

**SPRING 2007**  
**HUMANE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**PET SHOW**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Humane Society Pet Show was held Saturday, February 17, on Lafayette Square. The weather was most uncooperative (windy, with a temperature in the 40's) so we did not have as good an attendance as we had hoped for. But those who braved the wintry weather had a good time!

Many thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Max New, TV 33 sportscaster, and our judges, Linda Buchanen, Amanda Plumley and Jessica Binner. And a special thanks to LaGrange College kappa Delta Sorority, who, under the leadership of Emily Hoxsie, organized and staffed this event!

This year's winners were:

**Most Tail Wags**

1. Goliath, owned by Susan O'Neal
2. Tobey, owned by Justin Timmons
3. Parker, owned by Elyse Burnett

**Most Adorable Cat**

1. Little Bit, pet of Kimberly Brawner

**Most Athletic**

1. Goliath, owned by Susan O'Neal
2. Delayla, owned by Abbey Barnett

**Owner/Pet Look Alike**

1. Zoey, pet of Lori Cardell
2. Muffin, pet of Magenta Klatt
3. Penny, pet of Susan O'Neal

**Most Patriotic**

1. Princess Buttermilque, owned by Avery Owens
2. Penny, owned by Susan O'Neal
3. Goliath, owned by Susan O'Neal

**Tallest**

1. Wilson, pet of Monte Williams
2. Goliath, pet of Susan O'Neal

**Most Talented**

1. Zoey, owned by Lori Cardell
2. Molly, owned by Ken Ragun
3. Little Bizkits, owned by Kristi Owens

**Shortest**

1. Lola, pet of Darryl Hughes
2. Little Bizkits, pet of Kristi Owens
3. Penny, pet of Susan O'Neal

**Most Adorable Dog**

1. Molly, owned by Ken Ragun
2. Goliath, owned by Susan O'Neal
3. Cooper, owned by Carole Hughes

**Pet of the Year**

1. Zoey, pet of Lori Cardell
2. Missy, pet of Sam Card
3. Daisy, pet of Sandy Lee

**FUND RAISERS**

Christmas Gift Wrap. As promised in the last newsletter, the report on the proceeds from our Christmas gift wrap is superb! We raised \$1781, due mainly to the efforts of the chairman, Carole Hughes, and her staff, Teresa Hughes and her children, Justin and Hayley. Job well done!

Yard Sale. The annual yard sale held on Saturday, April 7, at the new Animal Shelter will be over by the time you read this, but not before this newsletter has to go to the printer, so those proceeds will be reported later. Co-chairs Bill Wright and Carole Hughes are excited about the quantity and quality of items being donated!

Fur Ball. The Sixth Annual Fur Ball is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, at Highland Country Club (Save This Date!). We will again be entertained by the dance music of the ShoTyme Band and the dancing of the Dixie Dancing Dogs! Co-chairs, Stephanie Sheppard, Nancy Sheppard, and Teresa Hughes, are already hard at work on the event. We desperately need help for their committee, particularly in soliciting Silent Auction donations. We will be meeting at 6:00 P.M. the third Monday of each month at Wendy's on Vernon Street (more often as the date approaches). If you would be interested in volunteering to serve on this committee, please notify Marsha Schubert at 706-298-3608.

### **ON LINE FUNDRAISER**

Krymus (<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!

### **SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM**

And what do we do with the funds we raise (and your donations)? We tend to the needs of the stray, abused and abandoned animals of Troup County. Here's a trick question. How could this overpopulation problem be reduced or even eliminated in the future? Every responsible pet owner knows that the answer is spay or neuter your pets. We encourage this through our education programs and presentations.

An even more concrete approach, one of the goals of the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society, is to have every animal adopted through our organization spayed or neutered and up to date on its first set of shots (a spay/neuter requisite) prior to its adoption. We currently have twelve animals in our program, adding one as one is 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!).

BIG NEWS! Effective February 1, 2007, we have been able to (thanks to a generous donation earmarked for this purpose) expand the program to include every animal adopted from the City of LaGrange Animal Shelter! When a dog is adopted and the owner pays the \$75 adoption fee, he receives vouchers from the City for \$38 toward the spay/neuter fee and \$18.50 toward the first set of shots. These vouchers are honored by eleven veterinarians, including one in Pine Mountain and one in Valley, Alabama. When the procedure is done, the veterinarian bills the Humane Society directly for the difference between the vouchers and the actual costs. The adoption fee for a cat is \$50, with City vouchers for \$20 and \$14. Shockingly enough, even though spay/neuter of animals adopted from shelters is a state law, in the past some new pet owners would

choose not to have the procedure done. Now that it can be done at no cost to the owner, we hope that this problem will be eliminated.

We will continue the Humane Society program, concentrating on highly adoptable animals taken in by the County. Their restrictions are more severe, allowing only ten days before an animal is euthanized if not adopted or reclaimed.

### **OFFSITE ADOPTIONS**

Through the use of the Mobile Adoption Unit, the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society is able to place many homeless animals in new homes. Volunteers load the Unit with spay/neuter program animals and Shelter animals and travel to offsite locations around the County (the most productive being WalMart and the LaGrange Mall), usually on two Saturdays a month. May 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, for various reasons (the weather, conflicting schedules, etc.), we were only able to schedule one offsite adoption at the LaGrange Mall on March 3. Five animals were placed in loving homes. Thanks to Carole and Teresa Hughes, adoption co-chairs, and the Humane Society volunteers who help load, unload and staff the Adoptathons. Going forward, we are scheduled to be at the Mall on the first Saturday of every month and at Walmart the third Saturday of the month, unless other commitments conflict.

### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT**

The volunteer of the quarter for Spring, 2007, is Bonnie Bolles. Bonnie was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, raised in Chicago, Illinois, and has been a LaGrange resident for 35 years. She graduated from Morgan Park High School in Chicago, attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and received a degree in merchandising from Tobe Coburn in New York City.

Bonnie, a widow, retired from a career in merchandising, worked for Saks Fifth Avenue and Gimbles in New York City, Carson Pirie Scott in Chicago, Maison Blanche (now the Ritz Carlton) in New Orleans, and retired from J.C. Penny. She has two adult daughters, Kathy Boatner of LaGrange and Victoria Hathcox of Atlanta. She has one grandson, Chad, an eighth grader at Gardner Newman Middle School. Her other activities include currently serving as president of the Talisman Garden Club and belonging to St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Bonnie has been a Humane Society volunteer for two years. She recently served as chair of the Christmas Pet Pictures project and of the Christmas Wish Tree project. In addition, she assists with adoptathons, other fund raisers, monthly collects proceeds from our donation boxes, is back up transporter of animals to TV33 for Pet of the Week, and does pet therapy at Brian Center Nursing Home weekly.

Her personal animal population includes Xiu Xiu, a Siamese cat (and pet therapy participant) and Nutmeg, a Tonkinese cat.

Bonnie's words of animal wisdom are: The volunteer work that I do with the Humane Society gives me more than I give it! I do the fun jobs and there are lots of them. Please help us! This will fill your heart, not break it.

Words of wisdom from the cat lady: Women and cats do exactly as they please. Men and dogs had best learn to live with it!

### **ONGOING THANKS**

Ongoing thanks to the LaGrange Daily News for the 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. And a new one – ongoing thanks to Clean Smart and owner, Matthew Stermer, for monthly donations of cleaning supplies!

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Bill Seybold, long time Humane Society volunteer and treasurer, passed away on December 23, 2006. Bill had been a member for eight years and was an outspoken supporter of the Humane Society, its policies, procedures and goals. He was also an active member of Advent Lutheran Church.

He was fondly referred to as ‘our resident curmudgeon’ and meetings will be much less interesting without him! He had adopted three dogs from the Animal Shelter, but didn’t have much good to say about cats! One of the dogs, Sarah, participated with him in the educational presentations. They will miss him as much as we do.

Bill is survived by his bride of eight months, Shirley, a daughter, Janette Cole of LaGrange, and a son William Seybold, Jr. of Covington, Georgia, and four grandchildren.

We have lost a dear friend, but we’re glad that he’ll be reunited in heaven with all of his beloved dogs who have gone before him. As Bill was fond of quoting, “If dogs aren’t allowed in heaven, I don’t think I want to go there”.

### **OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

Sam Card, President	Vanda Kight, Education
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Amy Perkins, Secretary	Sam Card, Newsletter
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Don Flynn, Website	
Advisory Board – Glenna Parkins, Bill Wright, Judy Wright, Dr. Ben Shelnett	

### **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

We have an immediate need for donations of dog food and kitty litter. Shelter hours, for drop off purposes, are 8-5 P.M. Monday through Friday and 8-12 P.M. Saturday.

**IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF**  
**MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS**