

VOLUNTEER NEWS

HSFC ADOPTION STATS, 2007

Adoptions through August 31, 2007

-- 52 cats -- 2 Horses
-- 46 dogs -- 2 Guinea Pigs

A special thanks to all of our foster homes, home visit volunteers, socializers, outreach program volunteers and adoption placement volunteers.

Anyone interested in offering foster care to an animal in need should contact the main office at 703-385-7387 (PETS).

HELPING THE COMMUNITY, 2007

Through August 31, 2007:

The feral TNR (Trap, Neuter & Return) program that began in late 2003 continues its success! Through August, 2007, the program trapped, neutered and released (TNR'd) approximately 94 cats and kittens.

Through August, 2007, our administrative offices have responded to 5,168 phone calls and 6,541 e-mails. In addition, 1,410 people visited the main offices including volunteers, members of the community seeking educational materials, etc. HSFC also provided the necessary support to 34 families needing assistance with costs for their pets.

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Pet Food Recalls

Keep up to date with the latest info on pet food recalls at www.nationalpetfoundation.com. You may subscribe to their mailing list and will receive immediate updates to the growing number of recalled products. **A Wish List for healthier animal care products is included in this newsletter. (Can be used as a grocery shopping list for your own pets as well!)**



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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER: Betsy Thompson

Congratulations to **Betsy Thompson**, HSFC's Volunteer of the Quarter! Betsy has been such an asset to the organization with her unwavering support of special case dogs (Daisy and Hayden, especially) and her commitment. Betsy first began volunteering with HSFC in early 2004. "I saw something about HSFC in the newspaper and put in an application. Cara called me almost immediately and arranged for me to come to the farm."

When she isn't volunteering or managing her own canine menagerie, Betsy works for the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute as the Director of Human Resources and Training. "My husband, Gil, and I have three children who all live in Richmond. Our oldest child is an Accountant and the other two are still students at VCU. Gil and I live in Manassas along with our adopted dogs, Merlin, Emma and Huckleberry, who is a former HSFC resident. Merlin, Emma and Huckleberry's favorite thing to do is to visit Grandma in Amissville (Rappahannock County) on her farm, which we try to do a few times a month."



Betsy and Huck practicing their moves!

Betsy has her youngest fur-son, Huckleberry, involved with agility and flyball and all three of her pups are perfect, of course, but continue in obedience training for good measure. Merlin received his Canine Good Citizenship this past summer and Huckleberry will be tested soon. Betsy also loves to learn about animal behavior and is in the process of getting certified as a dog trainer. When she isn't involved in four-legged fun activities, she enjoys collecting antiques.

When asked what she enjoys most about volunteering with HSFC, Betsy replied "I love that the HSFC has allowed me to grow and become more knowledgeable about dogs and horses. Cara is always ready to patiently teach and I've learned more from her than I could from any book. The HSFC provides well balanced opportunities so that the volunteers get to do a little of everything which makes it fun and interesting as well as rewarding. Besides the animals, the best part of volunteering at HSFC is the other volunteers at the farm who always work together as a team to get the job done!"

Betsy, you have done so much for the organization and the animals! Please know you have our utmost appreciation and admiration. Thank you for all that you do!

Rumor has it ... Carson has won the hearts of Skyler and Jennie and heads home with them October 25th! Congratulations to all of you!



KUDOS TO KIDS IN FAIRFAX!

In the last couple of months we have received a number of generous donations from children who want to help – some have operated lemonade stands, others raised money the old fashioned way ... by requesting donations in lieu of birthday gifts! To these supporting and animal-friendly children, we send a big thanks and a wish that you all will continue your concern and love of animals as you grow into young adults. We can always use more volunteers!

Lawry Boyer (age 8) donated dog toys and dog treats to the dogs at HSFC - Instead of asking for birthday presents for himself, he asked his friends to take care of the HSFC dogs by bringing toys and treats. Lawry has a rescue dog at home.

Nicole Audia (age 9) raised \$100 for the animals at HSFC - instead of purchasing something cool for herself she wanted to give the cash for the animals!

To the **Dowgiallo kids** for their entrepreneurial lemonade-stand efforts resulting in proceeds to HSFC.

To **Elizabeth Thielen** who, for her birthday, selflessly requested friends and family to contribute cat and dog supplies to HSFC animals.



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NEW SHELVING AT FAIRFAX!



Serendipity and generosity played roles in making the Society's newly upgraded storage room possible. One of our volunteers, **Glenn Dallaire** (also known as Gondo) first worked at installing industrial steel shelving when he arrived in the DC area many years ago. He offered to replace the existing storage room material, thinking that acceptance of the offer would benefit the cats and provide a rationale for reconnecting and reminiscing with his former employer (Coopers). HSFC was both thrilled with, and intrigued by, the unique offer, and kindly accepted. He had worked for **Cooper Materials Handling**, and **Philip and Stuart Downs** generously provided the material and freight while graciously adding that they "were happy to donate to such a wonderful organization".

On the designated morning, working with Melissa, the installation was professionally done by James Bowen of **QIC Services**, giving Merry time to oversee the return to normalcy that afternoon as Gondo and Melissa put the shelves to good use. The new storage room facilities will allow us to better serve the animals in our care (especially feeding them, which always gets their approval). Our benefactors are varied and always appreciated, and the Humane Society sincerely thanks Cooper Materials Handling, QIC Services and Gondo for their generosity and efforts in support of our organization. The shelves are absolutely purr-fect and Merry approved.



WAGS, PURRS, CHIRPS, NICKERS, SNICKERS, SQUEALS, HUGS AND NEIGHS TO THESE SPECIAL ANGELS

A very special thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations of time, talent or supplies.

To the hard-working staff at the MARS Company for their awesome job at the 9/25 farm workday: **Marvin Muhat, Lisa Olguin, Donna Kowalick, Wagma Hotaki, Mayela Stuparitz, Susan Martin, Peter Thaler, Pradip Desai and Mary F. Cooley** (pictured, right).



To **Allen Porter Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping**, whose staff cut our lawn and weeded the Fairfax property all summer.

To **Melanie, Jennifer, and Kelly Henry** for their craftwork in making a lovely blanket for HSFC.

With tremendous thanks to our corps of **thrift stores volunteers** who have been with us for years, giving up their valuable time to guarantee our stores stay open, our shelves are fully stocked and that our customers look forward to returning. Without this dedicated group, many projects and programs for the animals and the Society would not be nearly as successful so thank you!

To our horse Angel, **Avanthi Gopallawa**, whose generosity and love for our animals shows every day. Avanthi donates the Joint Supplement, which enables our horses to live a much happier and pain free life. This supplement is extremely expensive and her donation saves us hundreds of dollars each month. Neighs can be heard for miles around when Avanthi walks through our barn doors.

Neighs and whinnies to **Vicki Kirby, Mary Kendall, Tim Tuggle, Diane Hale, Meredith Hale and Julie Parker** who ensure our farm caretaker, Cara, gets to enjoy some free time while knowing the horses and dogs are in good hands.

To **all of our volunteers** who selflessly give their time and lend a hand wherever they can to ensure the safekeeping and well-being of the animals in our care, a big thank you to you!

To everyone who helped plan, prepare for, setup or take down at the Volunteer Picnic on September 30, thank you! Julie and Teasel, thanks for the agility demo, too! The day was fantastic and the dogs and horses were exceptionally pleased with so many visitors!



International Flag Football League Tournament Benefiting Local Humane Society

A big thank you goes out to **Tom Vincent**, IFFL Commissioner, **Ashleigh Keller** and **Shannon Pederson**, HSFC Volunteers, and all the football players who gave it their all in the hot August heat to battle their way to the top spot in flag football. The 2007 Bark Bowl, a 16-team hybrid double elimination tournament, was held at Baron Cameron Park on August 12th, with proceeds from team entry fees and drink sales benefiting the Humane Society of Fairfax County.

While 1st place and runner-up teams receive plaques and individual player medals, all players will wear their respectable bruises, cuts, and scrapes proudly to work. Ashleigh and Shannon were absolutely amazed at how much dedication all players showed to the game and were more than pleased to act as Tom's assistants while maintaining the official scoreboard and tournament brackets. The final two teams had to battle their way through six hour-long, grueling, exhausting games before being crowned victors.

With team names such as Rhinos, Skeleton Crew, Clubhouse, MAC Daddies, Lazy Sundae, Mutiny, Pain, Sharks, and Vegas Nights, one might not know what level of football to expect. Though, every single player showed more than enough talent to peek the interest of any NFL scout. One thing is for sure, these two HSFC volunteers will **never** refer to flag football as an elementary school activity again!

Photo credit: Shannon Pederson



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HSFC Wish List for Healthy Treats (Dogs and Cats)

First, we **greatly appreciate** donations of food, treats and toys for the animals in our care. With the ongoing recalls, HSFC is striving to ensure our furry companions are receiving healthy treats, free of chemical preservatives and other potentially harmful ingredients. If you would like to donate consumables, we ask you to please consider the following brands, which are recognized as more nutritious, healthful and natural. Thank you for your support!

- Wellness
- Old Mother Hubbard
- Blue Dog Bakery
- Newman's Own
- Zuke's
- Merrick
- Innova

These brands can be found locally in Safeway, Giant, Bloom, Weber's, PetSmart, Petco, Superpets, Whole Foods and Wylie Wagg.

Secret: *In the smaller stores, if you advise the cashiers at the time of checkout that the purchase is for the Humane Society, they are likely to offer a discount on your order.*

Thank you again for your support!

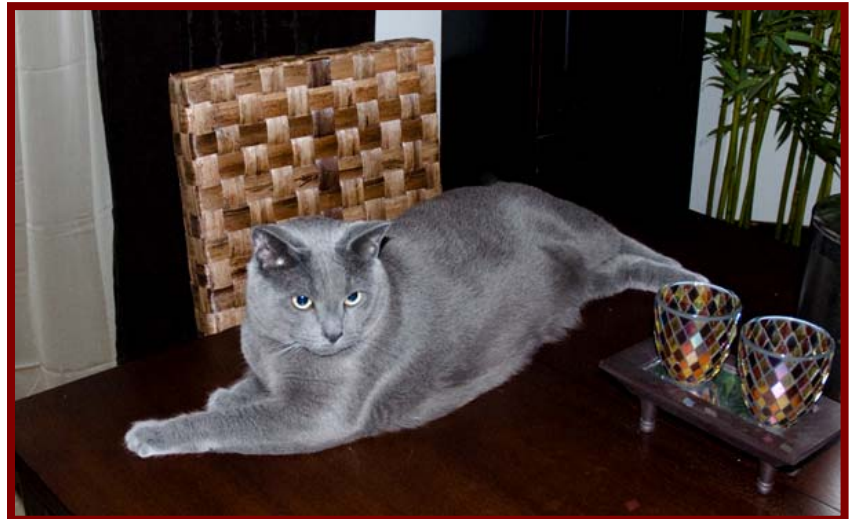
FINALLY! A FELINE SUCCESS STORY TO SHARE!

While we know the cats that are adopted out go on to happy homes, we don't hear as much from the new families – they are probably too busy being staff to their new feline family members!

As received from Greta, who recently adopted Elvis:

"Here are some pictures of Elvis. I think he is adjusting okay...better than we thought he would...last night he slept between Abiy and me then moved to the head of the bed, between headboard and my pillows. He likes to be petted and demands it. He is a chatty dude. We had folks over yesterday because Abiy's dad is here from Ethiopia and Elvis was the center of attention and LOVED IT! He even got gifts!

Forgive my selfish indulgence by showing him off...but alas you know he is the most beautiful, handsome and smartest cat in the world...right!" Greta



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FAME AND FORTUNE FOR HSFC ADOPTEES (WELL ... AT LEAST HAPPY HOMES!)

Our favorite part – the UPDATES!

Did you know that **Teddy** (right) was entered in a the August Pet of the Month Photo Contest for the Fairfax Journal Newspaper? He was the outward leader for weeks until the last day when a campaign for an overweight pug took hold and bumped him from 1st place. (The pug was like the Sanjaya of last season's American Idol!) That's okay, Teddy. You're still tops with HSFC!



And a note from lovely **Delilah's** new mom: "We are enjoying every minute with Delilah (left). She is lovely and appears to have accepted everything in her new home. She loves to play pull-toy and catch the soft balls, and she also knows how to shake hands and sit. Thanks again for making this perfect match. Cheers, Billie"

Cody's new parents wrote: "Chris and I wanted to give you an update on our "fur-baby" Cody (right). We can't believe he's only been with us about 4 months -

he's brought a tremendous amount of fun, laughter, and love into our lives. Cody's almost 10 months old, and he's become such a calm, affectionate pet. Cody loves all people, especially children, and he gets along wonderfully with other dogs. We are a regular fixture at the dog park, and this summer, we discovered his passion for swimming. Cody's an "only child", so he is spoiled and doted on to no end - he has his own toy box, and knows that 99% of the packages delivered to our house are for him. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to adopt Cody - he has been such a wonderful addition to our family." Jill and Chris



Remember "**Jenny**" (left) – at the farm she was a roly-polly pup- now morphed into a gorgeous and loving family member named **Chrystal**. Jenny was the puppy who went in to save the day after the family had to humanely euthanize one of their other dogs. Her sweet little soul has snuck deep into the heart of the family's little girl (and the rest of the family, of course). From a box on the side of the road at barely a few weeks old to here. Truly a happy ending.

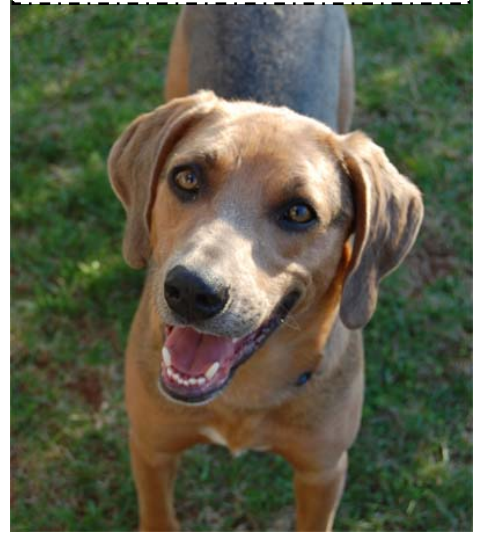
But wait ... there's more ...

SUCCESS STORIES *(continued)*

Jackson's parents wrote in to say: "Well, we entered our pets in the calendar contest for the PWSPCA again for 2008. Jackson has won the month of May 2008.

Jackson was adopted by my husband (Mark) and I in April of 2007. We were told that he was from WVa and he was hit by a car at some point, before HSFC saved him. He now has 2 cat siblings, Floyd and Chanel. Floyd and Jackson get along the best, they run around together and rub on each other. Chanel is older and rules the house. Jackson took about a month to settle in and earn our trust. I think he was worried we were going to give him up. He is sooo happy when we come home from work, he is always there to cheer us up if we had a bad day. Jackson is staying fit with 4-5 walks per day, which also helps us too. He is also eating really well, since the pet food recall started. He gets to eat Merrick everyday and enjoys their snacks and bones. We also found that he loves plush toys and is learning how to fetch out in the yard with them. He also loves to hang out while watching football or movies. **Jackson is the best first dog we could have asked for.** Cara was right when she said "he is an insta-dog, just add water." He has gone on a couple trips to Ohio and the family loves him. Jackson is now living comfortably and totally spoiled. We plan to give him many years of happiness and lots of dog-lovin'. Lisa and Mark"

Mr. May 2008



And for those of you who didn't know, Jackson participated in a charity walk for the Washington Humane Society in September ... surpassing his fundraising goal and making lots of new dog friends in the process!

As you all know, some dogs come in so quickly we don't even have a chance to meet them. But their success stories are delightful, all the same!

"Here is a picture of **Reba** (aka Amber, pictured on the right), on the right, waking up Bubba Murphy (left dog in photo) to play. They both have been fun to have as part of my family. As most of you know, I adopted Reba through the Fairfax Humane Society-what a way to go. Of course, Darla, our other shepherd, could care less as long as "they" stay out of her corner of the world. Peggy"



And finally (right), an entertaining and lovely sister picture from the **Fiddler-Larivey** household where 2 of the 3 pictured girls are former HSFC farm residents. Dan and Kelly will tell you that this is one of the perks of volunteering! Pictured: L to R: **Brownie, Hailey and Chloe** (Hailey and Chloe were both pups at HSFC when Dan and Kelly fell head over heels for them!)



UPCOMING EVENTS



COMING SOON!

Volunteers needed to help manage a couple of upcoming events including booth detail and helping sell HSFC wares:

October 27 Best in Show/Pets on Parade
(Bloomingdale's at Tysons II)
CALL Jeanne Taylor ASAP FOR DETAILS!!!

November 17 & 18 Fairfax Craft Show at Fairfax High School
LOTS OF SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE – DON'T BE SHY!

December 9 Holiday Party (**save the date!**)

Also, we are planning to have a **Silpada Party** with the hostess proceeds to benefit HSFC. Stay tuned for details – event should take place before the holidays!

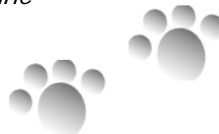
EMERGENCY SERVICES

South Paws Emergency Clinic
8500 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA
703-752-9100

*Hope Center for Advancement of Vet. Medicine
Emergency Vet Clinic of Northern Virginia*
416 Maple Ave., West, Vienna, VA
703-281-5121

Prince William Emergency Vet Clinic
8610 Centreville Rd, Manassas, VA
703-361-8287

Leesburg Emergency Animal Hospital
2 Cardinal Park Drive, #101B, Leesburg VA
703-777-5755



Springfield Emergency Vet Clinic
6651-F Backlick Rd, Springfield, VA
703-451-8900

VA/MD Vet Emergency Services
2660 Duke St., Alexandria, VA
703-823-3601

Fairfax County Animal Shelter
703-830-1100
703-691-2131 (Warden)

Wildlife Assistance Hotline
703-440-0800

FUTURE ISSUES OF STATE OF THE ARK

Anyone wishing to include an article in the next issue of *State of the Ark* should submit content in writing via email Attention: Jeanne Taylor (hsfcnews@yahoo.com), by **January 15, 2008**. In addition, anyone interested in helping put the newsletter together, please contact Jeanne as well.

HUMANE SOCIETY MISSION

The Humane Society of Fairfax County, Inc. (HSFC) is a non-profit, private organization established in 1968. The mission of the Humane Society of Fairfax County, Inc. is to promote humane education; to prevent all forms of cruelty to animals, both domestic and wild, by every legitimate means; and to assist the community with all matters pertaining to the welfare of animals.

HOURS & INFORMATION

HSFC Administrative Office

4057 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax
703-385-PETS
Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-4; Sunday - Closed

Cat and Small Mammal Adoptions-

Administrative offices -
4057 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax
703-385-PETS
Adoption hours:
Monday - Friday 10-3
Saturday 10-3; Sunday - Closed

Second Chance 1 - Thrift Store

4057 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax
703-385-7387
Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-3; Sunday - Closed

Second Chance 2 - Thrift Store

929 W. Broad St. Falls Church
703-533-9268
Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-4; Sunday - Closed

HSFC Farm

15911 Lee Highway Centreville
703-815-4494
All visitors must call ahead
Dog and Horse adoptions **-by appointment only**

HSFC Outreach Cat Program

Cat Adoptions held at area PetSmart and Wylie
Wagg stores- check our website "www.hsfc.org"
for dates and times or call 703-385-PETS

Chief Administrative Personnel

Full-time Office Manager: Melissa Mackey
Full-time Thrift Store Manager: Elisa Botera
Full-time Animal/Farm Caretaker: Cara Donato

Board of Directors

President: Vicki Kirby
Vice President / Treasurer: Mary Kendall
Corresponding Secretary: Marlene Hammer
Recording Secretary: Jeanne Taylor
Director: Lynne Mayo



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