the cats there, helping to observe behavior or health issues.

Sara has already successfully fostered 20-plus cats and kittens. She has also spread the word about HSOC, bringing in numerous volunteers and foster parents from her network of friends and colleagues. We count ourselves lucky to have Sara and thank her for choosing to give her time to the animals at HSOC.



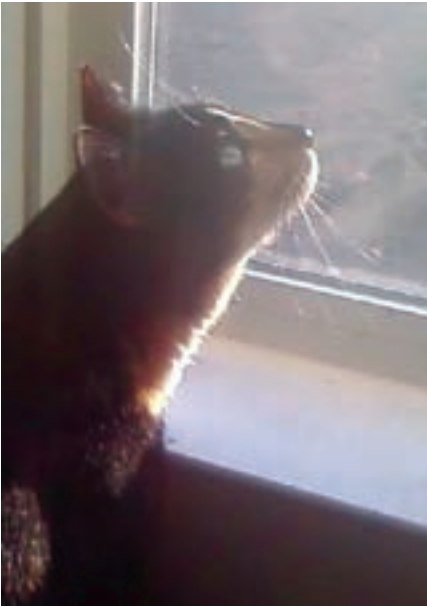
Animal Tales



Cooper (left) is doing well and fitting right in! He and Dixie like to lay on the futon!!

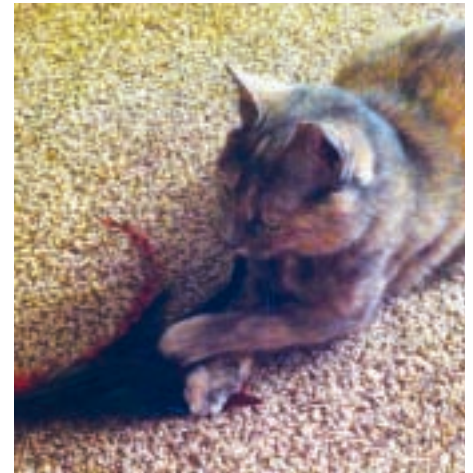
He is very playful and a sweet boy! He was very excited today when the boys got home from school. They chased each other and he couldn't stop licking them!

Thank you!!!
Christy Campbell



Arabella is doing GREAT! She's getting used to her new home much quicker than I expected! I am grateful she isn't fearful of our dogs and other cats!!! She has been popping them so much that we were tempted to rename her "Poppy!" It's not a bad thing, though, she's just letting them know she's not going to be a pushover. She is everything Andrew was looking for and MORE! It's not final yet, but we are thinking of renaming her Louisiana. Weezy for short! Thank you for everything and we will keep you updated!

Andrew and Jessie



This is **Callie** (f.k.a. Carmel). She is doing great and very much adjusted, claiming the back of the couch as her spot! My husband and I weren't sure how she would respond to a new name because we didn't know if she was used to Carmel. When we came across the name Callie for a kitty, she responded and has since then, so it has just stuck with her and with us. She will always in the back of my mind be Carmel because that is how I adopted her, but Callie has just suited her!

Becky Honeycutt

We adopted **Oscar** (left, hugging "Cash") in January and he's kept us on our toes since. He's all puppy, leaping through the yard like Rudolph, playing with wild abandon, eating like a bulldozer, then taking a nap so he can start all over again. He's a sweet and smart boy that's learning commands and manners, and we look forward to many fun-filled years with him.

Kim and Scott



Have a funny or heart-warming pet story to tell?
Send copy and photos to Kim at dowehave2@windstream.net.

Visit the Humane Society's Web site at www.cabarrushumanesociety.org
for information about volunteering!

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Ruth's Memorial Shelter: (dog adoptions only)

2010 Wilshire Court
Concord, NC 28025
(behind Concord Auto Body)

Adoption Hours:

Monday-Friday: 11:00am-7:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday: 2:00-4:00pm

County Shelter Address: (dog and cat adoptions)

244 Betsy Carpenter Place, off General Services
Drive and Hwy. 49, just south of Hwy. 601

Princeton's Meow: (cat adoptions only)

29 Brookwood Avenue N.E.
Concord, NC 28025
(beside Brookwood Apartments)

Adoption Hours:

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30pm (Both)
Saturday: 12:30-4:00pm (shelter)
Saturday: 11:00am-4:00pm (Princeton's)
Sunday: 2:00-4:00pm (Both)

Web site: www.cabarrushumanesociety.org

Hotline: 704-763-8550

Mission Statement:

The Humane Society of Concord & Greater Cabarrus County's mission is to end animal suffering and cruelty, reduce overpopulation and educate the public regarding responsible animal ownership. This mission is accomplished by utilizing trained volunteers to investigate cruelty, assist in the establishment of a low-cost spay/neuter clinic and establishing a sanctuary for homeless animals.

Membership and Contributions

Please circle the appropriate annual membership and mail your check to the address below.

Single membership	\$15.00
Couples membership	\$25.00
Family membership	\$30.00
Group/Business membership	\$50.00

Please consider a donation above your membership amount – 501 (c) 3 deductible contribution.

Thank you.

Membership \$ _____

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Donation is in honor/memory of:

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Would you like to be contacted concerning volunteer opportunities (shelter adoptions, fundraising, grant writing, etc.)? Check one:

Yes, contact me No, not at this time

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please mail check and this form to:

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