

SUMMER, 2007

FUR BALL

The Sixth Annual Humane Society Fur Ball is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, from 7-10:30 P.M. at Highland Country Club. Admission is \$35 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and dancing to the lively music of the Sho-Tyme Band. There will be a cash bar. Special entertainment will be provided by Sue Landa and friends and their troupe of free style Dixie Dancing Dogs. Honorary chairmen of the event are Bobby Dodgen, City of LaGrange Animal Shelter Director, and his wife, Tavia. Reservations should be made through the Humane Society office (call Marsha Schubert at 706-298-3608) or any Humane Society volunteer.

The highlight of the evening will be a silent auction. Many exciting and enticing items will be available for your bidding. Included in the auction will be a \$450 cosmetic basket from Belk, a child's birthday party package (roller skating, pizza and a birthday cake), a laptop computer and printer, a jade and lapis necklace, two nights at a pet friendly bed and breakfast in High Point, North Carolina, two nights in Helen, Georgia, a framed oil portrait of your pet, and many dining experiences (including Dante's Down the Hatch in Atlanta).

In addition, a drawing will be held for a \$500 Pot of Gold raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are available at the Humane Society office, from any Humane Society volunteer, and at the Fur Ball. You need not be present to win.

Co-chairs, Stephanie Sheppard, Nancy Sheppard and Teresa Hughes, and their committee are working very hard to make this a memorable evening. So, join us for an evening of fun at the Fur Ball, with all proceeds to support our spay/neuter program and to benefit the homeless and abandoned animals of Troup County!

FUND RAISERS

Yard Sale – The annual Humane Society Yard Sale on April 7 was a qualified success. \$1403 was raised in spite of bitter cold weather on the Sale date. These proceeds will support the spay/neuter program and directly benefit the animals at our local shelter.

A number of "thank yous" are in order. First to Bill Wright and Carole Hughes for co-chairing the event so successfully and to all the Humane Society volunteers who donated their time and hard work. (A special thanks to Darryl and Justin Hughes, who did all of the offsite pick ups and also did the majority of the totin' and carryin'!) To those of you who donated items and to those of you who purchased them, there wouldn't have been a yard sale without you! Thanks to WalMart Distribution Center for the use of the tables to display the items. Thanks to the LaGrange Daily News for the essential publicity. Thanks to Tommy McCann of Tommy's Auction Barn, who made a donation for the privilege of loading and removing the leftovers! Thanks to Bobby and Devon of the Shelter staff who accepted and unloaded donations for us.

It took all of these people to make this sale a success and the Humane Society and the animals who benefit from the proceeds appreciate all of their efforts!

Bike Ride – Before you receive this newsletter but after our deadline, a Pets Posse Ride will have been held on Saturday, June 23. This event, for motorcycle riders and passengers, starting at the Animal Shelter and returning there for a parking lot lunch, was organized by Melissa Vernon, Jeff Bunn and Dan Forrest. All proceeds will benefit the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society. A full report will appear in the Fall newsletter. Thanks guys – Bikers rule!

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!

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. We all should be aware that the pet overpopulation problem could be greatly reduced or even eliminated in the future if all pets were spayed or neutered. We encourage this through our education programs and civic presentations.

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 prerequisite) prior to its adoption. We currently have twelve animals in this program, adding one as one is adopted. Year to date, 24 animals have been transferred to this program and 14 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!). We will continue the Humane Society program, concentrating on highly adoptable animals taken in by Troup County. Their restrictions are more severe, allowing only ten days before an animal is euthanized if not adopted or reclaimed.

Effective February 1, 2007, for the first time, we have been able to expand the program to include every animal adopted from the City of LaGrange Animal Shelter! In this part of the program, the procedure is done after the animal is adopted. When an animal is adopted, the new owner receives vouchers from the City toward spaying or neutering and the first set of shots. These vouchers are honored by eleven veterinarians in the area. When the procedure is done, the vet bills the Humane Society directly for the difference between the vouchers and the actual cost, resulting in no charge for the owner.

PUPPY PENS

Another recent purchase with these funds and your donations was 10 puppy pens for the puppy nursery. We have been struggling for a solution for enclosures that are safe and comfortable for the puppies and not too difficult to clean. After testing three of these pens, and using puppy pads, the problem appears to be solved and we have ordered seven more. The pens are accessible from the top and have trays which slide out for cleaning.

It is necessary to isolate puppies from the rest of the dog population because puppies are very susceptible to parvo.

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 come to the Shelter) can see them. 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. 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, 12 animals were adopted at the Mall on March 24, and 6 at WalMart on April 21. On May 5 at the Mall, 6 animals were placed with loving homes. On May 19 at WalMart, 6 animals were adopted and on June 2 at the Dash Market Place, 4 new owners found their new best friends. Thanks to Carole and Teresa Hughes, adoption co-chairs, and the Humane Society volunteers who help load, unload and staff these adoptathons!

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

The volunteer of the quarter for Summer, 2007 is Amy Perkins. Amy was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and, as a Navy brat, was raised at Naval stations all over Florida. She graduated from Cabot High School in Cabot, Arkansas and from Henderson State University in Arkansas with a degree in aviation. She will receive her Master's degree in counseling in December of this year from the University of West Georgia.

Amy, married to Brock Butts for three years, has her pilot's license and was a corporate pilot for an ambulance transport company in Arkansas (which is how she met her husband, who is also in the ambulance business out of LaGrange). Currently, she is program manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Troup County. Amy will be a provisional member of the Junior Service League in 2008 and attends New Community Church.

Amy has been a Humane Society volunteer for 1 ½ years and is currently serving as secretary. She also helps with fund raisers and adoptathons. Her personal animal population consists of Harley, an 8 year old poodle.

Amy's words of animal wisdom are: In a tribute to Bob Barker, recently retired host of TV's The Price is Right, please support his spay/neuter campaign by starting with having your own pets spayed or neutered.

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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 ever 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 ongoing thanks to Clean Smart and owner, Matthew Stermer, for monthly donations of cleaning supplies.

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