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# You Helped Make 2007 a Record Year!

As the Humane Society of Charlotte heads into its 30th year of service to pets and pet owners in the Carolinas, we reflect upon numerous achievements and milestones in 2007 as we look forward to a busy and even more successful 2008.

**Adoptions and Intake** – We had a record 1,403 adoptions in 2007 and December was our highest adoption month ever with a record of 169 animals placed into their new forever homes. Expanding our customer service staff also allowed us to bring in even more homeless and unwanted pets.

**Spay/Neuter Surgeries** – More than 7,500 spay/neuter surgeries were performed at our two clinics in 2007. Waiting times to get a surgery appointment were reduced, as was the waiting list for our indigent clients served through a joint grant with Charlotte Mecklenburg Animal Care & Control made possible by the Patterson Fund through the Foundation for the Carolinas.

**Fundraising** – By implementing an aggressive direct mail plan, we added new donors to our HSC family, increased fundraising overall and held some impressive fundraising events, including PetPalooza that raised more than \$100,000 on a beautiful fall Saturday.

## what's coming in 2008

We will continue to increase our focus of touching even more pet's lives throughout the Carolinas in 2008 by focusing even more on matching surrendered pets with their new forever families, improving our facilities and providing even more

spay/neuter surgeries to reduce unwanted pet overpopulation.

**Kitty Corner** – This spring, we will move into the remodeling phase of Kitty Corner with the upgrade of cages, improved air handling and more sunlight for our feline friends to enjoy. Some of our larger expenses include an industrial dishwasher, washer and dryer, so if you know of a corporation that would be in a position to donate these items, we would love to hear from you.

**Flying Colors** – This color coded matching system will help the public identify which animals are the best fit with their lifestyle to strengthen the human-animal bond that is developed during the adoption process.

**Fundraising Events** – Whether it's a spring pet walk in Plaza-Midwood, an art event in SouthEnd or our annual PetPalooza – which will move to Independence Park in 2008 - see our center spread on pages four and five to find out how you can help us raise money and have fun in the process!

**Website Improvements** – We are in the process of making our website ([humanesocietyofcharlotte.org](http://humanesocietyofcharlotte.org)) even more user-friendly. It's still the number one place to see what animals are available for adoption, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but if you have suggestions for improvement, we would love to hear them.

Again, we thank you for your support in 2007 and look forward to making our vision of every animal in a safe and loving home come true in 2008!

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but they do need you.



## board of directors

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



As I start my second year here at the Humane Society of Charlotte, the accomplishments the organization made in 2007 were impressive. We've made a

lot of progress, and I'm most grateful to our staff, board of directors, and volunteers - and you! - who have embraced the changes we've made and remained visionary as we move forward.

In December, we had our highest-ever month of adoptions with 169, which contributed to an overall record of 1,403 animals going home with their forever families last year.

Adopting animals into their new forever homes is just part of the circle of life here at the Humane Society of Charlotte. It begins with prevention of unwanted pets through spay/neuter surgeries performed at our two clinics, which totaled 7,586 in 2007.

## Volunteer Spotlight delores hogdin

There aren't many things Deloris Hodgins hasn't done for the Humane Society of Charlotte in the past 15 years. She has been a board member, volunteer coordinator, foster mom, served on the operations committee and much more.

"Deloris has taught me so much about working with animals and people," says Cat Carter, a fellow long-time volunteer at the Humane Society of Charlotte. "We get a great deal of personal satisfaction from helping animals, but it cannot be about all about us. Deloris helps us all put the needs of the

How can you help us touch the lives of even more pets and their owners in 2008? By supporting us through your time and treasures. Volunteering is a vital aspect of how we run our organization, and without financial support we can't employ the resources necessary to serve our four-legged friends in need.

There's an old saying in animal welfare circles that "until dogs and cats can write checks, we'll need humans who can do that for them." Please consider helping them by joining our monthly giving program, participating in Walk for Wags or Paws for Art or PetPalooza, responding to a direct mail solicitation or including us in your estate plans.

There are many ways to shape the future of our communities' unwanted pets. We hope you will choose to do so through the Humane Society of Charlotte.

animals first in all decisions we make."

Samantha Laine describes her as a Steel Magnolia who is tireless, committed and passionate. "She is always ready to go the extra mile to give a voice to those who have none - the animals in our care," she says.

She is well respected by the staff, board and volunteers for her knowledge and years of service. We consider Deloris a valuable resource, source of support and trusted friend to all of us - two-legged and four-legged alike.

## Hoping for a Fur-Ever Home



### Aristotle

Breed: Pit Bull/ Husky Mix

Age: Two years

Came to HSC: 09.13.06

I always have a huge smile on my face! It matches my never-quiet tail too. I am super friendly and loving. I can be a little excited around new people, so older kids would be best. I am ready and willing to learn how to be a real gentleman...can you take me home and teach me?



### Jemaya

Breed: Boxer Mix

Age: Two and a half years

Came to HSC: 08.01.07

Don't I just have the cutest ears? Makes that big smile of mine that more appealing! I am an active and playful teenager who would love to join your family. I've been mostly an outdoor dog, but am crate trained and I think I could get used to sharing your home. Since I am big and playful, older children would be best. I haven't really been around other dogs, but seem friendly. Come see me... I love belly rubs!



### Tabbacita

Breed: Domestic Short Hair

Age: Two years

Came to HSC: 10.11.07

I am a little tabby cat, and I was a great mother! Now I am ready to be a great pet. I get nervous with a lot of new things, so a quiet household without kids or other animals (especially dogs!) would be preferred. Give me some time, and I will reward you with lots of purring!

## Happy in a NEW Fur-ever Home



### Jayden

Came to HSC 10.11.07

Went home: 12.10.07

"She is the sweetest girl, not to mention beautiful. She loves her walks and loves to ride in the car. She is slowly warming up to our son who has autism. He is very loud and that scares her, but our trainer is helping us with that. Just wanted you to know how much we love her and she loves us."

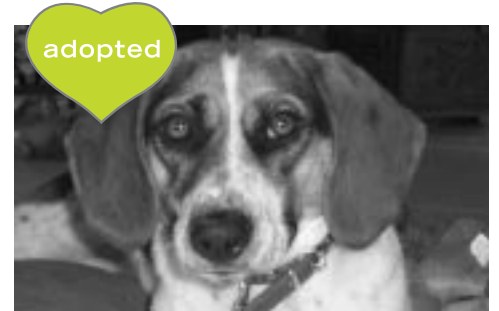


### Morton

Came to HSC: 10.29.07

Went home: 01.10.08

"We are so happy to have him and he is the happiest kitty you have ever seen! I didn't know how both cats were going to co-exist because they are both alpha males, but they have become the best of friends and cannot leave each other's side. Thank you so much for everything that you have done to nurse him back to health and find him a good home. He makes a great addition to our family."



### Darcy (now Emma)

Came to HSC: 10.16.07

Went home: 11.05.07

"Emma has been a sweet little angel since coming to live with my mom. She's so loving and jumps up when you walk into the house. She loves to have her belly rubbed and loves to cuddle. She also does very well with other dogs and knows how to play with them. She just got back from traveling to Miami and enjoyed the tropical weather. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to saving animals and placing them in homes."

# big events mean big fun!

## Walk For Wags

### what:

Our dear friends Dave Willis and Wes Millsaps from The Dog Salon! are once again coordinating our spring pet walk – Walk for Wags 2008 – to be held in the Plaza-Midwood/Chantilly/Elizabeth neighborhoods. This will be our third year of the walk, and we will once again feature two different walk routes through Plaza-Midwood, Chantilly and Elizabeth ... all to raise money for our four-legged friends. There will be pet-related businesses on site, a raffle of cool prizes donated by local merchants and fun for all ages.

### when:

Saturday, April 19, 2008

registration at 8:30 a.m.

walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

### where:

The Dog Salon! 1318 Central Avenue

(at Central & Pecan in Plaza-Midwood – behind CVS and Family Dollar)

### event website:

[walkforwags.com](http://walkforwags.com)

### sponsorships:

Wes or Dave 704-248-0991



## Paws for Art

### what:

Last spring, three very special Humane Society of Charlotte volunteers, whom we call the Fab Three – Becky Denmark, Pat Waldron and Charlie Edwards, Jr. – put together a “fun, little art show” in less than six weeks. Their first effort netted more than \$6,000 in just a few hours, and this year their vision is much bigger! Local artists will donate pieces of their work for silent bidding with the proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Charlotte. In addition, some of their pieces may be purchased directly by attendees. Many items may have a pet-related theme, but not all of them. Last year a beautiful necklace donated by Betsy Klein fetched (pun intended!) more than \$1,000 for the cause. If you are an artist interested in participating, contact Pat Waldron at [pwaldron@southendspecialties.com](mailto:pwaldron@southendspecialties.com) for a list of guidelines and an application to be included in the event.

### when:

Friday, May 2, 2008 from 6 until 9 p.m.  
(in conjunction with SouthEnd Gallery Crawl)

### where:

Design Resource Center  
1930 Camden Road in the heart of SouthEnd



## PetPalooza 2008

### what:

The annual pet-walk fundraiser and festival that helps the Humane Society of Charlotte raise much-needed funds for spay-neuter, sheltering and placement of unwanted pets. We topped our goal of \$100,000 last year and this year we are shooting for an even bigger goal of \$250,000. The morning starts with a pet walk, plus there will be contests, activities for pets and their humans and an event featuring adoptable animals from the Humane Society of Charlotte!



### when:

Saturday, September 27, 2008

### where:

Independence Park (note the location change!)

### more info:

[humanesocietyofcharlotte.org](http://humanesocietyofcharlotte.org) as event nears



# Comings & Goings

## latest statistics from our shelter

Humane Society of Charlotte  
January - December 2007

	Canine	Feline	Total
Animals Taken In	878	621	1499
Animals Adopted	842	561	1403
Spay/Neuter Surgeries	4409	3136	7545



## Critter Care

### yes, all of those vaccinations are important!

The day is here! You are finally adopting your newest family member, so do what you can to protect your new pet from sickness. Fortunately, there are many very serious diseases that can be prevented by following a vaccine schedule.

An animal's immune system fights disease by attacking the organism within the infected body. The immune system has a form of memory, whereby it learns to recognize a disease organism and therefore will be more efficient in defending the body against it in the future. Vaccinations contain disease-causing organisms such as viruses, which have been killed or damaged in some way, so they no longer cause illness. The body's

immune system creates antibodies which attack the vaccine and learn to recognize the organism without actually contracting the disease. If in the future a true infection occurs, the body is ready to fight!

When an animal is born, they receive antibodies from their mother. These antibodies will protect from disease until their body's immune system is mature, generally until the puppy or kitten is between six weeks and sixteen weeks old. Meanwhile, the animal's own immune system develops and the immunities donated by mom wanes. You should vaccinate as close to this transition time as possible, and every two to four weeks during this crucial time is recommended..

After the four-month milestone, most vaccinated puppies and kittens are well protected from serious diseases including rabies, parvo and bordatella. Vaccines are "boostered" about a year later, then a schedule of future vaccinations will be recommended by your veterinarian. It is important to remember that female dogs and cats should always be vaccinated prior to breeding, as those important maternal antibodies will only help protect the offspring if mom has been vaccinated.

So, plan on multiple vet visits while your new baby is growing up, and throughout their life ... it will help keep them healthy, and help ensure you both a long life together!

## Giving Corner

### monthly giving and Bi-Lo Boosters!

We are unveiling two new programs to facilitate your financial support of the nearly 1,500 animals who come through our doors every year.

Our monthly giving program allows pet lovers to provide support to the Humane Society of Charlotte every month with minimal effort. You may elect to have a pre-authorized amount debited from your checking account or charged to your credit card (think frequent flyer miles!). No more filling out

forms, sending checks in the mail and best of all, it is effortless to support the animals in our care on an ongoing basis.

You may also elect to, rather than receiving a separate acknowledgement letter each time your account is debited or charged, receive one year-end statement for tax purposes. That means less paper, printing and postage for us, as well as one simple year-end statement for your taxes.

To enroll in this program, see the form at

right and simply fill out the instructions. In addition, as always, feel free to call our director of development, Jill Santuccio, at 704.377.0534 x229 or executive director David Miller at the same number, ext. 230. The Bi-Lo BoostersPlus program will donate one percent of your purchases back to the Humane Society of Charlotte. It is simple to enroll ... and you only have to do it once! Simply clip the bar code off the corner of this page and take it to your neighborhood continued on back cover

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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)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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 me in the monthly giving program!**

It's simple! Monthly we will draft your bank account or charge your credit card for an amount you designate. After initial enrollment, there are no forms to fill out, no checks to write, nothing to mail. It's all automatic, and we'll send you a year-end summary statement for your taxes!

- \$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 right

**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 these or other ways to support the Humane Society of Charlotte, contact Jill Santuccio at 704-377-0534 x229 or David Miller 704-377-0534 x230.

***All contributions are tax deductible.***

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## Humane Society of Charlotte

2700 Toomey Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28203

704.377.0534  
Mon - Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Sunday

Adoption appointments to meet special circumstances may be made by contacting the Adoption Coordinator, ext. 227.  
Open Mon-Fri by appointment

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## monthly giving program

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Bi-Lo store the next time you shop. When you check out, hand them the bar code to scan (just once, not every time you shop) and they will link it to your Bi-Lo Bonus Card. From then on, every time you shop with your Bi-Lo Bonus card, the Humane Society of Charlotte will receive one percent of your purchases back through a check they will mail us each quarter. No money out of your pocket, but some additional funds for our four-legged friends!

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## Pam's Pets

On March 23, 2007, Pam Sigmon Shuey passed away at the age of 45, just six weeks after she was diagnosed with cancer. A fervent lover and guardian of animals, Pam always was rescuing pets who were less fortunate, including a cat that had been set on fire and survived. She also worked with Collie Rescue of the Carolinas, fostering and conducting home visits in the Charlotte area. In her teenage years, Pam babysat for the children of Donn & Dottie Toney. The Toney's have pledged matching funds up to \$1,000 for any donations that come into the Humane Society of Charlotte earmarked for Pam's Pets. Should you choose to honor Pam's memory in this way, please note Pam's Pet's in the memo field of your check.

