

FALL 2007

LAGRANGE – TROUP COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



People 4 Paws

FUR BALL

The Sixth Annual Humane Society Fur Ball held on Saturday, August 25, at the Highland Country Club was a tremendous success! 106 people attended and \$11,600 was raised, which will be used to support our spay/neuter program and will directly benefit the homeless, abused, stray and abandoned animals of Troup County.

Those who attended enjoyed delicious hors d'ouvres, prepared by the Country Club kitchen staff (great job – Chef Jeff and crew!), dancing to the music of the Sho-Tyme band, the canine musical free style performance of “Top Hat and Tails” by the Dixie Dancing Dogs (thanks to Sue Landa and the rest of her “troupe”!) and bidding on a vast and varied selection of items in the Silent Auction. The \$500 Pot of Gold raffle winner was Joey Griffith.

Thanks to corporate sponsors – **Neiman Marcus, Ellis and Ellis, Larry Rich Nissan, Starling Pools, Tharpe and Jones, J.K. Boatwright and Co., Coldwell Banker/Spinks Brown, CB&T, Dr. John Jackson, Dr. John Vollenweider and Watts Furniture.** Thanks also to all of the area merchants and business who donated services or merchandise to the Silent Auction. The names of Perkerson Cleaners and SOS Cleaners were inadvertently left out of the booklet. We want to thank them for their donations of dry cleaning coupons which were included in each package. Thanks to the area media for helping with publicity and to McDaniel Printing for contributing toward printing expenses.

And a major thank you and congratulations on a job well done to Fur Ball Chair, Stephanie Sheppard, her co-chair, Nancy Sheppard, and their hard working committee composed of Bonnie Bolles, Sam Card, Debbie Court, Kacey Cox, Maxine Davis, Don Flynn, Jean Flynn, Carole Hughes, Teresa Hughes, Joy Roswell, Marsha Schubert, Bill Wright and Judy Wright.

It is crucial to the success of this event, our major fund raiser, that we have a good turnout. So mark your calendar now for the Seventh Annual Fur Ball on August 23, 2008. Appearing again, by popular demand, will be the Sho-Tyme band and the Dixie Dancing Dogs. Let's try to break this year's record of attendees and funds raised!

PETS POSSE BIKE RIDE

The Pets Posse Ride event held on Saturday, June 23, starting and ending at the Animal Shelter, was a qualified success in its first year. Participation was less than we would have hoped for, but there were two other bike rides for charity in LaGrange on the same day. Still, \$1200 was raised and the enthusiastic organizers, Melissa Vernon, Jeff Bunn and Dan Forest, hope to make this an annual event, possibly in the spring of the year. Thanks, bikers – the Humane Society and the animals you've helped appreciate your efforts!

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

With these funds that were raised, we tend to the needs of the stray, abused and abandoned animals of Troup County. We encourage spaying and neutering through our education programs and civic presentations to greatly reduce and, maybe, some day in the future, to eliminate the massive pet overpopulation problem.

The Humane Society program, with twelve animals, adding one as one is adopted, operates by having spaying or neutering and shots done prior to adoption. Year to date, 42 animals have been transferred to this program and 34 have been adopted. All shots and spay/neuter procedures are done on a rotating basis by the three participating veterinarians (Dr. Gale Shelnett, Dr. William Whitlow and Dr. Ben Shelnett – and we appreciate their cooperation!). Animals transferred to this program are not eligible for euthanasia. Just recently, we have added heart worm testing to the program. The materials were purchased in bulk (resulting in a savings of about \$20 per test) and the tests are done by volunteers, Kay Schnack and Carole Hughes, prior to transferring them to the program. A positive test disqualifies the animal from being included. Heartworm treatment is very expensive and, as much as we would like to, it is not financially feasible for the Humane Society to fund.

Beginning in February of this year, we were able to expand the program to include every animal adopted from the City of LaGrange Animal Shelter. This part of the program operates by having the procedures done after the animal is adopted. The new owner receives vouchers from the City toward the cost of spaying or neutering and the first set of shots. When the procedure is done, the veterinarian bills the Humane Society directly for the difference between the City vouchers and the actual cost, resulting in no charge for the new owner.

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Watch for the Humane Society Christmas Parade float entry again this year on November 29 in downtown LaGrange. Kacey and Glenn Cox, co-chairs, are in the planning stage to follow the theme of “A Merry Musical Christmas” and will soon be getting their crew together to begin building our float. We’re quite proud of having won first place in the Civic Division in 2005 and 2006 and will be going for a three peat this year!

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP

A Christmas gift wrap at the LaGrange Mall (near Belks) will be staffed again this year by Humane Society volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays from November 23 through December 22. Hours will be from 3-9 P.M. on Fridays and 9-6 P.M. on Saturdays. Prices will vary, depending on the size of the package (which does not need to be purchased at the Mall) from \$2 to \$6.

Due to the number of hours involved and the shortage of Humane Society volunteers, project chair, Carole Hughes, needs additional helping hands. If you or your organization can give a few hours of your time to help out with this project, please call Marsha at the Humane Society office (706-298-3608) to be included on the schedule.

OFFSITE ADOPTIONS

Through the use of the Mobile Adoption Unit, the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society is able to find new homes for many homeless animals by taking them to sites where the general public (who may not be able to come to the Animal Shelter during its limited operating hours) can see them. Volunteers load the Unit with our spay/neuter program animals and Shelter animals and travel to offsite locations around the County. We can usually be found at the LaGrange mall on the first Saturday of the month and Wal-Mart on the third Saturday. Look for us at the Hogansville Hummingbird Festival on October 20. Many thanks to All Pro Chevrolet for the use of a truck with a trailer hitch to tow the unit as needed!

During the previous quarter 3 animals were adopted at Wal-Mart on June 16 and 5 at the Mall on September 8. Two additional animals were adopted at Wal-Mart on September 15. The August 4 outing had to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers and the August 18 outing was cancelled due to the heat (the animals could have handled the heat, since the Mobile Unit is air conditioned, but the volunteers outside could not!) Thanks to Carole Hughes, adoption chair, and the Humane Society volunteers who help load, unload and staff these adoptathons!

ONLINE FUND RAISER

Krymus ([HTTP://www.krymus.com/fundraising/](http://www.krymus.com/fundraising/)) has a website which accesses over 300 retail stores including Target, Best Buys and Barnes and Noble. Through this website, the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society can be designated to receive a percentage of the sale (the percentage varies by store). If you shop on line, check out this site and let the Humane Society reap the benefits!

HARMONY KINGDOM WHEEL OF LIFE RAFFLE

One of our Humane Society volunteers, Vanda Kight, belongs to the Southern Harmony Collectors' Club. They are participating in the Harmony Kingdom's House of Peers Wheel of Life raffle which can benefit the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society. The Wheel of Life is a multi part, hand stained, handmade of crushed marble and resin in the tradition of the English cottage industry, almost two feet in diameter and worth approximately \$1,000. The piece is no longer being produced, as the artist has retired from the Wimberley Mills factory in England, which was the only place it could be purchased. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 6 for \$25, 14 for \$50, 22 for \$75 and 30 for \$100. Checks should be made out to the Humane Society and sent to our office, after which they will be forwarded to the Harmony Kingdom treasurer. Since checks are already made out to the Humane Society, this assures that all proceeds will return to LaGrange Troup County Humane Society. The postmarked deadline for purchasing raffle tickets is March 20, 2008 and the raffle will be held on April 13, 2008 at the Harmony Kingdom Convention in Orlando, Florida. If you would like raffle ticket stubs sent to you, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment. You may also purchase tickets online or for more information and viewing of the Wheel of Life, please go to their website at [HTTP://houseofpeers.com/charity54wol.htm](http://houseofpeers.com/charity54wol.htm).

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

The volunteers of the quarter for Fall, 2007, are Don and Jean Flynn. Don was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and Jean in Washington, D.C. Don has a Master's Degree in Engineering Science and Jean a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Before retiring, Don was a software programmer and Jean, a management analyst for the Federal Government.

In a 21 year second marriage, Jean has a son, Robert Hoff (vice president of the USO) of Purcellville, Virginia and Don has a son, Gregory Flynn of Moline, Illinois and a daughter, Michelle Anderson of Finksburg, Maryland. Don and Jean moved from the Washington, D.C. area to LaGrange two years ago, after an extensive Internet research for a small college town on a lake with reasonable housing prices (Congratulations, LaGrange, for meeting those requirements!)

Their other activities include belonging to the LaGrange Shufflers Square Dance Club, the Silver Bullets bowling league, and are LaGrange Symphony Orchestra supporters. In addition, Don is a member of the LaGrange Amateur Radio Club and serves as Director of Damage Assessment for the LaGrange chapter of the American Red Cross. Jean is also a volunteer at West Georgia Medical Center, serves as publicity chair for the LaGrange Woman's Club, coffee chair for the LaGrange Newcomers Club, and mini garden center chair for the Pine Needle Garden Club. (Whew!!)

Don and Jean have been Humane Society volunteers for two years. Don serves as website chair (check out his work at lagrangehumane.org), developed an accounting program for the Fur Ball Silent Auction, puts the Silent Auction booklet together and helps with other fund raisers. Jean helps with fund raisers, transports animals to vets for our spay/neuter program, and hand distributes newsletters to five locations in LaGrange. Their personal animal population consists of Tabatha, a calico cat.

Don and Jean's words of animal wisdom are **"Every dog and cat owner has the responsibility to control the overpopulation of dogs and cats by having them spayed or neutered, whether they stay indoors or are allowed to go outside."**

ONGOING THANKS

Ongoing thanks to the LaGrange Daily News for their cooperation with us for our publicity needs. Once a week, they feature (in the classified ads section) our Pet of the Week picture and description and the upcoming location of the mobile Adoption Unit. Ongoing thanks to TV33, where every Thursday a Pet of the Week appears live during the 5:00 P.M. newscast (around 5:25 P.M.) and on tape around 11:25 P.M. Ongoing thanks to the City of LaGrange Channel 19 television station, where our Pet of the Week feature is run, in addition to other publicity needs. Ongoing thanks to 100.9 "The Bull" and Eagle 102.3 for their support in running our radio spots for Pet of the Week and other events. Ongoing thanks to Kmart Distribution Center in Newnan for regular donations of animal care supplies. Ongoing thanks to Clean Smart and owner, Matthew Stermer, for monthly donations of cleaning supplies.

SHELTER REPORT

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(Note: These figures do not reflect animals transferred to and adopted out by the Humane Society.)

	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats
Animals Impounded	117	101	Animals Redeemed	8	0
Animals Adopted	14	12	Animals Euthanized	98	66

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Stuart Lamar White by LaGrange Chamber of Commerce, Glenna Parkins, Elsie Harris, John & Bit Taylor, Development Authority of LaGrange, City of LaGrange, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Newberry; **Annette Boyd** by Jim Boyd, **Jennifer Soltis Trizzino** by John & Sarah Soltis, **Ms. Sallie Hazel** by Navelle Wilkinson, **Joseph Bacon** by Katie Bacon, **Graham McMillian** by Bonnie Bolles, **Donald, Kopel** by Dorothy Kopel, **Jessie** by Jean, Bogart & Lucie, **Molly Magli & Dobie Gillis Killebrew** by Jim & Guthrie Killebrew, **Sharlie** by Peggy Boatwright, **Bama** by **Don & Nancy Newman**, **Sebastian** by Murry & Paige Schine, **Rocky** by Ruth Ellen Trotter, **CJ, beloved pet of Colin & Gail Dacus** by JW & Sara Andrews, **All the beloved cats that adopted me** by Ellen Davidson, **Shiloh Taylor** by Dick, Debbi & Cammie Kilpatrick, **Lizzie** by Patty & Rocky Grace

IN HONOR OF

Bit Taylor by Patty Grace, Dr, **Darrell Durham** by Peggy Boatwright, **Patty Grace** by Bit & John Taylor, **Michael F. Bacon** and in recognition of **Ashlee Bacon's 9th Birthday** by Katie Bacon, **Peaches** by Sandy Griffith

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7 dog sponsorships and dog food by **Cindy Pfaff, Holland M. Ware Foundation, Glenna Parkins Fund, New Ventures**; dog food and cat litter, **Camp Lady Bug**; dog food, cat food and treats, **Brooke Yarborough and Rachel Pless**; donated funds raised from their lemonade stand, **HK House of Peers donations**; Leanna Barron, Johnia Browning, Vanda Kight, Sue Donilon, Patricia Steven, Carole Roekle.

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*Your Humane Society cannot exist without your donations. Your financial contributions are vitally important to the ongoing work of caring for and saving unwanted animals in Troup County. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent provided by law. A receipt will be mailed to you promptly and your gift will be acknowledged in the quarterly newsletter. Please complete the information in the above form and mail it in the enclosed envelope.

_____ I am also interested in becoming a volunteer. Please send me more information.

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