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Humane Society of Charlotte Turns 30!

On July 20, 2008, the Humane Society of Charlotte turned 30 years old and we are proud to say we are the oldest private animal shelter in Mecklenburg County. This is a milestone we are certainly very pleased about and this is a perfect time to reflect on what the shelter has accomplished.

The mission of the Humane Society of Charlotte is to bring love and hope to all animals by ensuring the humane treatment of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. Our focus is on the prevention of unwanted pets through spay/neuter surgeries, sheltering homeless pets at our facility and placing animals in their new forever homes through our adoption program; we like to call this "project triangle."

In keeping with our mission, we have contributed first hand to lowering the unwanted pet population in Mecklenburg Count. Our spay/neuter clinic opened in 1982 and has performed over 145,000 surgeries and prevented the unwanted births of over 23 billion cats and 56 billion dogs. The number one reason for surrendering animals is pet overpopulation and we have been doing our best to combat this epidemic. Our two clinics, the one located at 2646 Toomey Avenue as well as the Gary T. deLisser clinic at Animal Care and Control, remain the only privately owned clinics in the state of North Carolina.

At any given time the shelter has 150-175 adoptable animals on site. We have made many improvements in the sheltering of homeless animals,

including the introduction of canine and feline socialization, the Walk-To-Adopt program where volunteers can take dogs to the park as well as canine interaction areas with new grass and netting to block out the sun. In addition, we are very proud to announce that the reconstruction of Kitty Corner is taking shape. We are very excited to have an improved environment for the fabulous felines in our care.

Since the Humane Society of Charlotte began in 1978, we have placed more than 6000 cats and 9000 dogs in new homes. This year alone, we are on target to adopt out over 2000 animals. In 2004, our shelter adopted out 438 animals so in just four years, our adoptions have increased over 350%! Over the last 9 months, our adoptions are up 46%, intake is up 38% and fostering of animals is up 136%. June, which is typically the slowest month for adoptions, saw 170 animals find new homes. This amazing number of adoptions beat December which is usually the highest month for adoptions. This past December, we saw 169 animals find homes, so June 2008 made shelter history as the highest number of adoptions ever in a single month. We can only imagine what December 2008 will bring!

We could never have accomplished all of these amazing things if it hadn't been for our wonderful supporters. On behalf of the entire staff at the Humane Society of Charlotte, thank you for kindness, compassion and generosity. We look forward to reaching more milestones with you!



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From One Animal Lover to Another a message from executive director david miller



With summer almost over, the Humane Society of Charlotte is as busy as ever. The organization turned thirty years old this year and we would be remiss in thanking all of those volunteers who helped to create what the Humane Society of Charlotte is today, an emerging leader in animal welfare.

The Humane Society of Charlotte is on a record breaking pace for 2008. Already we are on track to help more animals find loving homes than ever before through our adoption program. It is hard to believe the growth that we have experienced since just a few short years ago. The organization is also seeing growth in the number of animals we are spaying and neutering as well as the number of volunteers wanting to help. While we're thrilled to see these levels of development, we know that this is only the beginning and our organization is poised for some great things to come!

The Humane Society of Charlotte has also been recognized by the North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA) as the recipient of a Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award for Best Practices for

Employee Involvement. The award was given at their annual conference at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in April.

Also, the organization continues to be recognized by our independent auditors for our outstanding stewardship of monies received. 78 cents of every dollar raised goes directly toward our animal care programs and services. The national recommendation is that 66 cents of every dollar should go towards programs and services so we continue to exceed the norm.

While many years have passed since we first received our charter in July of 1978, one thing will always remain the same; the love and care that each staff member and volunteer gives to each and every animal that passes through our doors. We know that we are making a difference, four paws at a time and we will continue, with your help, to make a difference.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you, our volunteers, and staff who have helped the Humane Society of Charlotte over the past thirty years. I know with your help and support that the next thirty years will be just as rewarding for the animals of this community and beyond.

I look forward to seeing all of you on September 27 for Pet Palooza.

Volunteer Spotlight anita williams

Anita began her volunteer career with the Humane Society of Charlotte in March 2007. In that time, she's represented the Society at the Southern Women's Show, assisted the staff in the preparation for PetPalooza and has participated in the Walk-To-Adopt program. She has also played an integral role with the daily canine play sessions.

She thoroughly enjoys getting the dogs out of their runs and facilitating their interactions with other dogs and humans. "It is so rewarding to watch a shy dog, sitting in the

back of its run, transform into a social dog, playing with other dogs and interacting in a positive way" says Anita. "If I could, I would adopt them all, but since I can't, this is my way of giving back."

Anita is also in the process of opening her own doggy-day-care business! "Working with the dogs at the shelter has given me great hands on experience and for that I'm grateful."

The shelter staff is grateful to Anita for all that she does to help our four-legged friends.

Hoping for a Fur-Ever Home

to view all of the wonderful animals available for adoption, please visit our new and improved website at www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org



Midas

Breed: Retriever/Labrador Mix
Age: 10 years, 4 months
Came to HSC: 4/8/2008

I sure hope the rest of my life is full of love and attention. I spent the first half of my life neglected. I have a chronic, non-contagious, skin condition that requires maintenance medication. I may not be the prettiest dog but I score lots of points in the personality department! I am gentle, quiet, and very tolerant of all types of pets (dogs, cats, birds...) and adoring children. Do you have it in your heart to treat this old dog some new tricks?



Ebony

Breed: Domestic Short Hair Mix
Age: 8.5 years.
Came to HSC: 3/3/08

I am an older kitty that was abandoned at the Humane Society of Charlotte. I am very sweet and affectionate and am quiet natured. I love attention from people and I'm not too demanding; sounds like a pretty good combination, right? Won't you give me my second chance?

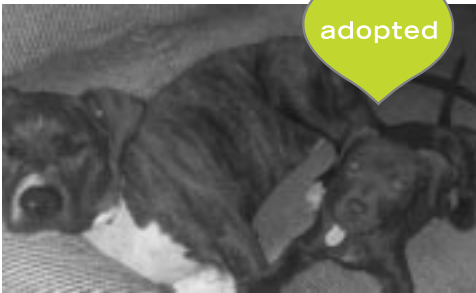


Tucker

Breed: Retriever Mix
Age: 8.5 years
Came to HSC: 5/7/08

I have really handsome markings, aren't I a great looking dog? I have a few years on me, but you would never know it because I'm so energetic and fun-loving. I think living with adults only, or in a family with older kids would be a great setting for me. I am a good boy, housebroken and very loving. Can you give me my second chance?

Happy in a NEW Fur-ever Home



Belle

Came to HSC: 6/16/08
Went home: 7/11/08

"Since I saw Belle I knew she was a special girl! It's why I just had to bring her home! Anyone that spends one minute around her immediately falls in love with her. She is so sweet and loves to cuddle with her big brother, Judah. She listens so well and makes us laugh on a daily basis! I can't imagine how dull our life would be without our little chocolate drop!"



Grigio

Came to HSC: 6/28/08
Went home: 8/2/08

"The two puppies are a dream. They are friendly, affectionate, and great with people and other dogs. We are so glad we decided to come back and get Merlot. The two of them enjoy each other's company so much. It is nice that they are able to keep their family while joining ours. We look forward to many happy years with our two new "kids".



Merlot

Came to HSC: 6/28/08
Went home: 8/3/08

Join Us for PetPalooza 2008!



PetPalooza is the Humane Society of Charlotte's annual dog walk and pet festival.

Participants sign up to walk with their friends, family and co-workers, two-legged or four, to raise funds and awareness for the

Society. PetPalooza is a fun-filled day for the entire family and includes refreshments, entertainment, a vendor fair as well as a fido fashion show, featuring the fabulous dogs from the Humane Society.



who:

You and everyone you know! Register to walk as an individual, as part of a team or sign up to be a vendor or sponsor.

what:

The Humane Society of Charlotte's largest fundraiser! Help us reach our goal of \$250,000!



when:

Saturday, September 27, 2008
8:30 a.m. - noon
Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.
& Walk starts at 9:00 a.m.

where:

Independence Park
300 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, NC, 28204

how:

Register today at
www.petpalooza2008.kintera.org

more information:

please call 704-377-0534, ext. 229
or email
dcanzano@humanesocietyofcharlotte.org



Paws for Art

The Paws for Art spring art show took place on Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Design Resource Center in the heart of Southend. The event hosted more than 30 artists and over 300 people attended the event. The event raised over \$11,000 - much-needed funds for the spay-neuter, sheltering and placement of unwanted pets! A special thank you goes out to Becky Denmark, Charlie Edwards, Ann Stout, Camilla Turner, Melissa Vandiver and Pat Waldron for coordinating this event on behalf of the Humane Society of Charlotte.



Walk for Wags

The 3rd annual Walk for Wags fundraiser, hosted by The Dog Salon! was held on Saturday, April 19th in Plaza-Midwood. Over 300 participants enjoyed the event which raised over \$7,000 for the Humane Society of Charlotte.



Comings & Goings

latest statistics from our shelter

Humane Society of Charlotte
January – June 2008

	Canine	Feline	Total
Animals Taken In	680	386	1066
Animals Adopted	597	299	896
Spay/Neuter Surgeries	2829	1659	4488

Critter Care

the dog days of summer are not over just yet

Just as people need to take precautions to protect themselves from the summer heat and humidity, we need to watch out for our pets during these especially hot days. By following a few simple recommendations, it is easy to help ensure that the summer is as safe and enjoyable for our pets as it is for us. Our vets recommend the following tips to pet owners to help animals beat the heat:

1. Never leave your pets in a parked car: Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly reach dangerous levels – for example, when the outdoor temperature is about 85 degrees the inside of a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes; after 30 minutes the temperature will reach 120 degrees. On hot and humid days, the temperature in a car parked in

direct sunlight can rise more than 30 degrees per minute.

2. Shade and water are essential: Make sure your pet has protection from heat and sun anytime they are outside (a dog house does not provide relief from heat) and plenty of fresh, cool water. Heat stroke can be fatal for pets as well as people.

3. Limit exercise on hot days: On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours as asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws. And be especially careful with short-nosed dogs and those with thick coats.

4. Recognize the signs of heatstroke: Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse sali-

vation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, and unconsciousness are all signs of heat stroke.

If the animal shows symptoms of heatstroke, take steps to gradually lower their body temperature immediately and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Follow these tips, and it could save your pet's life:

Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over them. Let the animal drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.

Take them directly to a veterinarian.

Enjoy the rest of your "dog days of summer" and protect yourself as well as your pet!

Giving Corner

the kitty corner is getting a face lift

Renovations are in store for the Kitty Corner including plumbing, electrical and flooring enhancements as well as an upgraded HVAC system. It is also our wish to enhance the cat's cages.

Making the above renovations will allow our cats the opportunity to have an enhanced environment while they are in our care. We are proud to provide pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home.



This effort was first introduced in 2006 and our generous supporters contributed to the

effort. We are in the process of receiving bids for the project and due to rising building costs and inflation, the cost of the project will be higher than originally anticipated.

Stay tuned for more details on the renovations and how you can help. For additional information at this time, please contact Donna Canzano at 704-377-0534, ext. 229 or via email dcanzano@humanesocietyofcharlotte.org.

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▶ **Count me in at the following level:**

- \$25** Feeds four hungry kittens for one week.
- \$50** Supplies a comfy bed for dogs in their kennels.
- \$75** Provides one spay/neuter surgery to prevent homeless animals.
- \$100** Ensures four puppies stay healthy by receiving necessary vaccinations.
- \$250** Has 30 cats tested to keep feline leukemia and AIDS from infecting of other cats.
- \$500** Funds five heartworm tests.
- Other** \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed to Brighten the Future: \$ _____

- Check Enclosed
- MC Visa Discover AmEx

Card No. _____

Expiration Date _____

* Signature required for credit cards, monthly giving and/or bank drafts

(please print clearly)

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City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Employer _____

* Signature _____

Today's Date _____

- Matching Gifts Program** - Many companies will match contributions from their employees. Please check with your employer.

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▶ **Enroll today in the new EASY program!**

Enroll today in the new EASY program!

Now that the Humane Society of Charlotte offers monthly giving, you can be sure that you'll contribute to our animals' well-being all year long. When you sign up for EASY (Every Animal Supported by You), the amount you specify will be deducted from your checking account or billed to your credit card each month. It's all automatic and we'll be happy to send your giving acknowledgment monthly or yearly, whichever you prefer!

- \$10 per month** buys hard food for a year for a kitten in foster care
- \$20 per month** provides two crates for transporting and house training dogs
- \$50 per month** furnishes a year's worth of socialization tools in Kitty Corner
- \$100 per month** supplies six months of enrichment toys for our canine guests

Bank Name _____

Routing/Transit Number _____

Account Number _____

... or complete credit card information at left

Please fill out this form and mail to:

Humane Society of Charlotte
2700 Toomey Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28203

Or fax to:

704.332.8010

If you have questions about ways to support the Humane Society of Charlotte, please contact Donna Canzano at 704-377-0534, ext. 229 or David Miller at 704-377-0534, ext. 230.

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Saturday, September 27, 2008

8:30 a.m. - noon

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

& Walk starts at 9:00 a.m.

where:

Independence Park
300 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, NC, 28204

Humane Society of Charlotte Welcomes New Director of Development

The Humane Society of Charlotte is happy to welcome Donna Canzano as the new Director of Development. Donna comes to us by way of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, where she was the Senior Campaign Director for the Western North Carolina region. Prior to joining the North Carolina team, she began her career with LLS in 2001 in their New York City office.

Donna has been volunteering with the Humane Society of Charlotte since January 2006, primarily participating in the Walk-To-Adopt program. "I'm thrilled to share my

passion for non-profit fundraising and building relationships with members of the community in order to benefit the

Humane Society of Charlotte," she says, "it's an honor to work for the animals." Join us in welcoming Donna to the Humane Society of Charlotte team. She can be reached at 704-377-0534, ext. 229 or via email at dcanzano@humanesocietyofcharlotte.org.

