



Shelter News

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

Longtime Residents find love with ADOPT

In our last newsletter, we announced our newest program ADOPT (Adult Dogs Offered Professional Training). Success stories like Betsy, who called Southside SPCA home for 9 years and who was adopted in early 2009, inspired our volunteers to launch this program and we are pleased to share some new ADOPT graduation stories.

Sierra and Nick, who adopted Betsy last year, also adopted Pistol, who was a Southside SPCA resident for 7 years. Pistol and Betsy now enjoy trips to the beach, boating, and an active lifestyle never before enjoyed.



*Pistol, right and Betsy, center
with Sierra and Nick*

*Freda pauses for a photo with
Pilot Ron and adopter Edelle*



Happy Labs Rescue in Indiana learned about our many long-time residents looking for homes and wanted to help one lucky dog. They chose **Freda**, a non-descript black senior dog who lived at the shelter for more than 5 years.

A flurry of carefully-laid plans were set into motion and Freda was transported by air thanks to a new group called 'Pilots N Paws', and her total travel time from shelter to foster was an amazing 4 hours!

The best part is: Freda was adopted by the director of the group, who reports that Freda adores sleeping in bed with her family.

Other ADOPT successes include: Summer Newsletter 'Resident Spotlights' Cookie and Honey; Honey Bear, shown in our Holiday Newsletter ADOPT article; Gus (aka Gimpy), Holiday Greeting Card Beagle model; Rosey (see page 4); Pixie, Lainey (aka Elaina), Eddie, Mini Pearl (picture, page 5), and Freda (see left).

Advertising the program brings success as well...

Lab Rescue of Central Potomac (LRCP) and Lab Rescue of Greater Richmond (LRGR) heard about us through our program and wanted to help. To date, they have taken dozens of puppies and several older adults.

We welcome the help of other shelters and rescues across the Country when they meet our criteria. We ensure that they practice 100% spay/neuter, are non-euthanizing, and have the means to support the animals in their care.

We have a long way to go in our service area: the combined euthanasia rate in 9 of our counties is around 70% for dogs, and this is much higher than urban areas of Virginia. Thank you for your continued support as we work to improve the welfare of animals in our service area.

Our Strategic Planning Committee invites your feedback

What do we do well? What can we do better? What should we add to our current facility or programs? Your input by mail, through our website, or by email to info@southsidespca.org, are most appreciated as we plan for the future.

**Longwood University's
6th Annual Dog Walk
March 27th**

The public is invited to a fun day at Longwood University, organized by the Longwood Athletic Trainers' Association. This year's dog walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 with a rain date of the 28th.

Proceeds will benefit the shelter. There will also be contests, raffles, and door prizes after the walk. Last year's event was a great success and this year promises to be even better!

Registration begins at 10:30 on campus and the walk starts at 11:00.

Tail Wagger's Thrift Store News

Angel Tree/Raffle: Annette Duvall, a generous friend to the animals, donated again this year to the raffle for our Furry Friends Angel Tree. The winners were Amanda Braddock, diamond solitaire ring, Ramona Hamm, gold necklace and earring set, and JoAnn Rathgeber, who won the handcrafted birdhouse graciously donated by George Poteat.

Tail Waggers Thrift Store in Keysville is operated by an all volunteer staff, and we appreciate the time given by all volunteers who assisted at the store. Volunteers: Dave and Carol Conrad, Sue D'Onofrio, The Sarah Lord Family, Susan Chambers, Ann Charlton, Noah Davis, and Dianne Benchley.

We extend our gratitude for the local support to Tail Waggers, and are very grateful for your donations of any size or amount. Your donations to Tail Waggers help support the care and feeding of the shelter animals.

Volunteers Making a Difference - Southside SPCA's Helping Hands

Southside SPCA owes its success to the work done by caring volunteers. It begins with our Board Members, none of whom receive any compensation. Shelter Director Sandy Wyatt is a full-time volunteer.

It doesn't end there... and we would like to recognize the efforts of some of our latest volunteer heroes.

Snow Removal from the Driveway

Donnie Herzig of Meherrin showed up with his blue tractor and cleared the 11+ inches of snow from the driveway after the big storm. We sure do appreciate being able to drive to the door instead of walking 50 yards in a foot of snow!

Hampden-Sydney is Blazing Trails

Members of the Hampden-Sydney SHARC Club have embarked on a challenging endeavor: make a walking trail through the woods at the shelter. Dr. Julia Palmer started the club with the students to help the dogs in the Prince Edward County Shelter. A couple of Hampden-Sydney students, Chase Grogg and Trevin Charity, came out last weekend and started on the dog walking trail. They are really excited about this, and so are we!

Longwood University Rocks!

Students in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority have been visiting the shelter to work with the animals and do odd jobs. They helped prepare several mailings. They also organized a blanket drive.

Students of the Longwood Honors College have volunteered in large numbers to help prepare numerous mailings. Several Longwood Honors College students also helped at the shelter during the Open House work day, pulling weeds and spreading gravel.

The Longwood Athletic Trainers' Association recently sponsored a "spirit night" at Chick-Fil-A, and annually sponsors a Dog Walk to benefit the shelter. They also volunteered at Tail Waggers, our Thrift Store in Keysville.

Girl Scouts Collect donations

Girl Scout Troop #1245 of Eureka took the time to collect small items for the shelter animals. Thank you girls! The animals enjoyed them all.

On behalf of the many neglected, abused, and abandoned animals helped by Southside SPCA, we extend our thanks and gratitude for your help.

Resident Spotlights - Available for Adoption

CIDELL

As new volunteers to Southside (long-time supporters), Bob and I recently had the privilege of helping one Saturday at the PetsMart adoption stand. Bob took care of showing off and watching over Cidell for the day.

Cidell came to Southside several years ago, with a litter of puppies. While her puppies have long ago found their forever homes, Cidell still calls Southside "home". After spending the day with her, we both came away with the same feeling about Cidell; she has great potential to be a very loving family member but she has a very difficult time showing her true spirit to potential adoptive families.



Cidell

During that day, when we would take her out one on one, away from the "hub-bub" of the adoption stand, she would relax and that's where we could see just how great she could be - she even jogged alongside Bob without hesitation in the parking lot.

While it will take some special people, who will be patient with her in her training and help her to develop her true personality - we believe that in the end they will be rewarded by Cidell ten times over. We so believe in this girl, that we have offered to sponsor her in the ADOPT program at the time the right person/family comes along and commits to bringing her into her forever home.

To understand why we are offering this for Cidell in particular all you have to do is to meet her, take her to a quiet place and spend a little time with her, and finally, look into her eyes. You too will understand.

---Leslie and Bob Conrad

FLO - Poor Flo came to Southside SPCA in 2004 from a local animal control. She weighed under 40 lbs and was nursing a litter of 4 puppies (two of which had stump tails). Her back legs were so thin and had so little muscle mass she looked like a deer from behind (with her adorable nub tail!).

Now over 65 lbs and 7 years old, Flo is happy and healthy and her legs have filled in nicely. Due to her neglectful care in the past she is a little bit cow-hocked in the back legs, but it doesn't stop her. She gets along with the other dogs at the shelter and has always been very loyal to her caretakers.

Flo would love to have a home where she can spend her time relaxing with a family in a real home, and we think she deserves a chance.



Flo

DAISY - Daisy is a delightful & beautiful 4 year old Tortoiseshell with dark tortie markings and very little white. Daisy is very affectionate and gets along well with other cats. Her favorite pastime is napping in the most comfortable spot she can find . . .she's a very alert and quiet young lady!



Daisy enjoys attention but doesn't demand a lot of it and would be a wonderful companion.

Our Spring Wish List:

- Metal dog crates / Collars / Leashes
- Newspaper / Cat Litter
- Blankets / Dog beds / Throw rugs
- Laundry detergent, Bleach
- Canned puppy food/Pedigree lamb & rice
- Canned dog food / Canned cat food
- Stainless steel food bowls
- Extra-large trash bags
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Postage stamps
- Thrift Store donations

Remember, donation receipts are required for tax purposes on your 2010 taxes. Please ask for one.

Happy Endings



Sherbert and Rosey

My husband and I have recently adopted Rosey into our family of 7 cats and one dog. She is so sweet and has blended into our family as if she has always lived with us. I have attached some pictures of her with her new friends.

One friend is our cat Sherbert. The dog is Candy. If she is not running free in our fenced in acre of land she can be found resting on our love seat.

Deanna

It's been almost 3 months since we've had Handsome, now named Ruger. He has integrated into our family perfectly. He has become care free, super fun and *very* goofy. He makes us laugh every day! People ask us all the time if Riley and Ruger were born from the same litter because they are so in sync! Absolutely best friends and they balance each other very well as Riley can be a bit high strung.



Riley and Ruger

Ruger is now trained off leash and he *loves* to run with us when we mountain bike or trail run. It's a great tracking/scenting game for the hounds. It's rare, but if we manage to get ahead they really turn up the focus to track us and catch up. Definitely exciting to see a hound at work doing what they were bred to do.

Hope you are all well,

-The 4 R's - Renee, Rob, Riley, and Ruger. ;-)

Hi there,

Congratulations on the new place - I read about it and watched the video from the Sterling Shelter newsletter. Thank you all so much for the loving, caring work you do. We adopted 2 of your puppies - one in 2005 and another in 2006 - and they are the loves of our lives. We live about an hour away from the Sterling Shelter, but taking that drive was a great decision after going to their website.

I just wanted to wish you all happy holidays and share our thanks for your kindness.

Keep up the great work.....

Gail

Ginny and Max



Please Remember the Southside SPCA in Your Will



One of the most lasting gifts you can give to help us continue and expand our efforts on behalf of Southside Virginia's homeless, abandoned, and abused animals is to include the Southside SPCA in your estate plans. You can support our work with a bequest of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate's value, all or part of the remainder of your estate in your will or trust, or all or part of the proceeds of a life insurance policy or retirement plan. Bequests of any size are most appreciated.

When consulting with your attorney about including the Southside SPCA in your will, he or she may wish to know that the Southside SPCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation organized and existing under the laws of Virginia, that its federal tax ID number is 35-1341327, and that its mailing address is P.O. Box 66, Meherrin, VA 23954. More information is available on our website: www.southsidespca.org

If you are interested in making a bequest to the Southside SPCA and need more information, please write us or contact us at info@southsidespca.org or at (434) 736-9595.

HONORARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In Honor of ...

Toby, Brandy, and Cocoa by Dorothy and Paul Long
Mrs. N.W. Summitt by J and John Porter Glenn
Sugar and Chloe by Mary Lou Van Derlaske
Dr. John Cook by Chris and Katie Register
Virginia Johnston by Edward Kromer
Michael Peloquin by Diana Peloquin
Rocky, Maxine, Mindy by Judith Winstead
Dee Thomas by Myran Walker
Carlie Collier by Malcolm and Lynn Cameron
All 22 of our beloved dogs by Mary Lucy
Connie Richardson by Mary Richardson
Thomas by Bill and Barbara Tinsley
Sheena, my beautiful "Lady in Red" by Martha Pope
K. Nelson at Tabby and Pup Shop by Sandra Erickson
"All homeless dogs and cats" by Mary R. Lucy
Carolyn Ayers' birthday by Katherine T. Taylor
Becky Thomas by Barbara Coursey
Bonnie by Cathy Montgomery
Shelby Blanchard by Ann Peralta
Buddy and Jack Valinski by Holly Stuart
The Dogwood Outback Katie, Indie, Cody, and Farley
by John and Debbie Williams
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Dwyer knows no bounds by John Varner
Sheena, Kobie, and Milo by Martha Pope
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by Buddy and Jake" by Eileen Valinslei
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by Thomas R. McCracken, Jr.
Dept. of Rehabilitative Services in Farmville
by Roxanne Slaughter

In Honor of ...

Mrs. Louise C. Walton by John and Joyce Walker
Ms. Nancy Jones by John and Joyce Walker
Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Worthington
Beignet "the cat" by Margaret Maclin
Kay Billingsley by Barbara and Emmett Smith
Barbara and Emmett Smith by Cotton
and Kay Billingsley
Holly Billingsley by Cotton and Kay Billingsley
Kay and Cotton Billingsley by Bradley and Sharon Reck
Kay and Cotton Billingsley by Cindy, Holly, and Martha
Kay and Cotton Billingsley by The Allen Luck Family
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Ruth Murphy by Fuqua School
Maggy and Molly by Kathy Billhimer
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My sweet "Brandy" by Pamela Freeman
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CoCoo, the cat by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shaw
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Genevieve T. Hunt
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In Memory of...

Charley Layne by Dr. Carolyn Wells
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 Kermit H. Owen by George Elliott
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 Jack, our dear kitty, by Eileen Harris
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 Allie T. Redford by Joseph Morrissette
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 Hannah Owens by Frances and Clovis Anderson
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 Brandi Moser by Donna and Thomas Moser
 Dixie Moser by Donna and Thomas Moser

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 Gunner and Harley by Bryan Zaun
 Whoo and Pig by Dr. John S. Peery
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 Annie by Kristine Golashesky
 Misty by Betty Turner
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 Guy Turner by Martha Pate Turner
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 Tuttle by William J. Pollari
 Tootsie by Brian and Paige Port
 Malcolm Gee by Jeanne Gee
 Newton by Melvin Solomon
 Rudy by Shirley Loving

In Memory of...

Jimmy Little by W. Paul Pitts
 Archie Mauck by Jerry L. Mauck
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 Little Buddy by Jacqueline M. Smith
 Daniel Reynolds Crenshaw
 by Linda and Eric Crenshaw, Jr.

In Memory of...

Jesse Neal Jackson, our son by Paul D. Jackson
 Jo Jo and Moe, always in our hearts, by Bonnie Thompson
 Jake, beloved dog of Scott and Susan Harwood
 by Allison Martin
 Buck Johnson by C.R. and Milly Casey and Mildred Inge
 Ann Schenker by C.R. and Milly Casey and Mildred Inge
 Kasey by Ann E. Markman
 Thomas W. Stafford, Jr. by Scott T. Stafford
 Friskey and Cocoa by Vicki L. Kiger
 Razzell by Ron and Jeanne Smith
 Newton and Dusty by Melvin Soloman
 Dandelion by Cathy and Dan Dwyer
 Willy Boy by John and Patricia Cogbill
 Kate (my Jack Russell) by Julia Norrell
 Jake "the spoiled beagle" by Lorene Kay
 Helen Robinson by Cheryl R. Valenti
**"Buddy" - the dog that our hearts by Bonnie and
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 Thunder by Charles and Alice White
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 William Barrows by Paul and Linda Greenwood
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 Lydia and Domino by Mary Lou Van Derlaske
 John B. Driver by John Porter Joan Glenn
 Vera Williams by Dr. Nancy Andrews
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 Crazy Cat and Siblings by Robert and Helen Masterson
 "Heidi" my precious schnauzer by Betty Anne Fretwell
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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) needed:

Foster Homes for A.D.O.P.T. Dogs

Handyman - 1/2 day a week

Maintenance/mowing/yard work

Dog adoptions volunteers at the shelter

Cat care/Cat adoption volunteers at the Shelter

Transport dogs to/from PETSMART Saturdays

Visit our website at www.southsidespca.org

for more ways you can help

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 *******

**Longwood University 6th Annual Dog Walk
March 27th - raffles, prizes, and fun**

Easter Specials at Tail Waggers

Dog adoptions at PETSMART

1276 Carmia Way, Chesterfield- Saturdays 10-2

Cat adoptions at PETSMART (7 days a week)

4531 S Laburnum Ave, Henrico East

**3rd Annual Whisker Walk and Homebound
Hounds Reunion** Lancaster, Mass. June 6th

Heart of Virginia Festival - Farmville May 1st

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