

Paw Prints



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Charmane



Saffron



Dennis



Mia



Ginger



Chestemere

Upcoming Events:

October 30th NOON - 2PM

Halloween Party at the Shelter

November 5th 4PM - 7PM

Captain Woody's Oyster Roast

November 13th 5:30PM - 9:30PM

Four Legged Frolic

November 27th 1PM - 3PM

Petco Adoption Event

December 4th NOON - 2PM

Community Christmas Party
at the Shelter

April 29th

20th Annual Dog Walk on the Beach

Chairman's Comments

A True Partnership

As we reflect on Hurricane Matthew and its impact on the Lowcountry we think about the lives that could have been lost and feel a sense of assuagement. There are many stories that will be told about the people involved in protecting us, I am going to focus on a Partnership that was critical as we worked to protect the lives of our Shelter Animals, while concurrently helping people with animals. Separately in her comments Franny is detailing the days surrounding Matthew and the dedicated people that made the successful evacuation and re-entry possible.

For the past few years our Partnership with Beaufort County Animal Services has driven the euthanasia rates from extremely high to close to no-kill levels. Hurricane Matthew put into action elements we had only talked about. We quickly contacted organizations that our partnership was comfortable working with and two days before Matthew struck they rescued a substantial number of animals from HHH, BCAS and Jasper Animal Rescue. All are destined for loving homes.

BCAS had in place written agreements with the ASPCA and American Humane Association that **enabled us to use their resources for physical help, food, animal round up and rescue after the storm.** This enabled both of our facilities to be cleaned and stocked with food after the storm. Distribution Centers were set up at both HHH and



BCAS for animals desperately in need of food. ALL THE PET FOOD THAT CAME INTO THE COUNTY WAS THE RESULT OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN SET UP BY OUR PARTNER BCAS.

Although the Island did not reopen until Tuesday afternoon, both organizations had skeleton crews on Sunday helping the public and were fully operational on Wednesday. We are very fortunate in this partnership to have two dedicated Leaders – Franny and Tallulah. Without their love for Animals and tireless efforts on their behalf we could not be where we are today. This team will make the soon to start Beaufort County Animal Campus a shining star in our community.

In closing, I speak for the members and Board of the HHH in stating how fortunate we are to have Franny as our Executive Director. Hurricane Matthew brought out the best in her, leadership, dedication and a never give up attitude. Working 24/7 at times without power, saving animals in a flooded boarding kennel and getting all our animals home safely. No complaints even while a tree was coming through the roof of her home. Thank you Franny from every animal whose life you have touched – you are not someone who is just visiting this world! 🐾

Sincerely, Chuck Laine

Our Greatest Challenge So Far

By Franny Gerthoffer

Our priority was to ensure the safety of the shelter animals, so on Tuesday we put our evacuation plan into action: evacuate early, determine the destination and implement the process.

What caused the most stress personally, was, am I making the right decisions for the safety of our animals?

We secured our medically challenged animals and cats in our clinic in Ridgeland. Nancy Foard, Christy Foote and her husband, John, and Nancy's staff, especially Bobby Whitman and Bonnie Payne, held down the fort through the hurricane. Power was lost, but determination was strong and every animal was cared for with proper medicine every day, without a single dose missed!

We secured adoptable dogs and behaviorally challenged dogs in Hardeeville Pet Resort in Hardeeville.

The night of the hurricane, the kennels flooded and we worked through the night setting up crates and moving animals to the lobby of the pet resort, without power or water, working by flashlight and candle light.

With the help of BCAS and the ASPCA, we were also able to transport animals to welcoming shelters in the north, two days prior to the storm. Shelter cats were housed by volunteers and staff.

Former employees came to assist as well, as their hearts are still with the shelter. It was an overwhelming effort of cooperation and assistance.

We were very concerned about our feral colony, and tucked them in as best as possible to ride out the storm. All survived.

On Sunday after the storm, I was able to enter the island with the BCAS recovery team and secure the shelter and

to assist with strays on the island. 4 strays spent Sunday night with me, one literally sharing a dog bed on the floor in my office as she had a little separation anxiety and decided the kennel was not for her!

On Monday after the storm we successfully transported all of our animals back to Hilton Head. By Tuesday, most of the staff were able to get on the island and the animals were definitely more settled with the staff back. HHA staff went beyond the call of duty, cleaning up debris, mending fences and refusing to leave until all work was accomplished. They are the finest people I know.

On Wednesday, when the residents were able to return safely, we were open to the public. We have been assisting as a distribution center for supplies both on our campus and at the Hilton Head Island Schools.

Matthew was not kind, but the kindness and strength of the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Hilton Head Humane, achieved the impossible. 🐾



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Mission Statement

To improve the lives of homeless dogs and cats while also working to substantially lower the number of animals reproduced or relinquished.

Join Our Information Highway

Want to know about shelter special events and upcoming activities? Call us at 843.681.8686, and give us your email address or email us the information at membership@hhhumane.org. We'll speed the news out to you. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and our newly re-designed web site at www.hhhumane.org!

Notice

The Hilton Head Humane Association does not employ or contract with any professional fund-raisers. The HHA creates all mailings and fund-raising efforts. All money received comes directly to the shelter where it is used for the benefit of the animals. The HHA mailing lists are held in strict confidence. Lists are neither sold nor used for public consumption.

Annual Meeting

HHHA's Annual Meeting will commence at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 in The Golf Club at Indigo Run.

All HHHA members are invited to attend. If attending, please RSVP at 843-681-8686 by December 10, 2016.

Please consider becoming a member of an organization that helps the animals and the community!

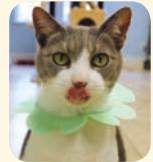
By joining the Hilton Head Humane Association, you are helping to save the thousands of animals who will pass through our gates this year. In 2015, through it's many services the HHHA had a positive effect on the lives of over 13,000 animals in the Lowcountry.



Jasmina is the sweetest, happiest girl! She never holds the fact that someone cut her ear tips off against anyone. She has moved on and is ready to live a happy life with a loving family.

None of this is possible without animal lovers like you! We need your help! Please join us and become a member.

Bloom is a talkative gal who wants to share her secrets with you. She is very easy going and will be a great pet! Bloom is 5 years old and she came to the shelter when her owner could no longer keep her.



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Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online, at the shelter or over the phone! Call or click today!



Senior Pets: Older & Wiser

By The Adoption Team

Many people walk into the shelter or scour our website hoping to find a puppy or kitten to adopt. They completely overlook the perfectly adoptable older dogs and cats looking for a home. Since November is Adopt a Senior Pet month, it is a great time to discuss the numerous benefits of adopting a senior dog or cat.

One of the many advantages mature dogs and cats have when compared to their counterparts is that “what you see is what you get.” The animal has an established temperament and is fully grown so there is no mystery regarding what the animal will look like. Many know basic manners, can walk nicely on a leash, and are past the destructive phase all pups and kittens go through. They don’t require the patience, socialization, consistent training, or level of exercise a puppy or kitten needs to become a well-adjusted and well-behaved pet.

All age groups and lifestyles of people can benefit from adopting a mature animal. Senior pets usually are calmer, with low-key natures that can make them ideal for households with children. They are less likely to eat the small toys children leave around. They can deal with the noise and activity households with children tend to have without getting too aroused and excited, or scared and withdrawn.



People who work and are out of the house most of the day may not have the flexibility in their schedule for younger pets who need to relieve themselves every few hours. Senior pets often have lived in homes, so just need a tune-up on house-training, and are usually perfectly content to sleep or gaze out the window waiting patiently for their owner’s return.

Senior pets can also be perfect companions if you are a senior

yourself. A mature pet doesn’t bring the challenges a puppy or kitten’s high energy level does and there is less threat of being knocked down or getting skin bruises from an overly enthusiastic, rambunctious youngster.

Many older pets have been in a home their entire lives and end up at the shelter because their previous pet parents became ill or elderly themselves and no longer able to care for them physically or financially. The senior pet seems to understand what you have done for them by adopting and sharing your home and life with them, and they return your kindness with love and devotion.

Research has found that people who adopt senior animals feel a special sense of pride and purpose in opening their hearts to a hard-to-place pet. Won’t you open your heart and adopt a senior dog or cat? You will be well-rewarded! 🐾

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Leave A Legacy

Ways to help sustain the HHHHA’s work now and into the future:

Unrestricted Donation: Your gift of cash or securities will be used for shelter operating costs or an area of greatest need.

Restricted Donation: Your gift will be used only as you specify.

Endowment Donation: Your contribution goes directly to the endowment fund.

Will: Your legacy will continue after you are gone. Sample Bequest Language:

I give, devise, and bequeath to the HHHHA, federal tax i.d. No. 57-0630156, P.O. Box 21790, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925, the sum of \$ ____ (or describe the real or personal property or estate portion) to be used for its general purposes.

Life Insurance and Retirement Beneficiary Forms: Simply list “charity” as relationship to beneficiary, plus name, address, and tax i.d. no. of the HHHHA.

Charitable Remainder Trust: Your planned gift will enhance your income and offer significant tax benefits.

We recommend that you consult with your attorney or financial advisor. Contact Chuck Laine at 843.342.7224 if you have questions.

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Another Holiday Season!

Another opportunity – along with Birthdays, Weddings, and Anniversaries – to honor family members and friends by giving a donation in their names to the HHA. Your honoree will be sent a prompt acknowledgment of your gift!

Gift donation forms are available at www.hhhumane.org



Where Are The Prints?

Paw Prints is the Hilton Head Humane Association's bi-annually produced Newsletter. It is the vehicle by which we relate our past happenings and project our future plans and dreams.

Copies of Paw Prints are mailed to our members and an electronic copy may be viewed at any time on our www.hhhumane.org website, just in case it's not at your fingertips when you want it!



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We Need You! Take Us Home! We're the Best!



The name Arthur was made popular by King Arthur; Art is short for Arthur, that is where the comparison to a "king" ends for ART. Kings are supposed to be graced with pomp and dignity – Art, not so much! This would be at the bottom of the list of adjectives used to describe Art. The top of the list would be; lovable,

loving, goofy, silly, playful and slightly crooked. Art has a smile that is always a bit "off kilter" and his tongue hangs off to the side to add to the comedy. Art is attending training classes and is loved by staff and volunteers alike. This happy hound is good with other dogs and has been at Hilton Head Humane since Christmastime of 2015. He is 6 years old.



If someone could teach **LADY GODIVA** to ride a horse, she would be happy to ride through the streets to protest excessive taxation, instead why not just hang out and be a loving companion. Lady Godiva has had a difficult time of it. She has been at the shelter since the end of 2015. She came in with

a terrible skin condition that caused her hair to fall out in clumps. We have been able to manage that by putting her on a hypoallergenic diet. She then tested positive for Heartworm, her treatment is complete and she is ready to pack up her stuff and leave shelter life behind. Lady Godiva has won over staff and volunteers alike with her captivating tail wiggles and face kisses. Anyone with a cat free home would be lucky to have this sweet dog by their side.



LIBERTY BELL is a patriot, as you might imagine from her name, although we cannot be certain if she hails from Philadelphia. We are surprised that she has not been adopted yet. Liberty Bell came to us from Beaufort County Animal Services because her owner could no longer care for her. We know that

this must have been a difficult decision as she is such a great dog. When she wags it starts at the tip of her nose and goes to the end of her tail. She is great with other dogs and seems to have a real affinity for children. She has been looked at many times by many different families but never seems to end up on the top of the list. Liberty Bell deserves a fantastic home where she can shine as brightly as the historic landmark she is named after.



DIANA may have a famous namesake, and she does have the charisma and good looks of the Princess of Wales, but this 2.5 year old is very much an individual. She was found as a stray, and isn't looking for a palace, just a warm, loving home.

Diana would consider it her "royal duty" to be a loyal, loving member of an active household, and would be especially grateful if any member of that household enjoyed a good game of ball as much as she does!



MILLER AND SPARKY are two handsome, shepherd mix brothers with matching freckled tongues. They are so handsome and such well-mannered boys. They love to go on walks, watch

squirrels and sniff everything. Miller and Sparky also love to snuggle and listen to their favorite radio station that plays Adele. The eight-year-old dogs quickly won the hearts of staff, volunteers with their loving personalities. Dogs this laid-back and friendly normally would be adopted very quickly. But Miller and Sparky are different. The catch? They came as a matching set. Miller and Sparky are brothers who have never been apart. They are two dogs with one heart. They do everything together. They eat together, sleep together, play in the yard together. This is a story where adopting two is better than one.



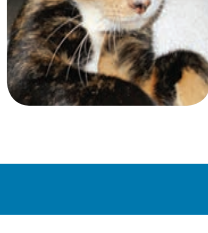
KARMA – That's my name, and it perfectly fits my destiny. It was my karma to be in the shelter's parking lot one evening; two of the employees (who now are my best friends) were going to their cars when they saw this flash of black dart across the lot. Well, that flash was me. I let one of the staff

pick me up, but I wasn't quite ready to go into a shelter. I just wanted to have a bite to eat (yes, I was offered food) and hang out with the feral cats. The next morning, the staff put out a trap for me – yes, stupid me went into the trap – it didn't trip. These people at the shelter are determined – that afternoon they scuffed me and put me in a carrier. I'm happy now 'cause I get all the food and water I need and never ending love. By the way, I'm 8 months old and one of the most darling kitties you'll ever find.



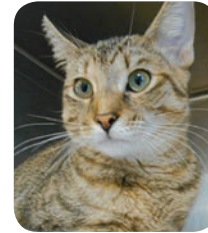
CHEE-TOES – Everybody has a story - here's mine. I came to the shelter when my person couldn't keep me. I was very lonely and scared, so I hissed all the time. The staff thought I might be happier living outside. While I was acclimating to the outside in a nice big wire kennel,

the staff started petting me and found out how much I purred and what wonderful head bumps I gave. It was decided that maybe I would be better off inside where I could get more attention. I'm inside now and people notice me – not so much because I'm a pretty neat cat, but because I have this really unusual tail that curls over my back and twitches when I'm roaming around. I'm 4 1/2 years old and promise to live happily ever after with a family who will spend time with me so I'll never be afraid again.



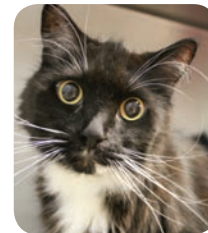
RASPBERRY – They call me the "Ambassador of Love." Can you guess why? It's because I can make everyone love cats if they

think all cats are like me. I roll over and bat my eyelashes, swish my paws in the air, and blow kisses at you – no one can resist that. They also tell me that I have a glamorous look about me with my delicate nose and twinkly eyes – maybe I could be a movie star someday? Actually, I'm hoping that all these fine qualities will grab someone's attention who will take me home. I will do about anything a family wants me to do – from sitting on the couch and watching TV to cleaning my own litter box. Well, that last part about cleaning my own litter box, might be a bit difficult, but I'm willing to give it a try! How about taking home a 3-year-old wonder woman like me?



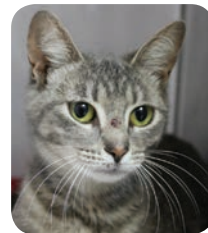
METEOR – Who's faster than a speeding bullet, who can fly through the air without wings, who can climb the highest tree – that's me, Meteor! Yep, I like to trot around the shelter to strut my stuff. Some might think I'm a little too much into myself – well, that is somewhat true – I just think a confident kitty like

me will add some spice to your life. I like to weave in and out of the legs of the visitors to let them know I need a place to permanently live (I hope no one steps on me). Well, I haven't found a home yet, but I assure you that I will and that I'll make the best companion ever. Oh, yeah, that stuff about flying through the air without wings isn't exactly true, but I got your attention, didn't I?



BEN – Everyone calls me "Big Ben." I can see why – I'm a rather large fellow, even for an 8-year-old. Not all that is my muscular body 'because I have lots of long hair. I also have some very unique qualities which make me special (in my mind, anyway). I'm a chatter box and I'm an expert in everything;

I can even open my kennel all by myself which has caused some frustration on the part of the kennel staff. Hence, I have a clip on my kennel door and I haven't quite figured out how to work my magic on that doggone clip to let myself out. You just wait, I'll master that challenge someday soon. Last, but certainly not least, I'm a cuddle bug. It's hard to believe that a fellow of my size can be picked up and cuddled in your arms, but just give me a try, I'll show you what a cuddler I am!



ALMOND JOY – Hello, I'm the world's best lap cat. Because I'm just a sort-of-plain looking tabby, I needed to develop a skill that would attract people to me, that's when I came up with the lap thing. Then, I decided I should have a back-up plan if the lap thing wasn't enough to get me adopted. So, for Plan

B, I now hug and knead shoulders when someone holds me; I only stop when that person says so because I don't want to be considered a quitter. I'm not sure how the "Almond Joy" entered the picture and became my name. I hope it's not because I'm considered a little nutty. Maybe it's my sweet nature. Oh, well, whatever. I just know my purrs are soft and that I've had lots of practice giving purrs during my 2 years as a lap cat.

Nuts Dangers to Dogs

Toxic Poisoning and Upset Stomach a Common Symptom

Dog owners, beware of rewarding your four-legged companion with a variety of salty treats in the form of nuts. Nuts are one more "DO NOT EAT" item to add to Fido's list of toxic or harmful substances. One of the most popular online searches for pet owners is "are peanuts safe for dogs?" In fact, certain types of nuts can cause toxic poisonings, an upset stomach or an obstruction in your dog's gastrointestinal tract which can lead to life-saving surgery and unexpected veterinary expenses.

According to Nationwide pet insurance, walnut poisoning is one of the most common claims for toxic ingestion. The average cost to treat walnut poisoning is \$419. The average cost to treat liver failure, according to Nationwide pet insurance's claims data, is \$720.

Keep your pet safe and make sure the nuts listed are out of your dog's reach.

If you are concerned about any dangerous or toxic substances your dog may have consumed, contact your veterinarian.



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Hickory
Can cause gastric intestinal upset or obstruction
May contain a toxin that can cause seizures or neurological symptoms



Macadamia nuts
Rich in fat
Can cause upset stomach and pancreatitis
May contain a toxin that can cause neurological symptoms



Walnuts
(black, English and Japanese varieties)
Can cause gastric intestinal upset or obstruction
May contain a toxin that can cause seizures or neurological symptoms



Pistachios
Rich in fat
Can cause upset stomach and pancreatitis



Pecans
Can cause gastric intestinal upset or obstruction
Moldy pecans can contain a toxin that can cause seizures or neurological symptoms

walnut poisoning

\$508

Average cost of treatment*

kidney failure

\$663

Average cost of treatment*

Last year, Nationwide® members filed

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in pet insurance claims for **upset stomach**

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in pet insurance claims for **inflammation of the liver**

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Macadamia nuts are indigenous to **Australia**, not Hawaii

Why are cashews sold without a shell?



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1.8 lbs of almonds per person



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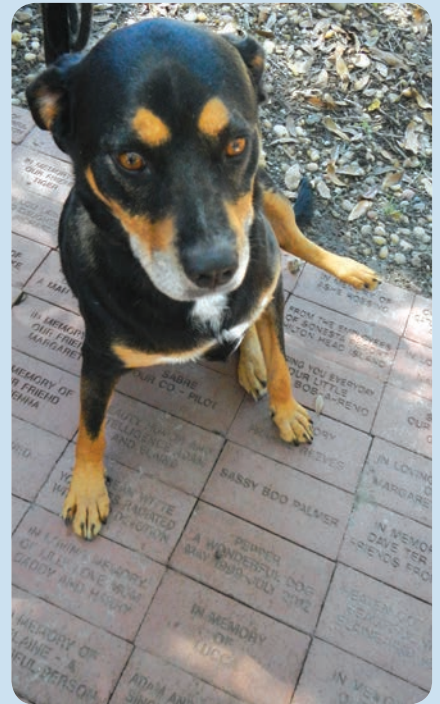
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