

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Wishes Do Come True

After a long, tiring day of adoptions and Thrift Store work, I returned to the animal shelter. I didn't really need to go to the shelter again, but something inside me urged me to go, so I decided to catch up on some paperwork. After finishing and getting ready to close up for the day, a family arrived, asking to adopt a new dog. Sadly, their dog, Gizmo, went missing in October of the previous year. He had escaped from their yard. After searching everywhere and doing all they could to find him, Gizmo never came home. The grief this family felt for Gizmo was simply immeasurable.

They had seen our latest story on 11-Alive News, never knowing we existed. After grieving for Gizmo, they decided it was time to find a new dog to love; to give a needy animal a loving home. The mother, as most mothers do, set some ground rules for the search. Since Gizmo had been mostly black, with some white, they definitely wanted a black-and-white dog. The first dog they saw was Aerosmith, and loved him, but still wanted to visit the rest of our gang. So, they continued down the row.

Not being able to contain her excitement, the oldest daughter ran ahead, yelling out to her mother, "Mom, Gizmo is down here!!!" The mother quickly replied, not even looking at the dog, "No, sweetie, that's not Gizmo." She assumed that her daughter had missed their dog so much that any dog that resembled Gizmo had to be him. Suddenly, when the little girl screamed "Gizmo!!!" the dog jumped up to his feet and almost broke down the gate. It was Gizmo! After six months of being lost, Gizmo would finally be sleeping in his own bed again. The family was ecstatic, and so were we. Gizmo had only been with us since February. The people that had found him in October were going to keep him, but already had a dog. After trying to find Gizmo's owner, they brought him to us.

And this is why we do what we do.

~Lance White~



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## 5 CATS NEED YOUR HELP



Recently we were contacted by the family of an older man (84). He rescued a momma cat 2.5 yrs. ago. She had 5 babies and died shortly after having them.

This man has taken care of the babies since their mothers passing. There are 2 calico girls. "Abby" and "Alice". The girls are shy, but very sweet. The other 3 are all males. "Blackie" is a long haired black kitty with some white. He is very sweet and the leader of the pack. "Brownie" (see picture) is orange and white with long hair. He is shy but sweet. "Jackson" has short hair that is black and white. He is very smart and observant.

This wonderful man does not have long to live. His family cannot take his kitties and our Shelter is full. We are having to board these wonderful kitties, which is very expensive. His kitties do not understand what has happened to them. They are sad and confused.

Would you find it in your heart to help us pay for the boarding. Our goal is to find homes for them as soon as possible. If you are interested in adopting, fostering, or donating for their care please email [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org). Please put in your email "5 cats/brothers and sisters". We would like to get them adopted together as they are very close. Or we would like to do the 3 boys and/or the 2 girls. Please note that all cats are not pictured. Please email us for pictures of the others.

### 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
Email _____	PO Box 337
	Cumming, GA 30028
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: <a href="http://www.forsythpets.org">www.forsythpets.org</a> For general information call 770-889-1365 or email: <a href="mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org">rescue@forsythpets.org</a>	

*Our books are audited annually by Keystone Accounting*

# Featured Adoptable Pets

**QUEEN LATIFA** is approximately 4 years old. She is a female who has had a rough life. A volunteer here at the Humane Society saw her being thrown out of a moving car. Luckily she was not injured. Queen Latifa loves to snuggle and enjoys all the attention. She does need to loose a few pounds, but this does not seem to bother her.

She is up to date on shots, combo tested, spayed, and microchipped. The HSFC requires cats to be indoors only. If you would like to give Queen Latifa the castle she deserves, please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact the shelter at: 770-887-6480 or [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org)



*QUEEN LATIFA*



*BAILEY*

**Bailey** is a beautiful female boxer mix. She is approximately 1 -2 years old. Bailey LOVES kids and other dogs her size, she prefers male dogs. She would not do well with smaller dogs or cats (she thinks they are her toy). She is a big snuggle bug and loves attention. Bailey promises to be loyal and fill you with kisses! Can you open up your heart and home for her?

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

## Special Needs Feature

**Buddy Rich** is a very special kitty who has had a tough life but hasn't let it affect his ability to love. He has FIV. Simply put, that means he has a suppressed immune system. He needs to remain an inside cat and stay up to date on yearly vaccines. He can live a normal life, with the right precautions. FIV is transmitted by bite wounds to other cats, but they can certainly live with other cats that have FIV.

Buddy Rich is a good boy who just wants to be given a chance to have a home to call his own. Despite his rough start, Buddy Rich's favorite thing is to receive love and affection. He is up to date on shots, neutered, and microchipped. If you would like to give him the forever home she deserves please fill out an [adoption application](#) online.



*Buddy Rich*

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

## WE WANT YOU!

This will be the biggest pet festival our community has ever seen and it is barely a month away. We are looking for nearly **100 volunteers** for shifts throughout the day. Be a part of something BIG for the animals.

If you can take tickets, count change, set up a table, hand out prizes ... **We Want You!**

If you have hidden talent as an amateur magician, juggler, unicyclist, mime, or character in costume ... **We Want You!**

If you have a small tractor or golf cart type vehicle, especially one with a pull cart ... **We Want You!**

If you are skilled in operating sound equipment ... **We Want You!**

If you are a runner or walker ... **We Want You!**

Please email [LLeonard@forsythpets.org](mailto:LLeonard@forsythpets.org) to be a part of this exciting day!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **May 7,14,21,&28** –Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm
- **May 7, 21** – Cat adoptions at Rucker @ Bethelview
- **May 14** – Blessings of the Dogs at Deer CreekShores Presbyterian Church,7620 Lanier Drive,Cumming,GA 9:30am-4pm
- **May 14** –Monte Carlo Night at Stars and Strikes, Cumming, Ga. 6pm-Midnight
- **May 15,22** - Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, dogs only. 12pm-4pm
- **May 19**– **Member Meeting: 7pm, HSFC Thrift Store**
- **May 26 - Volunteer Orientation, THRIFT STORE: 6:30pm** (please bring volunteer application) **\*Please note location change!**

**\*\*Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar for updates.**

## MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 10am Charming Charlie Fundraiser 11am PETCO Cat Adoptions 11am Rucker Bethelview Cat Adoptions 11am PETCO Dog Adoptions 11am Thrift Store Adoptions
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**HUMANE**  
SOCIETY OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
a NO KILL shelter

Working together to help rescue, provide necessary care and find good homes for pets in Forsyth County and surrounding counties of north Georgia. The Humane Society is a 501c3 Non-profit organization and needs the help of generous people like **YOU** to continue to provide many services to this community. Learn more at our website [www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org). Visit Charming Charlie at the Avenues Saturday May 7, 2011 and make a donation to the Forsyth County Humane Society and you will receive a 20% discount on your purchase!  
**Remember MOTHERS DAY IS MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>!!!!**

# Volunteer Spotlight: Caroline Collins



This month we would like to highlight Caroline Collins! Caroline began looking for an opportunity for a bonding opportunity with her son, Jacoby. She decided that since they both loved animals, the Humane Society of Forsyth County was the perfect place to spend some time together! They jumped right in and really liked it.

Caroline and her son have been volunteering with us for the last year and a half. Many volunteers focus their efforts in one particular area, but not Caroline. You can never be sure where you may bump into them because they are so active in so many different areas. They assist our shelter staff with cleaning in the evenings and on the weekends. They participate in adoption events for both cats and dogs and assist with pet transportation. Caroline uses her literary skills and does our Pet Feature articles which are used in various local magazines promoting our adoptable pets. She also helps with cat care for our cats in residence at Petco and feeds feral cats. Remarkable!

The Collins' family includes Caroline, her husband and her son in addition to three dogs; Sage, Eugene, and Sarah and five cats; Drake, Patches, Julie, Jada and Kilala. When asked why she volunteers and what she gets out of the experience, Caroline replied that many of the animals that we help have had a rough start to their life and anything she can do to make them happy, to make their life a little bit better, she is grateful to be able to do. She enjoys working with the other Humane Society volunteers and said it has been a great experience. She also feels that it is important for kids to be involved in the community.

We are fortunate to have Caroline and her son Jacoby be part of our wonderful volunteer family. We hope you will join us in thanking Caroline Collins for all she does 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>
<b>CATS:</b>	39	41	23	103
<b>DOGS:</b>	38	51	34	123
<b>PETS ADOPTED:</b>	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 Robert James Vale, Sr., donations have been made by Reba Richter and the West Orange Firefighters Locals 228 & 28.
- In memory of Rhonda Toole Dinsmore, donations have been made by Wendy Mastrocola, Susan Edwina Seiple, Reuben and Sara Nicholson, Susan Duke, and Lisa and Gary Steele.
- In honor of Duchess, a donation has been made by Carolyn Nugent.
- In memory of Katie Hughes, a donation has been made by Richard and Theresa Harris.
- In honor of beautiful Cupcake, also known as "Waffle", a donation has been made by Virginia Mintz..
- In memory of T. J. Frislid Jr, who was a true animal lover, a donation has been made by Karla GortIn memory of Daisy, her beloved Boxer, a donation has been made by Laurie Feinzig.
- In memory of Dexter –Holtz, the much loved cat of Alison and Roy and beloved foster of Becky and Gary, a donation has been made by Becky Vaughn. They loved you.
- In honor of Tammy, Murray and Angus Schubert, a special donation has been made by Tammy Schubert.

- In honor of Mom and Murphy, a Mother's Day donation has been made by Elizabeth and Jacob Roper. In honor of "C.B." (fka Seabiscuit), a donation has been made by Jean & Tom Rearick.
- In memory of Riley, a donation has been made by Deborah Creasy to honor Deborah, Padma, Sue, Margaret, Carrie, Inessa, Sumita and Cristina.

Thank you to all that donate. When you donate, you are saving the life of a homeless animal. We appreciate your support.

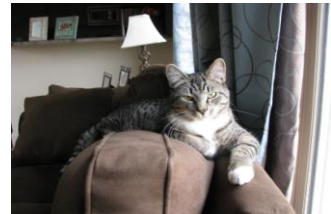
# HAPPY TAILS!



Marmalade is happy in her new home with her three 4 leg sisters and four 2 leg sisters.



Storm is enjoying his new home with the Carpenter Family.



"It did not take Patches long to get acclimated to his new home. He follows me around and purrs a lot. We love him!" ~Jayme!



Sadie and Lucy (daughter and mom) were adopted together by the Melton Family. The girls join 8 year old big sister Kaylee. This family recently suffered the loss of their son (and brother), 10 year old Matty, to a brain tumor. We offer you our deepest condolences. The girls needed this family, and this family needed them.



"Annie" (left) and "Beauregard" are loving life with their new families!

VISIT US ON THE WEB:

[www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org)

Phone: (770) 889-1365

or (770) 887-6480

Email: [Rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:Rescue@forsythpets.org)

**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)

**ADOPTION SPECIAL**



**PREVENT A BROKEN HEART— Adopt a member of the Lonely Hearts Club during May for only \$1!**



\*\*Not pictured: Aslan, Lucas, Dragon, Sozie

Lonely Hearts Club cats have been with us for awhile and are broken hearted about not finding their forever homes. Some are shy, some don't "show well" at adoption events, a couple are extra special (FeLV+, diabetic, or FIV+). All of them are absolutely fantastic kitties!

All adult cats are spayed/neutered, current on routine vaccinations, de-wormed, and combo tested.

For Info—visit: [www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org), call: 770-887-6480, email: [Rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:Rescue@forsythpets.org)

**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.