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Bringing *KIND News* to Local Students

One of our most important goals is to stem the tide of animals that end up at the county shelter because only 30% of those animals will be adopted or reclaimed. The rest will be euthanized.

The spay/neuter clinic is one major weapon in this fight. But did you know that half the dogs and cats that end up at the shelter are turned in by their owners? So an equally important aspect of our mission should be the education of our children and citizens in responsible pet ownership and respect for all living beings.

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Last year, with the aid of a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of West Georgia, the Humane Society subscribed to *KIND (Kids In Nature's Defense) News* for all first and third grade students in the city and county schools as a supplement to their Life Sciences curriculum. This monthly newspaper for students focuses on pet care, wildlife appreciation, and environmental conservation. It makes the concepts of compassion, citizenship, and responsibility come alive to the children.

In May of this year, we surveyed the teachers to get their feedback, and the results were quite impressive: 97% rated *KIND News* as "good," "very good," or "excellent" as a supplemental classroom

resource. 95% described their students as "interested" or "very interested" in reading it. 91% judged that their students' knowledge of humane and environmental issues had increased.

One teacher commented, "It is providing me with alternative ways to assess comprehension. Articles are so kid friendly and connect to their world. I never have trouble getting them to read the material. Boys like it as much as the girls. I hope we are able to continue receiving this valuable resource."

With such a positive report card, CCHS is committed to providing the students with *KIND News* again in 2008-2009. If you would like to help us carry on this program, please consider donating an extra few dollars when you renew your membership and designate it for the *KIND News* program.



Clinic Wish List

*Highest priority
right now*

Cargo van!
(see story and photo)

Bath towels
(we have enough hand
towels and cloths)

Paper towels

We can also use

Newspaper

Detergent

Bleach

Alcohol
(70% solution)

Peroxide

Tall kitchen
trash bags

Drum liners
(45 gallon size)

Band aids
(for emergency kit)

Disposable cat litter
pans

Dog food (both regu-
lar and small-bite)

20x20x1 air filters

West Georgia Spay/Neuter Clinic Update

As many of you know, CCHS opened the clinic in Villa Rica last year after 18 months of planning and fund-raising. We are proud to announce that in its first full year, the clinic performed over 3500 surgeries! The clinic provides low-cost surgery to the general public as well as to shelter and rescue groups and has drawn clients from

Rome to Franklin and from Anniston to Atlanta.

The clinic is open for surgery Monday through Thursday. For information and fees, visit our website at westgeorgiaspayneuter.com or call 678-840-8072. And don't forget to tell your friends!



We need a cargo van!

The clinic currently rents a van similar to this one driven by **Tracy Thompson**, facility manager for Paulding County Animal Control. We use it to transport animals to and from other shelters and rescue groups who have large numbers of animals needing surgery. A donated van would save up to \$150 a week in rental fees and let us further reduce the cost to transport clients. It doesn't have to be new, just moderately clean and in good operating condition. If you know of a company or person who might be willing to consider such a donation, call us at 770-830-2763!

Encouraging Words From Our Clients

“Thank you for the excellent services you provide for all creatures great and small. You are certainly making a difference in the lives of pets and their owners!”

“Just a note to thank everyone very much for your courtesy and excellent care shown to me and my pet...”

“We thank you for the care you provide for animals. This is a wonderful service and we appreciate the long hours you give.”

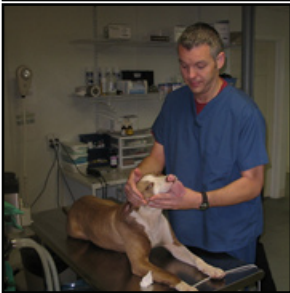
“You guys are doing a great work and doing it well...Please use the enclosed donation...It is a small token for my great appreciation.”



Dr. Theresa Montgomery examines a pet prior to surgery. A 1998 graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Montgomery has considerable spay/neuter experience. She lives in Lithonia.



Dakota the clinic cat takes a break from his duties as security guard.



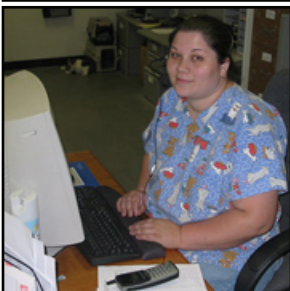
Clinic director Robert Robinson prepares a pet for surgery. Robert has served as a vet tech and/or clinic director for nearly 20 years. He joined WGSNC in mid-May, coming from Atlanta LifeLine.



Volunteer Gary Solomon provides TLC to a pet on the recovery mat.



Vet assistant Lesa Brown sanitizes a kennel. Lesa has 13 years experience in the veterinary field and owns 2 horses, 8 cats, and 3 aquariums.



Office assistant Kandise Duncan takes appointments for surgery by phone and e-mail. Kandise is also an experienced groomer, which she does in her off-hours.

Get Involved!

Volunteer with the Spay/Neuter Clinic

We always need more volunteers to help with

- Laundry
- Driving Transports
- Stocking Surgical Supplies
- General Cleaning
- Kennel Cleaning
- Phone Calls
- Making Surgical Packs
- General Office Work
- Recovery/Wake-up Monitoring and other duties as training allows

Call 678-840-8072 if you'd like to help.

KIDS CORNER



Sarah Landman, a student at Sewell Middle School, held a bake sale on June 7 on the Square in Carrollton in front of Horton's Books. This is the sixth bake sale that Sarah has organized to benefit the animals. Thank you very much, Sarah!

THANK YOU!

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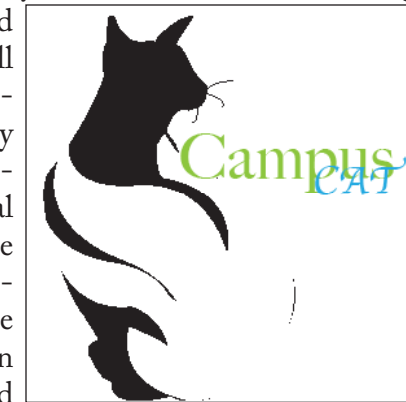
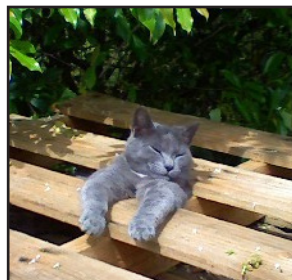
Thanks to their
grant, CCHS
will be able to
offer monetary
assistance to
owners for
the spaying/
neutering of
their cats.

CampusCATS at UWG

The CampusCATS is a brand-new, nonprofit, all-voluntary organization dedicated to the management of homeless cats residing on the University of West Georgia campus. Since our inception in October 2007 we have been busy laying the groundwork for what we hope will become a successful program focused on population control through the humane treatment and maintenance of our feline population.

Looking back over the year, we have come far. First we joined forces with the Carroll County Humane Society, who so graciously allowed us to fall under their organizational umbrella. One of the benefits this connection provides us is the ability to capitalize on an already established 501(c)3 program, allowing our fledgling CampusCATS the ability to provide any donating agent with that official tax deduction letter.

Over the months we were also able to successfully establish a written agreement with UWG's senior administration. Since we do not fall under the University system but were targeting the University campus, an official agreement seemed necessary. Generally, the agreement states that the University



knows we are here and what we are doing, allowing our efforts to be conducted with complete public profile.



Thanks to Ms. Deborah Santini, UWG Art Department faculty member, and Ms. Marisa Pauly a newly graduated UWG grad student, we now have a wonderful logo to help us define and refine our identity. The logo creatively captures the spirit of our cause along with our connection to the University.

News from the front-line shows the successful trapping and neutering of some 23 cats thus far. It is good to

know that the reproduction cycle for 7 females and 14 males has been broken. It is also heart warming to know that seven of these felines are adopted out either to homes or farms providing them a better way of life.

While we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go. The next steps forward include the creation of a web presence, more fund raising, and heightening our community education efforts. We will also, of course, continue to work towards a reduced cat population through our effective trap, neuter and release work.

If you have any comments, questions, or would like to donate or volunteer, please contact us at 678-839-5546 or by email at campusCATS@westga.edu.

2008–2009 Membership Renewal Drive

Dear Concerned Friend,

I am writing to remind you that it is time to renew your 2008–2009 Humane Society membership. We appreciate your support of this organization and truly value your membership. With help from folks like you, the Carroll County Humane Society is able to provide assistance and education to all of Carroll County.

As you may know, we sponsor the Fun Dog Show every fall and participate in numerous city and county festivals throughout the year. We provide subscriptions to *KIND News* for every first and third grade student in the city and county schools as a supplement to the life sciences curriculum for those grade levels. We also present educational programs for school and civic groups. Additionally, our dog and cat foster parents rescue animals from the Carroll County Animal Shelter each year. The animals that are rescued most likely would not be alive today if not for the tireless efforts of the CCHS foster families.

We are very excited about our newest and largest project by far—the West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic—which provides low-cost, high quality spay neuter services to the West Georgia and East Alabama area. The clinic is located at 525 East Montgomery Street Suite B in Villa Rica. We would like to invite you to get involved with the project and learn more about this worthwhile undertaking by visiting our website at www.westgeorgiaspayneuter.com.

You make a big difference in these fantastic programs by supporting CCHS with the renewal of your membership as well as by getting involved with our organization. We have many volunteer opportunities available. If you would like more information, please check our website at www.carrollcountyhumane.org or mark the appropriate box on the renewal form found in this newsletter.

If you have already renewed your membership, please feel confident that your money is being put to good use and know that we thank you.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Misty Evans
Carroll County Humane Society
Board Member, 2008 Membership Drive Chairperson

THANK YOU!

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

EmmyLou Harris

Suggins Brothers

Steep Canyon Rangers

Keary Crisp and
Ballew's Music

UWG Public History
Department

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Carroll County Humane Society 2008–2009 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, distributing copies to pet stores, etc.

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

_____ **Serving on the Board of Directors** - making policy decisions, attending monthly meetings, chairing committees, etc.



CCHS Leads Drive to Improve Shelter

“After weeks of petitioning by the Carroll County Humane Society, officials plan to add tens of thousands of dollars into the budget for the county animal

shelter to help what critics say is a disease-ridden and miserable environment for the animals.”

This lead paragraph in a front-page article in the June 1 *Times-Georgian* summarizes the successful effort by CCHS to rally support for the Carroll County shelter after members learned that the county commission was proposing to cut the shelter budget. The shelter has experienced numerous

outbreaks of disease recently due to unsanitary conditions and a lack of staff to combat the problem. The shelter was even quarantined by the state.

CCHS members addressed the commission at two public budget meetings and also met with commissioners Vickie Anderson and John Wilson to discuss their concerns. They also presented petitions containing the signatures of nearly 2,000 citizens demanding better conditions at the shelter. As a result, the commission added \$22,500 to the shelter budget for 2008-2009.

At the request of Commissioner Anderson, a citizen task force is also being formed to study and make recommendations for improving the shelter. The task force will likely include several CCHS members.

New County Animal Shelter Update

Progress report: As of June 6, three of the eight sections of the new Carroll County Animal Shelter have been framed in—the administration building and the two adoption areas. Still to be constructed are four additional buildings which will hold animals until they are reclaimed by their owners, placed in the adoption area, or destroyed. Each building will have its own separate HVAC and plumbing systems so if disease breaks out in one building, it will be contained within that one building and not spread to the animals in the other areas. A fifth building beyond the sally port will house a food storage room, a surgery room, and a quarantine area. Construction is being supervised by Roger Pope. *Photo:* Lee Gorman, director of Carroll County Animal



Control, and Mike Jacquinet, kennel manager, show Tina Buechner, CCHS president, the layout of the administrative office area of the new shelter where the office manager, kennel manager, and director’s offices will be housed. One of the two adoption areas is visible beyond the interior wall.

Grassroots Meeting

The HSUS is hosting a free grassroots meeting on **June 26** where participants will learn how to make a difference for animals in Georgia.

Learn about legislation that could significantly impact animals that the Georgia State Legislature will be considering.

Learn the most effective ways to communicate with those who represent you.

Learn basic techniques for citizen activists and find out what you can do to help animals at the local level.

Network with other animal advocates.

Bring a friend and pass this info along to anyone who might want to join us.

Free of charge

R.S.V.P. is requested.

To R.S.V.P. go to:
https://community.hsus.org/humane/event/sgrassrootsmeeting_VillaRicaGA_June26

DETAILS

June 26
 7:00pm-8:30pm
 Olive Tree Restaurant
 150 Stone St.
 Villa Rica, GA 30180



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“Adopt A Life-Long Friend!”

Upcoming Events

June 26: HSUS Grassroots Meeting (please see p. 7 for further details.)

September 6: Villa Rica Gold Rush

September 13: Flea Market at Fairfield (rain date September 20)

October 4: Fun Dog Show

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