



Shelter News

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

Help and Hope from Far Away

The love of animals knows no bounds... In late April we were contacted by Boston Dog Rescue in Boston, MA, about Trixie, a long-time senior resident. They asked if they could help Trixie finally find her forever home. They would provide a transport and already had a foster home ready and waiting. Trixie is a Black Lab mix that had been overlooked and under appreciated... she had lived at the shelter for 6 years. We jumped at the chance!

Boston Dog Rescue has a volunteer in North Carolina that drove to our shelter and got Trixie on the first transport. Trixie quickly adjusted to home life and left a wonderful impression on her foster mom. She was successfully (and quickly!) adopted by a fabulous home in Rhode Island that spoils and pampers her. They report there is a dog bed in every room and she loves her walks on the beach!

Boston Dog Rescue had such a great experience with Trixie that they did it again. Ruby, another long time senior resident black Lab mix, was next to go. She is settling in and they already have some applications for her adoption.



Trixie

And if that weren't enough...they are also assisting us with placing yet another long time senior resident, Gable! We could not be so successful finding homes for our long-time residents without help from other organizations and Boston Dog Rescue has proven they are a true friend to Southside SPCA.

Trixie's Diary - DAY 1

Dear Diary,

There is so much to tell you. I don't even know where to begin, but what a difference a day makes!

I had been living at Southside SPCA for a long, long time. I had given up hope that I would ever be part of a family. I tried to be good and look appealing, but it was always the same old story. Another dog would be the lucky one. Once again, my heart would break.. Year after year, people would come in and no matter how I tried to convince them to give me a chance, I was always passed over. I just finally gave up hope.

Well, one day, a nice lady named Kathleen came and picked me – ME! – I couldn't believe it! The next thing I knew, I was on a truck with lots of other dogs. It was scary and I didn't know what would happen. No one said where we were going. No one knew.

After riding a long, long way and a long, long time, the man came and took me out of my cage. He put a leash on me and handed me over to two new people. I was very scared and pretended I didn't want anything to do with them. I put my tail between my legs and my head down so no one would notice me.

I didn't want to get in their car, but they put me on a soft blanket in the back. I was too afraid to say anything or look at them, so I pretended to be invisible. I was offered some liver treats, but was afraid to take one. When we got to their house, I didn't want to get out. I didn't know what was going to happen. Who lives here? Would they be nice to me?

At first, we walked around the front yard and I dug a hole in the corner and lay in it so I could hide. Then, the biggest dog I ever saw came out of the house and smelled me all over. I stood like a statue so he wouldn't want to hurt me, but he licked my head so I guess it was ok. Then we took all a walk together.

It was ok, I guess, but I didn't understand where they wanted me to go or what the leash was all about, so I just followed the big dog. When we got back to the house, I had to go up something called stairs. I didn't get it and needed some help. I wandered around and around the house. It was all so new. Finally, I found a place to hide behind a couch. The lady put a nice, soft dog bed back there, and eventually, I got the idea that it was mine. MINE! Can you believe it?

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Then, it was time for dinner! I got to have the yummiest food ever! New Mommy made me some hamburger with eggs and a lot of other healthy stuff mixed in with my kibble. She said too much might make me sick, so I had small amounts during the evening. It seems I need to gain a few pounds. I like the sound of that!

We had some potty walks. I didn't understand them, and wouldn't go at first, but when my new Daddy took me, I went. I haven't had an accident in the house yet! Yay!

When it was time for bed, the people and the big dog (it seems he is my brother) went up more stairs. They didn't make me come with them, but I didn't want to be all by myself and lonely, so I figured out how to go up – all by myself!!

It really paid off, too. I have another soft, plushy dog bed upstairs, too! I was such a good girl. I lay down and slept until new mommy and daddy got up when the sun was shining.

Well, Dear Diary, I am going to take a nap before dinner, so I will tell you all about my second day as part of a family. So far, it's the best!

Bye!

4th annual Homebound Hounds Reunion at the Whisker Walk

The 4th Annual Homebound Hounds Reunion was held at the Lancaster Fairgrounds in Massachusetts on 6/7/10 from 11 am to 3 pm. Thousands of people and hundreds of Southside SPCA alumni were on hand, too many for us to count; they were lined up to meet with our volunteers nearly the whole day!



Dogs lined up waiting to visit with our volunteers. One group of 4 siblings actually met up! Hard as we tried, we could not get all 4 together in one picture.



Aren't they just adorable? The resemblance was uncanny, all 4 have a hound build with something else like Saluki with very muscular legs, long thin chests, and tiny waists.

Youth Makes Donation to Southside SPCA - Again!

In last year's newsletter we told you about Ireland Seagle who, instead of asking for birthday gifts for her birthday, asked everyone to bring a donation for Southside SPCA. Last year Ireland donated over \$100.00, along with many supplies.

This year Ireland wanted to collect twice as much as last year, and she accomplished that goal! She collected over 150 pounds of food as well as treats, trash bags, paper towels, newspapers, beds, towels, food bowls, even 100 lbs of newspapers - all items on our **Wish List**.

Ireland plans to make her birthday an annual celebration in honor of the animals. To Ireland: on behalf of your furry friends at the shelter who enjoyed your goodies, Thank You Very Much!

Charlie's Waterfront Café Day

Our thanks goes to Charlie's Waterfront Café for once again hosting a Southside SPCA day and donating 10% of the days sales to the shelter!

We can't possibly include the hundreds of Homebound Hound Alumni in our newsletter so please visit our Facebook page, **Friends of Southside SPCA**. We will post photos and slide shows once our volunteers finish processing them - over 200 photos!



We send our sincere thanks to the wonderful new owners for giving our alumni loving homes, and to Leigh Grady and staff, whose unrelenting dedication to rescue brought the two together!



Resident Spotlights - Available for Adoption

Princess Broken Leg

Princess is a little black mini-Lab mix, just a year old and about 35 lbs. Shelter Director Sandy Wyatt had been monitoring Princess, as had some caring neighbors. In the early morning on 6/9/10, Sandy got a call from a neighbor that Princess was once again off her chain, and that she had been hit by a car. Sandy searched everywhere in the dark with a flashlight but could not find Princess. At first light she went back and found Princess way back in the yard.

Princess was so happy to see her that she licked her on the face even though she was in so much pain; Princess knew that she was going to get help. Sandy gently carried her to the car and took her right to the Vet in Amelia.

Dr. Eliasson did x-rays which showed that Princess's back leg was broken and crushed. Dr. Eliasson thought since she is so young that she should try to save the leg. She pinned the leg, and wired the many fragments to the pin. It has been 2 weeks since her accident, and Princess has had follow-up X-Rays, pain medication, and an additional Laser surgery to help heal the skin.

Animal Control visited the family and they agreed to sign Princess over since they were not able to keep her from getting in the road.

Princess just got out of the Vet's office and is in the care of our staff at the shelter. Only time will tell if the leg can heal properly; if not, it will have to be removed.



Princess, recuperating at the shelter

Princess will be available for adoption soon; however, her new owners will need to understand the implications of her injury. She will likely need surgery again in the future, either to remove the leg or (hopefully) to remove the pin.

If you would like to help with Veterinary costs for Princess, please send your donations to the shelter and note that your donation is for Princess Broken Leg.

Farmall - Years of Waiting...

Farmall has called the shelter home for 6 years.. and we don't know why. He is a gentle and loving Beagle that is now about 10 years old. He is never demanding and simply goes with the flow. He loves all other dogs, is great with cats, and melts in a child's arms. He is crate trained and walks like a dream on a leash. There is but one thing missing....a home. Please help us save this most deserving boy.



Mandy

Mandy is a grey tabby and white cat, around 2 years old. She arrived in the Fall and spent the Winter in the cat room. Mandy spent 2 months in the PETSMART store, but nobody fell for her calm, loving demeanor.

Mandy had to go back to the cat room to make space for incoming kittens.

If you're looking for a girl that will follow you to the ends of the earth, look no further! She loves to rub against you for affection and lay next to you for rubs.



Our Summer Wish List:

- Garden hoses (the longer, the better)
- Pooper Scoopers
- Toys for puppies
- Metal dog crates / Collars / Leashes
- Newspaper / Cat Litter
- Blankets / Dog beds
- Canned puppy food/Pedigree lamb & rice
- Canned dog food / Canned cat food
- Thrift Store donations
- Open House Raffle items

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

Faithful Friends



Riley with her best friend, Roy Hass

Sometimes life throws us a curve ball...when it happens you hope someone will be there for you. When Roy Hass found himself needing to live in an assisted living facility he worried what would happen to his best friend and faithful companion, Riley. They had been together for years and Riley knew no other home than by his side. Riley was a senior and needed a retirement home of her own. We were there for the family when they needed us most.

Riley would spend her remaining days living at our shelter, greeting the public in our front entrance by day, and the nights she would snuggle in mounds of blankets in the cool air conditioning. Mr. Hass, when able, would come and visit with Riley. They would sit on the front patio of the shelter, comfortable in the knowledge they were both cared for...just two old friends spending time together and sharing memories.

Happy Endings

Good Morning,

We are so happy and thrilled with Rosie I had to let you know! After some play time and a bath, Rosie slept in Rich's arms until bedtime at which point she slept smack dab in the middle of the bed all night. Sunday morning she and Eli played like old friends and even took a snooze together.

She made tons of friends at the dog park and made me a proud momma by being the cutest, most outgoing dog there. She spent Sunday night much like Saturday night- napping and cuddling. She is such a wonderful dog and a perfect fit for us and Eli. We honestly could not be happier to have her in the family and we can't wait to watch her personality further blossom.

Katie & Rich

(Editor's Note: No picture; Rosie is a Beagle).



Andrew (left) and Bob (right)

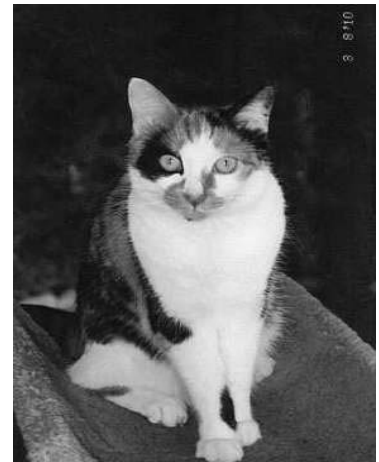
Dear Southside SPCA,

I turned 3 this year and wanted to thank you again for giving me a second chance at life. I have a big sunroom to nap in, and I get to play Laser Light every day! Life is pretty good here in Midlothian, and I have you to thank for it.

I hope this little gift will help someone else find a forever home.

Many Purrs,

Sophie



Hi Francee,

Just checking in to tell you how beautifully Bob has adjusted to my home and my family. He and Andrew (Andrew came from RAL about one year ago) are best friends.

Andrew is wonderful but he's a bit independent. Not Bob! He is at my feet all of the time, and when my son visits, Bob stays as close to him as possible. I love it!

Keep doing the good work that you folks at Southside SPCA do. As the "Mom" of two shelter dogs, I consider myself extremely blessed.

Deborah

Happy Endings

Hey Francee:

Remember me? It's Sydney here. I was the old, tired little beagle. Well, my name has been expanded to: Sydney Grace Herfer Girl. There is nothing graceful about me unfortunately. And I'm not so little anymore. I weigh in at 19 lbs. and I'm all muscle. The CD food has put the weight on. Everyone here is happy about that though I can't easily get under the fence now. I'm pretty creative.

I'm still liking it here. April Sue (another Beagle) is my bud. She licks my face. We are like Thelma and Louise without a convertible!!

Anyway, I just wanted you to see that I was AOK. Thanks to you and all of the staff that provided care to me. As a result, I have my forever home.

Sincerely,

Sydney Grace Herfer Girl



Sydney Grace Herfer Girl



Pic: MacKenzie with his best friend, Murphy

Hi Sandy!

I got the chance to meet one of your shelter representatives this past Sunday at the Whisker Walk and sent my best wishes your way! MacKenzie won a Furminator raffle prize and gets "furminated" next Sunday -- not sure if he'll like it, but he sure does need it!

I've enclosed 2 new leather leashes and a harness, toys, and some grooming products that I hope you can use.

All the best to you, the great staff and volunteers at Southside SPCA and our four-legged friends.

Ann and MacKenzie

Hi Gang,

Thought I would drop you a note and let you know that I'm doing GREAT! They treat me like a Queen and I let them know that I appreciate it too. I wag my tail and look at them with love in my eyes and they smile and talk softly to me.

The back yard is big enough for just about all of you and just wish you could come visit me sometime. I miss you and get lonesome when Mom and Dad are gone for any length of time. They went to Richmond and I cried so much that the neighbors drove over just to make sure I wasn't hurt. Dad said it broke his heart when he got home and heard me.

We went to Asheville, NC over the Easter holiday and I met my cousin Bonnie, a small mix dog and she let me use her small bed. I really liked that bed so when we got home Mom went and bought me one and I lay in the breakfast area and watch Mom cooking and should anything fall on the floor I'm there before mom has a chance to get it up. She says I'm a good girl and that I'm helping her keep the floor clean... I'm trying to do my part.

My leg is doing good as Mom will chase the rabbits out of the yard before she'll let me out; she's afraid I will run and make a sharp turn and hurt my leg.



Missi in her Family Room

When I first got here I just accepted things were good and went with the flow; now I know that I belong and have what every dog/cat wants: a home where you are loved and appreciated. Love to all of you and the good people helping you. Hope you find what I have.

Missi (formerly Miss Wilson)

HONORARY and MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In Honor of ...

Carolyn Ayres by Karen Crawford
Carolyn Ayres by Mary Boynton
Carolyn Ayres by Geraldine S. May
Carolyn Ayres by Howard and Ellen Whitehead
William Bell by Louis Capezza
William W. Bell's 90th Birthday
by The Reverend and Mrs. A. Howell Franklin
Eddie by V.M. Hasse
Luc, Keiko, Leon, and Gamma Pope by Martha C. Pope
Riley and Spotman by Cynthia Carneal Heflin
Scottie, Chihuahua, by Carol S. Adkins
Sweetie, (our rescue dog), by James and Ellen Moore
Ireland and Jayden Seagle by Shelia Y. Seagle
Miss Kitty, Amanda, and Matt by Bonnie and Wick
Claggett
Nancy Avery on her birthday,
by Colonel and Mrs. C.R. Casey
Patrick Newton, a brave little boy, by Sandra Erickson
Dixie (Essie) by Jacqueline M. Cole
Bobby Jo by Neal and Barbara Humphreys
For Seattle, in honor of Candice's Birthday
by William Nilsson
Brother Jim Killip by John and Jane Killip
Ralph Walker, Jr. by Dolores Kahn
Sandy Erickson by Mary Boegershausen
John B. O'Grady's Birthday by Carla Gibson
Maggie by Faye T. Rose
Shelby by Major Hugh Blanchard
Cidell by V. Omohundro
Dr. Regina Schwabe, DVM by Martha C. Pope
Missi Moser (Miss Wilson) by Donna & Tommy Moser
Riley by Roy Hass & Carrie Larkin
Sophie by Teresa Kaier
Bagel by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cosgrove
All the wonderful, caring SPCA Folks by Mary R. Lucy

In Memory of Jim Meissler by ...

Alice Metts
Kenneth and Marjorie Moore
Steven and Liz Dunn
Alpha Kappa Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
Jim Meissler by Virginia Dickhoff
Dr. Carolyn Wells
Marian Simpson

In Memory of Princess Bell by ...

William Bell
The Reverend and Mrs. A. Howell Franklin
Rossie A. Davis
Ann W. Osborne

In Memory of ...

Dr. Waverly Cole by Richard Blanton
Dr. Waverly Cole by Tom and Donna Brumfield
John William Martin, Jr. by Bette T. Rogers
Betty Fretwell by Dr. Carolyn Wells
Rocky by Kathy Liston
Missy by Kathy Liston
Sid by Kathy Liston
Our friend, David W. Pacheco and his faithful friend
Calypso by the Andrews Family
Bear, my beloved black lab mix, by Carlie Collier
Linda Osterman, my mother, by Patricia Novello
Linda Osterman by Hilda Allen
Linda Osterman by The Bag Ladies
Lloyd Taylor by Brenda and Orville Dempsey
Carolyn Cunningham by Betty Anne Fretwell
John A. Tipton, IV by Joan Tipton
Jean Mayhew by Jean W. Carr
Mary C. Branson-Huddleston by Mary L. Wiczorek
Mary C. Branson-Huddleston by Michelle Dotson
Paddy and Wally by Linda Johnson
Bub, Rascal & Doc by Hodges L. Stone
John Jackson by Dr. Carolyn Wells
Annie by Karen Kreger
Max, Mom, and Rosie by V.M. Hasse
Rocky (Rocket), a stray who found us and we loved
for 14 years by Shirley Wilson
Ernestine White by Martha Pope
Skutt and Sasha by Mark Ryan and Janet Lundy
"Bear" Prims by Bonnie Prims
Jeanne Mayhew by Joyce Nunnally
Annie girl by Kristine Golashesky
Rags by Katherine J. Onder
Pinky Bates by Murrie and Claudia Bates
Calli, my cat by Madeline James
A.J. and Naomi Sheema by Jane Sheema
Little Jessica by Brent and Laura Slaughter
Jimmy Block by Alice Oldaker
Faeden, who we rescued and loved
by Donald G. Harmon
Mrs. Marian Ayers by Colonel and Mrs. C.R. Casey
Winston, my official greeter, by Martha Harris
Peter J. Smith by Jacqueline M. Smith
Coco, Bonnie, Lucky, and Honey by Judith Winstead
Buttons, Callie, and Bubba by Lois Nervig
Swirls by Brenda Rion
George, the Beagle, by John and Patricia Cogbill
Mrs. Virginia Jones by Mary Ryan
Mrs. Betty Waffle by Lynne & Erving Foote
Howard J. Arthur by Brenda & Orville Dempsey
Mrs. Margaret Hughes by Sandy Wyatt
Mrs. Margaret Hughes by Mary Ann & Thelbert Silverman
Lloyd W. Taylor by Evelyn R. Taylor
Martha by Sandee Cosby
Martha by Betty Turner

**Southside SPCA Mourns
the Loss of Long-Time
Supporter**

The Southside SPCA lost one of its most dedicated supporters recently with the passing of Jessica Beath. Ms. Beath cared deeply about the well being of companion animals as evidenced by her generous financial contributions to the Southside SPCA and many other animal welfare organizations.

Years ago, when we needed doghouses for the 20 dog pens at the old shelter, Ms. Beath came to our aid and had 20 wooden doghouses built: luxurious, 8x8 foot insulated, with high ceilings and real roofs. Over the years, these doghouses have offered warmth in the wintertime, and cooling shade in the summertime, for hundreds of dogs, and they are still in use today... monuments to Ms. Beath's kindness.

Ms. Beath will be missed, but her love and compassion for animals will live on through those whose work she supported for so many years.

In Memory of ...

Molly Gillett, a great animal lover, by Peter & Maryanne Lambert
My dear friend Colonel Cole and his beloved dog Sophie by Barbara Lyda
Bailey (Bailezz) Humphreys by Neil and Barbara Humphreys
For all the beloved dogs and cats of Linda Johnson, Cary & Sarah Stokes,
Allison Martin & Kathy Thompson by Allison S. Martin
"Teddy", beloved dog of The Morris Family by Carolyn Ayres
Our little "Annabella", we miss you, by Laura & Glen Mouser
Betty Anne Fretwell, Heidi's companion, by Betty A. Eike
Johnny Roy Thompson by Bette Rogers
Laura Hatcher by M.R. James

Pepper Ray Hurt

May 2, 2003 - June 10, 2010

Something soft approached the gate.

Its sound was tiny and it could not wait.

"God please let me come in now."

God admitted Pepper when he said meow.

By Laur Warren



PAWS Program



Want to have a pet without the hair on your furniture? Join our PAWS Program and sponsor an animal at the shelter! The average monthly cost to care for an animal at the shelter is \$60. PAWS members contribute monthly to the care and feeding of a dog or cat at the shelter. In return, you receive a letter from your sponsored pet, keeping you up to date on the latest news about your special resident.

To become a PAWS member, please return the below form to the shelter.

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

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 the dog or cat that my contribution will be sponsoring, a certificate of membership, and a letter from my sponsored animal. If my animal should be adopted, I will receive a notice of the adoption, and be assigned another animal. Upon receipt of each month's donation, I will be sent an update on my sponsored animal.

I agree to send \$_____ monthly.

I wish to sponsor a Cat [] Dog [] Optional: name of cat or dog I want to sponsor: _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____



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

Foster Homes for Mama cats with kittens

Cat care at the Shelter- weekday mornings

Transport animals

- to/from Midlothian PETSMART-Saturdays

- to White Oak Village PETSMART-weekday AM

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!

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

4th Annual Open House

Sunday, October 17, 2010 - 11 am to 3 pm

DOG and CAT adoptions at PETSMART

1276 Carmia Way, Chesterfield- Saturdays 10-2
Near Chesterfield Towne Center

CAT adoptions at PETSMART

4531 S Laburnum Ave, in Eastern Henrico
Tues/Thurs 4-6pm-Wed 6-8pm-Sat/Sun 3-5pm
(See the kitties in the store 7 days a week)

We're on Facebook! Join our group: Friends of Southside SPCA

Summer 2010

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