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Board of Directors Elected

January 20th, 2011, the members of the Humane Society of Forsyth County voted to fill six Board seats. The 2011 Board of Directors are (in alphabetic order):

- Andreia Brandon
- Angela Morris - **Secretary**
- Debbie Booth-**Fundraising Chairperson**
- Dr. Tonya Amiri
- John Leonard - **Vice President**
- Kathy Milstead-**Cat Chairperson**
- Lance White - **President, IT Chairperson**
- Lisa Leonard - **Treasurer, Dog Chairperson**
- Lorie Huss-**Membership Chairperson**
- Sheri McElroy- **Special Projects Chairperson**
- Yvette Matzek- **Volunteer Chairperson**

Congratulations to the new and returning Board of Directors. As we continue to grow every year and help more and more animals, these are the people giving direction and guidance to the organization!
THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE ANIMALS!



Front Row: Dr. Tonya Amiri, Yvette Matzek Lisa Leonard, Andreia Brandon, Sheri McElroy
Back Row: Lance White John Leonard, Debbie Booth, Lorie Huss (Not Picture: Angela Morris, Kathy Milstead)

EAGLE SCOUT APPRECIATED

As a family, we want to thank the Humane Society for helping Brandon reach a childhood dream of becoming an Eagle Scout. When he was five years old he asked me what it would take to become an Eagle Scout. I had no clue.

We figured it out together and began a 9 year journey to Eagle. He has over 43 merit badges when only 21 were required. His eagle project was almost 300 man-hours when only 100 would have sufficed. He is now a rescue-walker for the dogs that uses the very path he created for the Eagle Project. There's a lot of pride in this mom right now, but I know it wouldn't have happened without the assistance, volunteers and resources provided by the Humane Society.

- Kristine & Bill Macauley

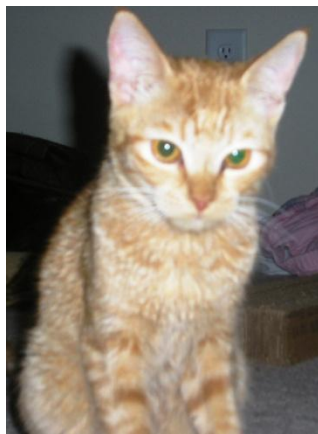
The Humane Society of Forsyth County is incredibly grateful to Brandon and his family for the amazing dog walking area he created as his Eagle Scout project. The dogs LOVE it!



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Pumpkin's Plea



I'm a sweet little boy who is only 8 months old. The vets just told my foster parents that I have a liver shunt. I don't know what that is - but I will need surgery really soon.

I never thrived when I was little but after awhile, I seemed better. We thought I just had to gain weight - then I could find my forever home. But, no matter how hard my foster parents tried, I just couldn't gain much weight. Then we found out about my liver shunt. The surgery will cost around \$3,000. I don't have that kind of money! Will you please donate to my Humane Society fund?

I may be small but I have a big heart and sweet personality. I love being held on your lap and petted. Plus, I like to snuggle in bed with foster mom and dad. Someday, I'll have a forever home of my very own.

If you would like to make a donation towards Pumpkin's medical expenses, visit our website at www.forsythpets.org or send a donation to the special needs medical fund with the form below.

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

Our books are audited annually by Keystone Accounting

Featured Adoptable Pets

Soxie was born around 6/2008. He is a male, black and white tuxedo DSH which makes him very handsome! He is very loving and affectionate - playful and inquisitive. Here's a little secret about Soxie...he can't jump very high because he has a slight problem with his back legs. That means no countertops for him! If we didn't tell you, you would never notice because he can run and play and even jump up to his pillow (about 24" off the floor). He has no problem chasing feather sticks and laser lights (his favorite).

Soxie currently lives at the adoption center. He is up to date on shots, combo tested, spayed, and microchipped. The HSFC requires cats to be indoors only. If you would like to give her the forever home he deserves please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact the shelter at: 770-887-6480 or rescue@forsythpets.org



Betsey is a female, tri-color Beagle mix. She is about a year old, with an approximate DOB of 1/17/10. Betsey is a sweetheart and the perfect dog to make your Valentine this month! She is loving, attentive, and playful. She enjoys long walks in the forest (or on the beach). She loves to play with the other dogs at the adoption center but also enjoys her time one-on-one with people. She is an all-around great dog who would love a home to call her own.

Betsey is up to date on shots, heartworm tested, spayed, and microchipped. If you would like to give her the forever home she deserves please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact the shelter at: rescue@forsythpets.org

Roxy is a black female Plott Hound whose approximate DOB is 3/26/10. Currently in foster care, Roxy will be undergoing 2 surgeries on her hips to make her more comfortable. She does have severe hip dysplasia but the specialists at UGA believe the double surgeries will do the trick! She is just the sweetest little girl! Her foster mom says, "Roxy gets along wonderfully with our 3 dogs and children. She is very sweet, loves to play ball and snuggle. She is also very smart!" We would be more than happy to give more specifics about her condition if you are interested in adopting (or donating to her fun)!

Roxy is up to date on shots, heartworm tested, spayed, and microchipped. If you would like to give her the forever home she deserves please fill out an [adoption application](#) online or contact the shelter at: rescue@forsythpets.org

Special Needs Feature



Volunteer Spotlight: Kathy Milstead



Her sweet smile is one of the first things you notice when you meet Kathy. Her commitment to helping animals is undeniable. But it is her determination to serve and endless energy, that makes Kathy one of our most special volunteers. It is also the reason that Kathy has been recently elected to the HSFC Board and is now the new Cat Chair!

For almost 4 years, Kathy has been an integral part of the Cat Team, as one of the Team Lead's at the offsite adoption events. Her experience with kitties and her outgoing personality is a winning combination and has resulted in many adoptions at these events.

Kathy is also a regular at the Adoption Center, giving love and attention to the kitties (with maybe a little extra for her special favorites, Middie, Charlie, Fiona and Lilly), doing deep cleaning of the cat rooms and helping out with adoptions there.

Never satisfied that she has done enough, Kathy took the initiative to contact Walmart and Ingles and convinced them to donate broken bag food and litter. Kathy has a wonderful husband, Charlie, who helps her to pick up the donations from the stores and bring them to the shelter.

Our energizer bunny, Kathy, still kept on going....and scored a major advertising win for us by getting the Movies 400 to run an ad about the HSFC that will run indefinitely.

In addition to all of that, Kathy has made the book section of the thrift store her special project. She has spent countless hours organizing and re-organizing the books, as well as helping the thrift store in other areas! Kathy and Charlie have a loving home filled with 8 cats that are all rescues. She truly lives a life of service!

So the next time you see Kathy, please join us in thanking her 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 save an animal by volunteering. To do so is easy...just contact us at Volunteer@forsythpets.org or come to volunteer orientation (see Calendar of Events for dates).



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Feb 5, 12, 19, 26– Offsite adoptions** at Petco in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11-3pm
- **Feb 6 & 20– Offsite adoptions** at Petco in Milton, Dogs only 11-3pm
- **Feb 27 – Offsite adoptions** at Rucker Pet and Wild Bird Cats only 11-3pm
- **Feb 24– Volunteer Orientation, Adoption Center: 6:30pm** (please bring volunteer application)
- **March 5, 12, 19, 26– Offsite adoptions** at Petco in Cumming, Dogs & Cats 11-3pm
- **March 6 & 20– Offsite adoptions** at Petco in Milton, Dogs only 11-3pm
- **March 13 & 27 – Offsite adoptions** at Rucker Pet and Wild Bird Cats only 11-3pm
- **March 24– Volunteer Orientation, Adoption Center: 6:30pm** (please bring volunteer application)
- **March 17– Member Meeting: 7pm** Northside Hospital Forsyth
- **SAVE THE DATE: March 28- Spay- ghetti Dinner!**

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

FEBRUARY & MARCH

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-----|--|-----|--------------------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Petco Adoptions |
| 6 Petco Dog Adoptions | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Petco Adoptions |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Petco Adoptions |
| 20 Petco Dog Adoptions | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm | 25 | 26 Petco Adoptions |
| 27 Rucker Cat Adoptions | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Petco Adoptions |
| 6 Petco Dog Adoptions | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Petco Adoptions |
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South Forsyth DECA helps at the Thrift Store

The students volunteered to help with our mounds of clothes when they came to view the store. They could not believe all the clothing donations! They wanted to help by giving us a work day (their idea!). We had a great day and got several mountains of clothes out of bags and on the hangers to sell! A big thank you to the SFHS DECA club students!



Chocolate—How much is too much?

By Tonya Amiri, DVM - Steeplechase Veterinary Hospital



In humans, chocolate has been praised for having antioxidant properties and an ability to cheer us up, and cursed by some of us for being highly addictive. But while it might harm our waistlines, we can ingest a fairly large amount without anything more serious than a stomach-ache. (I know this from experience!) The same can't be said for our furry friends.

Many of you may have already heard that chocolate is pretty bad for our pets. And during this time of year, their exposure tends to be pretty high. So how much is too much?

Even small amounts of chocolate can cause signs, but they are usually mild and self-limiting. For a 10 pound dog, mild signs can occur with 1.4 oz. of milk chocolate, 0.6 oz of semi-sweet or dark chocolate, 0.2 oz. of Baker's chocolate, and only 1/10th of an ounce of powdered cocoa. The mild signs tend to be mostly vomiting, diarrhea, and maybe some hyperactivity.

But larger quantities, particularly of darker chocolates, can cause more severe signs, including heart arrhythmias, seizures, even death.

If you're not sure how much your dog ate, it's better to be safe than sorry, as the signs of toxicity can be severe. Make sure to call your vet or the Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

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ADOPTION STATISTICS

| | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY 2011 | TOTAL 2011 |
|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| CATS: | 22 | 31 | 39 | 39 |
| DOGS: | 43 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| PETS ADOPTED: | 65 | 69 | 77 | 77 |

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:

- In memory of Ken Williams, a donation has been made by Robert & Judy Jordan
- In honor of Cole and Savanna Kemper, a donation has been made by Joan Kemper.
- In memory of Ace and Annie, a donation has been made by Mark Langston.
- In memory of Chowder & Matches, a donation has been made by Michelle Schlesinger.
- In honor of Sharon Carroll, a donation has been made by Renne Duvall Wolfe to the feral cat program.

HAPPY TAILS!



BB loves to snuggle in his new home!



Onyx and Aubie got adopted at Petco!



I adopted a grey cat named Favre. He is wonderful. He has the run of a five bedroom house and he is loving it. He sleeps with me every night. I truly got your very best cat. His new name is Greyson and I love him. Thank you so much. - Pam Dedeaux



We are so lucky we found each other. He is wonderful!
Fits right into the family. -Deborah Starks



VISIT US ON THE WEB:

www.forsythpets.org

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or (770) 887-6480

Email: Rescue@forsythpets.org

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

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

Adoption Center open 1-5pm daily!

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



The Humane Society Thrift Store now open:

- **Monday-Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm**
- **Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm**

Volunteers Still Needed!

We are still looking for volunteers who can give one 4 hour shift a week in the store. If you are able to help by working at the thrift store 4 hours a week please contact Sheri McElroy at:

sheriscritters@bellsouth.net

The animals will appreciate you!!!

WISH LIST

- **BLEACH- urgent need!**
- **Scoop able & Clay Cat litter, esp: *World's Best Cat Litter* (brand)**
- Laptop Computer
- Tall plastic storage containers on wheels
- Toilet Paper
- Reusable plastic grocery bags
- **Automatic Dishwasher soap**
- Large garbage bins with lids (to hold loose food)
- Dog and Cat food- all types
- Disinfectant wipes (like Clorox, etc)
- **Antibacterial hand soap**
- Electric pressure washer
- Easy walk harnesses and premier collars
- **Ink Cartridges** (Lexmark 32 and 33)
- **Toner Cartridges:** Brother TN-330 or 360
- Brooms
- Easy Wring mops
- Leashes & collars- all sizes

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