



Shelter News

Southside SPCA, P.O. Box 66, Meherrin, VA 23954

LOCAL BUSINESSES HELP DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Southside SPCA's stockings were given some relief during the Holiday season with help from two local businesses.

Charley's Waterfront Café donated 10% of its total sales for the day on Monday December 01, 2008. Lilly, a small mixed breed dog, became the official hostess/greeter during lunch hours. Patrons enthusiastically asked questions about our 'little shelter' and many expressed interest in adopting Lilly. Lilly, however had already been spoken for.



Lilly with Shelter Director Sandy Wyatt and Thomas Graziano, Owner of Charley's Waterfront Café



Lilly, with Southside SPCA Board Members Helen Warriner-Burke and Pat Hicks



The smiling wait staff at Charley's Worked hard to earn donations for Southside SPCA.

The following weekend, the **Three Oaks Pet Resort** held an Open House. Jessica Bristol, owner and operator, personally decorated and displayed an "Adopt an Angel/Pet Tree" for visitors, and provided space for the Southside SPCA to set up an information booth.



Sandy Wyatt with Jessica Bristol and Angel/Pet Tree

Animal owners could bring in their four legged family members for pictures with Santa in exchange for a donation of goods or money to the Southside SPCA.

The Southside SPCA left with a car load of dog/cat food, cat litter, toys, bleach, cleaning supplies, etc.

The monetary donations and supplies from these events helped tremendously during these tough economic times.

Information Booth



April is 'Gone to the Hounds Month'

Rural Virginia boasts rich hunting land, and as a result many hunting breeds end up in shelters and animal controls. In fact over half of the dogs at Southside SPCA are hunting Beagles, Hounds and Hound mixes weighing over 50 lbs.

Our adoptions volunteers have declared April to be '***Gone to the Hounds Month***' and will spotlight the Shelter's most abundant residents. Adoption fees for hounds will be half price, only \$ 50.00! Of course, these adoptions will be subject to our screening process, and we reserve the right to refuse any adoption that we deem to be unsuitable.

Here are just a few of the sweethearts that will be looking for love:



Angelina and Brad



To read more about some of these dogs, see our resident spotlight on page 3.

Hounds make great family pets and these dogs are no exception. If you know someone who may be interested in adopting a hound as a family pet, please tell them to check out our dogs on www.petfinder.com and search for zip code 23954.

Whisker Walk and Homebound Hounds Reunion - June 7 - Lancaster, MA

Our partner shelter in Sterling, MA is hosting its second Whisker Walk at the State Fairgrounds in Lancaster, MA, on June 7.

At the Whisker Walk, dogs rescued through our Homebound Hounds Program get to meet other adopted Homebound Hounds and connect with our shelter.



Our volunteers are pinching pennies to save for their trip, and we hope to meet many of our Shelter Alumni and maybe even see a few littermates reunited. Check out the information website at www.whiskerwalk.org for the latest information.

Our Spring Wish List:

- Bench for front porch seating
- Dry dog food/Dry puppy food
- Canned puppy food (Pedigree lamb & rice)
- Canned dog food/Canned cat food
- Stainless steel food bowls
- Cat Litter
- Extra-large trash bags
- Heavy-duty trash cans
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Bleach, Laundry detergent (6 loads, every day)
- Postage stamps
- Dog beds / Throw rugs
- Thrift Store donations
- Traps (to safely capture puppies/kittens)**

Remember, donation receipts are required for tax purposes on your 2009 taxes. Please ask for one!

Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificates

Look for your Golden Gift Certificate in the mail this May and give your Golden Gift to Southside SPCA!



Southside SPCA weathers the storm

On March 1st and 2nd, Virginia was hit by a major snowstorm, and across the State over 220,000 households lost power during the storm. By morning over 6 inches of snow and ice coated the Meherrin area and by noon the accumulation reached nearly a foot. Massive power outages and downed trees crippled the area for several days. The shelter was not spared; our power was lost Sunday at 7 pm and restored Wednesday at 8 pm. But the animals received their daily dose of love, food, and care. Our shelter never closes.

Director Sandy Wyatt headed in Monday at 7 am, waiting for sunlight due to the snow. 5 miles from the shelter downed trees made the roads impassable, so she abandoned her vehicle and walked 3 miles before being picked up by a good Samaritan who dropped her off at the shelter.



Downed trees and power lines crippled the Farmville area March 2-5th



Jesse, adopted from Southside SPCA at age 4. He is now 17 years old and still enjoying life and the snow!

There she was greeted by many happy dogs, cats, and the hum of the Generator! It worked! The new shelter was blessed with heat, water, and light, luxuries that so many had to do without (including Sandy at home).

The generator even supplies the hot water and laundry facilities needed to wash the puppy bedding, an essential task to keep the puppies healthy and secure. But luxury comes at a price: up to 22 gallons of propane per hour are needed to supply power to the three buildings, at a cost of nearly \$ 400.00 per day.

While expensive, it is necessary for the care and comfort of the shelter residents and their caretakers. Please consider a donation to help cover the emergency costs and prepare us for the next emergency.

Heart of Virginia Festival May 2nd in Farmville

The 31st Annual Heart of Virginia Festival will take place Saturday, May 2. This annual Farmville Community event celebrates the arts, crafts, culture, and music in the heart of Virginia. Southside SPCA will have an information booth at the event to represent our shelter and its mission.

Last year's visitors from across the State enjoyed the arts & crafts, musicians and entertainers, karaoke, the Festival historical display and fact find, rides, climbing wall, interactive mural, and so much more. The day was finished out at the Airport with food, fun and Fireworks.

We hope you will join Farmville's premiere celebration this year. While there, please stop by our booth to show your support. For more information please check their web site at:
www.heartofvirginia.org

PetSmart Adopt-a-Thon

On Valentine's weekend we brought some hounds in to PetSmart for an Adopt-a-thon weekend. **String Bean** made the trip spent the night at volunteer Marge's house.

As you can see from her picture, she made herself quite comfortable.

String Bean is quite the "couch potato" and is looking for a loving family with a sofa!

String Bean



Priscilla

Priscilla also spent the night. She stayed mostly in her crate, but ventured out to see String Bean and Marge on occasion. Sweet Priscilla is a beautiful Black and Tan Coonhound in search of love and a forever home.

Hounds are known to make wonderful and loyal family pets.

Happy Endings (continued)

Ellie May (black & tan) with Haley



Hi, Guys, Just wanted you to know that Gabby aka Ellie May Clampett is really having a hard time adjusting to Haley and life in our home... yeah, right! She's sooo sweet. We love her!!!!
Fondly,
The Raihalls

Hi! The cats are doing great. I think we really picked some good ones. Slipknot has made herself right at home, and loves to run back and forth across the house. She's even been hanging out on our bed a lot.

Slipknot



Sophie has been more reclusive and has spent a lot of time hiding under beds, but she's starting to come around too.

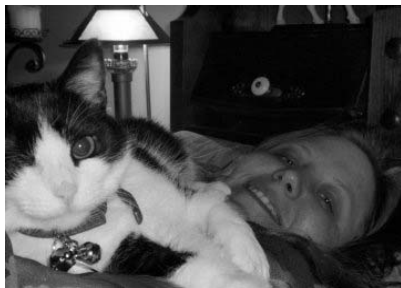
Sophie



Dan was able to Coax her out for some cuddling earlier. They both know where the food and litter box are, so everything's wonderful!

We really lucked out with these cats; they are exactly what I wished for.

Thanks again! Tess



Panda - Abandoned with a damaged eye which had to be removed.

Hi -- Thanks again for everything and helping us with our Princess Panda. She is very spoiled and sleeps on top of us at night. She has everything and is so lovable. Have a great Valentines Day.

(Courtesy of Petfinder.com) Entry: I had been thinking about adopting another cat for quite a while. A new mall has opened up by my house with a PetSmart as one of new stores. I always go by the cats for adoption and saw this beautiful long haired white kitty with the most endearing face. She was from a group of cats that lived their whole lives inside a pet store. When the store closed last year she was sadly not one that was taken home by the owners/employees. I understand she had been at the shelter since October 2008 and this was January 2009.



Peaches relaxing

She is an older kitty, about 10-12 years old and is missing several teeth which just makes her all the more cute I think. She is very playful and has gotten very used to being a part of the family. She has even decided that her favorite place to sleep is on my stomach!

In any case, I am so grateful that I decided to adopt her. She is so loving and has a wonderful personality. Its been a great experience. I highly recommend adopting an older kitty because they need homes as much as kittens do but are harder to place just because of their age and that is a shame.



Sadie Hawkins stopped by to say Hi and Thank You

Sadie (left, with her new owner) arrived at the shelter emaciated and with a severe case of mange which was easily treated with food, love, and basic mange treatment. Now she has the home she deserves, and is treated like a princess. Her new owner even hosted a coming home party in her honor!



Sadie, with "peach fuzz" for fur after 1 month of treatment

🐾 **Happy Endings - continued** 🐾

Hi,
Everything is going great and we still love that girl to pieces! Paisley successfully graduated from dog obedience school last Tuesday (we still have lots of training to do, though)! She now recognizes "potty" and will do it closer and closer to the house. She's a sniffer, but we love her anyway.

Hope all is well with you and you are successfully creating more forever homes!

Mom, Christina and Elizabeth



Izzie, now Paisley, with her new family in Northern VA

Hi everyone!
My mom and I adopted Dharma and Greg from your shelter this past weekend, they're now Tom and Emma. They are incredibly curious, and they love exploring our house. Tom is quite the cuddle bug, and one his favorite things is to surprise us with what I call a "cuddle attack" where I'll be sitting on the couch, and he jumps into my lap from the other side of the couch without warning. He loves my mom, but he gravitates more toward me. He actually follows me around like a little puppy most of the time. The funniest thing about him are his headbutts. He'll crawl up my lap, and headbutt me while purring. Emma absolutely adores my mom, and her favorite thing is to curl up in her lap for hours at a time, if my mom will let her. She is so quick, streaking from one end of the house to the other, then ending up tackling Tom. They both seem very happy here, and we couldn't have asked for better or more loving cats. So, thank you for everything that you guys have done.
Sincerely,
Becky

Cricket and his new family



Hi,
I wanted to send you a picture of Cricket in his new home. He's doing very well and we all love him. He has *very* few potty accidents and loves to be wherever we are in the house.

Thanks for allowing him to be a part of our lives.

The Gain Family

HONORARY DONATIONS

In honor of:

April Cole by Frances Walker Holladay
Dr. John Cook & Dr. Waverly Cole by Joe Anne Brabham
Drs. John Cook and Waverly Cole
by the Monument Group Charitable Fund
(The Community Foundation)
Waverly Cole by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cole
Faeden - Merry Christmas by Donald G. Harmon
Our 18 Hunting Dogs by Mary R. Lucy
John Paul Longest by Judith & Wayne Winstead
Dusty the cat, my best pal by Elizabeth C. West
Holly Billingsley and Lou Abbot
by Cotton & Kay Billingsley
Emmett and Barbara Smith by Cotton & Kay Billingsley
Betty & Dave Evans by Mr. & Mrs. David Phillips
Ruth Murphy's birthday by the Fuqua Lower School Students
Allie by Debbie Inlow
"Mr. B" by Lucy & Virgil Goode
Kenya & Augusta Arthur of Farmville by Polly B. Haynes
All of our beloved pets by SOL- Red Hats (Myran Walker)

In honor of:

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John B. O'Grady, Esq. on the occasion of Christmas
by Carla Gibson
Freckles puppies by Louise H. Wilck
Kelly, Blair & Travis by Paige & Charlotte Pierce
Sheena, Kobie & Milo by Martha C. Pope
Jim Snyder by Martha Turner (Pet Tenders)
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Dr. James G. Simpson by Betsy & Gordon Long
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by Holly Billingsley
Kay Billingsley by Emmett & Barbara Smith
Kay & Cotton Billingsley for Christmas
by Martha Stearns & Cindy Billingsley
Robert & Kelsie Griffin for the Holidays
by Robert & Kelsie Griffin
Bobby Cox and Buster by The Rose Retreat Farm
David Harper by Clare & Barbee

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In Honor of:

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Chip & Janie Trigg by Locke & Joan Trigg
Ron & Justin Hochstein by Ron & Linda Hochstein
Amy & Kevin Clark by Ron & Linda Hochstein
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who took such loving care of our dog, Jake
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Helen Warriner-Burke by Janice Calkin
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Abbe & Leah Stuart, two very special doggie girls,
by Sandra Erickson
All the babies at the Southside SPCA by Sandra Erickson
Louise E. Hart by Timothy L. Hart
Buddy Worthington's birthday by Ruby Lee Johnson
Mei Ling Lau by Patrick Burke & Helen Warriner-Burke
To Honor the life of "Pete" - who passed away in February,
The Mason family pet, by John & Page Hardy
My friend, Carolyn Ayres birthday by Ellen Whitehead
Ruth Murphy's birthday by Dana H. Osborn
Ruth Murphy's birthday by Elizabeth W. Smith
Hannah's Charlie, faithful friend by Leander S. O'Neal
Cindy D'Ann, Suzanne & Tammy
by John H. & Debbie Williams
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Banjo by Diane & Bruce Silverman
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by Linda S. Johnson
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by Kathy Liston & Earl Strain
Memories of my dogs & cats by Enriqueta P. Somani
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and passed away by Enriqueta P. Somani
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Karen & Magnus' Husky by Alan Hutson
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Gary & Cheryl Cage

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 Charley, Lady & Fred Thurston by Sandra Thurston
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 My Loving Companion, "Biscuit", by Carlton C. Collier
 Melody Bailey by Nancy & John Chernault
 Mel Bailey by Robert B. Adams
 Melanie L. Bailey by Evelyn Harland
 "Petey" Sauve by Jennifer Kingsley
 Gertrude (5/93 - 11/08) by Pam Rowe
 Abby by Robert & Leslie Conrad
 "Sampson" Grant (14 yr. old Lab)
 by Waverly Cole & John Cook
 "Frankie", our neighbor's dog
 by John Cook & Waverly Cole
 Shadow Walker by Myran Walker
 "Addie" - our babygirl Lab, by Ron & Jeanne Smith
 Bub, Rascal & Doc by Hodges Stone
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 Prince, Pippy, Troika, Annie, Bess, Pixie & Quinn
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 Al & Mackie Garris by Barbara M. Garris
 Sam & Grace Amos by Beth A. Levine
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 Jim Killip (my brother) by John & Jane Killip
 Garland and Anne Bowles by Janet and Tom Schleicher
 Richard W. Brandt by Esther C. Brandt
 Jacqueline Fore Southall by Jim & Betty Lowther
 Jackie Southall by Betty Jenkins
 Daniel Crenshaw by Linda, Eric and Lara Crenshaw
 Howard Kahn by Dolores W. Kahn
 Howard Kahn by Kristine Golashesky
 Leah Hochart by Patricia & Robert Reed
 Francis Dunnivant by Wayne & Janice Burkhart
 Ludwig Hackney by Vivian & Joseph Bruzzese
 Viola & Hunter Crostic at Christmas by Patricia Haley
 Norborne Gibbs by Gail Bolter

In Memory of:

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 Jack & Ann Owen, "Bud" & "Lady" by Jackie & Bill Stallings
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 Sir Bud Dry by Teresa & Jimmy Adams
 Jesse by Cathy & Gene Montgomery
 Larry Wolfgang by Jim & Rose McCaferty
 Poppy, GiGi, Sugar, Tiger and Newsy by Diana Thomason
 Domino (1992-2002) by Mary Lou & Dennis Van Derlaske
 Alumni "Bailey Stephens" (Feb. 14, 1995- May 11, 2004)
 by Jackie & James Stephens
 Curry - Cat by Emmett & Maxine Richardson
 Rocky by Geoff, Kathy, Andy & T.J. Orth
 Hoover & Wally, beloved pets of Allison Martin
 Paddy, beloved dog of Linda Johnson
 "Keiko" by Bonnie Hall
 Jojo Mouser by Laura Mouser
 Mimi's cat, 'Skank" by Mary L. Hubbard
 My beloved Dachshund B.B, died 10/30/08
 by Jane M. Sheema
 Cody by Pamela & Darwin Webb
 Our beloved dog, "Bandit" (14 yrs.)
 by Arlene & Steven Blythe
 "Lucy", our friend's dog, by Ellen Gagne & William Davis
 Arthur, my cat, by Pamela Vaughan
 My friend's dear Figgy by Louise Hart
 My Kitty Jasmine by Martha Harris
 Weeza, beloved beagle of Debra Conway, by David E. Gossett
 Thistle by W. I. and C. B. Pollari



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.

Volunteer(s) wanted:

Mowing/yard work at the new shelter
Dog adoptions volunteers at the shelter
Cat care/Cat adoption volunteers at the Shelter
Transport dogs to/from PetSmart Saturdays
Transport cats to/from Richmond
Dog adoptions at PetSmart Carmia Way Saturdays

Email info@southsidespca.org to join a great group of animal lovers. Be a Southside SPCA volunteer!

Visit www.petfinder.com and see our adoptable pets under zip code 23954

******* UPCOMING EVENTS *******

Heart of Virginia Festival

Farmville, VA - Saturday, May 2

Whisker Walk/Homebound Hounds Reunion

Lancaster Fairgrounds, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 2 - www.whiskerwalk.org

Dog adoptions at PetSmart

1276 Carmia Way - Saturdays 10-2

Cat adoptions at PetSmart

4531 S Laburnum Ave - Tue/Thu 4-6 pm
Saturday/Sunday 3-5 pm

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