

SUMMER 2008

LAGRANGE – TROUP COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



People 4 Paws

FUR BALL

The 7th Annual Humane Society Fur Ball is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, from 7-10:30 P.M. at Highland Country Club. Admission is \$40 per person and includes heavy hors d'ouvres, desserts, and dancing to the lively music of the Sho-Tyme Band. There will be a cash bar. Special entertainment will again be provided by Sue Landa and friends and their troupe of free style Dixie Dancing Dogs. Tickets are available from the Humane Society office (Marsha Schubert, 706-298-3608), any Humane Society volunteer, or by completing the attached form and mailing it with your check to the Humane Society. Your tickets may either be mailed to you or held at the door. The reservation deadline is August 18. Ticket costs are tax deductible.

The highlight of the evening will be a silent auction. Many exciting and enticing items will be available for your bidding pleasure. Included in the auction will be a child's birthday party package (water park passes, pizza and a birthday cake), an adult party package (a case of wine, hors d'ouvres and piano entertainment), golf rounds and lessons, lunches and dinners at local restaurants, and tickets to attractions in Atlanta, Pigeon Forge, Myrtle Beach, Chattanooga and High Point.

This year, the major item up for bids is a week at a condominium in Costa Rica, donated by Tommy and Nancy Mahaffey. This condo, nestled in the mountains, features four bedrooms, each with a private bath, a hot tub and an infinity pool. Activities in the area include golf, sight seeing, snorkeling, scuba diving, volcano tours, river rafting, fishing, horseback riding, forest canopy tours, a sunset cruise, a casino and shopping. Airfare is not included, but three meals, snacks, beverages (including an open bar), and maid, butler, and laundry services are included. Due to expenses, the minimum bid on this vacation of a lifetime will be \$5,000. We highly recommend that you arrange in advance a group of four couples to share expenses and come prepared to bid on that basis.

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, Cindy Saines and Stacy Brackett, and their committee (including Teresa Hughes, advance corporate and out of town donation requests, Stephanie Sheppard and Nancy Sheppard, decorations, Don Flynn, program and computer applications, Marsha Schubert, pretty much everything else, and the rest of the 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, abandoned and abused animals of Troup County!

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Number of tickets @ \$40 each _____

Check enclosed Credit Card (Visa or Master Card)

Please list your name, card number and card expiration date

Please write checks to LGTC Humane Society and mail to LaGrange Troup County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1351, LaGrange, Georgia, 30241.

Mail tickets Hold at door

BIKE RIDE

The Second Annual People 4 Paws Bike Ride is scheduled for Saturday, August 16. This event, for motorcycle riders and passengers, starting at the Animal Shelter and returning there for a parking lot lunch, is being organized by Dan Forrest. Registration will be held at 9:00 A.M., with the ride starting at 10:00 A.M. for a 75 mile ride through the countryside. The registration fee is \$25 for riders and \$10 for passengers, which includes lunch. T shirts commemorating the event will be awarded to the first 50 registrants. Early registration is available by calling Dan at 706-402-1593.

Sponsorships, by either companies or individuals, are available for \$100. That fee includes the sponsor's name on the t shirts, on a banner at the event and other publicity. This information will also be featured on our website.

All checks, for registration and/or sponsorships, should be made payable to the LGTC Humane Society and are tax deductible as all proceeds will benefit the Humane Society.

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!

YARD SALE REPORT

Our annual yard sale on Saturday, April 12, was pummeled by the weather for the second year in a row. Two years ago, it was frigid, and this year, it rained on Friday night, discouraging Saturday morning shoppers. But we were not discouraged, after a 10 hour set up day on Friday, and forged ahead, and enough shoppers braved the elements to provide us with a \$780 profit.

A number of "thank yous" are in order. First, to Carole Hughes and Darryl Hughes for co-chairing the event so successfully and to all the Humane Society volunteers who donated their time and hard work (mostly the Hughes relatives – Teresa, Justin, Hailey, etc., but also Emily Price, who put in a full day Friday pricing items, and Don Flynn, who put in a full day Saturday in the drizzle!). To those of you who donated items and those of you who purchased them, there wouldn't have been a yard sale without you! Thanks to the LaGrange Daily News for the essential publicity. 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!

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM UPDATE

The LaGrange Troup County Humane Society encourages spaying and neutering of pets through our school education programs (which reached over 500 children this school year) and civic presentations to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.

The Humane Society spay/neuter program, with 12 animals, adding one as one is adopted, operates by having the procedure done prior to adoption. Year to date, 49 animals have been transferred to the program and 43 have been adopted. We concentrate on dogs, since we have discovered a cat's adoption chances do 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 Shelnutt, Dr. William Whitlow, and Dr. Ben Shelnutt – and we appreciate their cooperation!). Animals transferred to our program from the general Shelter population are not eligible for euthanasia. We also now do heart worm testing before transferring any animal.

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 and we were unable to enforce it. As before, the new owner receives vouchers from the City toward the cost of spaying or neutering and the first set of shots. 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 pet overpopulation as long as funds are available.

PARVO TESTING AND SHOTS

Thanks to your generous donations and our fund raising efforts, we have been able to inaugurate a parvo testing and shots program. Parvo is a high contagious and usually fatal disease, primarily among puppies. In the past, parvo outbreaks have caused the State Department of Agriculture to order the City to either euthanize the entire Shelter population or to quarantine portions of the Shelter for varying lengths of time.

This spring, the Humane Society began purchasing parvo test kits and parvo shots. The parvo tests are administered on site by the Animal Control officers to one puppy of every litter turned in. If the test is negative, all of the puppies are given parvo shots and placed in the puppy room. A series of 5 more parvo shots are given every two weeks or until the puppy is adopted. All adult dogs, picked up or turned in and available for adoption, are given a parvo shot as a precautionary measure. Parvo is not communicable to cats.

Other shelters in other cities and states have been known to do automatic euthanization of all puppies turned in, to avoid the parvo problem. We are optimistic that this program will enable the Holland M. Ware Animal Shelter to avoid the worst case scenario options.

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 offsite locations where the general public may have more convenient access to them. Volunteers load the Unit with the Humane Society program animals and Shelter animals and travel to locations around Troup 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 (April-June, 2008), seven dogs and one cat were adopted at Wal-Mart on March 22, and one dog found a new home on April 13 at the Motorcycle Rally in downtown LaGrange. Three dogs joined new families on April 26 at Wal-Mart, and May 3 was the adoption date for one cat at the Mall in seriously cold weather (the animals were fine since the Mobile Unit has heat and air, but the volunteers were freezing their tushies outside!). May 17, two dogs were adopted at Wal-Mart and on June 7 at the Mall 4 animals were placed in loving homes. On June 21, the Mobile Unit is scheduled to be at Lafayette Christian School for an event for Emily's Place, an organization for special needs children.

Thanks to Bill Harris, adoption chair, and the rest of the Humane Society volunteers who help load, unload and staff those 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, Pet Smart Distribution, Nestle' Purina for regular donations of animal care supplies.

2008 LAGRANGE TROUP COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

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SHELTER REPORT

May 2008

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

	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats
Animals Impounded	206	131	Animals Redeemed	24	2
Animals Adopted	22	16	Animals Euthanized	88	93

SPECIAL DONATIONS/SUPPLIES

Holland M. Ware Foundation, Glenna Parkins Fund, Kimberly Clark Matching Fund, Cindy Pfaff; dog food and 2 dog sponsorships, **Dr. Elizabeth Appleby** and her cat “**Tiger**”; canned cat food, **Mary Beth Creed;** dog food, cat food, cat litter, toys, and treats, **Barb Poledor;** 2 dog sponsorships, **David and Mary Funk;** cat litter.

IN MEMORY OF

Patricia Hubbert by Clark Holder Clinic, **Magnolia Rowe** by Pete and Dawn Newman, **My Siamese Cats** by Ms. Janice Maher, **Shang and Kassie** by Mary Ann Buchanan, **Bud,** beloved pet of Tim, Shelley, Emma and Drew Strickland by Diana Phillips, **Arthur** by Diane Taylor, **Annette Boyd** by Jim Boyd, **Hope Howard** beloved pet of Lynn and Vic Howard, **Smokie** by Audrey Justice, **Mrs. Shawnn Wieder** by June and Jerry Marshall, **Jennifer Soltis Trizzino** by John and Sarah Soltis, **Fannie** by John and Amy Hall, **Mrs. Velma Johnson** by Mr. and Mrs. J T Thomasson Jr., **Jean Bearden** by Dan and Debra Daley, **Tenna Carne** by The Quality Control Department(Intercall), Holly and Stephen Wheeler, **Kay Dance** by Pilot Plant Association, Tom and Lisa Spradlin, John R. Wells, Destin Lemmo, L A and K M Holstun, Biruta Hemberg, James and Carol Pittman, Raosemary Sample, Linda Painter, Teresa Masek, Kathy Sellars.

IN HONOR OF

Stacy Card Peterson in honor of her birthday by her mother Sam Card, **Mary Jean Barnes** in honor of her birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newman, **Seale Hipp** by LaVerne Hanson, **Cassie,** my new pet by Sonya Barfield, **Buck** by Linda Buchanan, **Molly and Eli** by George and Helen Elkins.

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1st QUARTER MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Friend

Russell Smiley
William Prescott
Mary Menard
Gail Walsh
Diana Phillips
Lily Hamilton
Ethyl Ault
Dawn Denney

Best Friend

June and Jerry Marshall
Jim Fowler
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stubbs
Dorothy Kopel
Walton and Betty Knight
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Smith's Corner Store
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Peggy Boatwright
Tim and Monika Watts

Gold Paw

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Gerald & Kate Gilbert
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Robbie & Leon Henderson
Shirley Womack
Jim and Becky Ramsey
Judy McGavic

Platinum Paw

Dick and Nancy Sheppard



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

The volunteer of the quarter for Summer, 2008, is Cindy Saines. Cindy is a true Georgia native, born and raised in Columbus, Georgia, graduated from Jordan Vocational High School in Columbus and received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Columbus State University.

Cindy is the proud parent and grandmother of three children and two grandsons. Daughter, Katie, and Mark Walden and grandsons, Tommy, 2, and John Ryan, 3 months, live in Columbus, as does her son, Aaron Swain, 19. Son Andrew Swain, 24, single and available, lives in Phenix City, Alabama (not straying too far from Columbus!).

Cindy moved to LaGrange in May, 2007, where she has been the assistant registrar at LaGrange College for two years. She is a member of First Baptist Church. She joined the LaGrange Troup County Humane Society in October, 2007. She is currently serving as co-chair of the 7th Annual Fur Ball and also helps with adoptathons as her work schedule allows. As an interesting side story, Cindy was the dog handler for the Columbus War Dogs arena football team. The St. Bernard mix lived with her and they both made appearances at all the home games!

Her personal animal population includes Sassy, an 11 year old Cairn terrier, and her new friend, Sallie Cat, a two month old calico cat.

Cindy's words of animal wisdom are:

**"Animals are such agreeable friends -- they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."--
George Eliot**

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 \$25 Best Friend \$250 Gold Paw Monthly Donor/Special Friend
 \$50 Bronze Paw \$500 Platinum Paw

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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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