

SPRING 2008

LAGRANGE – TROUP COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



# People 4 Paws

## FUR BALL

The Seventh Annual Fur Ball is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, at Highland Country Club (Save This Date!). We will again be entertained by the dance music of the Sho Tyme Band and a performance by the Dixie Dancing Dogs. Co-chairs, Cindy Saines and Stacy Brackett, 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 once a month at the Animal Shelter on Orchard Hill Road (more often as the date approaches). If you would be interested in volunteering on this committee, please contact Marsha Schubert at 706-298-3608.

## YARD SALE

The annual Yard Sale at the Animal Shelter on Saturday, April 12, will have been held by the time you read this, but not before this newsletter has to go to the printer, so those proceeds will be reported in the Summer, 2008, newsletter issue. Co-chairs, Carole Hughes and Darryl Hughes, are excited about the quantity and quality of items being donated!

## FISHING TOURNAMENT

A bass tournament benefiting the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society was held at Highland Marina on Saturday, February 23. Thirty four teams were entered, with the team of Corey Whitley and David Tidwell taking first place with a total catch of 15.5 pounds. Rick Massey and Toby Reeves were second with 12.7 pounds, and Kevin Phillips and Robert Medas took third with 11.13 pounds.

It was a great afternoon on the lake, with a performance by the band, Gray Hill Conspiracy, hot dogs and hamburgers available and the Humane Society Mobile Unit on site with animals available for adoption (who also enjoyed donations of hot dogs and hamburgers!). Only one dog was adopted, but that happy little black lab puppy went home with a very happy young boy! And the proceeds from the event were \$2025!

Chris Brackett, tournament director and Humane Society volunteer, would like to thank the following sponsors – Highland Marina, Ken's Rockscaping, Graham Brothers, M&M Trucking, Abbott, Jordan & Koon, Sidewalk Mike's, Hawkins Oil, Clayton Harris, West Georgia Sportsman, and Brent Scarborough. Chris would like to give special thanks to Clayton Harris, who lined up the sponsors, and to his wife, Stacy Brackett, who assisted with details.

Chris, being a glutton for punishment, is considering organizing another tournament in the fall. He has also made arrangements for the tournament to be featured in a future issue of the magazine, Georgia Outdoor News. If the animals at the Shelter could applaud his efforts, they would!

### **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 online, check out this site and we will both benefit!

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP**

As promised in the Winter, 2008, edition of this newsletter, here is the report on the Christmas gift wrap proceeds. Net proceeds were \$2,005, all of which will directly benefit the animals at the Shelter. Special thanks to Carole Hughes, project chair, and Teresa Hughes, her main assistant, for all of the hours they put in to make this fund raiser a success.

### **SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM UPDATE**

The LaGrange Troup County Humane Society encourages spaying and neutering of pets through our school education programs and civic presentations to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.

The Humane Society program, with 12 animals, adding one as one is adopted, operates by having spaying or neutering done prior to adoption. Year to date, 24 animals have been transferred to this program and 18 have been adopted. We concentrate on dogs, since we have discovered a cat's adoption chances to not seem to be affected by whether or not it is spayed or neutered. 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 our program are not eligible for euthanasia. We also now do heart worm testing before transferring any animal. A positive test disqualifies the animal from being included in the program. 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, 2007, the spay/neuter program was expanded to include every animal adopted from the City of LaGrange Animal Shelter. This segment of the program operates by having the procedure done after the animal is adopted. Spaying or neutering of animals adopted from a shelter or rescue in Georgia is a state law. In the past, too many new owners were, deliberately or not, neglecting to obey this law. As before, the new owner receives vouchers from the City toward the cost of spaying or neutering and the first set of shots. And now, 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. We will continue these programs with the stated goal of reducing the pet overpopulation problem as long as funds are available.

## **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 may have access to them. Volunteers load the Unit with the Humane Society 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 each month, at Wal-Mart on the third Saturday, and at other locations whenever the opportunity arises. The locations are announced in the Pet of the Week features on TV33 and in the LaGrange Daily News. 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 (January-March, 2008), three dogs were adopted at Wal-Mart on January 12. The January 25 outing had to be cancelled due to bad weather and illnesses of the volunteers (the creeping crud that's making the rounds in LaGrange!) On February 9, four dogs were placed in new homes at the LaGrange Mall, and on February 23 at Highland Marina, one happy puppy found a new family. On March 8, the Mobile Unit was featured as the transportation for the Easter Bunny at the Mall and five dogs were adopted.

Thanks to Bill Harris, adoption chair, and the rest of the Humane Society volunteers who help load, unload and staff these adoptathons!

## **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 also 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.

## **2008 LAGRANGE TROUP COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**

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## SHELTER REPORT

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February 2008

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

	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats
Animals Impounded	181	26	Animals Redeemed	22	2
Animals Adopted	38	13	Animals Euthanized	145	30

## SPECIAL DONATIONS/SUPPLIES

### **Holland M. Ware Foundation, Glenna Parkins Fund**

**Fishing Tournament Pledges; KD Marinas, Concrete Construction Services of LaGrange, Hawkins Oil Company, Abbott, Jordan and Koon, Ken's Rockscaping, JB Clark Oil Company, M&M Trucking Co. and Sidewalk Mike's. Barb Poledor,;** sponsorship of 1 dog, **Lindsey Elkins;** Cat box, litter, toys, bedding, food, treats and rugs, **Susan Perdue;** blankets, **Mary Beth Creed;** spay sponsorship and dog food, cat food, cat litter, **Mike Hinton;** 1 dog sponsorship, **Ronald Laney;** Litter and food donations, **Tammy Rogers;** cat food and supplies, **Long Cane Elementary;** Dog and Cat food, treats, cleaning supplies, bedding, toys and grooming supplies, **Terri and Ted Wilkes;** dog food, **Pam Titus;** dog food, **Cindy Pfaff;** dog food and 3 dog sponsorships.

## IN MEMORY OF

**Honey Bear;** beloved pet of Martha Hart by Ann and Dave Fischer, **Eucal Gore** by Elizabeth Hicks and Rachel Bethea, **Jennifer Soltis Trizzino** by John and Sarah Soltis and Karen and Peter Trizzino, **Annie,** beloved pet of Jacque and Sam Hornsby by Ann Hoxsie, **Etrula Park** by Seale Hipp, **N. H. Hendrix** by Faye Allen, **Billie Lewis** by Larry Lewis, **Tim Ashbaugh** on his birthday 1/19/54 and his beloved pet "Dog", **Tommy Boggs** by Nick and Joan Woodson, **Lou** by the Ellis Family, **Mo** by Robbie and Leon Henderson, **Meredith Hope Emerson** by Tracy Spinks, **Velma Johnson** by Ronald and Joann Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hoven, Dick and Jane Willey, Jeanette and Grady Fulford, Scott Jones and Family, Jeff Jones and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mohler, John and Ann Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. W T Ayers Jr.

## IN HONOR OF

**Dr. Tommy and Elsie Harris** by Ellen H. Harris and Jerry and Harriet Willis, **The Baggett Family** by Leslie Gerard, **Dick and Nancy Sheppard** anonymous, **Stephanie Sheppard,** anonymous, **Julia Wilkes Taylor** by J D Taylor,

## 1st QUARTER MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

### *Friend*

Sandra Jonas  
Deborah Baldrige  
Eunice Carr  
William/Ann Petry  
Gail Walsh

### *Best Friend*

Raymond/Rosalie Coulombe  
Cliff/Billie Brewton  
Ret. Col Richard/Margaret  
Maglin  
Joe Phillips  
Jim Fowler  
Frank Stump  
Anne Cleaveland  
Joyce Graves  
Dorothy Kopel  
Kelley Ramsey  
Mickey/Carolyn McCoy  
Janet Morgan

### *Bronze Paw*

Virginia Jenkins  
Linda Daniel  
Bill/Judy Wright  
Mr. /Mrs. James Thomasson  
Jr.  
Barb Poledor

### *Silver Paw*

Dr./Mrs. G. Geisler  
Blackie/Peggy Greene  
Edward McCarthy  
Lillian Cobb

### *Gold Paw*

Tom/Susan Colgrove  
James/Nina Baker  
Joellen Ostendorf

### *Monthly Donor/Special Friend*

Gerald & Kate Gilbert  
George & Helen Elkins  
Lindsey Elkins  
Robbie & Leon Henderson  
Shirley Womack  
Susan Purdue  
Stephanie Sheppard

### *Guardian Angel*

Meredith Baum  
Mary Anne Williams



## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

The volunteers of the quarter for Spring, 2008, are Bill and Brenda Harris. Bill was born and raised in Appalachia, Virginia. Brenda was born in Harlan, Kentucky (Moonshine Capitol of the World) and raised in Appalachia, Virginia. They both graduated from Appalachia High School.

Bill and Brenda have been married for 38 years and have two adult sons. Andy lives in Dallas, Georgia, is married and the father of their two grandsons, and Joe, of Marietta, Georgia, will be married March 29.

Bill and Brenda moved to LaGrange in June, 2007, from Statesville, North Carolina after retiring. Bill's career was as a special agent with the Defense Security Service, an agency of the Federal Department of Defense, and Brenda's was as a senior vice president with Bank of America. (I don't know about you, but I am seriously impressed with both of them!)

Their other community activities include membership in the Lion's Club for Bill, and membership in the LaGrange Newcomers club, currently serving as treasurer, for Brenda. They also belong to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

They have been active Humane Society volunteers for the 8 months they have lived in LaGrange, and were Humane Society volunteers where they previously lived. Bill is currently serving as adoption chair and Brenda as secretary. They both assist with adoptathons, take pictures of the animals for our web site, and transport dogs for vet appointments and to TV33 for the Pet of the Week feature. We're grateful they chose to move to LaGrange!

Bill and Brenda's personal animal population includes 7 year old flat coat retriever litter mates, Codi and Cali, and Brownie, a 3 year old pug mix.

The Harris' words of animal wisdom are:

*"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."*

*-M. Acklam*

**TO: GOD**

**FROM: THE DOG**

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the “Chrysler Eagle” the “Chrysler Beagle”?

Dear God: If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God: We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID’s, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: When I get to Heaven, may I have my testicles back?



## Become a Friend

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Friend                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Silver Paw                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Guardian Angel

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Best Friend                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Gold Paw                      \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Donor/Special Friend

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Bronze Paw                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Platinum Paw

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\_\_\_\_\_ Check                      \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (Visa or Master Card)

\_\_\_\_\_ Money Order                      Please list your name, card number and card expiration date.

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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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