

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Bark & Boogie Ball

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! Purchase your tickets NOW!  
This is one Ball you don't want to miss!

Splendid trips, fabulous gifts, 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 creating a fund 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.



Date: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011  
Time: 6PM-MIDNIGHT  
Place: LANIER TECH CONFERENCE CENTER  
Live Bands: BIG BAND ATLANTA & BAND X  
Food: GOURMET MEAL BY CHEF KEZANS  
Drinks: OPEN BAR  
Cost: \$85 PER TICKET, \$750 PER TABLE OF TEN

Please support us to help the puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats of Forsyth County.  
*Remember, one person CAN make a difference!!!!*

## The Shelter Is Now Hiring

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The HSFC is looking for one part time EXPERIENCED Veterinary Technician. Experience is required! Starting pay commensurate with experience. Please contact the shelter for details.

## Support The HSFC & Rucker Horse & Pet

*Join the Kitty Litter Round UP! We are in desperate need of kitty litter. You can go to Rucker Pet and DONATE a 50 pound bag of Cat Tails Litter for the SUPER LOW PRICE of \$12.99. The Humane Society can pick it up for you or Rucker Pet will deliver it. Our goal is to fill a huge 16x7 trailer with enough kitty litter to last through the winter. Please help us fill this trailer to the top!*

*If you purchase a bag of Nutri Source adult dog or cat food to donate to the FCFS you will get 10% off. Rucker Pet is now donating Nutri Source dog and cat food to feed the animals at the FCFS. They are also donating enough food every month to feed the dogs and cats at the shelter plus help feed the fosters as well. Please support Rucker Horse and Pet and the FCFS.*



### 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

**Kitty** I'm a gray tabby female DSH born around 11/01/2007. My looks are stunning and make me look quite cute. I'm always ready to receive attention. I like to talk and have a commanding meow. Sometimes I use my meow to boss around the other kitties in my room. Honestly, I'd prefer to be the only cat. Those other felines can get on my nerves. I can handle dogs, as long as they are not in my personal space.

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



*Kitty*



**Lupe** is a beautiful white and tan female Terrier mix whose DOB is around 6/25/10. Lupe absolutely LOVES people, but would do best in a home without other dogs or cats. She would love to be in a home with a family who has an active lifestyle.

Lupe currently lives at the adoption center. She is up to date on shots, heartworm negative, spayed, and microchipped.

*Lupe*

**Sugar** – Calling all you DAWGS fans! Sugar is a three and a half year old female English Bulldog. Sugar is in desperate need of your help and donations. This sweet girl needs leg surgery and ear surgery. Sugar loves playing with other dogs and cats, loves children, and has a very happy personality.

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

## Special Needs Feature



*Sugar*

## **Should I rename my rescue pet?**

There is nothing in this world more rewarding than giving a homeless animal a second chance at life. We don't always know what the history of the animal was. Some have had a loving and proper home, others have not had that blessing. Animals are surrendered for many reasons. Some owner's lifestyles have changed, such as an owners death or birth of a child. Some animals are born to a stray and picked up by animal control. No matter the reason why the animal has ended up in a shelter or foster care, they either come with a name or are assigned a name.

**The question that arises when a pet is adopted into their forever home is whether or not to give your new pet a new name.** There are a few things that should be taken into consideration. If the animal was surrendered by a family who has given him a loving and stable home life, it may be a good idea to let him keep his name. He is going through so much already being taken from the loving home he has always known to now living in a shelter, to change his name might throw him into a further state of confusion. If the animal has only had positive associations with his name, I advise you to let him keep it. It will make his transition into your family easier because he knows that you are specifically speaking to him.

There are certainly other times when changing your pets name is advisable. For instance, some animals are picked up off of the street and have no name. In other cases, the pet may have negative experiences associated with his name, such as coming from an abusive home. He could have been hit kicked, yelled at, denied food and water, and shown little or no love or affection. In this case, it is advisable to change his name. In changing his name, he is getting a new leash on life. A new name for his new life is just what this pet needs. You may want to start with a name close to his previous name and then work from there.

**Remember to be patient with your new family member. No matter what circumstance they came from, it will take them time to adjust to their new life and family. Speak softly and with love when training him. Always have a treat on hand to share with him. Do not yell at him, be especially careful to use his name in only positive associations with his new family.**

A perfect example is Josh House with his newest family member Dusty. Dusty is a four month old kitten that was found abandoned on some rail road tracks when he was about 5 weeks old. Dusty was given a new name and a chance at a new life! Way to go Josh!



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **September 3,10,17, &24**– Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm
- **September3, &17** – Offsite **Cat Adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Birds on Bethel view Rd. 11am-3pm**
- **September 4, &18** – Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, DOGS only. 12pm-4pm
- **September 15** – General Member Meeting, at the **THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8:30pm**
- **September 22** - Volunteer Orientation, **THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8pm** (please bring volunteer application)

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

## SEPTEMBER 2011

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



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**Rucker Pet & Wild Bird**  
5456 Bethelview Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30041

# Volunteer Spotlight: Wanda Deaton

This month we would like to highlight Wanda Deaton! Wanda is one of the Humane Society of Forsyth County's (HSFC) many superstar volunteers. She puts her heart into everything that she does. Wanda gives up her time and up herself selflessly to help families and animals connect.



Wanda's official title with the HSFC is "Foster Co-Coordinator", but in reality she is so much more than the title alone. She spends many of her evenings and weekends volunteering. As "Foster Co-Coordinator" she helps to create a positive and supportive relationship between the organization and its' foster and adopting families. In addition to her official role, you will often find Wanda at the adoption sites on the weekends being an advocate for the animals who are seeking loving homes.

Her own home has been a welcoming environment for many foster animals since she received her first foster, a beagle named Marcy, in October of 2010. Wanda didn't even know fostering animals was an option until she heard about fostering on the radio. Since then she has had about 18 animals pass through her care and into a permanent home. With the help of her son and their team of pets, Hank (Maltese), Lily (Mini Dachshund), Bear (Beagle/Lab Mix), Sky (Doberman), and Noodle (Guinea Pig), Wanda creates a safe and secure environment for dogs like her current foster Lucy (Pit Mix) to experience the joy of being a part of a family. We are very fortunate to have Wanda be part of our wonderful volunteer family. We hope you will join us in thanking her for all that she does for the HSFC.

If you have a little free time ad a lot of love in your heart, you could help us save even more animals! We are always looking for help at the 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 the Calendar of Events for dates).

Article written by Jenn VonEssen, HSFC Volunteer

## ADOPTION STATISTICS 2011

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
<b>CATS:</b>	33	36	32	258
<b>DOGS:</b>	54	46	42	379
<b>PETS ADOPTED:</b>	87	82	74	<b>637</b>

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



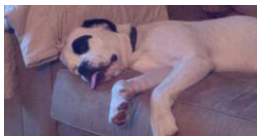
Your donation in memory of or in honor of a cherished friend will help give homeless pets a chance to know that same love. If requested, the HSFC will send a note to let a friend or loved one know that a donation has been made in their loved-one's honor. The HSFC is grateful for the following donations:

- In memory of Huggie, beloved pet of Don and Debbie Booth, donations were made by Virginia Mitchell, John & Lisa Leonard, Angela Morris, and Sheri and Ron McElroy.
- In memory of Steve Harper, a donation was made by Sheri and Ron McElroy.
- In honor of Dr. Tonya Amiri, a donation was made by Sheri and Ron McElroy.
- In memory of Penelope Woddail, a donation was made by Chuck and Pam Woddail.
- In honor of Robin Mitchell, a donation was made by Johnny Loggins of Clene Start.
- In honor of Delta Smith, a donation was made by Jo-Ann Kelly of Novato, Ca.
- In memory of Shadow, beloved cat of Angela, a donation was made by Sheri and Ron McElroy.
- In memory of Emmy Davis, a donation was made by Cynthia Deck.
- In memory of Dr. Maria Ines Linzmayer, donations were made by ; Dorothy Warren, Tracy and Megan Scott, Karina Nilsen, Brenda and Al Hackel, and Melissa Floyd on behalf of their mother.
- In memory of Edgar Gentry Barton, a donation was made by Connie Moser.

- In honor of Brandy, Tiffany, and Madison, a donation was made by Brenda & Randy Davenport.
- In memory of Jeffrey Detwiler, a donation was made by Brenda Driver & Randy Davenport.
- In honor of Beau, a donation was made by Philomena Moss.
- In memory of Bella, a donation was made by Heather Andrews.
- In honor of Larry Krueger, a donation was made by Walter Krueger.
- In honor of Angus and Murray Schubert, a donation was made by Tammy Schubert.
- Morgan Krohn (bottom left) had a lemonade stand and collected money for the HSFC.
- Nicole McClosky (bottom right) collects coupons and uses her own money to buy food and kitty litter.



# HAPPY TAILS!



**"Maci" was adopted by The McConnell family. Shonna McConnell says, "Maci is absolutely a part of our family. The kids LOVE her and she is great with them. She and Smokey are wearing each other out...they are great for one another. I truly believe she was meant to be with us."**



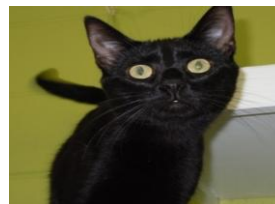
**"Freckles", now "Chloe" was adopted by Pam, Bronson, and Morgan Landreth. Chloe is loving life with her new family and taking advantage of being spoiled.**



**"Charlie" was adopted by Nathan Nadel and his family. Nathan says, "Thank you for letting this blessing come and live with us. Charlie is doing great and loving life!"**



**"Layla", now "Bella" was adopted by the Ryer family! "She is beautiful and doesn't like to sit still or be picked up. She excels at playing with feather boas (what girl doesn't...right?), hiding under the bed when she wants to play, playing with plants, and being really lovable. We love her so much," says Nancy Ryer.**



**"Elijah" (left) and "Riley" (right) were adopted together into the same home! These 2 black kitties had very little hope of having a forever home, and now they have one together! We could not be any more elated for these two boys.**



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

FORSYTH COUNTY

**NEW SHELTER HOURS:**

**12pm-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)



Volunteers Robin Prince and Eric Sorbe bottle feeding the border collie puppies.

### New Cat Co-Chairs

Linda Montgomery and Jeannette Schwenk. Many years of experience between these two ladies and they are both very dedicated to the cat program. They understand the job and the time it will take to complete the job.

Jeannette Schwenk only wants to handle the Cat Chair from things going on at the shelter. Linda Montgomery only wants to handle the Cat Chair from things going on at off site adoptions. A perfect blend and they work together great!

These two Volunteers have a lot of work to do and I hope that you will continue to work with them and keep them fresh with your ideas.

They are excited about the new position and I invite you to congratulate them, and thank them!



### 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.\*