



The Greater Huntsville Humane Society Pet Gazette

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A no kill shelter re-homing displaced pets and completing families since 1969

9th Annual Pet Photo Contest

HOT DOGS & COOL CATS

July 20 - August 4

You see the perfect pose and you seize this golden opportunity. Grab your camera! Point....Focus.....CLICK! You have just taken a picture of your precious pet to be entered in the Greater Huntsville Humane Society **9th Annual Hot Dogs and Cool Cats Photo Contest and Fundraiser!** Each year, the contest has become more exciting as the bidding comes to a peak on the last day of the contest. The photo receiving the most votes will be honored as the cover pet for our 2014 Hot Dogs and Cool Cats Calendar. There will also be 14 featured pets of the month, 70 pets of the week, and three **"Photographers' Choice Awards."** Add all of that together and there are 88 chances to get **YOUR** pet in the calendar! The on-line bidding added last year REALLY put the competition to the test as votes kept rolling in for pet photo favorites.

As you know, the real winners will be the shelter animals in our care. GHHS, a **no-kill shelter**, finds

forever homes for hundreds of pets annually and is supported **entirely** by public donations, our Thrift Shop, and fundraisers. We receive no tax dollars, government funds, or funds from any national humane organization. Contest proceeds will allow GHHS to continue to provide a safe haven and quality medical care for homeless animals throughout the greater Huntsville community.

You don't have to wait until the contest begins at Parkway Place on Saturday, July 20, to enter your pet. You can go online at www.calendarcontest.org

to upload your pet's picture and begin the voting process now! Now through August 4, enter your pet's picture in the contest and then have your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers get and vote for your pet. Your photo will be displayed online and at Parkway Place

where hundreds of shoppers can vote on their favorite photo. Voting at Parkway Place, Lower Level begins on Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m. and continues until Sunday 5 p.m., August 4. The **GRAND FINALE** begins at 6 p.m. at Parkway Place on Sunday, August 5.



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Letter from the Executive Director

Summer is a time for enjoyment of the great outdoors for everyone. In that spirit, our GHHS dogs are certainly enjoying their freshly-mulched outdoor kennels, thanks to a generous donation from First Family Mortgage Company and ongoing maintenance-mulch provided by the Target "Awesome" Team. As I watch the dogs playing here, I am reminded how my own dogs enjoy the activity in my yard too. My fun working in the yard is eclipsed by the exuberance that my dogs show after undoing some special project or looking over my shoulder to make sure that I am doing everything to meet their satisfaction. Each day we see the potential in the face of every animal here at GHHS to bring that same joy into the lives of their new forever homes. The animals here at the Shelter greet us every morning, just like our own animals greet us when we get back home at night.



There is a lot going on at GHHS right now too! We are about to begin our very popular yearly Pet Photo Contest, both online and at Parkway Place Mall. The Greater Huntsville Humane Society is also very excited to announce the debut of the highly anticipated book, *Second Chances: Rescue Dogs of Madison County*. We would like to invite everyone to join GHHS at the book release party on Thursday August 29, at 6:30 pm at Baron Bluff at the Burritt Museum on Monte Sano Mountain. Please read more in this edition of the Pet Gazette for details.

We were so fortunate to have our Kings Community Kitchen program supplemented by a generous recurring donation from Del Monte in Decatur that came as a result of Bancorp South's yearly food drive for us. We are also grateful to everyone that contributes food for this program either as one bag at a time, through pet food for the program instead of gifts at Birthday or Anniversary parties, or by collecting in a yearly food drive like Bancorp South and Pinnacle Solutions. We anticipate that we will be able to give out over 20,000 pounds of food this year to help keep hundreds of animals in their own homes-this is double the amount that we were able to give out last year!

The economy seems to be moving again and our adoption numbers are up this year too. GHHS strives to take every animal that we can to find them a new forever home or we help the owners to find other resources to place the animal until a new home is found. We are proud to have our Foster Program almost ready to launch with the help of our new Volunteer Foster Program Coordinator, Travis Hamer.

In closing, as you work and play this summer, please remember to support the Greater Huntsville Humane Society with your donations. Please come and shop at our Thrift Store and visit our animals too. Who knows? Maybe that special cat or dog is waiting for you to come and take them to their new forever home with you. Your support of our shelter-whether as a volunteer, a donor, or an adopter-is critical. I personally guarantee that things will never be the same at your house once you bring in that new furry family member from GHHS!

Sincerely,
Warren H. Candler
Executive Director
Greater Huntsville Humane Society
warren@greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org

Shelter Wish List

For The Pets

- Dog & cat toys (durable and preferably machine washable)
- Cat trees and condos
- New DVDs for our cat room
- Premium Pellet cat litter (the only kind we actually use at the Shelter)
- Tarps-Any size in canvas to keep the sun off the outside kennels

For The Shelter

- Cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry detergent, especially bleach, etc.
- Paper towels
- Copy paper
- Toilet paper
- Bottled water for our volunteers and events
- Digital camera (we only have one at present)
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Lysol wipes
- Hand Sanitizer (large bottles)

We have also started an Amazon Wish List, where you can log on and purchase supplies from the convenience of your own home. Check out our up to date list today!



The Pet Rescue Foundation
www.maddiesfund.org

Megan Roberts

Megan Roberts dropped in to visit the GHHS today to obtain some information regarding Kill and No Kill shelters. You see, Megan is writing a Persuasive Argument paper for a school project and wanted to gain a clearer understanding of the difference between the two types of the shelters and the current need for both.



Megan is recovering well from a rare medical condition in which she had to have her pancreas, spleen, gall bladder and some of her small intestine removed. Although her surgeon had performed over 100 such surgeries, she is only one of 3 patients under 20 to have undergone this procedure.

It was exciting to hear that Megan has visited other shelters and is planning on visiting Animal Services as well so that she can truly get several perspectives on her subject of choice.

Thank you again for coming by Megan, we love it when people take the initiative to educate themselves about the needs of unwanted and homeless animals in our community. Speedy recovery to you!

Why Donate to GHHS?

The GHHS relies solely on private donors to fund all of our programs and services. We do not receive any federal tax money and we are not affiliated with any other humane organization in the United States. When you donate to the GHHS your money stays in the community and helps displaced pets in the Greater Huntsville area. Not only does your monetary donation help unwanted and orphaned pets find new homes, it also helps rehabilitate injured animals, educate the public about pet overpopulation and provide help for those struggling to keep their pets.



36 Dogs. 36 Landmarks. 36 Forever-Family Stories.

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Second Chances: The Rescue Dogs of Madison County is a result of collaboration between renowned author, Donna Castellano and photographer Doug Brewster. The book features 36 stories of rescue dogs and celebrates their rescue experiences and their forever families. With book design by Leslie Franklin and Diane Strickland, this will be an edition everyone will want to acquire for their own collection.



Don't Miss Your Chance
to Attend the Debut Party and Book Signing

second chances
rescue dogs of madison county

The proceeds from the book project will be used as seed money for the construction of a new, state-of-the-art shelter and the future home of the Greater Huntsville Humane Society. The author, photographer, and owners of the dogs featured in the book will be present as well as longtime supporters of the GHHS. Select *Second Chances* canines will also be greeting guests upon their arrival. Also celebrating this GHHS milestone is the band 2nd Coming from Montgomery, AL. Known as the Southeast's best dance and show band, playing sounds from Motown to current hits. With male and female vocals and horns, they are the perfect entertainers to join in the celebration of our long waited book release! Fabulous food and a cocktail hour are de riger of course, and tickets are \$50 per person.

We hope to see you for this exciting evening and count on your support in this endeavor.

Pinnacle Solutions Take Your Pet to Work Day & Food Drive

In total Pinnacle Solutions donated 278 pounds of food and several pet toys, leashes, and other pet items. We look forward to Pinnacle Solutions participating again next year!



In the group photo the employees are (L to R) Jimmy Moore, Vice President, Clara Cross and Atticus, and Ben Eubanks

Payton Benjamin (oldest- middle of pic) donated her share of the earnings from a lemonade stand to GHHS.

Thank you Payton!



Hi All,

Larry Baker and his adopted dog, Denver, received the Canine Good Citizenship Medal. Denver failed the first time while living at Paradise Pet Resort. Dorrie, the trainer, was so proud because several people felt it could not be done since Denver has been in training with Larry only a short time. He didn't do well on the "meet and greet" portion today but they allowed Larry to take him through and he passed with flying colors! The two



have bonded so well and they will continue on to the next level of training.

What a great program and Denver is the first of many success stories, for that I am sure!

Liam

Liam came to the Greater Huntsville Humane Society as a puppy over 3 years ago.

He was a happy playful loving husky/lab mix pup that was adopted soon after he was available.

With much regret, he was surrendered, along with another dog at animal services on 7-16-12.

We were notified by Animal Services that they had a dog with our microchip and they transferred him back into our care. When he tested a very high positive for heartworms, we immediately put him in Veterinary care for treatment. He came through the costly and risky procedure well.

During his time back here at GHHS, he has become one of the favorites with staff and volunteers, and we have all come to love him. He is a sweet boy and may need someone who will take the time to spend with him before adopting him.

He does tend to prefer women over men, but this doesn't mean he can't find a home with a great guy either. He just seems to trust women quicker, and we do not know why. He walks on the leash, with impeccably good behavior. He is very clean in his kennel and this sweet boy just needs an understanding, loving family that will give him the forever home that he deserves. We are proud to offer Liam in our Premium Pet Adoption Program! If you think he may be that perfect dog for you, please call Paradise Pet Resort and schedule a visit.



Thrift Store "Repurpose Contest Winner"

I purchased a few white items with small stains from the GHHTS. I prepped them by washing them in Charlie's Soap (a natural detergent with no fabric softener) and soaked the items in soda ash for 24 hours. I then twisted and tied the fabric with rubber bands to create a circular pattern and applied Jacquard procion dyes. After letting the dye set for 48 hours, I rinsed and washed the garments, then dried them on a medium heat setting in the dryer. Viola, rainbow masterpiece! Tie dye is a great way to "recycle" a white shirt suffering from the "dingies."



Jennifer Flohr with Ferris (3) and Scarlett (18 months)

Riley

Riley came to the Greater Huntsville Humane Society as an adorable black and white Labrador mix puppy in June of 2012 and never found his forever home. He grew up here at GHHS and is an energetic and beautiful 17 month old dog now. He is energetic and playful, but is reserved with strangers. He quickly warms up once he gets to know you. He has completed his obedience classes at Paradise Pet Resort and we are proud to have him in our Premium Pet Adoption program, where we are sure that he will find the perfect home. He will certainly be the perfect companion and has already been professionally trained! Please call Paradise Pet Resort to schedule an appointment to meet Riley.



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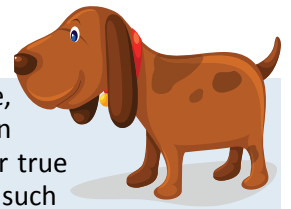
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On her confirmation
Roger Knowles, her Dad, on his birthday

A Word from our Vet Lisa Prendergast, DVM



Summer is upon us! One activity many of us do in warmer weather with the longer days is maintenance and cleaning. If you are starting in the garage, there are all sorts of potential poisons or other toxic agents that are likely to surface. One major concern is the exposure of our pets to anti-freeze, or ethylene glycol, which is sweet tasting and thereby, attractive to our pooche's palate. It is common to unconsciously drain the anti-freeze out of cars' radiators, and sure enough, in just a split second, our pets are upon it, lapping it up and away. The chemical attacks the kidney and can result in permanent kidney damage, complete kidney failure, and death. For a small dog or cat, an amount as small as a teaspoon can prove fatal. Within a few hours of ingestion, there may be vomiting and/or drooling. There may also be stumbling and depression, resembling drunkenness (ethylene glycol is a type of alcohol). Within 24-48 hours, signs of kidney failure will develop, including loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, excessive urination, or no urination. In the event of any potential ingestion, you need to seek immediate veterinary treatment with your vet or any available after hours emergency service and if you can find the container or label for the anti-freeze, bring it with you to the veterinarian. The sooner treatment begins after exposure, the better the prognosis for your furry friend.

Another significant class of poisons commonly found in and around the home garage is mouse and rat poisons, collectively called 'rodenticides'. These come in all sorts of forms, either gels, pellets or other palatable designs. There are several different types of chemical groups of rodenticides readily found on the market. Always be cognizant of the information labeled on your rat poison product. This proves essential when attempting to treat a known or suspected ingestion of such a poisoning. Toxicity of these mouse and rat poisons is based on the amount of product ingested, the active ingredient and the concentration of the product. It is best if you have pets or small children, not to use these products in your house. However, if you plan to use these



dangerous items around the house, then be sure to keep label information at hand in the event of a suspected or true exposure. And even when you place such poisonings in crevices, crawl spaces or other out of reach locations, rats and mice can carry the poison products into open areas frequented by your household companions. Unfortunately, too many such poisonings are only found out after the fact, when your pet presents with signs as generalized as sudden weakness, or more evident signs of bleeding from one or more body openings without a history of physical trauma. See your veterinarian as soon as you suspect ingestion and if you have the packaging from the product, bring it with you to the vet.

Another time-honored activity is gardening. We need to be aware of the potential dangers plants can be for our pets. Here is a list of some of the most common plants and their toxicities, so you know how to pet-proof your garden and keep your pet safe!

Lilies - There are dangerous and benign lilies out there and it's important to know the difference. Peace, Peruvian, and Calla lilies contain oxalate crystals that cause minor signs, such as tissue irritation to the mouth, tongue, pharynx, and esophagus – this results in minor drooling. The more dangerous, potentially fatal lilies are true lilies, and these include Tiger, Day, Asiatic, Easter and Japanese Show lilies – all of which are highly toxic to cats! Even small ingestions (such as 2-3 petals or leaves) can result in severe kidney failure..

Azalea and Rhododendrons - Plants that are members of the *Rhododendron spp.* have toxins that can strike the central nervous system or cause pets to vomit and suffer diarrhea. Severe poisoning could lead to a coma and even death.

Oleander – All parts of the oleander contain a highly toxic cardiac glycoside much like digoxin. They inflict physical damage ranging from diarrhea, incoordination, shallow/difficult breathing, muscle tremors, recumbency, and possibly death from cardiac failure.

Let's act responsibly this summer, and protect our pets. In these cases, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The National Pet Poison Control phone access line is available 24/7 at 800-213-6680.



New Thrift Store Volunteers

Rosemary Mudgett (on left)

Rosemary designed and built her own house. Her hobbies are woodworking, gardening and fixing things. She loves helping the animals.

Linda Shannon (on right)

Linda is a retired florist and loves helping out with anything for the animals. She has a rescue cat, dog and horse. Her biggest thrill is thrift store shopping.



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A portion of the printing for the pet Gazette was donated by C&A Printing.

 **BancorpSouth**® is teaming up with the **GHHS King's Community Kitchen Program** to help make a difference in our community by collecting dry dog and cat food at all of their Huntsville/Madison, AL locations. As well, **BancorpSouth** is collaborating with  **DEL MONTE FOODS** of Decatur to collect and provide dog and cat food on an ongoing basis to support this worthwhile cause. Every 90 days, **Del Monte** will contribute approximately one ton of dog and cat food to King's Community Kitchen. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and look forward to being able to help our community keep their pets in their own homes by offering this service.



Bill Smyser, Vice President Senior Commercial Lender of BancorpSouth, with his dogs Whopper and Zeke going for ride.



BancorpSouth met and surpassed our goal of 5000 lbs of dog and cat food to benefit Kings Community Kitchen at the Humane Society. The total amount collected was 5,301 lbs!

Dog Walkers Wanted!



The Humane Society would like to build up our base of dog walkers at the Shelter. Dog walkers provide much needed enrichment and socialization to our adult dogs! If you are 19 or older and would like to volunteer as a dog walker,

please submit a volunteer application and specify that you are interested in this program. All of our volunteer walkers will receive specialized training from Therapy Partners.

Orientations for volunteers are held every three weeks.

Sign up today!

The GHHS is dedicated to furthering the humane care and treatment of animals and providing adoption for the unwanted and homeless.

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