

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Cat Team is on a roll!

The HSFC Cat team has started the year with a bang! From Jan-March cat adoptions have increased 49% over the same time period last year. This is due to:

- Adoption center responsiveness
- Multiple adoption locations- Rucker & Petco
- Adoption promotions at special prices
- Two is better than one philosophy
- Team work!



There is truly a great team working together to save more cats' lives. We would like to introduce you to some of this outstanding team: Cat Program Chairperson: Kathy Milstead has been volunteering in many areas, but is new to the Board of Directors. She has plenty of experience with cats, having 8 of her own.

Socialization Coordinator: Debbie Hudson continues in this role for another year, bringing experience and compassion.

Offsite Adoptions Coordinator: Linda Montgomery brings her organization skills to offsite events. She recently adopted 3 cats from the HSFC.

Intake Coordinator: Jennifer Howard is also the Shelter Manager and has two young children (along with many 4 legged children and fosters).

Foster Coordinator & Petco Cat Care Coordinator: Jill Gooch, former Cat Chairperson & Executive Director, fosters cats, kittens, and dogs. Jill was instrumental in getting cats housed at Petco.

Petfinder Coordinator: Robert Furr is the computer expert and makes sure that our kitties are up-to date online. Robert has 2 kitties and is fostering 2 more.

Cat Adoption Counselor Coordinator: Jeannette Schwenk has been instrumental in getting many pets adopted. Jeannette is from Long Island but loves the weather in the South, along with her 2 adopted HSFC kitties.

Cat Volunteer Scheduler: Jennifer Nicholas is new to the team, but dove in head first! Jennifer is the purrfect person for this job as she is a scheduler for surgeons.

### TEAM LEADS:

**Becky Vaughn** also helps with volunteer orientation and owns/runs Purr-A Cat Sitting Service, providing in home cat sitting.

**Caroline Collins** is always willing to do whatever is necessary to get the job done! She and her son are also regular helpers at the shelter.

**Cindy Hicks** is the new team lead for Thrift Store Adoption Events. She has 10 cats and feeds and rescues ferals.

**Deborah Dane** just did her first adoption event as team lead! She owns/runs Castleberry Cat Cottage, for cat boarding.

**Jen Holloman**, a long time team member, is a finance person at heart; she is always willing to help out.

**Lorie Huss** is an energizer bunny who balances a full-time job as Assistant VP for an insurance company along with all of her HSFC roles, including being Membership Chairperson.

**Polly Chang** helps with technical needs, posting on Petfinder, and creating reports, in addition to adoption events.

**Sheri McElroy**, former Cat Chairperson, is also the VP of the Thrift Store Board. She is at her cat limit according to her husband, Ron, with 8 cats at home.

This is only a small snapshot of the many volunteers who make the cat program what it is! Thank you to all the many volunteers who give their time to help the cats! If you would like to join this awesome team, contact:

[Volunteer@forsythpets.org](mailto:Volunteer@forsythpets.org)

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# FAREWELL TO JILL GOOCH



In the summer of 2008, I was contacted by a young woman named Jill Franklin (now Gooch). She wanted to know more about our dog foster program. I talked her through the basics and went out for a home visit. I met her fiancé, James Gooch. They were such a positive, happy young couple and I gladly placed their first foster dog with them straight away.

It wasn't long before Jill and James became regular fosters and hard working volunteers at our offsite dog adoption events. These two special people brought such enthusiasm and dedication to everything they did for the Humane Society.

As fate would have it, I would soon become President of the Humane Society for my first term. The Board of Directors was receptive to the idea of hiring a director to grow our organization.

I knew we had the perfect candidate in our ranks. Jill spent her young career in the environmental non-profit world and was eager to help us take the HSFC to the next level.

The rest is history. Jill came into a role that did not previously exist. She brought our costs under control. She created processes and policies that were lacking. The SNAP program and our Pet Food Pantry are her lasting legacies. She did all this with grace, compassion, and a sunny smile.

Now Jill will be moving on in her life to other endeavors, but our Humane Society will forever bear her mark. Thank you Jill (and James) for the incredible love you continue to give this organization and every animal that crosses your path. I wish you both the very best. You will forever be part of the Humane Society family.

*~Lisa Leonard*

## Support the Humane Society of Forsyth County by donating or becoming a member today!

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check or money order payable to:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Humane Society of Forsyth County  
PO Box 337  
Cumming, GA 30028

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If membership, please circle one:

Individual \$20                      Lifetime \$500                      Corporate \$100

Family \$30                      Student (under 18) \$8

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation enclosed (If in memory of, please indicate the name of pet or loved one or specific purpose, i.e. Special needs medical, spay/neuter fund, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like a card sent in recognition of the loss of a loved one or pet, please include the next of kin's address.

To sponsor a pet or for more information on sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website: [www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org)  
For general information call 770-889-1365 or email: [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org)

*Our books are audited annually by Keystone Accounting*

# Featured Adoptable Pets

**Kittens!** Kitten season is here. Pink has 4 brothers and sisters who are available for adoption. Not only that, the Humane Society has 4 nursing mother cats with a total of 18 kittens (available in 6-8 weeks)! If you have been considering adding a kitten to your home, this Spring is the time!

**Pink** is approximately 8 weeks old. She is a female, Tortie who loves to pounce on her siblings. Pink is the life of the party. She loves to climb, play, and wrestle. When it is time to settle down she is a snuggler with a loud motor.

Young kittens are usually in foster homes. They are up to date on shots, combo tested, spayed/neutered, and microchipped. The HSFC requires cats to be indoors only. If you would like to give a kitten a forever home please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact the shelter at: 770-887-6480 or [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org)



*Pink*



*Whopper*

**Whopper** is a handsome tan and white male lab/bulldog mix. He is about a year and a half. This boy is friendly, good with other dogs and gentle. He was found running the streets with another dog and would love to have a home to call his own.

Whopper is up to date on shots, heartworm tested, neutered, and microchipped. If you would like to give him the forever home he deserves, please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact us at: 770-887-6480 or [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org)

**Sammy** is a tan and white, male, Jack Russell mix. He is a sweet and loving little dog. Sammy plays well with other dogs and can seem a little shy at first. He enjoys car rides and being with his pack.

We believe Sammy has diabetic insipidus, meaning he has frequent urination and needs lots of water. He does well with an always accessible doggy door which he uses like a pro! Sammy has been with the Humane Society for almost 2 years. If you don't have the right situation for Sammy, any support for his care would be greatly appreciated.

Sammy is up to date on shots, heartworm tested, neutered, and microchipped. If you would like to give him the forever home she deserves please fill out an [adoption application](#) online.

## Special Needs Feature



*Sammy*

UNTIL THEY ALL HAVE A HOME

## Monte Carlo Night!

Saturday, May 14

6:30pm\* - Midnight @

\*Games begin at 7:30pm



-\$20 DONATION  
TO OBSERVE &  
HORS D'OEUVRE

-\$75 DONATION  
TO PLAY & PARTY,  
HORS D'OEUVRES,  
AND 2 DRINKS

### PRIZES INCLUDE:

- 40" Plasma TV
- \$500 Cash
- Men's Oakley Ducati Sunglasses
- Women's Fendi Eyeglass Frames
- Diamond/Platinum Watch
- Artwork, Jewelry, gift certificates, and much more!



# Mutts & More Festival

1<sup>st</sup> Annual

## Mutt Strutt



### WALK FOR THE CAUSE

What an easy, healthy way to raise badly needed funds for Humane Society programs. Please be a part of the Mutt Strutt fun walk on Saturday, June 4 at the Cumming Fairgrounds.

To get started:

1. Register online for \$20 at FirstGiving.com (<http://www.firstgiving.com/forsythpets> )
2. Create your own Fundraising Page. It's quick and easy!
3. Get pledges from your friends, co-workers and neighbors

See [www.forsythpets.org/mmf](http://www.forsythpets.org/mmf) for FAQ and tips on getting support for your walk!

The Mutt Strutt starts at 10am and is a part of our Mutts & More Festival. So plan to stay after your walk to visit the festival booths, games, shows and more!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 and May 7, 14, 21, 28**– Offsite adoptions at Petco in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11-3pm
  - **April 3 & 17 and May 1 & 15** – Offsite adoptions at Petco in Milton, Dogs only 11-3pm
  - **April 2 & 16 and May 7 & 21**– Offsite adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Bird Cats only 11-3pm
  - **April 9 & 23 and May 14 & 28**– Offsite adoptions at the HSFC Thrift Store (tri-County Plaza), Cats 11-3pm
  - **April 28**– Volunteer Orientation, THRIFT STORE: 6:30pm (please bring volunteer application) **\*Please note location change!**
  - **Saturday, May 14**– Until they all have a Home Monte Carlo Night 6:30pm- Midnight, Stars and Strikes
  - **May 19**– Member Meeting: 7pm, HSFC Thrift Store
- \*\*Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar for updates.**

## APRIL & MAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Petco Adoptions & Rucker Cat Adoptions
3 Petco Dog Adoptions	4	5	6	7	8	9 Petco Adoptions & Thrift store Adoptions
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Petco Adoptions & Rucker Cat Adoptions
17 Petco Dog Adoptions	18	19	20	21	22	23 Petco Adoptions & Thrift store Adoptions
24	25	26	27	28 Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm	29	30 Petco Adoptions
1 Petco Dog Adoptions	2	3	4	5	6	7 Petco Adoptions & Rucker Cat Adoptions
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Monte Carlo Night Petco Adoptions & Thrift store Adoptions

## Sweet Relief

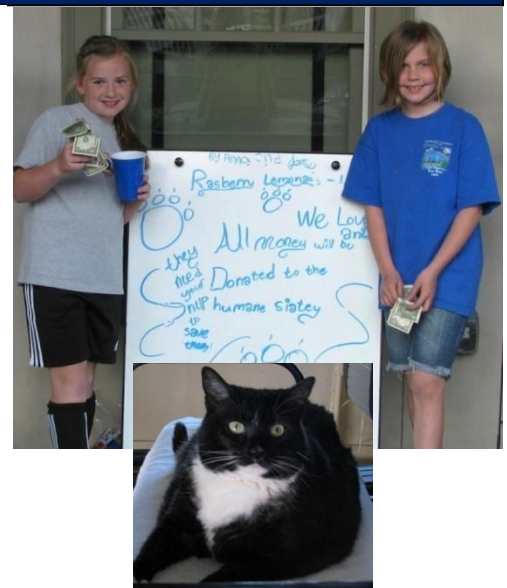
As soon as the temperatures soared into the 80's, two very enterprising young girls sprang into action to help the animals!

Little Anna Lynch (9 years old), and her best friend, Jane Laczynski, set up a lemonade stand in front of their house. They spent the whole day mixing up batches of delicious raspberry lemonade and selling it to their neighbors in Vickery Village. Nothing better to bring relief from a hot day, than an ice cold glass of lemonade.

Rather than spend the money on themselves, these two wonderful young ladies decided to donate all the money to the Humane Society.

Anna and her family are always willing to help out an animal in need. Just last week, they saw a woman stop her car in the park area of Vickery Village, throw out a very large cat and then quickly drive away. Understanding that they had just witnessed a cat being abandoned by its owner, they scooped it up and took it home. The Lynch's took the beautiful tuxedo kitty (nicknamed "White Socks" pictured right) to their vet as she appeared to be very, very pregnant. They were surprised to find out that the kitty was not pregnant....just very, very chubby (18 lbs). So they are now working with the HSFC to find a loving home for this very, sweet kitty.

Thanks to Anna, Jane and the entire Lynch family, for providing sweet relief for the all the residents of Vickery Village.



# Volunteer Spotlight: Jessica & Russ Place



This month we would like to highlight Jessica and Russ Place! Jessica and Russ began looking for an opportunity to give back after they adopted their dog “Louie” from the Atlanta Humane Society. They both feel very strongly that it is important to do service because of their faith. Happily, they found the Humane Society of Forsyth County about four years ago.

You can count on seeing Jessica and Russ at a dog adoption event at least once a month. Jessica is one of the dog adoption team leads and is assisted in dog transport and adoptions by Russ. Supporting adoptions is not the only place you will see this couple. Russ has dressed up as Santa for *Pet Pictures with Santa* and Jessica was an elf. They have also volunteered at several fundraisers including a few Bark & Boogie Balls and Wags & Whiskers events. Jessica is also one of the team leads for the Mutts & More Festival coming up on June 4.

The Places’ family includes three dogs Louie, Payton, and Annie (adopted from us) and two cats, Joe and Nicholas. When asked why they volunteer and what they get out of the experience they replied that they feel that when they adopt a dog, the dog saves our life, not the other way around. Without our pets, there would be a lot less joy in our lives.

We are fortunate to have a giving couple like them as part of our volunteer community and with their mentoring we are hoping more couples like Jessica and Russ will grow to be the volunteer leaders. We hope you will join us in thanking Jess and Russ for all they do for the HSFC.

If you have a little free time and a lot of love in your heart, you could help us save even more animals! We are always looking for help at offsite adoption events and more. To get involved is easy...just contact us at: [Volunteer@forsythpets.org](mailto:Volunteer@forsythpets.org) or come to volunteer orientation (see Calendar of Events for dates).

-Article by Yvette Matzek, Volunteer Chairperson

## ADOPTION STATISTICS

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
CATS:	39	41	23	103
DOGS:	38	51	34	123
PETS ADOPTED:	77	92	57	226

Have you adopted from the HSFC?  
Do you know a dedicated  
volunteer who deserves to be  
recognized?

Share your “Pet Tale” or nominate  
a volunteer for recognition by  
contacting us at:  
[Newsletter@forsythpet.org](mailto:Newsletter@forsythpet.org)



# FRIENDS REMEMBERED & HONORED

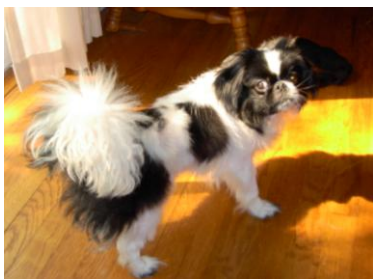


Your donation in memory of or in honor of a cherished friend will help give homeless pets a chance to know that same love. If requested, the HSFC will send a note to let a friend or loved one know that a donation has been made in their loved-one's honor.

The HSFC is grateful for the following donations:

- In memory of Zeus, a resident of the Humane Society, donations have been made by Merja & Jarmo Orantie, Linda Runion, Bobbie Jo Moore, Kristine Cornwell, Sheri & Ron McElroy, Deborah Hudson, and Kristin Young.
- In memory of Helen Bohrowski, a donation has been made by Eileen Morra.
- For Hans and Ruby, a donation has been made by Christine Thornton.
- For Honey, a donation has been made by Elinor Wenzel.
- In honor of Vivian Phipps' birthday, donations have been made by Sloane Womac and Melissa Mitchell.
- In honor of Otis, a donation has been made by Mary Hayes.
- In honor of Jerry, a donation has been made by Lezlie Zessack.
- In honor of Gina Longo, HSFC volunteer, donations have been made by Aine Burns (Crye-Leike), David Golden, Elizabeth Callaway (Rancho Buena Vista Real Estate), Karen Greathouse (Greathouse Real Estate Co), Marcia Anderson (Greathouse Real Estate Co), Susan Burnett, Gene Grugal.
- In memory of Daisy, her beloved Boxer, a donation has been made by Laurie Feinzig.
- In honor of Delilah Myers, a donation has been made by Mark & Merle Myers.
- In honor of "C.B." (fka Seabiscuit), a donation has been made by Jean & Tom Rearick.
- In memory of Sasha, a donation has been made by Heather Hayes.
- In honor of Muray & Angus Schubert, a donation has been made by Tammy Schubert.
- In memory of Robert James Vale, Sir, "a wonderful man," donations have been made by Andee Peterson, Tra Meier, Lynn Hunsinger, Charles & Rosalie Ritter, Christopher & Judith Anderson,
- In honor of Jenna Liming's birthday, a donation has been made by Vince & Tricia Liming.
- In honor of Lauren Moore, a donation has been made by Kathy Kudler.
- In memory of Bickie, a donation has been made by Jeremy Stanley.
- In memory of Bruno, a donation has been made by Julia Galotti.
- In memory of Brody, a 14 year old flat coat retriever and Australian shepherd mix, a donation has been made by the Board Members of The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem.
- In honor of Vivian Phipps' 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, donations have been made by Chris Hofton, Van & Rebecca Phipps, and Josephine & James Nortz.

# HAPPY TAILS!



Just wanted you to see how well Beau (Panda) was doing!  
- Philomena & Steve



Jason, the kitten, found his home while at Petco adoptions!



Lucky- groomed and looking cute with his new "mom"



"Luna" (formerly Leona) is doing very well in her new home. She has bonded with all of the humans in the house and loves to be in the den at night on my husband's lap when he is watching television. She prefers to sleep at night either in my bathroom sink (with a towel in there) or on top of my head. - Deborah



Lost... now found! The HSFC helped reunite these families.

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**WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Humane-Society-of-Forsyth-County-GA/136444916387429?ref=ts>

**NEW SHELTER HOURS: 11am-6pm!**  
Seven days a week!

If you are a member and would like your membership dues to go toward mailing this newsletter to your home. Please call: 770-889-1365 x8 and leave a message with your request, name and address.

If you would like to receive this by email, register at:  
[www.forsythpets.org/news/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.forsythpets.org/news/newsletter-sign-up)

**Special thanks to the Forsyth County Newcomers/Women's Club luncheon and especially, the C.S.I. (Community Service Investigators) Group for hosting a pet food/supply drive to benefit the animals!**



What to host your own food or supply drive to benefit the shelter? Visit our website for a complete "wish list" to get started:  
[www.forsythpets.org/donate/wish-list](http://www.forsythpets.org/donate/wish-list)

### WISH LIST

- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- White Copy Paper
- Industrial mop head refills
- Scoop able & Clay Cat litter, incl:
  - World's Best Cat Litter (brand)
  - Cat Attract
  - Scoop-Free litter (refill for automatic litter scooper)
- Grooming clippers/shears
- Cat Safety collars: Pink and Blue
- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper
- Natural Balance LID: Duck and Potato Dog Food
- Automatic Dishwasher soap
- Dog and Cat food- all types
- Disinfectant wipes (like Clorox, etc)
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Electric pressure washer
- Easy walk harnesses/Premier collars
- Toner: Brother TN-330 or 360
- Ink cartridges: HP 564 XL black and colors

Items are tax deductible as allowable by law and can be dropped off at the adoption center or thrift store.