



Shelter News

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Adoption of the Year: Pepper

Pepper is a beautiful Husky who came to Southside SPCA in 2005. Chained in a backyard her entire life, she was left to breed puppies repeatedly until her owner contacted Southside SPCA to come pick up her latest litter of puppies. Shelter Director Sandy planned to help the owner have her spayed, but when she saw Pepper's health and living conditions she convinced the woman that the mother had to go with the puppies.

Because of her poor treatment Pepper is fearful of new situations, and several trips to PETSMART did not alleviate her timidity. She has adjusted well here, gets along with the other dogs, and trusts her human caretakers. Her heavy intestinal parasite infestations and Heartworms have been treated and she is now healthy. Pepper will never have to live at the end of a chain again.

Update: January 2007:

A woman came to the shelter to meet Skye, a shy shepherd. As she walked toward the entrance, Pepper came charging up to greet her at the gate. Our shelter workers were shocked: they have never seen Pepper exhibit such a display. Pepper even rolled on her back for a belly rub-another first! It was meant to be... she shared that she had lost her Husky last year and didn't think she could bear to get another one.

Here's what her new owner has to say:

We couldn't be happier - all three of us! Pepper is settling in and she is FINALLY EATING!!!! YAY! We heat up her canned dog food and serve it to her in her bowl next to the table while we are eating. She won't eat until BOTH of us are sitting down! Funny.



I have to tell you - when Ron ate lunch here - she chewed him out for not sharing his food! You know how huskies "talk" - she was really giving it to him! Finally, she ate! She still yells at Ron for not sharing his food with her, but she's eating her own food! She goes everywhere with us (except to work). She went to my mom's home with me and they fell in love! Pepper was so good to my mom.

She is also starting to play with us! Jumping up and down, and doing that stiff legged stance as she bounces around the yard or the room to let us know she is ready to play! We saw that so much with our other huskies! We didn't expect that just yet, but SO happy it's starting!

She has YET to have an accident in the house! We are SO impressed!

If you know much about huskies, you know they are pack animals - they recognize an alpha and submit to that person in all ways. Pepper has decided that Ron is the alpha and she does whatever he wants her to - I'm just another part of the pack, so she sometimes ignores me when he's around! It's so funny to watch! Pepper lays at my feet, but she watches whatever Ron does and follows him if he leaves the room, to be sure she's doing what she's supposed to be doing. She is safe and warm and loved and we couldn't be happier - thank you so much! God bless you all for what you do there - Magi and Ron



Pepper
with
her
new
owner

New Shelter Construction

Update, February, 2007

Work on the new shelter continues, and the puppy building will be complete in just a few weeks.

Right: Puppy building with carport in back.



We are still short funding for the main building. Phase I of the main building is fully funded and construction will begin soon; we hope to continue with Phase II without any delays.

The main building will be built between the puppy building and the dog building.

Left: Inside the puppy building. Windows and lighting are installed, gates are ready to install.

Free Spay/Neuter for cats - through March 31, 2007 - Richmond, VA

The Southside SPCA is not affiliated with Richmond SPCA; however, our our mission is to reduce unwanted pets in Virginia and we wish to inform our readers of a No-Cost SPAY/NEUTER offer available for all cats in the greater Richmond area. Please share this information with anyone that would benefit from this service.

The Richmond SPCA's Smoky's Spay/Neuter Clinic offers free and low-cost surgeries Monday through Friday. Through March 31, their medical team will spay or neuter cats of residents in Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield or Goochland **for free (no income qualifications)**. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Spay/Neuter Helpline at (804) 521-1300.



E-Mail Saves Money.... Would you prefer to receive your Newsletter via email in .PDF format? If so, please send your email address to: info@southsidespca.org and be sure to provide your name and address so that we will know to whom the email address belongs. Communicating with you electronically will save on mailing costs. Every dollar we save this way can be used for our much-needed building project.



Resident Spotlight: Cleo

Cleo is a 7-8 year old German Shepherd that was a beloved family pet until last year. She loves people, is very calm, and gets along with cats and other dogs. Her owners surrendered her claiming they couldn't afford another vet bill since they had a new baby. You won't find a more loyal dog.



Resident Spotlight: Lady

Lady is a sweet girl that came to us last Spring with fresh, untreated wounds on her face. The vet said the cuts looked like they were made with a sharp knife. Unbelievable! Her wounds have healed nicely and she is very fortunate to still have vision in both eyes. She's a very good-tempered and loving hound, gets along with other dogs, and loves human attention.

WISH LIST

- Bleach
- Extra large trash bags
- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Hand soap (liquid)
- Postage stamps
- Toys (dog, puppy, cat)
- Flea and Tick collars
- Flea and tick preventive
- Metal food bowls
- Canned cat/kitten food
- Pedigree canned puppy lamb and rice
- Golf Cart
- Van

New or gently used:

- Collars
- Towels
- Blankets
- Pet beds
- Thrift store items

Annual Membership / PAWS Program Form (For Building Fund donations, please see page 7)

The monthly cost to care for a dog or cat at the Southside SPCA shelter is \$60. All support toward this cost helps. Every donation counts!

_____ **Annual Membership / One-time contribution of \$** _____

An annual membership ensures that your name Is not removed from our mailing list, and helps defray the cost for newsletter mailings and other shelter expenses.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

_____ **PAWS Program:**

I would like to join the Southside SPCA PAWS Club. I agree to contribute the amount indicated below each month for the care and feeding of an animal at the shelter. In return I will receive a picture of my sponsored dog or cat, a certificate of membership, and a letter from my sponsored animal. If my animal is adopted I will receive a notice of the adoption and be assigned another animal at that time. Upon receipt of each month's donation I will be sent an update from my sponsored animal.

I prefer to sponsor a: Cat ___ Dog ___

I agree to contribute \$ _____ per month.

Name of cat or dog I wish to sponsor is: _____

Happy Endings

Happy Holidays! We adopted "Sassy," around this time two years ago - she was about 9 months old then, a tortoiseshell female cat. We call her Sweetie now. I will try to send a picture, but wanted to let you know that she is healthy and happy. She still has a "tortietude" and gives some sass, but she is also very loving, talkative and loves to eat. She's filled out and we will have to watch her carefully to avoid her gaining too much weight. She's a Momma's girl, but loves my husband's larger lap and my son's bed. Thanks for her and the work you do!

Jennifer

Sweetie

(Formerly
Sassy)



We cannot thank you and especially Sandy enough for bringing SnowBear into our lives. He the most loving dog ever! He loves his new toys and friend Jasmine. They play so well. It's a joy to watch them together. He wakes us up in the morning by jumping up and kissing our faces in bed! He loves his walks in the woods and all the interesting smells of the deer, birds, rabbits, etc. We truly are blessed to have found him. Thank You all for what you do at SPCA!



Scoop and Kasey



We adopted Kasey, on the right in the picture, to join Scoop in our home in the fall of 2005. When we got her she was a mere 8 weeks old. She was at our local shelter, Sterling Animal Shelter, in Massachusetts. Kasey is the epitome of the shaggy dog. She loves leaves, mud and rolling in the grass. We feel she has some Wheaton terrier in her along with a larger breed as she is 24" at the shoulder. She is very loyal to her family and has a sweet personality. She is our genuine southern gal! Leslie

Dear Southside SPCA:

In November 2005, we were fortunate to adopt a chocolate lab puppy named "Hershey" from the Sterling Animal Shelter in Massachusetts. Because of your admirable efforts and those of the folks at Sterling, we have a wonderful family pet who has grown and delighted us over the last year! We take every opportunity to recommend the Sterling Animal Shelter as an adoption resource because of your program.

Best wishes for a successful 2007...and again, many thanks from us!

Patricia Gill

Do you have a happy ending to share? We'd love to hear from you. Email the shelter with your pet's story and picture.

Happy Endings

Smoothi (formerly Clara)



Clara was a 6 month old shepherd-looking mix who came to Southside SPCA from Prince Edward County Shelter in November 2005. In January 2006 she went to Connecticut Humane Society (Westport).

Her new owner Danielle called to find out her heritage and history. Her name is Smoothi now, and she loves to climb trees.

Danielle wanted us to know that Smoothi is such a smart dog, and always eager to learn. Danielle is disabled and Smoothi always seems to understand how she can help her owner. In fact, Smoothi is now a trained service dog!

Thank goodness Smoothi found her way to Connecticut and to Danielle.

Smoothi and Danielle



Sandy, This is Ava (aka "Sweetness") at home. Ava and my male dog Alfie, and Tigger, the cat, are all getting along just fine. I couldn't be more pleased w/my choice! Thanks again for such a sweet pup!!

Terri



Chilson's Heartworm Treatment Fund

Bentley and Julia Chilson were looking for a special way to help the Southside SPCA residents. When they met Handsome Jack, and then Blackjack, they decided to donate funds specifically for treating Heartworm positive dogs.

As you may know, we are in a high risk area for heartworm infestation. Heartworms are transmitted by mosquitoes; all it takes is one infected mosquito to bite your pet for them to become infected. Once infected it takes up to a year before any symptoms might occur. The treatment for heartworms is potentially deadly, as the worms are in the dog's (or cat's) bloodstream.

Also, treating a dog to kill the heartworms can cost over 500.00! Prevention is simple: a monthly pill from the Vet kills microfilariae (immature eggs). Most of the dogs that come to our shelter have never been on heartworm preventive. Our dogs are treated monthly with preventive.

Heartfelt thanks to the Chilsons! Since their donations began we have treated Bugle, Katie, Blackjack, Daddy, Black Mama, Handsome Jack, and several other dogs. Gaston will be next.

If you'd like to contribute to the treatment of Heartworm positive dogs, please contact the shelter.

Memorials and Honoraries

IN MEMORY OF:

Christopher W. Garrett by Pat Burke
James Edward Whelan, Jr. by Ethel Eberhard
Bud, Rascal & Doc by Mr. Hodges L. Stone
Richard Ellis Williams by Helen Warriner-Burke
& Patrick Burke
Mildred Townsend Edwards by Sue & Suzanne Foltz
Mildred T. Edwards by Jacque & Leroy Edwards
Mildred Edwards by Debbie McAllister
Boots & Trixie by Vicki L. Kiger
Anne McCoy by Marian & Larry Burke
Anne McCoy by Norman & Rita Oakes
William "Goat" Nunnally & Nicholas William
Orsill, III by Joseph F. Morrissette
My dog, Wally and my cat, Hoover by Allison Martin
Linda Johnson's dog, Paddy by Allison Martin
Mr. Kat and Yin by Celia & Richard Elzay
Heidi, Betty Ann's beloved dog by Betty A. Eike
Our dear departed spaniel, Queenie
by Patty & Bill Averett
Heidi, my Minature Schnauzer by Betty Fretwell
Tosha Morris by Doug & Cathy Morris
Mrs. Lucy Smith by Milly Inge Casey

IN HONOR OF:

Kay & Cotton Billingsley for Christmas
by Emmett & Barbara Smith
My granddaughter, Rebecca Bowman
by Nan Bowman
Ruth Murphy's birthday
by the Fuqua Lower School faculty & staff
Mr. Oliver (Ben) & Julia Chilson
by Mrs. Mary-Louise D. Leonard
Marian Burke by Mr. Richard L. Whitmore
The Staff at the Department of Rehabilitative
Services, Farmville, Va., by Roxanne Slaughter
Marge Bailey by Louise Wilck
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Weatherford for Christmas
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilkerson
Allie by William B. Inlow
Maggie, our beloved Beagle
by Mr. Page Sutherland
Holly Billingsley by Cotton & Kay Billingsley
Martha Stearns by Cotton & Kay Billingsley
Barbara & Emmett Smith
by Cotton & Kay Billingsley

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Many of you did not receive our Holiday newsletter. If you receive this newsletter by mail, you were mailed a Holiday Newsletter. Our sincere apologies for the error, we are repeating the Memorials and Honoraries. The Holiday Newsletter can be downloaded from our website: www.southsidespca.org If you received your newsletter, please excuse the duplication.

Holiday 2006 Memorials and Honoraries

In Memory of Anne Holmes McCoy by:

Edward R. Kromer
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Mrs. H. B. Addleman
R. K. Hubbard
Betty A. Eike and all your furry friends
Mrs. Robert E. Johnson
Margaret Kachadoorian
Robin Sedgwick

In Honor of:

Katherine Keeling, by Peggy Keeling
Ollie McDaniel, a very sweet little boy,
by Sandra Erickson
Kay Billingsley, by Sharon Reck

In Memory of:

Bub, Doc & Rascal by Mr. Hodges L. Stone
Miss M.E. Jackson's "Muffin" with love from Cuz
by Betty S. Turner
Barbara's dad's cat "Tommy" by Sharon Reck
George Evans by Carol M. Stopps
Sally McConnaughey
by Pat Burke & Helen P. Warriner-Burke
Albert L. Garris by the VFW Post 2583, Ashland, Va.
Sally McConnaughey by Mr. Bradley Hale
Brooke, Tom and Marlene Giglio's pet dog
by Pat Hicks
Tommy by Emmett & Barbara Smith
Cricket, faithful and protective friend for 17 years
by Myran Walker



Our Mission Statement:

- To provide humane care and shelter for abandoned animals.
- To provide loving and responsible homes for our residents.
- To educate the public about spay/neuter programs in order to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats.

Southside SPCA Capital Campaign - Building Fund

You can contribute directly to the construction of our new shelter. With donations to this fund, your name, or the name of a loved one will be made part of the new shelter.

I would like to help build the new shelter. I agree to contribute the amount indicated below to the Building Fund. In return, my selected name will be posted as indicated to the right.

Name _____ Donation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Donor Recognition Levels

- \$ 100 to \$249 - Name on Brick Facade
- \$ 250 to \$ 499 - Name on Cat Pen
- \$ 500 to \$ 999 - Name on Dog Pen
- \$ 1,000 or more - Name on Lobby Wall of New Shelter

For donations to the Building Fund, please make checks payable to:

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