

# PAWS FOR THOUGHT



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## Bark & Boogie Ball 2011

Bark & Boogie Ball 2011 Was the Best Ball Ever!!!!

The 7th Annual BBB was held October 22, 2011, at the Lanier Tech Convention Center. This was the first time that the Ball was held in our own county. A record crowd of 484 guests attended the much anticipated event. When guest arrived onto the Lanier Tech grounds, they knew that they were in for an evening of elegance. First, they were offered free Valet parking. Then, as they walked to the front door, the guests were greeted by four door men wearing white gloves. Once inside the spacious entrance of Lanier Tech Convention Center, the guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Guests enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by Chef Kerns with a spectacular grand finale dessert prepared on the dance floor. The evening's entertainment was provided by two bands. First, by "Big Band Atlanta" which is a 17 piece ensemble playing jazz and Swing era music. Followed by "Band X", a 70's, 80's and 90's band which provided entertainment and dance tunes for every taste. A volunteer team of approximately thirty people worked diligently to make this magical evening happen. Words of thanks are simply not enough to show our appreciation for these thoughtful and caring volunteers. When we say it was the best ball ever, we mean the best venue, best food, best music, best auction items and in the end, the largest amount of money ever raised at a Humane Society Even!. The dollars are still coming in for the event by patrons that were unable to attend the ball and by those that attended that felt like doing a little bit more. Currently, we are at an estimated Grand Total of over \$70,000.00. This dollar amount is much needed especially with the increase of veterinary cost due to the over-whelming amount of dogs and cats that have been saved and helped this year. Even with this amount raised the FCHS is still short for meeting all the financial obligations for the year. So please don't forget about donating to the animals for your yearend tax donation.

Many compliments were received from our guests and we are encouraged and have begun planning for 2012.

Please plan to join us for the Bark & Boogie Ball 2012 and mark your calendars for October 20, 2012!! This will be the ball you won't want to miss.....The auction items are already in the planning stages now and many patrons have already requested tables for the 2012 Ball. The Bark & Boogie Ball 2012 will beat all your expectations and will allow the FCHS to fund programs to assist and lend the opportunity for all our furry friends to find their forever home.

Sponsors were: Chef Kerns – Dessert, Pop's - Wine and Spirits, Lance's Jewelry - Big Band Atlanta. Camp Bow Wow/Home Buddies - Red Carpet Welcome Paws, My Mercedes Bimmer - Mug Sponsor, Automation Direct, International Gourmet, Rucker's, Wm. B. Orkin Foundation

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### Now Hiring

We are looking to hire a part-time/fill-in position at the shelter. This person would help in the kennel, give medication to animals, office work, and adoptions. Please call the HSFC at 770-887-6430 or email [rescue@forsythpets.org](mailto:rescue@forsythpets.org) for more information.

## Crafting for Critters- Shopping for The Cause

Our online store of unique handmade items donated by local artisans and crafters is now LIVE. While doing your holiday shopping, please visit our **Crafting for Critters** shop for that special gift. Not only will you get a one of a kind treasure, but the money you spend will go directly to our Humane Society. We are adding new items regularly, so check back with us often. We have everything from knit scarves and caps to Christmas ornaments to fancy dog leashes.

To visit the **Crafting for Critters** shop, go to [www.forsythpets.org](http://www.forsythpets.org) and scroll down on the front page. A link to Crafting for Critters is about halfway down. Or you can hit the shop directly at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/crafting4critters>. You can even pull up Google and type “**Crafting for Critters**” and it finds us right away! Wow!

Do YOU knit, crochet, paint, make pottery or glass or jewelry? Do you have a special talent as an artisan or crafter? Please consider creating a treasure or two especially for our cause. Your donation will help us keep our little shop stocked and support the animals.

Do you have a vintage handbag, rare book or special collectible you would be willing to part with IF you are assured it will bring in a price you would feel good about? This little shop is not an auction like eBay. Items only sell if the listed price is offered, so you can be sure your donation brings what you want for the animals.

To donate **handmade** or **vintage** (antique, collectible) items to **Crafting for Critters**, email [LLeonard@forsythpets.org](mailto:LLeonard@forsythpets.org)



### 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

**Patches** is a very sweet and beautiful girl. Her D.O.B is 02/25/2006. She gets along with other cats. She loves to be petted and held. She is currently living at the adoption center, but would love to be in a home of her own. Could Patches be the Thanksgiving Blessing your family is looking for?

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



*Patches*



*Cadence*

**Cadence** is a black and tan purebred female Rottweiler whose approximate DOB is 6/8/03. She is one of the sweetest dogs in our care. She LOVES to play fetch with a tennis ball and will gently place the ball in your waiting hand. She knows some basic obedience commands and loves a good back rub. She leans into your legs when being petted and our volunteer dog trainer thinks she would make a great therapy dog. Do you love rotties? Cadence is a gem. She is friendly, solid and healthy. This good girl is looking for a home without cats to call her own!

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

## Special Needs Feature

**Hal** – Hi I'm Hal, a cute little female Tabby DSH born around 5/31/2011. Currently I live with a loving foster family where I'm learning to be a great house cat. I'm patiently waiting for my forever home. I was found in the Dawson Forest with a badly injured leg. My leg had to be removed, but I get along just fine with 3 legs.

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



*Hal*

## *It's A Small World After All*

I just have to tell you all something that happened completely by chance but that was the highlight of my night– I don't think that you would have known about this "story" since it happened approx 4 years ago.

I had a neighbor who got a German Shepherd puppy and kept it chained ALL the time in their back yard. I would be doing my walks and as I walked by, Liberty- called her Libby– would bark and bark and it BROKE my heart. She was so starved for attention. I would just yell "hi Libby girl, I see you honey". One of the kids told me that when she wasn't out back chained, she was crated. Can you even believe the awful and cruel life she endured?

Not wanting to offend this neighbor, after some months went by, I wrote an email saying that I see her tied out back and feel awful for her and since the owner had 3 kids and a job, if Libby has become too much for her, to please let me know and I would be honored to help re-home her if they would let me. Answer was "NO", husband got the dog and they weren't interested.

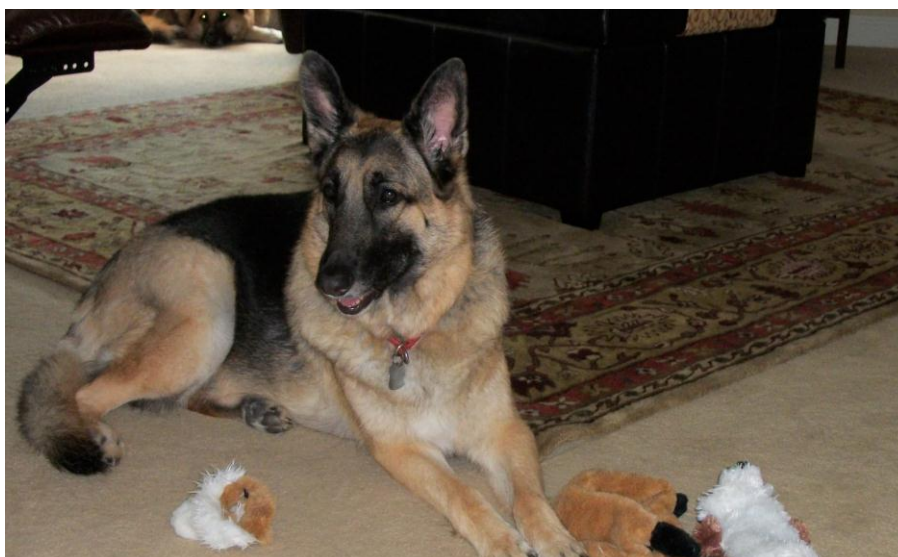
More months went by and when Libby was about a year old I got an email from this neighbor explaining that they needed to find another home for Libby and was my offer still open? Of course! I had a place for her to go but didn't realize how she would be kept until adopted...outside in a pen- and it was FREEZING COLD at this time. I left the place I had left her sick to my stomach. I called my friend Becky with this rescue and said that I didn't think this was the right place for her. She let me come get her the next morning. I had talked with Laurie the shelter manager at the time and Cheryl, who said the HSFC had a great foster named Greg who loved the breed and he would take Libby!!! I was elated! I took her to Greg and for the first time ever Libby was in a backyard, off a chain and didn't even know how to "be a dog". Sad, but HAPPY– because this was the start of her new life.

At the BBB, the 3rd couple that I greeted and took around was Bonnie Kortez and Mike Kiss. As we were walking through the silent auction area, they pointed out artwork of a Beagle and said they had donated it. I asked if they had a Beagle? They said "no", 2 German Shepherds and that one of them, Libby, actually was adopted from the HSFC. I had this moment of "no way! This can't be!!" I asked how long ago they adopted Libby, she said about 4 years ago. I asked if Libby had been fostered by a man named Greg, and when they said YES I got chills all over!!!! I said "y'all are not going to believe this– but then went on to tell them what the HS and they saved Libby from. They got tears in their eyes as I did too.

These people are wonderful. I told them that I knew Libby was mistreated and that the owners divorced that same year and the wife shared that her husband was abusive physically and mentally. I wanted them to know how lucky Libby is to have them as her people. I even saw a photo after she was adopted, and both Libby and their other dog living in luxury INSIDE their home!

It was an amazing night over all but meeting Bonnie and Mike was definitely the highlight of my night!!!

~Leslie Greenfield~



# DECEMBER 2011

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **December 3,10,17, 24,&31**– Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11am-3pm
- **December 3, &17** – Offsite Cat Adoptions at Rucker Pet and Wild Birds on Bethelview Rd. 11am-3pm
- **December 3** - **Pet pictures with Santa at Rucker's on Keith Bridge Rd, 11:30am-3pm**
- **December 4, &18** – Offsite adoptions at PETCO in Milton, DOGS only. 12pm-4pm
- **December 6** – “I adopted a dog, now what” – Workshop
- **December 10** – Pet Pictures with Santa at Rucker's on Bethelview Rd, 11am-3pm
- **December 15** – General Member Meeting, at the **THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8:30pm**
- **Dec 16**- Shop at the Avenues Forsyth and a percentage goes to the HSFC, 2pm-8pm
- **December 22** - **Volunteer Orientation, THRIFT STORE: 7pm-8pm** (please bring volunteer application)  
\*\*Events subject to change.  
Please check our online calendar for updates.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions  Rucker Cat Adoptions  Pet pictures with Santa @Ruckers
4 Petco Dog Adoptions	5 “	6 I adopted a dog, now what? - workshop	7	8	9	10 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions  Pet pictures with Santa @Ruckers
11	12	13	14	15 General Member Meeting	16 Ten Thousand Villages Fund Raising Event	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	31 Petco Dog & Cat Adoptions

## CAMP CANINE USA



### FAMILY DOG TRAINING

Camp Canine USA provides reward-based training programs and behavior counseling for family dogs. Our programs are designed to provide fun, exciting, happy, stress-free, positive experiences and results for both dogs and their life caregivers.

Trainer Jenny Schneider, CPDT-KA, PMCT offers in-home private instruction and group classes: Puppy Play & Learn, Basic Manners, Manners & More. New and different classes are in the works.

Training should be a fun, happy experience for you and your dog. After all, it's all games. Let's get started!  
BUILDING LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DOGS AND THEIR BEST FRIENDS

**WINTER 2011 Class Schedule is Posted! Call 404-642-4419 or 404-271-6745 or email [jenny@campcanineusa.com](mailto:jenny@campcanineusa.com) or [bill@campcanineusa.com](mailto:bill@campcanineusa.com) for details.**

[www.campcanineusa.com](http://www.campcanineusa.com)

**BIG WOOF AND FRIENDSHIP PAWS!**

# Volunteer Spotlight: Tom Tracy

This month we would like to highlight Tom Tracy! Tom is one of the Humane Society of Forsyth County's (HSFC) many superstar volunteers. He puts his heart into everything that he does. Tom gives up his time and up himself selflessly to help families and animals connect.



Tom is currently celebrating his one year anniversary as a volunteer for the Humane Society of Forsyth County. Since he began volunteering a year ago his role here has grown from, "we are happy to have you visit the dogs" to "we have no idea what we would do without you." Tom is now the offsite dog adoption coordinator for the HSFC. He can be found every weekend standing out in front at Petco, Rucker's, and other adoption sites being an advocate for any and all dogs in need of a home.

"I am just glad that we have such a great organization in the county to work with," Tom said shining the spotlight, again, away from himself. He is a constant crusader for the HSFC. During the 45 minute interview he does nothing but sing praises of the dogs that he works with as well as the people who share the same passion for animals that he

does. He can tell you their names. He can also tell you about their temperament, but anyone who meets Tom can tell that he cares for these animals with a heart as big as the man himself.

*Pictured from left to right: Mollie, Jolene, Tom, Molly (foster #1 lying across Tom's lap), Reese (foster #2, in front), Niki, and Cosmo.*

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 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

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	TOTAL <u>2011</u>
CATS:	32	39	36	333
DOGS:	42	46	40	465
PETS ADOPTED:	74	85	76	798

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 honor of Clayton Munnell's birthday, a donation was made by Jack and Mary Munnell.
- In memory of Deidra Eisinger, a donation was made by Larry Shane.
- In memory of Eva L. Harrell, a donation was made by The World's Greatest Coffee Club.
- In memory of Pam Woods, donations were made by Margaret Viereck and Raymond Hawks.
- In memory of Ryan Browning, a donation was made by K.J. Eickholdt.
- In honor of Rod Back, a donation was made by Lisa Ridenhour.
- In memory of Simon Jefferson Brown, a donation was made by Betty Brown. Simon was her beloved orange tabby she lost earlier this year and she misses him terribly.
- In memory of Cosmo Boozer, a donation was made by Becky Vaughn. Cosmo was the much loved cat and friend to Martha, Mike, Allie, and Katie Boozer. He will be missed.
- In honor of his wife Dominique Petite on her birthday, a donation was made by Amit Chabukwar.
- In memory of Jake, a donation was made by Jenny and Bill Schneider. Jake was a fine gentleman and a sweet soul. We will miss him.

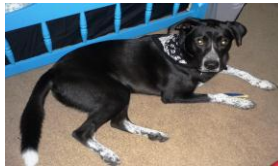
- In memory of Carolyn Hammermiller, donations were made by The Botsford Group, UPS Risk Management, Maranga Morganstern, Robert McCloskey, Karen McCormick, Universal SmartComp, David Young, Kristen Caldwell, Carrie Cannataro, and Michael Fenlon.
- For Jane Sigmund's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday, her friends brought cat food, dog food, and a \$100 check to donate. "Mickey Angelo" helped Jane drop off the donations (pictured bottom right).
- In honor of Beau, a donation was made by Philomena Moss.
- The Kafka family recently moved to a house on Old Keith Bridge Rd and often pass the shelter. They wanted to help! They hosted a Wizard of Oz party at their home. Diana Kafka said, "I reminded my friends that the dog cast to play Toto in the movie "Wizard of Oz" came from an animal shelter." Diana suggested that in honor of Toto, everyone bring a donation for the HSFC to the party. Boy did they ever (see bottom left picture)!



## HAPPY TAILS!



***"Missy" came to us very sick. She was skin and bones and had pale gums. She was nursed back to health and has now found her furever home! We are overjoyed for this special girl.***



***Karianne Penna says, "I wanted to let you all know how Deuce is doing. I absolutely love this dog! He is an amazing pet and he is doing so well here in Athens. I wanted to send a big THANK YOU for giving me such a loving dog."***



***Remember "Harley", the emaciated puppy that was found running on the side of the road? Well he has been nursed back to health and has found his furever home!***



***"Mel Gibson" and "Independence" are on their way to a happy life with their new family! They are so happy to have two boys to call their very own. They will have so much fun playing and living the good life they deserve.***



**Humane Hearts  
Therapy Program**

***Congratulations to the newest Humane Hearts Pet Therapy Teams:***

***"Timmy" with Warren Nickell, "Ty" with Tiffany Turner, "Dutch" with Barbara Leutz, "Napoleon" with Karen Fox, "Kingsley" with Susan Branham, "Georgia" with Jennifer Von Esses, "Rockne" with Debbie Morley, and "Tank" with Karen Deal.***



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

**NEW SHELTER HOURS:**  
**12pm-6pm!**  
**Seven days a week!**  
**(770) 887-6480**

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 Jeanette Schwenk and "Priscilla" won first place in the pet and owner lookalike contest!

### North Forsyth DECA

*North Forsyth DECA continues their support for the Humane Society! Here are some pictures from our food drive! Kaitlin Ramspeck worked with the Humane Society last year for her DECA project and is continuing with the food drive this year. Her partner this year is Jesse Reed! They collected in our school store and with Kroger to support their campaign FEED FORSYTH! They also worked with Y Club to collect blankets for the animals. They plan to collect all year. Thanks for all you do!*

*Kathy Kemp  
North Forsyth High School  
DECA Advisor*



### 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
  - Ink: Epson #69 Black
  - 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.\*