



Shelter News

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A little of Everything at the 3rd Annual Open House



Our third Annual Open House was held on Sunday, October 18th, 2009. This year's Open House included fun, prize drawings, a live radio broadcast, adoption applications, our new trainer, and even surprise guests!

Live Radio Broadcast

A live radio broadcast hosted by Lori Jones of Kickin' Country brought many visitors who had not heard of Southside SPCA. The weather kept attendance lower than expected, but many of our best supporters braved the 50 degree breeze and the rain stayed off in the distance. Our thanks to Lori, her husband, and volunteer! We hope to have gained many friends and supporters thanks to the airtime.

Raffle prizes

Our Raffle had over 35 items this year! The biggest item was the 6' kitty tree donated by PETSMART. Most popular was the doggie lounge chair donated by Pam Wilms - everyone wanted it! Other pet items came from Dr. Edda Eliasson of Village Vet Services on Court Street in Amelia, The Dog and Cat Shoppe on Hull Street in Richmond, and a certificate for a 1 week's stay at Three Oaks Pet Resort in Farmville.



Cat Tree-Thanks PETMART for the Cat Tree! Thanks Leigh Grady & staff for buying most of the raffle tickets and donating the tree-back-the cats love it!

Visitors check out the raffle items



It wasn't all about the animals: River City Beads donated a beautiful necklace, and other Richmond area businesses like Home Depot, Quizno's, Arby's, Joe's Inn, Whitten Mazda, and Sheehy Ford contributed to our raffle's success.

Tail Wagger's Stand

Dave and Carol Conrad hosted a stand for Tail Wagger's, our Thrift Store in Keysville. Toys, Halloween Costumes, collars, leads, and other pet items were offered at thrift store prices.



Sandy Wyatt and Leigh Grady on Air with Lori Jones, talking about our Homebound Hounds Program

Training Demonstrations

Trainer Katie Locks of Lucky Dog Training & More, the cornerstone of our new A.D.O.P.T program, and dog Agility competitor Jillian Chilson (related articles on pages 2 & 3) showed off the training methods embraced to transform an abused, neglected dog into a confident and well-trained pet.

Surprise Visitors

Leigh Grady of Sterling Animal Shelter in Sterling, MA, and Sterling Staff members Tiffany and Marissa surprised our Shelter Director Sandy Wyatt with their first ever meeting. Together, Sandy and Leigh have rescued and found homes for over 15,000 unwanted and abandoned puppies from rural Southside Virginia through our Homebound Hounds Program, starting in 2001.

Thank You from Southside SPCA

If you visited our Open House, Thank you for coming! If you couldn't make the Open House, we're sorry we missed you! Your support of our shelter keeps our doors open, and our Open House is held to thank you in person. Thank you for your continued support of our shelter and its mission of compassion for homeless animals in Southside Virginia.

