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Carroll County Humane Society Newsletter

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Fun Dog Show Set for October 17

The 2009 CCHS Fun Dog Show is set for Saturday, October 17, at 1:30 p.m. It will be held at the East Carroll Pavilion, which is located behind the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, off Northside Drive. The show will feature competitions, raffle items, prizes, refreshments, and a Blessing of the Animals. We will also have a donation box set up for the Empty Pet Bowls program for anyone who wishes to bring a pet food donation. (See p.3 for more info on this program.)

Registration for the competition is \$20 and will be held from 12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m. the day of the show. The competitions include: Obstacle

Course; Best Trick; Best Kisser; Best Costume; Cutest dog less than 35 lbs; and Cutest dog more than 35 lbs. Registration for each dog is limited to two events. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age and up-to-date on vaccines.

Raffle items include: the Fun Dog Show quilt; four tickets to UWG football games and free parking; Dollywood tickets; spay and neuter certificates from All Pets & Paws Animal Hospital; gift basket from Pup-I-Licious; obedience training certificates from Unleash the Pawsitive; one-month membership to Sta' Fit & Tan; and more.

So gather up your best canine friends and come join the fun!

Quilt to be Ruffled Off at this Year's Fun Dog Show



Pam Reynolds, owner of Rome Street Gallery, stands beside the quilt.

The Fun Dog Show quilt, currently on display at Rome Street Gallery in Carrollton, will be raffled off at this year's Fun Dog Show. This one-of-a-kind quilt is made up of squares from past dog show t-shirts that were custom designed for each show by Debrah Santini, member of the UWG Art faculty and an illustrator of children's books. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to the show at the Rome Street Gallery or on the day of the event at the Fun Dog Show.

CCHS Seeking Volunteer for Publicity Coordinator

Give the gift of your time to help the animals in the community.

CCHS has the following exciting volunteer opportunity available: Publicity/Marketing Coordinator. Person would be responsible for the development of mail plans, on-line and direct marketing, press releases and advertising for all CCHS programs and events to help build a strong community awareness and outreach program. Need strong organizational skills, knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, a photo editor, the ability to meet deadlines, and work independently. Must have own computer and required programs. Requires 5-10 hours per week.

Ways to Help WGSN

Volunteer Your Time

Opportunities Available

Monday–Thursday & some Sundays

Tasks Available:

- laundry •stocking surgical supplies
- general cleaning
- kennel cleaning
- phone calls •making surgical packs
- general office work •recovery/wake-up monitoring

Volunteers must be 12 or older. Those who are 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Donate an Item from the Wish List

Iams Original Chicken & Rice hard cat and dog food; Paper towels; Ziploc sandwich bags; Newspapers; Big bath towels and blankets; 70% alcohol; Laundry detergent; Distilled water; Regular 6% Clorox bleach; Trash bags—45 and 33 gal. kitchen size; Hand soap in pumps; Non-skid stainless-steel pet bowls; Q-tips; Slip leashes; Gift cards to WalMart or Home Depot; All-purpose printer paper; Masking and Scotch tape; Index cards—pink and blue; Postage stamps.

Large Donations: Dodge Sprinter cargo van; Washer/ Dryer; Remodeling and fix-it skills for some small jobs; Wall cabinets; Monetary donations are always welcome.

West Georgia Spay Neuter

Spay Wag’gon Transport Up and Running

WGSN’s rtransport system, Spay Wag’gon, now provides free transport from Pet Supplies “Plus” in Carrollton to the WGSN clinic. The transport will then return the animals to the pick-up location after surgery.

The Spay Wag’gon Transport runs on Mondays on an as needed basis. If you would like to use the transport, call or email the clinic to make your spay/neuter appointment and tell them that you need pickup.

Here are some additional guidelines for the Spay Wag’gon Transport:

- Pick up an admission form ahead of time at Pet Supplies “Plus” or at the WGSN clinic. Be sure to have the completed, signed form when you drop off your pet the day of surgery.
- Carriers are required. Dogs and cats must be in plastic carriers with properly locking doors. (Wire crates are not allowed; One animal per carrier



except small kitten/puppy littermates.) Clearly mark pet and owner’s names on the carrier with a black marker. Animals will not be transported if they are not in a carrier.

•Payment, cash only, is expected at time of pick-up the day after surgery.

Further information including pick-up/drop-off times and pre-op preparation and post-op care will be given when you make your pet’s spay/neuter appointment. You can also find this information by visiting the WGSN website. (See below for web address.)

WGSN Names Director of Clinic Operations

We are pleased to announce that Misty Evans has accepted the position of Director of Clinic Operations. This position oversees the day-to-day operations of the clinic. Misty will be responsible for all human resources, supervision, and operating the clinic within the budget and policy guidelines set by the CCHS Board of Directors.

She will also act as liason between the clinic staff and the CCHS Board of Directors.

Misty brings to this job a wealth of knowledge and experience. She has worked in non-profit for several years and during these years, performed many of the duties that she will fulfill at the clinic.

West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic

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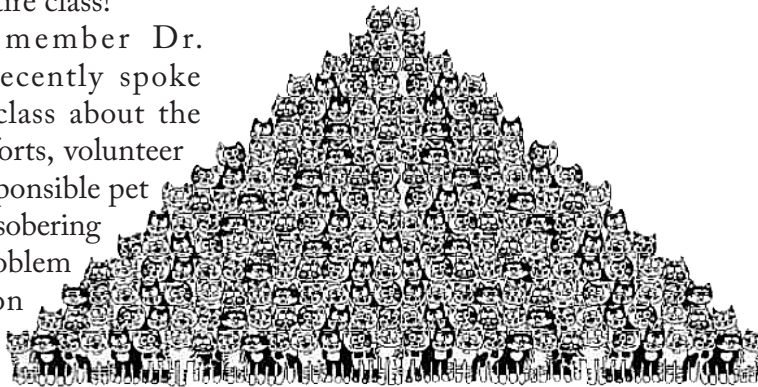
Central High Class Learns About Dog Ownership

Tammy Hamilton's Animal Behavior enrichment class at Central High School in Carrollton had the unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of dog ownership. The class also learned about therapy and service animals, humane treatment of all animals, and how to choose the best dog breed for your family. WOW! That's a lot to cover in one semester! Dog bite prevention and the importance of how to read dog body language were important parts of the class because as Mrs. Hamilton noted, "preventing one kid from being bitten is worth the entire class!"

CCHS board member Dr. Marsha Solomon recently spoke to Mrs. Hamilton's class about the Humane Society's efforts, volunteer opportunities, and responsible pet ownership. She shared sobering statistics about the problem of pet overpopulation in our area and the resulting high rates

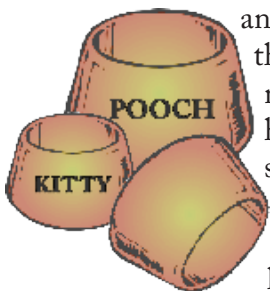
of euthanasia at local shelters. To emphasize the importance of spaying or neutering your pets, Dr. Solomon used a lively "guessing game" contest in which students were asked to guess how many animals could potentially be born in one year, five years, ten years, etc. from one unsprayed female cat or dog, her mate, and all of their offspring. Students were stunned by these statistics, which are illustrated below.

To learn more about pet overpopulation, visit www.spayusa.org.



CCHS Introduces "Empty Pet Bowls" Program

CCHS recently began a pet food donation program to help needy pet owners feed their animals. The Empty Pet Bowls program was initiated after CCHS approached Manna House, a local food pantry run by Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Carrollton, to see if there was a need in the community for a pet food pantry. Manna House conducted a survey of its patrons and the results indicated that there was a definite need. Out of the 126 households that were surveyed, only six had no animals.



- 12 had cats only. (All had more than one cat.)

- 37 had both dog(s) and cat(s).
- 71 had dog(s) only. (About 50% had multiple dogs.)
- Every survey indicated that receiving pet food would be helpful.

Donated pet food will be distributed to Manna House patrons and community members who need help feeding their animals.

If you would like to donate food to Empty Pet Bowls, you may drop off donations at either of our drop-off sites: **Gentle Paws** (23 Sandhill-Hulett Rd., Villa Rica), **West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic** (525 E. Montgomery St., Suite B, Villa Rica), or contact CCHS (cchs@carrollcountyhumane.org; 770-830-2763).

Did You Know?

Each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the U.S., compared to 10,000 humans. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals!

An unsprayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter, can total:

- 1 year: 12
- 2 years: 67
- 3 years: 376
- 4 years: 2,107
- 5 years: 11,801
- 6 years: 66,088
- 7 years: 370,092
- 8 years: 2,072,514
- 9 years: 11,606,077

An unsprayed female dog, her mate and all of their puppies and their puppies' puppies, if none are neutered or spayed, add up to:

- 1 year: 16
- 2 years: 128
- 3 years: 512
- 4 years: 2,048
- 5 years: 12,288
- 6 years: 67,000

from
www.spayusa.org

Become a Virtual Foster

To become a sponsor and “virtual” foster, go to our website at www.carrollcountyhumane.org and click on the “Adopt a Foster” link. Next, click on the “Current Foster Animal List” link. Click on an animal you would like to sponsor and then click on the “SPONSOR ME” button in the upper right corner of their description.

Our fosters are rescued from the kill shelter and off the streets, and your donation will help pay for their rescue and care.

All donations go directly to the foster program and no funds are taken out for administration.

Featured Foster Animals

The CCHS foster program is made up of volunteers who temporarily house dogs and cats that are taken from the county animal shelter to prevent their deaths. For a complete list of our current fosters, visit our website at www.carrollcountyhumane.org or look us up on Petfinder at www.petfinder.com.



PURRL

Short Hair-white, Siamese [Mix]

Please contact Tina (tinab@carrollcountyhumane.org; 404-825-0815) for more information.

PURR-L is a very pretty, downy-soft snow-white girl with a great personality and green eyes. She purrs up a storm when being held and is friendly and playful. She and her siblings were turned into a kill shelter when they were about five-six weeks old. She does like to suck on arms or clothes while kneading in an attempt to ‘nurse’

which comes from being taken away from her mom way too early. She is about 19 weeks old, fully vetted, spayed and has a microchip.

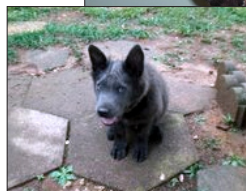


IMP

Collie, Chow Chow [Mix]

Please contact (kvpitts@gmail.com or 404-643-7656 & leave a message) for more information.

IMP is exactly that; He’s a goofy guy with a charming elf-like personality. Imp has a thin coat/baldness on his head and the middle of his back called color dilution alopecia also known as



‘blue dog syndrome.’ Here is a website that describes the issue: <http://www.upei.ca/cidd/Diseases/dermatology/colour%20dilution%20alopecia.htm>. IMP is one of seven siblings that was

surrendered to a high-kill Animal Control. A guy this cute and sweet should not be growing up in foster care! IMP is up-to-date with routine shots and neutered.

Carroll County Animal Shelter Update

Since the last shelter update in the summer issue of *Paw Prints*, several major projects have been accomplished. The driveways and parking areas have been paved and the gas lines have been connected. Drop ceilings have been installed in the adoption area and walls painted. The administration building is virtually finished. Custom-made desks and cabinets are ready for the computers, files, and paperwork that will turn the offices into a real work environment.

As the opening of the new shelter approaches, some important final projects have been scheduled

for the first few weeks of September. Following Labor Day weekend, the flooring in the kennel and adoption area will be laid. The flooring, an epoxy product that is 3/8 inch thick, will have no seams or grouting and will reach a height of 4 inches at the base of the shelter walls. Once the floor is in, the stainless steel cages in the cat room and the gates and fencing for the dog runs will be installed. Each adoption building and kennel will be a self-contained unit with its own food supply and dishes for the animals; dishwashing machine; and heating and air conditioning system. A

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CampusCATS Telling Tails

Kittens, Kittens Everywhere!

Last April the CampusCATS volunteers had their hands full with kittens just weeks old needing immediate care and attention. These kittens, all approximately three–four weeks old, were either abandoned by their mother, the mother was not able to provide for them a healthy environment, or the need for medical attention was urgent.

The first group was found after one of the coldest, wettest nights in Georgia when their cries were heard coming from a bush. Just a few weeks later, four more were found when students thought they heard cries behind a crawl space where the kittens had been living since they were born. They were flea-bitten and their eyes were caked closed. It is suspected that when their eyes were cleaned, they were seeing the world for the first time. Then a mom was found with her family of four kittens living happily on the UWG campus. The kittens were adorable, as only kittens can be, and



the mother was attentive and caring. Unfortunately, two had a single eye each that was grossly infected. Once they were caught, they went straight to the vet.

It was hard work but now these young creatures are well into their adolescent years and are strong, healthy, confident, and very loving animals. They are also all in homes that will continue to care and nurture them through their years.

In Light of Kittens: New Trap and Release Efforts Planned

Kittens are so cute. Yet a large kitten population does not do well for our efforts to reduce the cat population here on campus. Though our new residents will be well cared for, efforts to ensure that the cat population will be down on campus next spring and summer are under way. We are planning a number of fundraisers in hopes that we can collect enough money to do a massive trapping, neutering, and re-releasing effort before next kitten season.

THANK YOU!

CCHS wishes to thank the following individuals and businesses for their continued support:

Nancy Barnes

Dr. Linda Baxter

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If you haven't yet renewed your membership, it's not too late!

**Carroll County Humane Society
2009–2010 Membership Form**

Individual Annual Dues \$15.00

Additional Donation

KIND News fund \$ _____

West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: **Carroll County Humane Society**, and mail it to:

**The Carroll County Humane Society
P.O. Box 1304
Carrollton GA 30112**

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____ *(for notices of events, pet lost & found, etc.)*

I would like to volunteer to help with the following CCHS activities:

_____ **Educational Programs**, such as workshops, school programs, civic group presentations

_____ **Fostering Shelter Animals**

_____ **Fund Raising and Special Events**, such as the annual Fun Dog Show, Mayfest, fall festivals

_____ **Grant Writing**—identifying and writing grants to support CCHS programs

_____ **Publicity**—providing copy for the local news media of CCHS activities, designing billboards, posters, and brochures

_____ **Socializing the Animals at the Shelter**

_____ **CCHS newsletter, Paw Prints**—writing articles, labeling and mailing, distribution

_____ **Spay/Neuter Clinic**—helping the clinic staff with laundry, cage cleaning, post-op care, etc.

_____ **Publicity/Marketing Committee Chair**

Donations Made to West Georgia Regional Library

CCHS realizes that education plays a fundamental role in understanding the importance of the humane treatment of animals. Because of this, CCHS makes a yearly donation of books about animals to the West Georgia Regional Library as part of our commitment to humane education. This year's list of donated books is:

Katie Loves the Kittens, by John Himmelman. Katie, the family dog, loves the new kittens in her family, but she has to learn how kittens are different from dogs and how they like to be treated.

How to Open and Operate a Financially Successful Pet Sitting Business, by Angela Williams Duea. This book is a comprehensive look at the business side of setting up a pet sitting service, including forms, contracts, marketing, pricing, and accounting. It includes a CD with forms and business plans.

Weimaraners: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual, by Susan Fox. This book focuses on the specific traits and needs of the Weimaraner breed, while including general information on feeding, exercising, and training of dogs in general.

Good Owners, Great Dogs, by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson. Kilcommons believes that a dog owner who understands how dogs think and is knowledgeable about why certain dog training methods are effective will be more successful at raising a good dog.

Animals Make Us Human, by Temple Grandin. The author describes the basic core emotions experienced by both humans and animals and

draws conclusions on the ethics of animal care and guardianship in our homes, farms, and zoos.

Pawprints of Katrina; Pets Saved and Lessons Learned, by Cathy Scott.

Scott documents the stories of the pets that owners had to leave behind—some happy, some tragic, some inspiring—and the resulting federal law, the Pet Evacuation and Standards Act, which now requires state and local governments to provide for household pets in their evacuation plans.

Wesley the Owl, by Stacey O'Brien. This is the story of a biology student who rescued a four-day-old barn owl, which she lived with, studied, and loved for 19 years, adding immeasurably to our understanding of these fascinating birds.

Merle's Door, by Ted Kerasote. The author explores the dog-human bond through the story of his life with a stray mixed breed he found and adopted. The author intersperses summaries of research studies on dogs that help expand our understanding not only of his dog, Merle, but of dogs in general.

Redemption, by Nathan J. Winograd. The author criticizes the current policies and practices of animal shelters, where high percentages of the animals are put down every year, and proposes changes to the shelter industry nationwide that have been successfully implemented in such cities as San Francisco and Ithaca (NY).



Scenes from Villa Rica GoldRush 2009



Volunteers Keri Ashworth, Rob Sanders, & Judi Edens



Daniel Rice assists customers at the CCHS booth.



Volunteers Daniel Rice, Elaine MacKinnon, & Jean Martin



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“Adopt A Life-Long Friend!”

(shelter update, cont.)

trustee/staff person will be assigned responsibility for the cleaning and maintenance of each building and the care of the animals housed in that building. These precautions have been taken to eliminate transmission of disease from one building to another.

Tim Tant, Animal Control Manager, foresees the opening of the administration and adoption areas by the end of September. Finishing work will continue on the remaining buildings—the holding kennels and the storage building. When asked if he is planning a grand opening event, he said he would hold off the celebration until the entire facility is complete.

New shelter hours are now in effect at the old shelter and will be carried over to the new shelter as a way to make the animals more accessible to the public, hopefully increasing the number of adoptions.

New Shelter Hours

Tuesday–Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Sunday: noon–4:00 p.m.

Monday: closed

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