

Capital One Employee Event

Southside SPCA was honored to be invited to Capital One's Employee Event on April 28, 2007. Capital One heard that the Southside SPCA is in need of a van to transport puppies to Sterling, MA, and they invited us to attend their employee event.

The Capital One event featured food, drinks, an inflatable playground, bingo, and various other fun things for kids to do. The weather was great, around 75 degrees.



Rebel with Sandy Marsh,
Capital One Event Coordinator

Rebel met dozens of children, made many friends, and just generally had a great time.



A quick puppy nap

It was a perfect opportunity for Rebel to make his public debut. Rebel is a three month old pup who was recovering from injuries at Southside SPCA.



Rebel makes new friends

Many thanks for the hospitality extended by Capital One employees and staff.

Special help for a special pup: Rebel helped by Associated Humane Societies Popcorn Park Zoo, Forked River, NJ

Rebel was brought to us as a 4-week old pup with severe bite wounds. The vet cleaned and stitched his many wounds and found no broken bones. Within days Rebel was crawling around; he refused to let his injuries slow him down.

His bite wounds healed quickly, and he has always been such a sweet puppy that our staff couldn't help but love him. However, after 5 weeks he was still walking on his elbows, and it seemed that he needed more treatment than we could afford.

One of our volunteers took on Rebel's cause and contacted the Associated Humane Societies' Popcorn Park Zoo to ask for help, and they graciously agreed. On May 18th, she drove Rebel to the Humane Society where he will get the treatment he needs, and we can't afford to give him.



Rebel checks out the wildlife before his surgery

Please consider a donation to our operating fund so that we can continue to help animals who have nobody else to care for them!

And if you're in New Jersey, please stop in and thank the wonderful staff at Popcorn Park Zoo for helping Rebel! Their website is www.ahscares.org

**Kicking Country WVHL Radio
Hosts On-Air Fundraiser**

Lori Jones and all our good friends at WVHL Radio Station in Farmville held an on-air fundraiser. Response was great and Lori brought out 2,500 lbs. of dog and cat food and bottles and bottles of bleach. Sandy said she has never seen so much dog food at the shelter before!

Imagine: that's about 5 pallets of food. The tricky part was transporting it to the shelter; it filled up 3 pick-up trucks.

Thank you, WVHL and Lori! Thanks also to everyone who donated to this fundraiser! It's great to have the support of our community.

**Thank You to our Volunteers, to PETsMART
and PETsMART Charities!**

This past Christmas our volunteers spent two weekends taking pet pictures with Santa Claws at PETsMART in Chesterfield (Carmia Way). Many thanks to PETsMART and all of you who helped or had their picture taken with Santa Claws. We are happy to announce that we received a check in the amount of \$750.00 for the Santa Claws picture sittings.

Then we were pleasantly surprised to receive a check from PETsMART Charities, over \$1,000.00! PETsMART Charities will also be sending us a gift card to use at the store. Many thanks to everyone who donated to this fund.

WISH LIST

- Bleach
- Extra large trash bags
- Laundry soap
- Postage stamps
- Toys (dog, puppy, cat)
- Flea and Tick collars
- Flea and tick preventive
- Stainless Steel food bowls
- Canned cat/kitten food
- Pedigree canned puppy
lamb and rice
- Golf cart
- Van
- Folding table

New or gently used:

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

Annual Membership / PAWS Program Form

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 it helps defray the cost for newsletter mailings and other shelter expenses.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

PAWS sponsors contribute monthly to the maintenance of a PAWS animal at the shelter. Sponsors receive a certificate, picture of their sponsored animal, and a monthly letter updating the sponsor about their animal, as well as our newsletter, the Shelter News. You can sponsor any of the dogs or cats at our shelter. To become a PAWS member, please fill out the form and return to the shelter.

____ 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



Belle (on left in picture) a stray from Prince Edward County, went to Sterling, MA at age 8 months. Her new owner discovered she'd been shot by a pellet long ago and had it removed.

Well, Belle is doing wonderfully! She's getting along great with my resident dog (Golden Retriever) and they play well together. They play tug of war with the toys and they run in the back yard sharing the same stick.

She's still shy around strangers. I'm hoping once she realizes she's loved and in her forever home, she won't be as nervous. She does act like she was scrounging for food; she gobbles it up in an instant. She loves liver pate (I make my dog food homemade and I sneak her antibiotics into the home made food).

My children like to call Belle a "kissing machine" because she offers them LOTS of kisses.

So anyway, as an update, Belle is happy and well cared for. It's only been a week, but I couldn't imagine living without her...



My husband & I were honored on Saturday to have adopted Phyllis, the shy Lab mix. Her new name is Callie and she starts puppy school tonight. She is coming out of her shell and is taking well to our cats who will become her playmate soon, we have no doubt. She has taken to her crate well and sleeps the night through. Today will be her first day alone inside her crate with our father coming to let her out half way through the day. She is doing well and (knock on wood) seemingly house trained already! She is a doll and we both love her dearly. We are so excited to have her in our lives. Thank you so much for the work that you do and for giving us this opportunity! Renea

Dear Sterling Animal Staff,
Just wanted to let you know how Canoli (renamed Kya) is doing. She has adapted to our crazy home very quickly. The kids just adore her and she loves to play with them. Kya loves being outside. We all fight over who gets to take her out for walks. She has become housebroken very quickly with only a few accidents. She has befriended all the neighborhood dogs and has found our cat to be a fun play toy. Our cat, Oscar, isn't quite thrilled with this new role but lets Kya know when he's had enough. Our family was very impressed with your very clean shelter and extremely helpful staff. Kya was well taken care of while she was with you. Thank you for all that you do and for helping us find a wonderful addition to our family. Kya is loved and spoiled by 4 great kids. My husband and I can't get enough of her cute face and playfulness. You do wonderful work with animals and finding them good, loving homes.

Hello to everyone! I'm just writing to let you know that we adopted Maddy almost a month ago, and she is a GREAT addition to our family. After just a few days of shyness, she became relaxed and playful with our many cats!!! Maddy is full of fun and energy, and a big time chewer! We love her so much! Many thanks for all of the work you do to help animals find loving homes.

The Fisher family



Working Dog seeks Employment: Sir Burke's story

Sir Burke is a yellow Lab who came to us as a 6-month old puppy from a woman who said he was just too much dog for her. Alert and active, he went into the SOS-PenPals program and earned his Canine Good Citizen award. He was selected for training as a service dog by the prison system, and had his hips X-rayed prior to entry. After several months of training he developed a limp and was returned so we had him X-rayed again, both of his hips are not in their sockets properly.

Poor Burkes is a working dog, he's not your average family pet. He's focused and ready to work. He doesn't bother with the fu-fu - love me, love me behaviors - he's serious. He has boundless energy, and we're hoping there's a place for him somewhere that can put him to work - if his hips can handle it somehow. One of our volunteers shared this experience about Burkes - it was just too amazing to ignore!



Burkes was his usual self at PETsMART Sat 3/17/07. He lay alert and calm in his crate, just waiting for his call to duty. He would come out of the crate and act so anxious we thought he had to potty; instead he wanted to work the parking lot. I walked him around the cars and he showed a slight interest in one car (paws up on the bumper) but moved on quickly. Then, at the end of the row he froze then sat perfectly still at the corner of a new-looking Blue Kia Spectra. He definitely said "there's something right here."

I went inside and told the other volunteers Burkes just signaled drugs in a car. A woman filling out an application said "Not a Blue Kia?" and looked worriedly at her husband. I said, yes. She explained they had just bought the car, and her husband is retired law enforcement. If there were drugs in it they wanted to know! So he and I walked Burkes through the rows of cars again. Same response, slight interest in the one car (paws up on the bumper) but moved on quickly, finally coming to attention at the exact same spot by the Kia. He opened the trunk and said to let him in. Burkes jumped in (on top of a ton of purchases and some wrapped gifts) and in the corner where he had stopped he pawed at an old plastic container.

The ex-postal inspector said it was an old homemade first aid kit. He opened it and started showing items to Burkes, a sterno can, small stack of gauze in a bag with a brown bottle (iodine?), scissors, etc. Burkes seemed most interested in the bag of gauze, by not touching it. He explained that this first aid kit was put together years ago by a friend who they knew had been "dabbling" in marijuana. Fortunately no big drug bust in order (what a relief!) Not bad for a rookie nose with an untrained handler!

A staffer at the Associated Humane Society's Popcorn Park Zoo in Forked River, NJ heard of Burke's plight and contacted us to try and help Sir Burke find a job and a home. On May 18th, Sir Burke was transported by one of our volunteers to Forked River.

New X-Rays have confirmed that his hips are indeed a problem and he is being evaluated by an Orthopedic surgeon to determine the best course of treatment. We will remain in contact with AHS and update you with news on Sir Burke. Their website is www.ahscares.org



Farewell to a Friend

Kay Roberts, friend and supporter of the Southside SPCA for many, many years passed away Monday May 7, 2007. Kay and her husband Bob moved to the Meherrin area back in the 80's from Pennsylvania. Bob served on our Board of Directors for many years. Kay was from London, England, where she met Bob in a hospital during the war.

The dogs at the shelter knew Kay well. Christmas and Thanksgiving were special for the Southside SPCA dogs. Kay would cook turkeys for them every year.

Kay did not want a big fuss to be made over her passing but would have loved to know that donations were made in her memory to Southside SPCA. We all miss her dearly.



In Honor of:

Dr. Waverly Cole & Dr. John Cook by:

Cheryl & Henry A. Yancey, Jr., M.D.
Josephine L. Davis
Jacquelin Gaines Strohkorb
Kathleen T Sturtevant
Helga A. Boyan

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Jacquelin G. Strohkorb
Martha U. Pritchard

In Honor of:

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by Sharon C. Larkins-Pederson
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by Lola M. Miller
Linda Hochstein by John & Mary Pellock
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Sam by Pattie & Ellis Grady
Mini Hubbard's birthday by Maryanne Lambert
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In Memory of:

Kay Roberts by Sandy Wyatt
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Amanda Croll by Ruby S. Hawthorne
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by Stephen Pitts
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by Linda Johnson
Diane Joyce Herndon by Lonni Trykowski
Witt Hatcher by Mary B. Easterly
Katie Hall by Mary B. Easterly
Anne Holmes McCoy by Grace Turner Karish
Skuff & Sasha by Mark Ryan
Barbara Short, mother of Debbie Williams
by Employees' Benefit Association of the
VA Dept. of Transportation
Bailey & Abby by Alice & Charlie Oldaker
Paul H. Riley by Glema M. Riley
Mac, the most loving, beautiful Malamute
by Barbara Garris
Tiger, Newsy, GiGi & Poppy
by Ann & Diana Thomason



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.

Please Support Our Efforts!

Donations towards the new shelter building have nearly funded the construction at our new location just East of Meherrin on Patrick Henry Highway (Route 360). When we embarked on the Capital Building Campaign in 2003, we could not imagine being able to collect enough to rebuild the old location. Our plans have grown beyond our wildest imaginations, and we are very proud of the support that you, our animal loving community across the Country, have given us in this effort.

With donations going to the building fund, **we have become very low on operating income.** Since we will operate from two locations for a time, our operating costs will be higher.

Please consider a donation towards operating costs: veterinary care, medical supplies, and spay/neuter are among the costs we need help with along with pet food and employee salaries.

Help us help the animals... any amount makes a difference!

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

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