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Doggie Palooza

Doggie Palooza is the Dog Show, the cool demonstrations and raising money for the Humane Societies. Every year I am struck by the unique relationship between humans and our dogs. There is no other animal that we share our lives with to the extent we share with our canine companions. We bring them into our homes, we travel together, we may even look similar, but the bond is unmistakable.

Dogs were domesticated almost 15,000 years ago and through selective breeding we have created coworkers for hunting, herding, protection and more. What is more important than that unconditional love? Not much.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our effort that day, who worked hard and made it successful. My Mercedes and Bimmer Place raised \$1735.00 which Rucker Pet matched and donated to Dawson and Forsyth County Humane Societies. The Humane Society of Forsyth County raised \$390.00 in the bake sale which looked delicious! If you enjoyed the band, Belvedere Brothers, and would be interested in hiring them for your special event, they can be contacted at 678-499-6623, and please ask for Ben. Even the weather cooperated with us this year!

A photo gallery for the website will be posted and prints for the first place winners will be ready to pick up in a couple of weeks, thank you for your patience. Check out www.dogonegoodphotos.com for a great photo of yourself and your dog available for purchase. Also, the winner's circle is posted on our website, at www.ruckerpet.com. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Author: Karen Hicks
Rucker Horse and Pet

"The more people I meet the more I like my dog." – Unknown Author



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Sit Means Sit-North Metro

The Sit Means Sit dog training method combines a remote dog training collar and traditional obedience commands to bring about the results that you want. The collar is gentle but effective. We know that owners want their pet to be safe, happy and obedient so that they can enjoy all the best that life has to offer. If your dog exhibits bad habits or challenging behaviors like jumping, barking, chewing, soiling in the house, pulling on the leash, running away or aggression, we can help. Our North Metro Georgia dog obedience school has helped families put the 'best' back in man's best friend.

We evaluate your dog and provide an obedience training program that encompasses all of those behavior problems – and more! In either one-on-one or group classes, we give you the tools you need to train your dog. We train your dog to focus on you and to ignore distractions. It is the ability to focus the dog's attention on you that really sets this training method apart from any other. The Sit Means Sit method is results-based dog training and will provide you with a well-mannered and happy pet that can enjoy the company of family and friends no matter where you travel.

A dog that focuses on you will not only obey your commands more readily, but will be a much happier dog. We do not just train the dog; we educate you on how to guide the dog through the problems of daily life. Like our motto says: *We train for the real world.* We know that every day distractions like children playing, a squirrel, cat or another dog, the mail carrier or a stranger approaching can cause unwanted and unpredictable behavior in your dog. But with the remote dog training collar and our training, you will never have to worry about those distractions again. Once you and your dog learn to communicate effectively there are no limitations to what you can achieve.

Imagine taking your dog to your children's soccer games and having him lay calmly by your side, or having a dinner party without having to worry about your dog bothering the guests because he is napping comfortably in his "place". You will be amazed at how a well a happy and well-trained dog can be integrated into your lifestyle and become a real part of the family. This North Metro Atlanta dog obedience training school will tackle any problem, any breed, and bring results. Alex can be reached at 678-617-3335 or AlexTutterrow@sitmeanssit.com

Try our dog and obedience training in Georgia- serving Forsyth, Dawson, Hall and Cherokee counties. You won't regret it! Give us a call to set up your FREE introductory demo. At Sit Means Sit we know your life is busy. We will sit down and customize a training schedule that works for you. We offer private in-home training and group classes. Just think how much fun it will be to walk along with a well-trained dog. Call or e-mail Sit Means Sit North Metro today! If you've been looking for a dog trainer in North Metro Atlanta, look no further than Alex Tutterrow! Alex Tutterrow, head trainer and owner of Sit Means Sit Dog Training of North Metro Atlanta. Alex holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, is a graduate of the "Sit Means Sit" school for remote collar training, and Alex is an AKC certified Canine Good Citizen Evaluator.

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.

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For general information call 770-889-1365 or email: rescue@forsythpets.org

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Featured Adoptable Pets

Sophie- I'm Sophie, Persian calico female DSH born around 10/28/92. Currently I live at the adoption center with six kitty roommates. I used to have a forever home with a wonderful human -- but she couldn't take care of me anymore. The very nice people at the Humane Society gave me a place to live with loving attention and good (not great) food. I'll hang out here a while and see what happens next.

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



Sophie



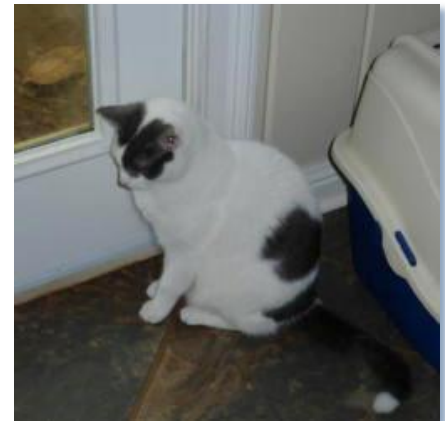
EB - E.B. is a male Shiba Inu mix with an estimated DOB of 9-7-05. His family fell on hard times and lost their jobs and home. They had no choice but to surrender him. He is housetrained and gets along great with people and other dogs. He's never met a stranger! He gets along with cats as well.

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

EB

Special Needs Feature

Lucas – My name is Lucas. I'm a gray/white male DSH with yellow eyes born around 4/10/07. Currently I live with a loving foster family that says I'm an independent kind of guy. I'm loving when I want to be and will give you a nip when I'm done with you. I have leukemia and am on a special U/R (urinary tract) diet. Mostly I'm a sweetheart who loves to look out the window. I get along well with dogs but cannot live with other cats (even if they have leukemia too). That's because I tend to sneak behind them and deck them with my right hook while they are sleeping. I guess they just don't like that. I act very healthy and, if I didn't tell you, you would never know I have leukemia. Please give me the chance to show you how much love I can give.



Lucas

OMG! Where is that dog's hair?

What is Demodectic Mange? Demodectic mange (Demodex) is a skin condition caused by the demodex skin mite. This mite lives as a commensal (normal) organism in hair follicles and oil glands, however in some dogs, the immune system does not work properly (to keep the number of mites in check) and the mite population on the skin explodes, causing disease. Therefore, demodex is caused by an immune defect in the dog. It is a genetically inherited condition; therefore dogs with demodex must be spayed or neutered.

Ewww! Can I get that? No. Demodex mange is not contagious to humans, cats, other dogs or other animals. Period. You, your kids, your family and your other pets cannot contract demodex from a dog with demodex mange. What does it look like? What are the symptoms? Dogs with demodex usually have hair loss, red inflamed, thickened skin, scabs, crusts, a greasy feel and a bad odor. It is classically called Red Mange due to its appearance. It is very itchy and uncomfortable.

There are three types of demodex: 1) juvenile focal: a few small lesions, not on the paws. Self-limiting. 2) Juvenile generalized: Many small lesions, involves the paws or one very large lesion. Must be treated. 3) Adult onset: Occurs secondary to another disease that causes the immune system to become suppressed, such as diabetes, severe injury/stress, cancer, and hyperadrenocorticism. Also, there are adult dogs that have had demodex since puppyhood, who haven't been treated.



Mackenzie, 1 Day Prior to Treatment

McKenzie is a one-year-old female dog with a very severe case of demodex. She came to HSFC and into my care about 3 months ago. I have been treating her with oral ivermectin daily, antibiotics and baths. McKenzie will be adoptable in 2-4 months (once her skin heals). For right now she is fostered and cared for by Lance White.



Day 15. Note growth of hair on her face

Everyone needs friends, right? Well, unfortunately the same is true for demodex. When large populations of mites exist, they allow the normal skin bacteria to overgrow as well, causing a skin infection. These infections can be mild to severe; therefore most dogs with demodex will need to be on antibiotics to treat infections.

How is demodex diagnosed? Your veterinarian will take a skin scraping (a test that uses a scalpel blade to abrade the top layer of skin) of the affected areas and examine the tissue under a microscope for the mites. In some cases a skin biopsy may also be required. So how do we get rid of those little buggers? First, cleansing the skin with an antibacterial shampoo is needed. This gets all the extra oil and gunk out of the hair follicles and makes killing the mites easier. Oral antibiotics (for at least a month) are used for skin infections. Occasionally, steroids to control itching and prevent scratching (which damages the skin further...) are used.

There have been several treatments for mange over the years. I will list the ones that I like and use and have had success with (I did not develop these protocols, they were made by veterinary dermatologists over the years...)

- Mitoban dips: This is a direct application of Amitraz to the skin. It is irritating and can be toxic. Patients treated this way are dipped 2-3 times per week. I use Mitoban dipping for 1-2 weeks to kick-start my treatment.
- Oral Ivermectin: High doses of ivermectin (the active ingredient in Heartgard™) giving orally daily.
- Milbemycin: Given at 3-4x the heartworm prevention dose daily. Very expensive.

I do a combination of #1 and #2, weekly baths and antibiotics and steroids as needed. Progress/remission is monitored based on return of hair coat and absence of mites on skin scrapes. Is it curable? Yes and no. Demodex can be eliminated, however animals with demodex will always carry the potential to regress under disease or stressful situations.

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Editor: Crystal Casas, Foster mom extraordinaire

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **October 1,8,15,22 &29**–Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm (Note* on the 22nd, it is Cat Only Adoptions)
- **October 1, &15** – **Offsite Cat Adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Birds on Bethelview Rd. 11am-3pm**
- **October 2, &16** – **Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, DOGS only. 12pm-4pm**
- **October 3** - “I adopted a dog, now what do I do” Workshop
- **October 15** – **Doggie Palooza at Rucker’s. Adoptable dogs will be there.**
- **October 22** – **Peace, Love, & Pawprints at Steeplechase Vet. Hospital; 7th Annual Bark and Boogie Ball**
- **October 27** - **Volunteer Orientation, THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8pm** (please bring volunteer application)
- **October 29** - **Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm**

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

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Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions Rucker Cat Adoptions	2 Petco Dog Adoptions	3 I adopted a dog, now what do I do workshop.	4	5	6	7
8 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Doggie Palooza Petco Adoptions Rucker Cat Adoptions	16 Petco Dog Adoptions	17	18	19	20	21
22 Peace, Love, and Pawprints Petco Cat Adoptions B & B Ball	23	24	25	26	27 Volunteer Orientation	28
29 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions	30	31				



“Jackson” and Alex



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Volunteer Spotlight: Marley Myers

This month we would like to highlight Marley Myers! Meet the furriest volunteer that the Humane Society of Forsyth County has in its ranks!



Marley Myers is a 145 pound pure bred Great Pyrenees. His owners, Mark and Merle, have been long term financial supporters of the HSFC. More recently they have taken on a more “paws on” approach to volunteering. Mark, Merle (and Marley of course) are part of the Humane Hearts program in Forsyth County. Marley, and his two favorite chaperones, visit local nursing homes and schools and spread love everywhere they go. “Marley loves just about everybody,” says Mark as he stands in front of Canine Couture in Suwanee, after booking Marley a grooming appointment for later in the week. Marley has to look his best for his public appearances with people of all ages. He is an official greeter at this year’s Bark and Boogie Ball and is always a favorite guest everywhere he goes. Mark and Merle still support the HSFC financially as much as they can. They have really enjoyed sharing this experience with Marley and with all of those who have been touched by this special canine.

Article written by Jenn VonEssen, HSFC Volunteer

ADOPTION STATISTICS 2011

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
CATS:	36	32	39	297
DOGS:	46	42	46	425
PETS ADOPTED:	82	74	85	722

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



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:

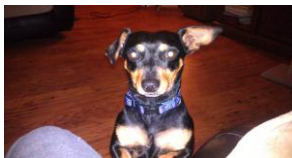
- A donation was made by Elizabeth Callister in honor of her father.
- In memory of Inez Linzmayer, donations were made by; Tom and Mary Ann Mall, Christine Watson, Linda Scott and the Alpharetta Garden Club.
- In memory of Ryan Browning, donations were made by; Terena Thomas, Angela Johnson, Steven Vicinanza, Jim Howerton, James Coxe, Donna Kuenzel, Elizabeth Coffey, Frank Brooks, and Jim Arnold.
- In memory of Sonya Dawe, a donation was made by Jan Tucker.
- In memory of the Miss Casey Memorial Day, a donation was made by Barbara and Larry Buchwald.
- In honor of Reed and Nolan McLure, donations were made by Ashley Ondresky and Lindara Halloran.
- In memory of Beau, a donation was made by Philomena Moss.
- In honor of Madison Edwards, a donation was made by Andrea Fernandez.
- In memory of Tammy Gail Ziemba, a donation was made from the Miami U MGS class of 2004 with love and temperance.
- In honor of Dani Mccall's birthday, a donation was made by Traci Bloodworth.

- In memory of Pam Wood, donations were made by; Patti McCroy, Andree Grogan, Jean Grant Walter, Lawrence Kloet, Marie Cole, Janet and Phil Winter, and Ned L. Mountain from all Pam's cyclist friends.
- In memory of Eva Rawls Harrell, a donation was made by Deborah Harrell.
- In memory of Deidre Eisinger, a donation was made by Susan and Steve Herrmann.
- In honor of Murray and Angus Schubert, a donation was made by Tammy Schubert.
- In honor of Katie Cooper, a donation was made by Beth Elder.
- In memory of her husband, a donation was made by Michele King.
- In honor of Lexie's birthday party a donation was made by Deborah Curry.
- In honor of Meghan Pontius a donation was made by Deborah Young.

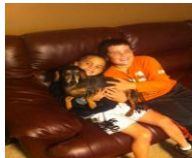
Caring Kids! The Hachem family and their dog Kenya raised money at the Windermere Golf and Country Club festival with golf balls for donations!



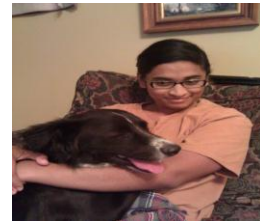
HAPPY TAILS!



After 16 days on the run, "Monty (Moe Moe)" was finally caught and taken into the HSFC foster program. "Monty" has now found his forever home with Erica Clark and her family.



"Wando", has finally found his forever home....with his foster family! The Casas family fell in love with Wando and could not give him up. His boys, Ethan and Caleb are so excited that Wando is staying forever!



Here is "Montana" in his new furever home! We are so happy for you precious boy and wish the best for you all!



"Dis and Dat", were both adopted by Jackie Maness. Jackie says, "Dis stays by my side all the time and loves to sit in my lap. His brother, Dat, has a mind of his own and is very independent. Dat is warming up more and more each day. I love my boys!"



"Brownie" (left) and his 4 siblings came to us as owner surrenders. All of his siblings were adopted and Brownie was the last one left. We are happy to announce that "Brownie" now has his very own furever home!



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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



Cub Scout Leader Tracy (for Troop 811, Den 2 Tigers) and his den gave treats to all the animals on their tour of the HS. Tracy found his beloved dog Jet who had been missing for 6 months at the HS when he and his family decided to look for a new pet. Jet was reunited with his family and happier than ever!

Happy Birthday Middie

September 16, 2011 was Middie's birthday. Middie's mom Adrianna threw her a birthday party. The HSFC would like to wish Middie a very happy birthday!



WISH LIST

- Dish washing detergent
- Dish Washer Gel Detergent
- Trash Bags, tall kitchen and 30 gallon
- Litter Scoopers
- Cat Carriers
- Latex or Latex-Free gloves
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- 1 or 2 Microchip Scanners
- Cordless Clippers
- Bleach
- Hand Soap Refills
- Scrubby Brushes for cleaning
- Cat toys
- Mop Heads
- Toner: Brother TN-330 or 360
- Ink cartridges: **HP 564 XL black and colors**
- Dust Pans
- Gift Cards (Petco, Petsmart, Ruckers, Walmart, etc.)
- Purina Feline EN dry
- Purina Feline UR ST OX
- Hills Canine ZD
- Dog Beds (we're currently using Kuranda dog beds all sizes, but we really need large and extra large beds)

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