

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Sam Needs A New Knee

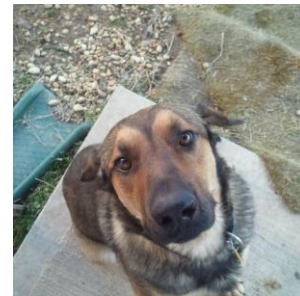
Sam is a very sweet German Shepherd/Lab mix. At 90 lbs, he's a tank, but he thinks he's a lap dog. He is always looking for a little love and a cuddle. We found Sam on New Year's Day at a gas station about 50 miles South of Macon.

At first I thought he was someone's lost German Shepherd, but when he turned to the side I could see all of his ribs and noticed he had been hit by a car. He was a little shy when I called out to him. Most hurt and hungry dogs, he did not run away. When I sat down next to him, he laid his head in my lap. I knew then that he had to come home with me--there was NO way I could leave this poor pup at the gas station to die.

A couple of hot dogs later we had him in the back of our car and headed home. When we took him to the vet we learned he was heartworm positive, had been hit by a car, and had been shot with bird shot! He had a broken pelvic bone (which is almost healed), but he still needs surgery for a torn ligament in his knee. Sam has a few families who are interested in adopting him, but these families cannot afford to pay for Sam's knee surgery. Due to his size he cannot go without surgery. Forsyth Animal hospital has quoted us a very fair price, but we need your help!



Sam is a sweetheart. Once he warms up to you he is a devoted family dog. Sam enjoys singing, cuddling, and playing with other dogs. His song is not quite a howl but not quite a whine either, but it makes us laugh out loud! Sam is friendly and easy going. He is a loyal dog who will happily follow you to the ends of the earth. Please help this pup get his knee fixed so he can move into his forever home and have the wonderful life that he deserves. Your donations will go towards Sam's knee surgery, recovery, medication, etc. Thank You so much for opening up your heart for Sam. ~Kimberly McNamara~



### PLEASE SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET

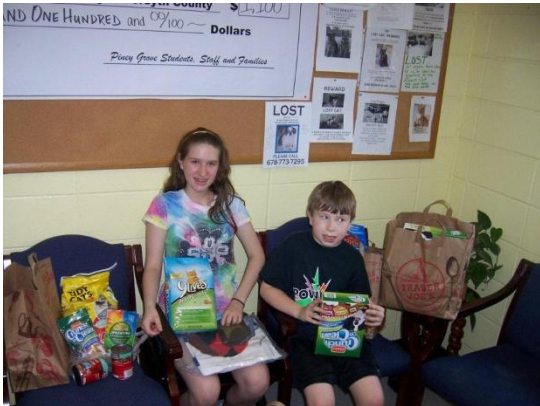
Each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, every year 4 to 6 million animals are euthanized because there are no homes for them.

In addition to saving lives, spaying and neutering can also drastically improve your pet's health and life expectancy. The idea that pets become fat or lazy when they are spayed or neutered is a myth. Sterilized pets lead healthier, longer lives. Spaying a female eliminates the possibility of uterine and ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the risk of breast cancer. Neutering a male reduces the risk of both prostate enlargement and prostate cancer. Neutering also will make your pet more affectionate and less likely to roam, get in fights, or become lost.

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## Summer and Meghan Hard at Work



**Summer Jefferson (and friend)**



**Meghan Pontius**

13 year old Summer Jefferson (top left) attends Veritas Classical School. Summer went on [couponmom.com](http://couponmom.com) and found special deals in different local grocery stores. She then matched coupons with the deals from the Sunday paper. She was able to get all purchases for at least 50% off, use her birthday money, and her allowance to donate much needed items to the Humane Society. The staff and animals of the Humane Society would like to thank you Summer for your hard work and generosity.

Meet 9 year old Meghan Pontius (top right). Meghan and her and her friends Madison Martin and Lily Cooper have been diligently working on donations for the Humane Society. They are making their cookie treats and icy pup treats through their website called Bone- Appetite. Please visit [www.icycup.com](http://www.icycup.com) to make a donation. They have collected \$111 dollars so far. Please support Meghan, Madison, and Lilly in their efforts to support the Humane Society.

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check or money order payable to:  
 Humane Society of Forsyth County  
 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: [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

**Shirley Partridge** A more gorgeous calico female DSH! She was born around 10/12/09. Currently, she lives at the adoption center. She is as sweet as can be and loves to purr and be petted. Shirley loves children and dogs. She does not enjoy the company of other strong minded cats, but gets along with the rest.



*SHIRLEY PARTRIDGE*



**Bella** is a black and white female American Staffordshire Terrier mix whose DOB is 6/02/10. She currently lives at the adoption center. Bella has white toes so she looks like she is wearing high heel shoes. She always has a smile on her face!

Bella is up to date on her shots, heartworm negative, spayed, and microchipped.

*BELLA*

**Prince William** is a handsome white kitten who is about 7 weeks old. He was a rescue from the Henry County Shelter. Unfortunately, he was born with a club foot and his leg will need to be amputated. William will need extra love and affection. Upon adoption William will be up to date on shots, neutered, combo tested, and microchipped.

## Special Needs Feature



*Prince William*

## *Vote Online For Your Favorite Cow Names*

Meet precious Moo-Mama Betty White and her 4 cow kitties! We were able to save this family from Henry County just one day before they were out of time.

Now these four cute kittens need very special names in honor of their high profile status in our Humane Society. To help these and so many more kittens who need us, please join in their naming contest! All you have to do is donate \$5.00 and you can vote to name the "Cow Kitties". You can vote online **through July 5** at [www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org) (where you can also read more about story surrounding their moo-velous rescue).



Sweet mama, Betty White, is smiling now that her babies are safe and she is enjoying her comfy free-roam cat room at our adoption center.

## *The Tale of Two Kitties*



We adopted Einstein and Smokey (now know as Buster and Sasha) from you about 4 years ago now and I wanted to send your our success story. We got Buster first and then went back and got Sasha a few weeks later (they are litter mates). They are two of the sweetest cats I've ever had! Sasha is such a baby and always greets me when I get home from work and loves to be in someone's lap at all times. She loves bed time because she gets to cuddle all over her people. Buster is more of an old soul. He loves to be near his people or beside someone's lap. Every now and then he will demand belly rubs! He loves going out in our fenced in backyard to watch squirrels, birds, roll around in the dirtiest spot, and to torment the neighbor's dog!

Sasha had a scare about a year ago when she ate a piece of exercise mat that got lodged in her intestines. After emergency surgery by the amazing Dr. Reddy at Windermere Animal Hospital, she is all better and back to her old self (and every piece of that exercise mat has been thrown away!!!).

Buster and Sasha are part of our family and I am so glad we are able to share our home with them! I noticed that one of their litter mates is still up for adoption - special needs kitty Cole. They are the sweetest cats in the world and I hope that he finds his forever home! ~Erin Roberts~

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **July 2,9,16,23, & 30** – Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm
- **July 2 & 16** – **Offsite Cat Adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Birds on Bethelview Rd. 11am-3pm**
- **July 10 & 24** – **Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, DOGS only. 12pm-4pm**
- **July 11** - New Adopter Workshop 7pm-8:30pm at Forsyth County Animal Hospital. 2619 Atlanta Hwy. Cumming, Ga.
- **July 21** – General Member Meeting at the Thrift Store Guest Speakers: Scot and Cindy Rucker  
Dr. Debbie Decker, about animal nutrition.
- **July 28 - Volunteer Orientation, THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8pm** (please bring volunteer application)

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

## JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11am-3pm PETCO Dog Adoptions  11am-3pm PETCO Cat Adoptions  11am-3pm Rucker Cat Adoptions
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 11am-3pm PETCO Cat Adoptions  11am-3pm PETCO Dog Adoptions
10 Noon-4:00pm PETCO Dog Adoptions	11 7pm-8:30pm New Adopter Workshop	12	13	14	15	16 11am-3pm PETCO Dog Adoptions  11am-3pm PETCO Cat Adoptions  11am-3pm Rucker Cat Adoptions
17	18	19	20	21 7pm – 8:30pm General Member Meeting with Guest Speakers	22	23 11am-3pm PETCO Cat Adoptions  11am-3pm PETCO Dog Adoptions
24 Noon-4pm PETCO Dog Adoptions	25	26	27	28 7pm-8pm. Volunteer Orientation	29	30 11am-3pm PETCO Cat Adoptions  11am-3pm PETCO Dog Adoptions



# Volunteer Spotlight: Robin Pressley

Robin Pressley! Robin started volunteering with us early this year. As you can imagine, there are many paths that lead volunteers to become part of the humane society family. For Robin, it started with a flier. The Humane Society was looking for construction and painting help. Robin came in and spoke to Eric Shorb, The Humane Society of Forsyth County Thrift Store Manager. Eric explained that all he was looking for was four hours a week. She figured she could do that! She began volunteering at the Thrift Store and quickly fell in love with the volunteers and her commitment quickly grew.



At the Thrift Store, Robin does whatever needs to be done. This includes working the register, sorting and pricing donated items from our very generous donors or putting these gently used treasures out on the shelves. Robin is a self-starter and very dependable. She has a fantastic sense of humor and has spent many hours at the thrift store. When she is done for the day she goes home feeling good knowing she has accomplished something. She knows that she has done something to benefit both people and the animals. Robin loves to see the reaction on our customers' faces when they realize that the thrift store is part of the humane society. During her interaction with the customers she uses this time to increase the level of awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering to help fight pet overpopulation. Wanting to make even more of a difference, Robin came up with the idea to make and sell earrings to benefit us. You can find Robin's custom made earrings at the Thrift Store and various other fund raising events which benefits the Humane Society. When she is not busy at the Thrift Store, you may bump into her at an event we are participating at like Taste of Forsyth, Charming Charlies or Mutts and More Festival. She is crazy about helping the animals in any way that she can.

Robin's family includes Poppy and Lola. We are very fortunate to have Robin be part of our wonderful volunteer family. We hope you will join us in thanking Robin Pressley 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 2011

	April	May	June	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
CATS:	19	35	33	190
DOGS:	49	65	54	291
PETS ADOPTED:	68	100	87	481

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

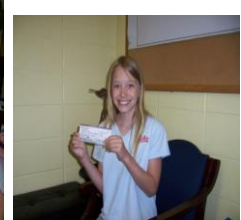


Your donation in memory of or in honor of a cherished friend will help give homeless pets a chance to know that same love. If requested, the HSFC will send a note to let a friend or loved one know that a donation has been made in their loved-one's honor.

The HSFC is grateful for the following donations:

- In memory of Kara Blanton-Phillips, a donation was made by Cheryl M. McLaughlin.
- In memory of Rusty Mayfield, a donation was made by Cheryl M. McLaughlin.
- In memory of Annie, beloved pet of Daphne, Dan, and Taylor Vaughn, a donation was made by Steve and Janis Morton.
- In memory Skeeter, beloved pet of Carolyn & Chuck Smith, a donation was made by Steve and Janis Morton.
- In memory of Clyde Arnette, donations were made by K. Peter Sillay, the Lippincott family, and the Goodson family.
- In honor of Jenna Liming's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, donations were made by Larry and Savilla Liming as well as Kyle and Christina Liming.
- In memory of Elizabeth Williams, a donation was made by Susan Moore.
- In memory of BB, a donation was made by Polly Chang & Kurt Eckhart.
- In memory of Doris McCurdy Ullrich, a donation was made by Presidio Networked Solutions.
- In honor of Beau, a donation was made by Philomena Moss.
- In honor of Marnee Moore, a donation was made by Deena Harley.
- To honor the wedding of Patrick Anderson & Shawna Saari, a donation was made by Yvette Matzek & Roger Remington.
- In memory of Pepper, a donation was made by Patricia Brant.
- In loving memory of Jack, beloved 17 ½ year old Border Collie of Sandy & Mike, a donation has been made by the Pritzlaff Family.
- In memory of Mary Sue Marsh, a donation has been made by Allen Precision Equipment.

- In memory of Victoria Rastetter, beloved cat of Kelly & John Rastetter, a donation was made by Becky Vaughn.
- In memory of sweet Tootsie, a donation was made by Barbara & Larry Buchwald.
- In memory of their friend Chelsea Malone, a donation was made by Betsy, Fred, & Spiffy Williams.
- In memory of Doris Ullrich, donations were made by Barbara Delano, Bob Obrieter, Nancy Crouse, and the Parkway Church
- In memory of Mary Ann Loftis Scarabelli, a donation was made by Crystal Thompkins.
- Thank You "Diva" Claiborne (with Debbie Booth pictured left) for making the HSFC your cause for "Diva's with a Cause".
- Rocco Ponzio (with his sister in the center picture) just turned 5. He asked his friends to bring bones, treats, pet toys, etc to donate to the HSFC instead of birthday gifts for himself.
- Madeleine Bertz (pictured right) and her family adopted "Indiana Jones" from the HSFC 2 years ago. For her birthday (in London, England) her friends gave pounds to donate to the HSFC.



# HAPPY TAILS!



**Jackie Maness adopted 2-3 month old brothers, Paul Walker & Samuel L Jackson. She has renamed them: Paul is now Dis and Samuel is now Dat. They are having a wonderful time in their new home!**



**"I adopted Cole Kitty back in April. He is the sweetest fluff-ball. He loves to hang out with me in the bathroom. He follows my other cat around. He runs from the dogs. But all in all, he has settled in quite well," said Rachel Hussey**



**"Garfield" is so excited to have two new friends to play with and teach new things to. Life is purrfect for "Garfield".**



**"My family adopted Maxwell House in June. We have fallen in love with him and he has slobbered us with lots of kisses. :) Thank you Humane Society of Forsyth County for blessing us with our new friend." ~ Amiee Parks~**



**"Vanessa" (left) was adopted by a new family! As you can see, she is relaxed and living a good life now! "Beau" (right) was adopted by the Gregory family. "We just adopted "Beau" from you guys! He is the greatest dog ever! Thank you for all you do," says Kelsey Gregory.**



VISIT US ON THE WEB:

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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)



### Volunteer of the Year



Small Business Volunteer of The Year was awarded to Lance's Jewelry by the Forsyth County Community Connection. Way to go Lance!

### 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
- Dishwasher detergent and dish washing soap
- Natural Balance LID: Duck and Potato Dog Food
- Automatic Dishwasher soap
- Dog and Cat food- all types (Kitten Food is low, we would appreciate donations).
- Wet kitten food
- Specialty dog food: 1) Taste of the Wild/Bison and Potato 2) Natural Balance/Duck and Potato
- 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
- Kongs and kong filler
- Gift Cards (Petco, Petsmart, Ruckers, Walmart, etc.
- HE Laundry Detergent

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