



Shelter News

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WHY I'M SO DEVOTED TO THE SOUTHSIDE SPCA

People who are not familiar with the Southside SPCA often ask my wife Betty and me why we devote so much of our time, energy, and money to an organization in rural Meherrin, Virginia that is so far from home and work. I tell them that it's rare when one has the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of caring and dedicated individuals who do so much good with so little. In fact, I don't know of any organization that does more than we do with so few resources. I say this not to pat myself on the back because I happen to have the privilege and honor to serve as president of the Southside SPCA, but because it's true. Here are a few facts and figures to back up that statement.

Since we were founded in 1975, we have cared for over 37,000 homeless, abandoned, abused and injured animals in our shelter and in foster homes under our supervision. Rarely does a day go by when our Director, Sandy Wyatt, doesn't find abandoned dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens tied to or thrown over our shelter fence or in trash bins along the highways in the rural counties that we serve. Over the last three years alone, we took in and cared for almost 4,000 animals.

We have spayed and neutered countless dogs and cats through our low and no cost spay and neuter program. During the last three years, just over 3,000 animals were sterilized through this program.

Since our Homebound Hounds Program was established in 2001, we have transported over 9,100 Southside Virginia puppies to the Sterling Animal Shelter in Massachusetts, where they are adopted into loving homes. Without this program, many of these puppies would have suffered abuse, neglect, and death.

In addition to the puppies transported north for adoption we have adopted over 1,000 dogs, cats, and kittens locally since 2004 through the PETSMAST and Pet Club stores in the Richmond area.

In 2005, we partnered with the SOS-PenPals Program and the Lunenburg Correctional Center where selected inmates at the center are trained to care for and train dogs from shelters. The dogs are with the inmates for approximately two months, and then are adopted into loving homes. The SOS-PenPals Program has grown each year since it began, with 48 dogs from the Southside SPCA participating in the program in 2007. So far this year, 32 Southside SPCA dogs have entered the program and more are scheduled to enter in the near future. Recently, the Brunswick Correctional Center was added to the program and Southside SPCA dogs are currently scheduled for that center in addition to Lunenburg.

All of this has been accomplished on an annual operating budget that averages approximately \$250,000 per year – making us one of the most, if not the most, efficient and cost-effective animal welfare organizations in America. We receive no funding from any governmental organization and depend on caring, generous donors to support our services and programs.

The credit for these accomplishments goes to you, our supporters, and to our dedicated and caring volunteers and staff, particularly our Director, Sandy Wyatt, whose tireless efforts on behalf of the abandoned, abused, and homeless animals of Southside Virginia has meant so much not only to the animals, but to those who have adopted them and experienced the joy, love, and companionship of a friend for life.

Although we have accomplished much, we still have a lot to do. Our new shelter creates opportunities to expand our services and programs, but we need your continued support. Together, we can achieve our vision of a Southside Virginia where all companion animals are cared for and treated with compassion and kindness.

God bless you for all that you do for the animals.

Dave Evans
President

Every dog has its day

Wow, what an exciting last couple of months. The shelter volunteers and staff work tirelessly to find homes for lots of our long time residents. Even several dogs who lived at the shelter for 1 to 2 years FINALLY have a place to call home. Just a few of our success stories:



CeCe: The 4 year old Beagle/Basset mix whose new family says she adores their Cocker Spaniel and claim she's the sweetest dog ever and must have been professionally trained because she is so well behaved!

Jody: The lucky Basenji mix who now lives with her new family, complete with two young girls that adore her. Her new family reports that she follows the husband everywhere.

Simon: The gentle giant Great Dane/Lab who is finally being spoiled by his loving new family! His adopter's vet said he couldn't believe such a good dog was at the shelter.



Molly McBeagle: The adorable Beagle mix that is living the good life with her family of 3 kids! Her family can't believe how much she loves their children, and how smart she is!

Sherry (renamed Chloe): The 5 year old Beagle that lived at the shelter for 2 years impressed her new owners with her impeccable house manners and sweet disposition. She has free run of the house and sleeps in the bed with their other small dog.

Chloe, right with Abbie, at home



Tilla: the small French Bulldog mix that stole the hearts of her new family at a PETSMArt adoption. She adores her new family!



Flint: The Cairn Terrier mix whose adopters can't believe how well behaved he is, and who had adopted a deaf kitten from the Southside SPCA just 4 months earlier.

Angel: The Cocker Spaniel/ Sheltie mix who was adopted by a loving family that met and fell in love with her at a PETSMArt adoption after mourning the loss of their beloved dog.



CryBaby (renamed Piper): The 5 year old Beagle who "never stopped crying" while she lived at the shelter for 2 years and whose new family is totally in love with her. Piper sleeps with their 6 year old daughter every night! Oh, and she loves to play "dress up."

Shelby: The 12 year old Newfoundland who was adopted by a family that rescues older dogs and provides them a safe and loving retirement home with the best of veterinarian care, and who say she's so happy in her new home that she runs around just for the sake of running.

Gus (renamed Tucker): The gorgeous Beagle that was spotted on PetFinder by his new owner and is living the good life with a young couple and another dog companion.



Tucker with new best friend

Every Dog has his Day (continued)

Before each dog is adopted they are immunized, heartworm-tested (and treated if necessary), spayed or neutered, and most of them visit adoption sites. All of this is made possible by you, our wonderful supporters, our staff, and a host of volunteers. Thank you for your support, without which all of these dogs would have faced a bleak future.



Licorice with her new family

Licorice (renamed Lilly): The 6 year old Cocker Spaniel who had suffered from a severe case of mange, without a hair on her body, now lives with her new loving family, complete with two children! Her new adopter knew she was “the one” within 5 minutes, commenting on her gentle disposition and good manners.



A special thank you to our volunteers; you make a difference in the lives of homeless pets. The Southside SPCA would not be successful without its dedicated volunteers; you are the backbone of our organization.



Markel Corp hosts another successful Adopt-a-thon

On May 30th Markel Corp held its annual adoption event at their Glen Allen offices. There were kittens, kittens, and more kittens, as well as dozens of dogs available for adoption. 6 rescue groups were also in attendance.

Licorice the black Cocker Spaniel (see picture above) arrived an hour early and was so excited to be out on an adventure. This event was to be Licorice’s first adoption event since her 4 months of treatment at the shelter was finally completed. As fate would have it, it turned out to be her last. Licorice was spotted by Aimee, who for months had been searching for just the right dog for her two young children, and she quickly determined that Licorice was just that dog.

Two of our girls found forever homes and the rest were lavished with hugs and pats they don’t often get; one little girl at the event spent the whole time playing with the kittens. By the end of the day they were sound asleep in the carrier.

Thank you, Markel Corp, for sponsoring an event like the Adopt-A-Thon. You give our animals a special chance to find a family of their own, and give your employees a unique opportunity to learn how to help homeless animals.

Our Summer Wish List:

Canned puppy food (Pedigree lamb & rice)
Canned dog food; Canned cat food
Dog/puppy toys
Stainless steel food bowls
Kitten chow (Purina); Cat Litter
Cat scratching posts
Extra-large trash bags
Bleach, Laundry detergent (6 loads, every day!)
Postage stamps
Dog beds / Throw rugs
Dog collars
Items for our raffle table

HAPPY ENDING

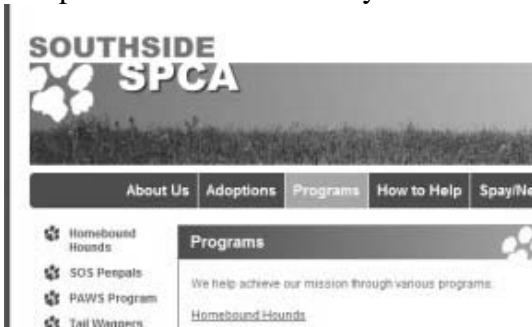
Hi, Guys!
We adopted Minnie
(formerly Lucille)
from the Markel



Adopt-a-thon yesterday. Just wanted to let you guys know that she’s settling in like a champ. She has almost no fear! She is running around the house like she owns the place - and, being a cat, we all know that she pretty much does!
Thanks again, Christy

**NEW WEB SITE
SOON TO BE LAUNCHED**

We are putting the finishing touches on our new web site and expect to launch the site by the end of June.



The new site (www.southsidespca.org) was developed with the help of a consultant and is designed to serve a number of purposes, including improving communications with our supporters, providing easier access to information on our programs and activities, and attracting the additional support needed to further reduce, and eventually eliminate, animal suffering, abuse, and neglect throughout Southside Virginia. Your Southside SPCA Board would like to extend a special thanks to Katie Register, E.D. Pistolarides, and Alan Hutson. Without their tireless efforts this new site would not be a reality.

Pepper the Huskey - 1 year later

Hello to Sandy and the crew at Southside SPCA!!! Attached is a picture I never expected to take of Pepper - that's our youngest son, Mitch, who was home for a week. Pepper has changed so much, that she allowed him to lay his head on her like this after only a few days.

Maggi and Ron



Pepper the Huskie, with Belle the Shepherd
Pepper was featured in our Spring 2007 newsletter as our adoption of the year.

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**Memorials**  
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In Memory of Dwight H. Good by:

- Jenean Hall
- Jeanette Barton
- Alice G. Taylor
- Janice & Ken Thompson
- John E. Weston, III
- Ann Good

In Memory of Frederick (Fred) Fischer by:

- Alice & Bob Nordan
- Carol B. Shanaberger
- Sallie McMullin
- Linda & Curtis Owen
- Barbara & Lewis Owens
- William B. Lynn
- Dorothy McMillian
- Longwood University Foundation, Inc.

In Memory of Jackie Martin Jenkins by:

- Karen & Walter Blackwell
- Terry & Gary Hill
- Mr. & Mrs. S.B. Cox, Jr.
- Terry J. Silvers
- Jim & Denise Jeter
- Christinia & Randall Wilson
- Brenda J. Fetty
- Max B. Harlan
- E.C. Walton, Jr.
- Gerald T. Murphy
- Mattie E. Clements
- Design Electric, Inc.
- Robert & Pansy Proffitt
- Joyce M. Day
- Janet & Cameron Gray & Dan Gray
- Tom & Charlotte Current
- Wanda Maddox
- Ware And Associates, Mineral, VA

Memorials and Honoraries

In Memory of:

Willie the deaf Dalmatian by Fran Gable
Shep-Ann & Roger Colton's Doc by Jane M. Sheema
KeeKee by Louise H. Wilck
Squirt, my long time companion & friend in
my time of need. He kept me going.
With love, Patricia C. Haley
Chiron by Diane M. Schrier
Chester Morrissette by Shirley & Guthrie Goodman
Frederick J. Wilson by Shirley H. Wilson
Sasha, beloved canine friend of Paulette McElwain
by Alan Hutson & Jeffrey Wilt
Marly, beloved canine friend of Mary Catharine
Ginn Kolbert & Family
by Alan Hutson & Jeffrey Wilt
Skutt & Sasha by Mark Ryan & Janet Lundy
Jim Block, beloved brother,
by Alice Oldaker & Bonnie Prims
Slicky Wingrove by Ray & Jane Wingrove
Lucy Moore Crenshaw
by French & Company Realtors
My goat Sable by Stephen C. Pitts
Daisy by Kathleen McEwing
Jackie Erickson, Sandy's very special kitty
by Martha & Benjamin Pope, M.D.
Jodene by Bernadine & John Ritchey
My beloved Jackie, Winston, Millie, Amy,
Shelby & Emily by Sandra Erickson
Diane Joyce Herndon by Lonni Trykowski
Marvin Zable by Joseph Zable
Sheba by David C. Pearson
Russel Aubrey Smith, Jr. by Thomas P. Burke, Jr.
Howard & Delores Kahn by Nona Kahn
Bailey Wall by Margaret & George Billingslea
William A. Manson, Sr. by Ellen & James Moore
TSOL (dog) by Ethel W. Wells
Lucille Schee by Elizabeth W. Stephens
Puck, beloved dog of Kim, Bill & Nick
by Holly Stuart
Emilie Holladay by Dr. Carolyn Wells
CoCo by Jacqueline Smith
Penny Keenan by Patty C. Averett
Wilton Lee Vaughan by Frances M. Sanderford

In Memory of:

Dick Redford by M. Queta Watson
Mary Whitaker by Dr. Carolyn Wells
Daniel Crenshaw by Arline & John Wood, III
Muffin Minton by Sandra Erickson
Max & Patches by Diane Jenkins
Bub, Rascal & Doc by Hodges Stone
A.T. Redford by Steve & Sharon Bowlin
Our 17 yr. old cat, Elliott by Kris Golashesky
Allie "Dink" Redford by Willie M. Thompson
Allie T. Redford by Judy, Joyce, Audrey,
Mike, Sandra, Linda, Brigitte, Gloria,
Judy Lynn, Christy & Robyn
Robert E. Johnson by Linda S. Johnson
Hank Wiemer by Bilton L. Sexten
Hank Wiemer by Elizabeth Browning
Mollie Copeland by Bill & Carol Schall
Sam Pierson by Bill & Carol Schall
Boots & Trixie by Vicki L. Kiger
Tuttle by Cathy Pollari
Maxx, Bandit & Bailey Parker by Kim Parker
Libby Reck-Beloved Pet & Friend
by Emmett & Barbara Smith
Country Harper by Janet Hudgins
Wumper, Josh S. Dermond's dog who gave and
received so much love, loyalty,
companionship and fun by Angie Bonners

In Honor of:

Dr. Helen Warriner-Burke
by Dr. & Mrs. Samuel E. Perry, Jr.
Dr. Cole & Dr. Cook
by Chris & Katie Register
Jackie by Sandra E. Erickson
Pat Hicks by Diane M. Andrews
Shelby by Hugh & Deborah Blanchard
Kathy Brophy by Patricia L. Tucker
Duke "Owens" Kane by Margaret & Robert Fields
Sammy & Spunky Minton, loving babies,
by Sandra Erickson
Sunny by Mrs. Glenn T. Bridgman
Mrs. Melville Johns by Elizabeth Anne Fretwell
Jewelie, Jill Chilson's beautiful companion
by Sandy Wyatt

