

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Bark & Boogie Ball

The 7th Annual Bark & Boogie Ball is just around the corner. This year is rounding out to be the Best Ball Ever.

Do not miss out on this year's Ball.

Bark & Boogie Ball was created in 2005 by Co-Chairpersons, Cathy Cannon and Holly Cohen, with the vision to establish THE premier event in Forsyth County. Due to the efforts of a handful of dedicated volunteers ;Virginia Mitchell, Sherri Vizzini, Sheri McElroy, Sandra Morse, Camilla Nugent, Laura DeRiemer, Sandi Tax, Jolyn Barrow and Debbie Booth, the vision became a reality.

Splendid trips, fabulous gifts and gourmet food set in a first-class atmosphere, established the model for future events. In 2005, Bark & Boogie Ball raised \$25,000 and in 2006, the year of Hurricane Katrina against insurmountable odds, it raised \$43,000 enabling the Humane Society of Forsyth County to aid more cats and dogs. To continue the "sell-out, must attend" event, we are asking for your support. If you've never attended, you must plan to go, and if you've already been, you should mark it on your calendar again because the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Bark & Boogie Ball promises to top all years! This year because of the economic conditions we have seen a tremendous amount of owner surrenders of their loved pets. So our challenge for 2011 is to raise \$100,000 to benefit the animals. Please support us to help the puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats of Forsyth County.

***Remember, one person CAN make a difference!!!!***

For the animals,

Holly Cohen & Cathy Cannon

Co-Chairpersons, Bark & Boogie Ball 2005 & 2006



Date: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011  
Time: 6PM-MIDNIGHT  
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### PLEASE SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET

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## Joey and Georgia's Happy Ending

*Joey had lost his job and was living out of his truck with his dog, Georgia. He came to the Humane Society and sadly surrendered his dog. He was in tears. He didn't want to give up his best friend, but he had no choice financially, and thought Georgia would be better taken care of without him.*

*Wanda Deaton took Georgia into her home and fostered her. Joey came back a month and a half later, threw his hands up in the air, yelling, "I'm back!" with a huge grin on his face. He had just cashed his first pay check, had a new place to live on a farm, and could now take care of his best friend. They were tearfully reunited. Way to go Joey, we are thrilled for you and your baby girl Georgia. You are a true inspiration.*



**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:

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

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If membership, please circle one:

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

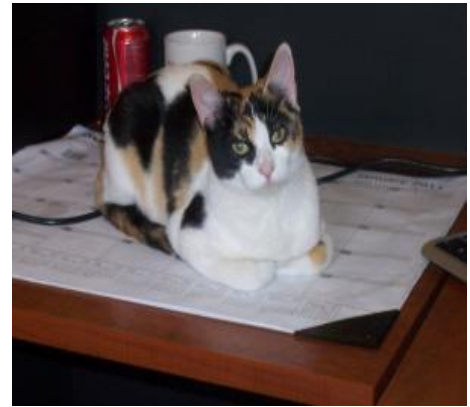
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For general information call 770-889-1365 or email: [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org)

*Our books are audited annually by Keystone Accounting*

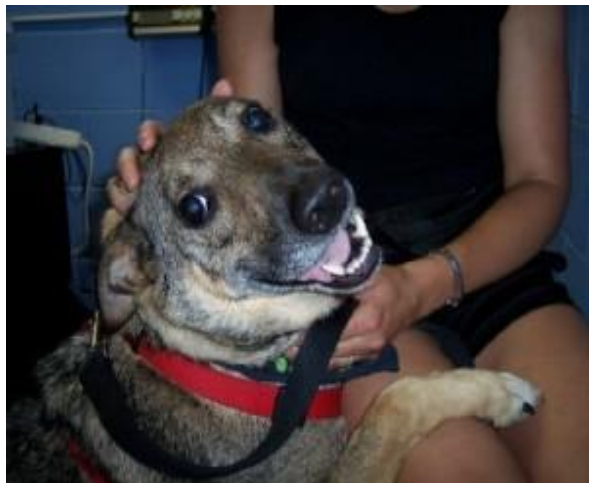
# Featured Adoptable Pets

**Sugarland** My name is Sugarland. I'm a calico female DSH born around 7/14/2010. Currently, I'm living at the adoption center where they let me wander around the hallways (they trust me). I'm an adorable sweetheart who will curl up in your lap and "talk" your ear off. I love to play laser tag (my favorite game) and feather stick. I was one scared girl when I first arrived at the adoption center. But the people here were very patient with me and it paid off. Now I'm a wonderful companion. I'm waiting for my special human to take me to my forever home.

Sugarland is up to date on shots, combo tested, spayed, and microchipped.



*Sugarland*



**Eeyore** is a cream/black male Shepherd mix whose DOB is 4/13/06. He was surrendered by his owner and had an embedded collar in his neck. Despite all that he has been through, he still has a smile on his face. Eeyore would love to have a home to call his own. Could that be you?

Eeyore currently lives at the adoption center. He is up to date on shots, heartworm negative, neutered, and microchipped.

*Eeyore*

**Mackenzie** is a one-year-old female dog with a very severe case of demodex (non contagious). Dr. Heather Wood has been treating her with oral ivermectin daily, antibiotics, and baths. McKenzie will be adoptable in 2-4 months (once her skin heals). She loves children and other dogs. She is a true sweetheart.

We have more information available on this condition upon request.

## Special Needs Feature



*Mackenzie Phillips*

## *Abandoned Daschund Mixes Need Your Help*



The abandoned warehouse.



Puppy Number 1



Puppy Number 2



Puppy Number 3

We are scared and lonely, can you open up your heart to help us?

These precious babies were discovered abandoned and living at a warehouse. Two were found under a bunch of junk and trash. One was found on the railroad tracks by a passerby. When neighbors across the street were asked about the dogs, they said the dogs were dumped there a couple of weeks ago. They were in a county where the local animal control takes them to a Vet Clinic where they only get a couple of days to stay. The only exposure they get is via email that is sent out. Most dogs are put down there in a matter of days. Rather than these babies going there, the HSFC has taken them into our program. We are in need of fosters and donations for these guys. They are all 3 males. One is black with tan on his feet and the other two are white. They are skinny and in poor condition. Any help you could spare would be greatly appreciated.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **August 6,13,20, &27**– Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm
- **August 6, &20** – Offsite **Cat Adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Birds on Bethelview Rd. 11am-3pm**
- **August 7, &21** – Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, DOGS only. 12pm-4pm
- **August 13** – Charming Charlies will give a 20% discount to anyone who donates \$3 or more to the FCHS.
- **August 25** - Volunteer Orientation, **THRIFT STORE**: 7pm-8pm (please bring volunteer application)

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

## AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Petco Adoptions
7 Petco Adoptions	8	9	10	11	12	13 Petco Adoptions Charming Charlies
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Petco Adoptions & Rucker Adoptions
21 Petco Adoptions	22	23	24	25 7pm – Volunteer Orientation	26	27 Petco Adoptions
28	29	30	31			



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# Volunteer Spotlight: The Johnson Family

This month we would like to highlight the Johnson family! Hollie, her husband Russ, and their children (ages 11-15) have been volunteering with us for over a year. As you know, there are many paths that lead volunteers to become part of the humane society family. For the Johnsons, it began with their daughter Sarah talking to them about volunteering and fostering. To get her mom's attention, she put a laptop in front of her and showed her the animals that needed help. Hollie started reading about volunteering with us and agreed to go to orientation and then figured they would decide where to go from there.



Everyone in the family loves animals and the family talks a lot about investing in each other. The girls were interested, but the boys not at first. One summer, the family volunteered with Meals on Wheels and while they enjoyed the experience, they knew that for their next volunteer experience they wanted to be really involved and be able to see the fruits of their efforts. Volunteering with us seemed like a perfect fit! The family saw an email request for evening help at the shelter, and so for over a year, on Tuesday nights, you can find the Johnson family helping our staff with cleaning up and taking care of the animals. Half of the family wanted to help with cats and half with dogs, so this was the perfect opportunity.

They have very much enjoyed becoming part of the HSFC family. They really like the atmosphere and find it a real joy. They then started fostering. They have fostered 15 dogs for us! All of the dogs that they have fostered have been quickly adopted. Sarah, Anna and, Callah work with the animals, spending a lot of time on socializing, housebreaking and obedience. When asked what they find to be the most rewarding part of volunteering, their response is, "finding forever homes for the animals and helping match people up with the perfect pet." They always keep an eye on the adoption board posted at the shelter and ask for the updates. They also have helped us out at some of our events such as the Mutt Strut . The family feels blessed and privileged to be able to come and help.

The Johnson family includes Hollie, Russ, Sarah, Anna, Callah, Daniel, and Andrei. We are very fortunate to have the Johnson family be part of our wonderful volunteer family. We hope you will join us in thanking them for all that 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 2011

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)



	MAY	JUNE	JULY	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
CATS:	35	33	36	226
DOGS:	65	54	46	337
PETS ADOPTED:	100	87	82	563

# 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:

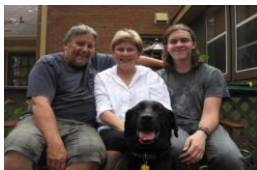
- In memory of Doris Ullrich, a donation was made by Mike Richards of Parkway Presbyterian Church.
- In memory of Mary Sue March, a donation was made by Allen Precision Equipment.
- In memory of Jack, the beloved border collie of Sandy and Mike, a donation was made by the Pritzlaff Family.
- In memory of her beloved Max, a donation was made by Maureen Mahoney.
- A donation was made by Stacie Gadlage for their beloved Calli.
- In memory of Elizabeth H. Roper and Jacob, a donation was made by Beth P. Hatton.
- In memory of Phyllis Schultz, donations were made by Mark Baule and Larry and Sherry Losch.
- In memory of Bobby Goodson, a donation was made by Kip Arnall.
- In memory of Steve Harper, father of Lisa Leonard, donations were made by Yvette Matzek, Angela Morris and Sheri McElroy.
- In memory of Scotch and Rascall, a donation was made by Wendy Austin.
- In memory of Katherine L. Brescia, donations were made by the following: Beverly Dukes, Harold and Sandra Stanley, Kathleen Grady, Patricia Cookson, and Erin Finnegan. May her spirit be loved and remembered always.

## Kids That Care

- Lexi Assad (bottom left) had a birthday party for her 5th birthday and donations were given in the amount of \$70 dollars, a gift card for \$20 dollars, all types of food, pet toys, and treats.
- This is Mikaela Barbieri (bottom right) who is 7 years old. She was working on a leadership project for *Karate USA* and decided to help the animals at the Humane Society of Forsyth County. She collected things that the animals need. She created a flyer for donations and she passed it around to friends, family, her neighborhood, etc. Mikaela and her mom drove around and picked up donations for the animals on a designated date.



# HAPPY TAILS!



**"Valen" (aka Holly Berry) was adopted by the Dittburner Family. Ed, Brenda, and Kirby say, "She's been an awesome addition, wonderfully behaved, smart, loving and beautiful." Valen will be traveling to Canada to visit Grandma soon!**



**Christine Durrett is "Addison's" (formerly known as Wynonna Judd) proud new mommy! Christine says, "If you want a friend for life, go to the Humane Society and adopt a dog!"**



**"Chunk" was found lost and brought to us. We checked for a microchip and he had one! We found his owner, Sandi Campbell immediately. Sandi was thrilled beyond belief to get our call. She and "Chunk" were reunited by lunchtime.**



**"Sophia" (formerly Marley) was adopted out as a kitten but brought back due to a family members allergies. After living at the adoption center, she was adopted once again! We are thrilled for Sophia!**



**"Bill Pullman" and "Tom Hanks" (left) are living the good life with their boys' Ryan and Connor. "Danny Bonaduce" (right) came to us from a home that was hoarding animals. After a rough start in life, this sweet boy finally has a home to call his own.**

VISIT US ON THE WEB:

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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)



"I am not trash. Please do not throw me away!" says Patrick Swayzee. He currently lives at the adoption center and loves to help with front desk office work. Stop by and meet this precious boy.

**Good Day Atlanta Morning Show**



The HSFC was invited to be on the "Good Day Atlanta" morning show.

Lance White, Wando, Debbie Booth, and Sunny all appeared on the show. We appreciate the opportunity to get the word out to the public of how many homeless pets need homes.

The Sorrell Family saw the show and came to meet Wando at adoptions. As you can tell by the huge smiles, he finally has a family to call his own. He will have a blast with his new 2 leg siblings, Blake and Kristen.



Sanchez Dillard also saw the show and knew instantly that he had to adopt Sunny. Sunny is now living the good life he deserves with unconditional love.



**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
- Pillows
- Cardboard scratching boards, Cat toys , and brushes
- **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.\*