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## The No-Kill Shelter by Lake Olmstead

### Paws in the Park: CSRA Humane Society's Annual Pet Walk

Join us for a spring walk with the CSRA Humane Society. Support the shelter and bring your best friend on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will start with a 9:30 A.M. registration while the official walk will begin at 10:00 A.M. Bring your pet or walk an adoptable shelter dog in the park. There will be refreshments, t-shirts, games for the kids, face painting, and specialty booths from local contributors.

Make it a family day and enjoy the company of an adoptable dog on a walk along the Augusta Canal. The CSRA Humane Society is located at the corner of Wood Street, down Milledge Road past Lake Olmstead Stadium.

Walkers, show your spirit! Get sponsored by family and friends to walk a pet. A small donation is required to participate in the walk. All proceeds go directly to the care and support of the CSRA Humane Society, who relies on your generous contributions to oversee our no-kill shelter where we care for 250 adoptable pets on a daily basis.

Be proud to wear our "Paws in the Park" t-shirt. [Free to the first 15 people who donate/raise \$50 or more.]

Pets on the walk should be healthy, four months or older, and have current vaccinations including rabies.

Check our website for a brochure and further details.  
[www.CSRAHumaneSociety.org](http://www.CSRAHumaneSociety.org).  
Call 706-261-PETS to schedule your pet's microchip appointment

### Holiday Closings

To allow all of our kind volunteers time to be with their families, the CSRA Humane Society will be closed on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31.

We will be open regular hours on Wednesday, December 21 and December 28 [from 5:30-7:30pm].

### Happy Holidays to All!

*"...he is born our friend; while his eyes are still closed, already he believes in us; even before his birth, he has given himself to man."*  
—Maurice Maeterlinck

### Facebook Fans

Check us out on Facebook and become a Friend of the CSRA Humane Society. Stay up to date on happenings at the shelter.

### Rummage Sale

We just finished our pre-holiday rummage sales, held December 3 and 10. We haven't got the final numbers yet, but it should be near \$3,000.

Rummage sales take a tremendous amount of work. A HUGE thank you goes to Frances Knapp who spearheads this effort with pricing expertise provided by Betty Till. Also helping were Susan Vines, Dee Medley, and Diane Wiedmeier. We also thank Wyatt Wyndham for his generous donations of items to sell!

Thank you to all who came to the sale and bought some treasures!

**For Financial Update, please see page 5.**

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. . . Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."*

—Margaret Mead

Newsletter Editor – Raynette Mayer

### Paper or ..... Virtual?

Check out our online newsletter at [www.crahumanesociety.org](http://www.crahumanesociety.org). Click "Online Newsletter." If you are a dues-paying member and prefer the online version, let us know so that we don't send you quarterly paper newsletters. (Online version has color photos!)



### A Special Thank You to ...

Knox Foundation — continued support of our mission to help homeless pets

Creel Foundation — continued support of our spay/neuter program for low- and fixed-income pet guardians

PawPrints Foundation — support of our mission to help homeless pets

Ch. 12 “Take Me Home” Mondays at 5:25 pm — showcasing one of our many great pets every week

Dr. Beverley Slonina, DVM, (National Hills Animal Hospital) — donating her time to examine our shelter pets

Dr. Mark Brucker, DVM (Acute Care Veterinary Clinic) — participating in our spay/neuter program

Ann & Donald Macey — picking up donations

Evert & Carol Cornelius — helping with “Take Me Home,” Ch. 6’s “Adopt a Pet,” and other errands

Evert Cornelius & Susan Beck — master grass cutters

Target (Augusta) & Willene Tucker — donations of damaged pet items & cleaning supplies.

Willie Malpass—*Augusta Chronicle’s* “Richmond County Neighbors” pet pictures on Thursdays.

Comcast On Demand and Ann Macey, Laura Coleman, Henry Rockwood, Jen Trunzo & Raynette Mayer — showing our adoptable pets 24/7 on digital channel 1— “Get Local”

Henry Rockwood, Anne & Donald Macey, & Willie Malpass — handling most of our pet transports to and from area veterinarians, plus alternating for Take Me Home on Channel 12.

Laura Coleman, Natalie Boyd & Jennifer Martinez—up-dating our adoptable pets notebook, plus photo updates for Pet-finder.com and our Facebook page.

Paul Beck — keeping our lawnmower maintained and buying all the right parts to keep it going and watching for other items the shelter can use.

Allegra Print & Imaging — help with all our printing needs

Kathy Allen—putting together the flyer for our November “Oldies but Goodies” celebration along with photos.

Rachel Hammond—a young lady whose birthday wish was to support our homeless pets. Rachel donated cash and food she received as birthday presents.

Dane Scarff—of the ASU Biology department donated a high-power microscope for our vet tech to use to check for parasites

Andrew Harman—having us on his ClearChannel radio show to promote the Society and our events

Leanne Munro—having us on Comcast Connect Live to promote our annual Pet-A-Fair. Board member Jen Trunzo and shelter dog Graham represented the Society with style.

Old Fella Rescue—donated some vaccines they were unable to use.

David Franceschi—who donated some of his Christmas money to support our no-kill shelter because, as young David said, “They don’t put homeless people to sleep,” and we don’t put homeless pets to sleep either.

### In Memory Of ...

**Beth Bieller**, by Robert Kerns; Janice Rogers-Thiss

**Smokey, Dolly, & Schatzie**, by Kyong AE Kang Hook

**Tiger**, beloved cat of The Randy Smith Family, by Dr. & Mrs. S. H. Story, III

**Ms. Olive Quarles**, by Sarah Ballenger

**Lucy Gale Sanders**, by Jim & Kris Tar

**Harley Denzel**, beloved cat adopted from the CSRA Humane Society.....He was the best of the best, by Jeanne Stewart

**Wylie Williams**, by Richard Hollingsworth

**Katie York**, by Cindy Sappington

**Cathy Jacquish**, by Christi McClintock

**Kiddles**, beloved long-haired cat of Karl & Susan Keene, by Jennifer Reynolds [Pets Are People Too Pet Sitting]

**Charles Evan Peterson**, by Russ Benedict & Virel Holtzman

**Amber Fire**, beloved cat of Megan McGahee & Family, by Raynette Mayer

**Europa**, a sweet shelter cat, by Raynette Mayer

**Gunner**, beloved dog of The Randy Smith Family, by Dr. & Mrs. Chip Story

**Mr. Nesbit Charles Murphy, Jr.**, by Walker Ray & June Smith

**Edward Andrew Mentel, III**, by Geena Speed

**Barbara Mulherin**, by George & Crystal Eskola

**Wren**, beloved horse of John & Karen Lewis, by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rhodes

**Shadow**, a shy shelter cat, by Raynette Mayer; Susan Craig

**Toby**, my sweet, loved and cherished little Scottie, by Sheena Riley; Connie Spasser; Raynette Mayer; Karen Cronk; Elyce Brown; Margo Lozito; Susan Craig

**Pipsqueak**, my 17+ year old tortie, a brave girl, by Karen Cronk; Raynette Mayer; Margo Lozito

**Charlotte**, our shelter pet of 11 years, by Cathy Dillon

**Sandy**, beloved dog of Larry Lord, by George & Crystal Eskola

**Christine**, a shy shelter cat, by Raynette Mayer; Susan Craig

**Carla Hall**, by Martin Hall & Family who brought a carload of supplies including food, blankets, and cleaning products for our shelter pets

**Mark Cathey**, my nephew, by Debra Cathey

“The average dog has one request to all humankind. Love me.”

—Helen Exley

Europa  
Shadow  
Christine

**In Honor Of ...**

*Edgar*, our dog adopted in 2007 from the CSRA Humane Society, by Jerry & Lisa Meitin

*Jamie Lee*, a shelter cat, by Jamie Ludwick

*Mary Edwards*, by FF & Joyce Marschalk, Jr.

*Shirley Perfect*, by Jeanne King

*Frances Knapp*, by Diedre Knapp; Elyce Brown

*Jennifer Rundel*, by Dr. Runnels & Augusta Animal Emergency Clinic

*The Franceschi Family*, including the newest family member, Roxie, by Elyce Brown

*Miss Buttermilk and her cats past and present*, by Susan Gebhart

*Pet Lovers Who Care*, by Ann Williams

*Sophie, Carolina, & Sadie*, by Bebe Blanchard

*Peggy Miller*, by Montague Miller

*Rev. Mary-Kathleen Blanchard*, by Laura & Douglas Graves

**Birthday Wishes to ...**

*Jane Lancer*, my mom, for her birthday and her love of animals, by Lara Morgan

*Sheena Riley*, from Raynette Mayer



**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to ...**



*Jeanne Harrison*, by Laura & Douglas Graves

*Board of Directors and Karen Cronk, Frances Knapp, Sheena Riley, and Ann Macey*, from Isabel Lecuona


*"Cats always know whether people like or dislike them. They do not always care enough to do anything about it."*  
—Winifred Carriere

**Legislation**

You may want to contact your senator and representative about supporting S 3061 to protect tigers from ending up in illegal trade situations and HR 2210 to protect big cats from being killed for sport while they are in cages.


For more information, visit [CatLaws.com](http://CatLaws.com).

Excerpted from *Big Cat Times*, Holiday 2011, [www.bigcatrescue.org](http://www.bigcatrescue.org)



**Special Pets' Wish List**

**Louise & Gypsy** (at right) — homes willing to adopt loving, healthy, FIV+ adult cats (Louise needs a different food to help keep her healthy)



- Pets' "Regular" Wish List**
- Purina Dog Chow [ ~ 500 lbs per week]
  - Purina Puppy Chow [ ~ 50 lbs per week]
  - Purina Cat Chow [ ~ 75 lbs per week]
  - Purina Kitten Chow [ ~ 50 lbs per week]
  - Purina One Diet Cat food [ ~ 5 lbs per week]
  - Plain clay unscented cat litter [ ~ 800 lbs per week]
  - Laundry detergent, Bleach, Dryer sheets
  - Vinegar, Paper towels
  - Heavy-duty trash bags (55 gallon & tall kitchen sizes)
  - Hay bales (for muddy yards)
  - Linens (blankets & sheets) in good condition
  - Non-latex disposable gloves
  - Hooded litter boxes (large or jumbo)
  - Odo-Ban cleaner

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## The 500 Club for 2010

### Platinum Level (\$5,000+ yearly)

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The Knox Foundation  
The Pawprints Foundation  
Ed Turner & Number 9:  
Rock & Soul Revue

### Gold Level (\$2,500—\$4,999 yearly)

The Creel Foundation

### Silver Level (\$1,000 – \$2,499 yearly)

Karin Aaronson  
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David Clark  
Jeff Coffey  
75 Coca-Cola Shares (anonymous)  
Christine Collins  
Evert & Carol Cornelius  
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Julia Crowley  
Valerie DeVaney  
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Virginia Jones  
Carrie Kinlaw & Todd Schultz  
Frances Knapp  
Tracy Lee  
Lewis Bus Lines  
Eugene Lewis  
Ronald Masters  
Raynette Mayer  
J Nick Shaw  
Chuck & Beverley Slonina  
Connor Dyess Smith  
M. Bert Storey Family Fund  
Linda Wellman  
Mike & YeSun Wiltse

### Bronze Level (\$500 – \$999 yearly)

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Justin Keegan  
Pat Knox-Hudson  
Melissa Leigh  
Margo & Frank Lozito  
Valerie Lundy  
Ann & Donald Macey  
Virginia Marshall  
Cary Maxwell  
Kimberly McCarty  
Susan, Megan, & Lauren McGahee  
Nancy McNair  
Melissa Parsons-Doherty  
Pedigree Foundation  
Susan Pilcher  
Andrew Reeves  
Heather Reeves  
Sheena Riley  
Cindy Sappington  
Harlan Sorensen  
Nora & Matthias Spoerle  
Barbara Stenstrom  
Eric Stromquist  
Erin Switzer  
Betty Till  
Virginia Tobias  
Jen Trunzo  
Joseph & Rosetta Venable  
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Diane Wiedmeier  
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Dina Wise

### In-Kind Sponsors

WRDW – Channel 12 “Take Me Home”

Comcast On Demand “Pet Adoptions”

“Richmond County Neighbors”

WJBF—Channel 6 “Pet Adoptions”

*The Cindy Wren Memorial Fund* created a special room for feline friends. A plaque commemorates Cindy’s love for and commitment to homeless pets, especially cats.

—sponsored by *Don Wren*



## What Your Support Means for Homeless Pets

How your gift helps homeless pets:

\$25 vaccinates a pet coming into our shelter  
\$50 tests a pet for either heartworms or feline leukemia/FIV  
\$75 tests, de-worms, and vaccinates a pet entering the shelter  
\$100 provides prescription food for shelter pets for a month  
\$250 provides dental care for a neglected pet  
\$500 treats a heartworm-positive dog  
\$1,000 sponsors a replacement window in an adoption room  
\$1,500 provides emergency critical care for a shelter pet  
\$2,000 covers utility costs for an average month at the shelter

## The 500 Club

Our 500 Club is made up of donors who pledge a specific level of support over the course of a calendar year. Some 500 Club members send in monthly gifts instead of a one-time yearly gift. (At the Bronze Level, that’s only \$45 per month.)

We’re pleased to accept whatever works best for the donor. Some donors prefer to transfer stocks instead, and that’s great too! Everything goes to the pets, 365 days a year.

Our 500 Club members are acknowledged by hearts on our Tree of Hope in the Pet Center’s entry area.

The Board of Directors invites all active 500 Club members to visit the Pet Center and select a free t-shirt in appreciation of your support.

Please stop by during adoption hours (Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 pm or Saturdays from 11 am – 4 pm) and select your shirt. You may even want to spend a little time with some of the great pets who benefit from your valued support.

## Empty Printer Cartridges

We recycle used, donated printer cartridges at Cartridge World, located on Bobby Jones Expressway in front of Wal-Mart. Every dollar we make goes directly to pet care. Plus recycling is good for our planet!

If you have empty cartridges, please drop them off at the Pet Center. We have a bright yellow box inside the front door.

Thanks!

## The Beauty of Black Dogs

By Janet Howser

I have had dogs all of my life—big dogs, little dogs, pure breeds, mixed breeds, young dogs, and older dogs. They have been a variety of colors and ages, but they all had one thing in common: their faces were light in color and I could read the expressions in their eyes immediately. I had been around a few black dogs too – or at least I had said hello and maybe petted them a time or two, but they seemed aloof and hard to know. I thought light colored dogs were more friendly and fun.

Then one day I met a large black beauty named Mona. She was a shelter dog. She was very black, with a dark face and dark eyes. But through the darkness, it was her eyes that reached out and caught my heart. Before I really knew her, I thought it was true - black dogs were mysterious. The more time I spent with her, the more I realized how special she was. She taught me that black dogs are unique and have a serenity about them. They are softer, quieter and more in tune with you. They will tell you everything you need to know when you slow down and listen. But they don't shout it out or share it with everyone who simply passes by. Black dogs seem wiser, more selective of their people. You must be trustworthy to gain their respect. Once they choose you, you will feel a genuine difference in the way they relate to you. They are one of the best kept secrets.

Black dogs have the lowest adoption rates and the highest euthanasia rates in the country. This is often referred to as the Black Dog Syndrome and for many of the reasons mentioned. Additionally, some people are simply afraid of them or think they bring bad luck; this of course is nonsense. Once you truly know a black dog, you will understand how special they are. May you be fortunate enough to have at least one in your life.

*"It is true, they say, that cats do not sit up on command or roll over and play dead, but then neither do a good many humans. This does not mean that either the cat or the human is stupid; in fact, a human who won't roll over on command is usually regarded as highly intelligent."*

—Allen & Ivy Dodd

## Financial Update

As of mid-November, the CSRA Humane Society has made progress reducing its expenditures over the same timeframe in 2010. We hope with the holiday season that we'll make up more of the difference between income and expenses so that we can end the year in the black.

Our goal is still to have at least six months of operating capital on hand to fund the shelter; we continue to have a two-month reserve.

Adoption fees are down 30% from last year's figures while fundraising is up almost 24%. Our 500 Club has nearly doubled over last year's numbers; other memberships remain roughly constant.

We are down 18% on grants, and we continue to explore new foundations for possible funding. Many of these foundations have rules governing the types of support they will consider, and often general operating expenses are excluded in favor of program-specific projects. Memorials and honoraria are about constant with last year's figures. Utilities also remain steady.

Our gross profits are down by about 5% over 2010, indicating the economic impact many non-profits are experiencing these days. Meanwhile, we have decreased our expenditures by 12%.

As of November 20, 2011, we had gross profits of \$210,420 while in 2010 the figure was \$221,007. Expenses so far in 2011 are \$236,276; in 2010, we had already spent \$268,727. We are running a deficit of \$25,858 so far in 2011; for 2010, we were in the red \$47,720. We are making progress trimming expenses.

We hope that with continued examination of ways to cut costs, more funding options, and a steady stream of regular donors, we can balance out our year and future years to come.

## Dancing Events

In 2011, we were delighted to have two dance evenings which together raised over \$4,000 for the shelter. These are new events. Artists for the Animals was held in July, and Hunger for Hope Dance Concert was held in October. Many thanks to all these talented and generous dancers and artists!

## Donation Jars

The CSRA Humane Society has a few donation canisters available for placement in area businesses. If you have a business, or know of a likely place, and if you are willing to periodically collect the money and bring it to the Pet Center, we can sign out a box to you.

We want to thank Christie Louthan and her family along with Blanchard Woods Veterinary Clinic for managing a donation box at the clinic. Thanks also to the kind folks at the Quik Pack Store on Fury's Ferry for offering to put out a box for us on their counter.

All the donations go to a great cause—helping our 250 homeless pets live comfortable lives until they find their forever homes.



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Call the Pet Center at 706-261-PETS for more info.

**Partnering On the Air and Online**

Listen throughout the day for information about events and pet tips presented by The CSRA Humane Society on local AM radio station, WEZO 1230.

You can listen via radio at 1230 on the AM dial, or listen through your computer online at WEZO.am

We are currently looking for sponsors who will help underwrite some of the costs of broadcasting these messages. If you or your business wants to help out, please contact the Society at 706-261-PETS (706-261-7387). Sponsorships are \$300/month and provide the business with both a radio presence and an online ad.

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*"A dog has one aim in life.  
To bestow his heart."*  
—J. R. Ackerley

## Visit to Westminster Schools

By Jenine Carter

The Westminster Schools of Augusta's Pre-K and T-K (Transitional Kindergarten) classes choose CSRA Humane Society as their community service project. On October 7, 2011, I spoke to the students about the CSRA Humane Society and how we help homeless pets find their forever families.

My dog "Ginger" that was adopted 4 years ago from the shelter accompanied me. Some students had never petted a dog and were thrilled to be able to touch and pet Ginger. They asked a lot of questions and had a great time bringing in their donations.

The classes collected lots of treats, food, toys including Kongs, cleaning supplies, and cat litter. Plus a washer and dryer was donated by Mr. Durrell.



TK Class



Pre-K Class

## Blessing of the Animals

The CSRA Humane Society had volunteers and shelter pets at two Blessing of the Animals events in early October. On Friday October 7th, we joined with St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on Broad Street to have four separate special blessings.

Then on Saturday, October 8th, we convened at Church of the Good Shepherd on Walton Way to celebrate the importance pets play in our daily lives.

Volunteers included Margo Lozito, Martha Potter, Dee Medley, Janet Yonesaki, Ann Macey, and Susan Vines. All our shelter pets were model citizens. St. Francis of Assisi would have been proud!

*"A kitten is more amusing than half the people one is obliged to live with."*

—Lady Sydney Morgan

## Love to Run?

Join the Hopeful Hounds benefit on Saturday, January 21 at Julian Smith BBQ Pit. The 1-mile Fun Run starts at 9:30am while the 5k run/walk starts at 10am. For more information, visit [www.hopefulhounds.org](http://www.hopefulhounds.org) and look for "Dog Gone Cold."

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dog Gone Cold 5k Run/Walk



A Benefit for

Hopeful Hounds, Inc.

and

The American Black and Tan Coonhound Rescue

Julian Smith BBQ Pit - Augusta, GA

Saturday, January 21, 2012

1-Mile Fun Run 9:30am 5k Run/Walk 10:00am

\*Electronic timing provided by Strictly Running!

\*Dog friendly - bring your canine partner to run/walk with!

\*Many of our local CSRA rescue groups will have adoptable animals available at the gift!

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- 1) Register online through [www.HopefulHounds.org/dog-gone-cold-5k.html](http://www.HopefulHounds.org/dog-gone-cold-5k.html)
- 2) Download registration form from [www.HopefulHounds.org/dog-gone-cold-5k.html](http://www.HopefulHounds.org/dog-gone-cold-5k.html) to mail to:
  - 3) Register online at [www.5kfitforrunning.com](http://www.5kfitforrunning.com)
  - 4) Register between 4:00pm-7:00pm on Friday, January 20 at Feet Feet in North Augusta
  - 5) Register the morning of the event from 8:00am-9:45am at the Julian Smith BBQ Pit

We need VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS and DONORS!!! Contact us at [hopefulhoundsinc@gmail.com](mailto:hopefulhoundsinc@gmail.com) for more information!



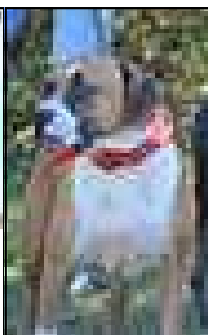
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**Maybelline**—a female DSH tortoiseshell.  
DOB ~ 5-20-02



**Nolan**—a male brown & white boxer mix.  
DOB ~ 4-15-07



**Roma**—a female DSH brown tabby older girl.  
DOB ~ 4-1-01



**Pheotis**—a male DSH black sweetheart.  
DOB ~ 3-4-02



**Rupert**—a male brindle hound-pit mix.  
DOB ~ 7-1-06



**Willoughby**—a male red & white husky mix.  
DOB ~ 11-8-07



**Wylie**—a male DSH tuxedo senior gentleman.  
DOB ~ 9-20-00

**Not all pets are suitable for all homes! Please let us help you choose a best friend for life.**



**Angua**—a male lab & wire-haired terrier mix.  
DOB ~ 6-10-11



**Brodie**—a male pitbull mix.  
DOB ~ 11-10-09



**Rafe**—a male DSH red tabby with white kitten.  
DOB ~ 7-23-11

All photographs by Willie Malpass & Natalie Boyd



**Annie**—a female tri-color hound mix.  
DOB ~ 2-2-08



**Lorena**—a female DSH brown patched tabby with white.  
DOB ~ 4-25-11



**Brunton**—a male red hound and lab mix.  
DOB ~ 4-16-10



**Gretel**—a female DSH tuxedo (black & white).  
DOB ~ 12-1-08



**Gigi**—a female brindle with white pitbull mix.  
DOB ~ 6-30-08



**Lady Gaga**—a female DSH brown tabby sweetheart!  
DOB ~ 6-1-10



**Magda**—a female black and white terrier mix.  
DOB ~ 12-24-09



**Melba**—a female DSH brown tabby with white markings.  
DOB ~ 1-1-05

*"A dog is a smile and a wagging tail. What is in between doesn't matter much."*

—Clara Ortega

## Through Dolan's Eyes: The Rewards of Adopting an Adult Cat

By Jen Trunzo



My name is Dolan. I am a big red tabby and I love my mama. I don't remember if I was born at the CSRA Humane Society's shelter or if I came in as a baby with my cat mama and my brothers and sisters, but I do know the shelter was the only home I ever had until my human mama took me home. See, I lived at the shelter for over four years. I watched my real brothers and sisters get adopted. I watched cat friends get adopted. I watched lots of other cats come and go. But nobody wanted me. I became a little shy with strangers and I would hide because, after years of hearing people tell me I was sweet and pretty but too big or too old, I sort of gave up on ever leaving the shelter. The volunteers were my human family because they loved me and I would snuggle, purr, and play with them. I was happy with what I had because the world I could see through the windows just looked big and scary. I just wondered what it would be like if I could live with even one of the volunteers I loved or even one of the people who came into adopt.

Then one day a new volunteer came in. She looked at me across the room and said, "Hello, Beautiful. You look like somebody I know." I was afraid of her at first because I didn't know her, but every time she came in she would lie down on the floor and reach under the bed to pet me and talk nice to me. Eventually, I started coming out to see her and she would hug me, rub my belly, and let me give her kitty kisses all over her face. I would purr super loud because I really liked her and I really like giving kisses.

Well, it turned out that she had a kitty who looked like me who lived with her. That's why I looked like somebody she knew. But she told me he was old and sick and it made her sad. So every time she came in, I would let her hug me and I would purr. One day, she came in and she was crying because her old, sick kitty had gone to heaven. She held me and cried and I licked the tears off her face. Then she told me she wanted me and a kitten to come live with her. I snuggled in closer, purred louder, and kissed her chin.

It took a couple weeks for Mama to take us home because she had just bought a house and she wanted to get the boxes emptied before my little "brother" and I moved in. She brought us home and I was scared at first. I was a lot more scared than the little guy and, looking back, it's kind of embarrassing that I cried all night that first night. But you have to understand that the only place I had ever lived was the shelter and home was so different. At home, the floors and the furniture were soft and there was this thing with talking people on it that Mama called a tv that was a little confusing (I like it now, especially sports talk tv). The scariest thing was this big spinning thing up near the ceiling that made a breeze because I didn't know if it would come down and get us. But Mama just kept telling me it was ok and she kept trying to get me to calm down and sleep. In the middle of the night, she even put a blanket on the floor and I snuggled with her on it. I didn't purr, but Mama's hugs and reassurance made me think that this home thing might be a pretty good deal.

Then Mama left in the morning but she said she would be back in a few hours. The little guy (my new brother, Mr. T) and I explored the house. We decided this was a good place. There was a food dish for each of us and a big bowl of water. We had individual litter boxes. We tried out the furniture and decided it was comfortable. We each had a cat bed and there was a box of catnip toys. Then we tried out Mama's bed. We decided we liked it best. Mama found us in her bed when she came home and she laid down with us to hug us, pet us, and talk sweet to us.



Dolan and his brothers (Mr. T left, Sammy center, Dolan right)

(story continued on next page)

### Geezers Score a Hole in One

On a beautiful autumn day in Augusta, a dedicated group of folks joined the Geezers Golf Club to play a round to benefit the CSRA Humane Society’s no-kill shelter. In all, the Geezers donated over \$6,000 from this first annual event, which was held on November 5 at Forest Hills Golf Course!

Larry Nichols and Geezer President Charles Piercy (shown in photo) were on hand to give out prizes to the golfers and to present the donation to CSRA Humane Society Board President, Raynette Mayer.



In addition to the tournament fee which included greens fees, cart fee, plus lunch, the Geezers were able to get local businesses to sponsor holes.

### First Friday: October 7

CSRA Humane Society volunteers were downtown for First Friday on October 7. In addition to participating at a Blessing of the Animals, we had information about our shelter available for the public.



Aubrey Yonesaki holds Pappy during the event. Pappy has since been adopted. Aubrey and her mom Janet are regular volunteers at the shelter.

*“He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.”*

—Author Unknown

### Concerts with a Cause

St. John United Methodist Church continues with its series of Concerts with a Cause. The CSRA Humane Society is honored to have been selected for the February concert.

February 14 at 7:00pm, local musicians will offer love songs for Valentine’s Day. The first half will consist of art songs and arias while the second half features music from the American popular songbook.

Artists include Tonya Currier (soprano), Diane Haslam (mezzo soprano), Larry Millen (piano), Christine Crookall (cello), and Ryan Kho (violin).

The concert will be at St. John United Methodist Church, 736 Greene Street in downtown Augusta. For more information, call 706-724-9641 or visit [www.stjohnaugusta.org](http://www.stjohnaugusta.org).

### Save a Life - Adopt a Shelter Pet

By Margo Lozito

When you decide it is the right time to have a pet become part of your family, begin your search at the CSRA Humane Society. We have the most wonderful cats and dogs of all breeds, sizes and ages. However, do some research before you come to the shelter and decide what age and kind of pet will best suit your lifestyle. A pet added to your family is going to change your life, and adoption should be a lifetime commitment. Remember, if you are getting a pet for your children, you will be the one caring for it.

Animals may have some behavioral problems because of stress and changes in their environment. Give your pet time to adjust to his or her new home. Cats especially find change difficult, so be prepared to be patient and understanding. The love and loyalty you will receive from your pet is worth far more than what you do for them.

*“Whoever else thinks you are of little worth—to your dog you are the centre of the universe.”*

—Pam Brown

### Dolan’s Story, continued

It’s been two years since Mama brought us home. I’m a little over six now. I ended up with two little brothers and they are both two. They have no idea how lucky they are to have been adopted as babies. They didn’t have to see so many other cats leave the shelter before them. They didn’t have to wonder why nobody wanted them. They probably don’t even remember the shelter. But I do. It was a good place. I had all the food I needed. If I got sick, people took care of me. I had blankets to sleep on and toys to play with. I had lots of cat friends and I had human friends who loved me, even if I didn’t get to see them as much as I wanted to.

But home is a dream come true because I have a mama who is there everyday to pet, feed, and play with me on demand. I also really like the pillows and the soft places to sleep. But, most of all, I like falling asleep at night with my head on Mama’s shoulder while she cuddles me and I look up into her face. And that’s why I walk around the house every so often and purr really loud at all of my favorite things about home—my cat beds, my couch potato spots, my under the table lair, my cat tree hidey hole, my toy box, my food and water, my brothers, and, of course, my mama. Mama’s lap and Mama’s hugs are the best!

So adopt an adult cat. I’ve got lots of adult cat friends who still live at the shelter. You might have to go back a few times to get to know them before they warm up to you, but adult cats like me can love you just as much and just as deeply as a kitten. I can testify that we adjust quickly once we get home. I was an adult when I was adopted—but that makes me even more grateful to have a comfy home and a mama who loves me. My name is Dolan and I’m a CSRA Humane Society success story!

## Adoption Success Stories

### *Deanna & Declan, a female and a male kittens.....*



Deanna and Declan are doing quite well. Declan has doubled in size in just the month and a half that we have had him, and Deanna has grown a bit larger as well. They are both very sweet, affectionate cats and well socialized. I feel that what you do at the animal shelter is unique for cat rearing and helps to better integrate them into a home....We appreciate getting to have them in our lives.

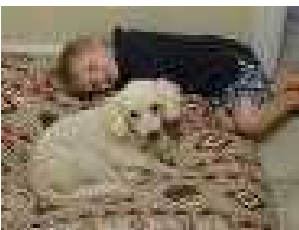
—Rachel & Seth

### *Dermot, now Sebastian, a male kitten.....*

The transition is going better than could have been realistically expected. Sebastian Dermot Feketah is really digging on my bedroom . . . Plus Max [a Doberman] knows not to come into my room without permission.....Sebastian came to check Max out and after the “getting to know ya” sniffing they both gave each other a quick lick and parted ways. So I am pretty sure Max will protect the cat before me.....You guys can rest assured that if nothing else ya’ll proficiently do your jobs one cat at a time.

—Alex

### *Quizno, now Tic Tac, an older dog.....*



He is the most perfect little dog. He has not had an accident—seems to be quite comfortable—and is sleeping with my oldest at night. We love him!!! He and the kitties are tolerating each other but still need time to be 100% comfortable..... Thanks so much for checking.

—Cheri

### *Sweet Pea and Hoyt, two kittens.....*

Thanks for checking in on us. The cats are doing great. Sweet Pea made herself right at home and is enjoying being around us. Hoyt (whom we renamed Sport) has taken a little longer to get used to our home but he is coming around just fine. We are very happy with our choices. Thanks so much!

—Cheryl

### *Vladimir, now Vronsky, a male cat.....*

Vronsky is an extraordinary cat! I have no idea how anyone could have given him up. Not only is he beautiful, he is also unusually affectionate and playful and just “there.” .... He let me know quickly that he is from the nobility and insisted that he be addressed as “Count,” and so we had a name change.....Thank you for checking in and thank you for saving this lovely cat.

—Nadia

### *Sasha, now Shana, a female dog.....*



She has filled out and she plays with us. She is loving and she is even confident enough to be protective of her home. We love her!

—Adopter

### *Pearson, now Vincent, a young adult male cat.....*



We changed his name to Vincent and he responds to it as if it had always been his name. He is getting along great with our 3 other girls. He is already the “King of the Jungle.” . . . He seems to really like his new home and he loves to cuddle.

—Johanna



### **Evans High Senior’s Success** By Diane Wiedmeier

Anna Klattig, an Evans High School senior, chose fundraising for the CSRA Humane Society as her senior project. As one of her fundraising events, she held a two-day bake sale at Logan's Restaurant on Robert C. Daniel Parkway the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends helped her bake cakes, pies, and cookies. Her hard work

earned over \$450.00 for the shelter! Thanks, Anna, for your thoughtfulness and your sleepless weekend!

### **Concert Sponsors Needed**

We are looking for people or businesses to sponsor the rental fee we pay in connection with the Ed Turner and Number 9: Rock and Soul Revue concerts at Le Chat Noir. Rental is \$500 per night. The concerts for 2012 will be on March 16, 17, 23, and 24. Those are Friday and Saturday nights.

Anyone who has been to one of Ed’s concerts knows that the music is fantastic and the evening is a sheer pleasure!

Please help us raise even more money at the concerts by sponsoring a night for us. If you would like more information, please email us at [info@cshumanesociety.org](mailto:info@cshumanesociety.org) and we’ll be happy to discuss the benefits of sponsorship!

## Volunteer Corner

By Susan Vines

Welcome to our newest feature of the CSRA Humane Society Newsletter. Because volunteers are so vital to the functioning of the organization, we will be showcasing some of our volunteers and their significant contributions. Each quarterly newsletter will be highlighting one volunteer or a group of volunteers (such as the Girl Scouts) who we think deserve special “recognition”. Criteria for this selection will be based on a compilation of items, such as time volunteering, fund-raising efforts, taking initiative with special projects, and leadership. If you would like to contribute to the volunteer corner please feel free to e-mail Cathy Dillon (dillontwosome@yahoo.com) or Susan Vines (swvines@comcast). Help us capture all the great things that our volunteers do to assist the shelter!



ALL VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR FULL NAME  
AND SIGN IN AND OUT EACH TIME YOU VISIT  
THE SHELTER TO DONATE YOUR TIME.



### Isabel Lecuona: Volunteer Spotlight



Many of you who come to the shelter see Isabel [shown with Clifford the Red Dog at this year’s Pet-A-Fair] first hand as she is our visitor greeter and general crowd control person during Saturday’s adoption hours. She also answers phone calls to the shelter during this time and acts as the liaison between prospective adopters and our adoption counselors (all are volunteers, including our board). What is so remarkable about Isabel is her long term commitment to the shelter as this is her 10<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering. We also know that she volunteers her time with several other non-profits, such as Phinzy Swamp, the Augusta Symphony, and the Imperial theater. None of us know how she manages to do all of this, especially since she also takes care of her three dogs and often looks after her grandchildren. Isabel is just one of our volunteers whose contributions are well deserving of our recognition. Next time you see her, please pass along your thanks.

### Volunteer Highlights

As part of the volunteer corner we will be showcasing some of the special events that volunteers have worked so hard to organize, plan, or assist in implementing. In addition we are collecting the number of volunteer hours served at the shelter. According to volunteer Cathy Dillon (who has agreed to organize and compute these data) volunteers logged 259 hours in the month of September and 321 hours in October. Amazing! Cathy also manages to find time to update volunteer data collected from our volunteer waiver forms. Melissa Leigh created this data file (which took her months of dedicated work). Our board can use these data for membership and fundraising activities.

**Pet-a-Fair:** Many volunteers, including our board spent many hours getting ready for this event at the Julian Smith Casino on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. While we can’t name everyone, a special thank you goes to our faithful dog walkers who showcased many of our shelter dogs. Danielle Perdue’s remarkable patience with one of our very shy dogs, Qian, provided some much needed public exposure. Michelle Neely for the second year in a row did a remarkable job organizing the bake sale which was a success, as always! Finally, the set-up and clean-up crew (board members and Ben Bueler) need special recognition because arriving early and leaving late is a tiresome, thankless job!

**Shelter Cleaning:** Melissa Hodge and her military crew (Brandon and Alanna Combs, Trisha Sexton, Liz Feight, Michael Spencer, Taylor Smith, Kristen Kinneary, and Lindsey Clark) came to the shelter on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and thoroughly cleaned the dog’s Q section and the puppy room. Diane Wiedmeier (one of our board members) corralled several of these folks to assist her with cleaning cat suites A, B, and C plus Cindy Suites. Additional contributors to this cleaning adventure were Martha Potter, Mellie Kerins, Margo Lozito, and Susan Vines.

**Holiday Rummage Sale:** Frances Knapp and Betty Till spent tireless hours preparing for the December rummage sales. We don’t know how they managed to organize all the donated items. Betty’s pricing skills certainly came in handy! Other volunteers who gave their time tagging and/or organizing the piles of sale items were Margo Lozito, Dee Medley, Susan Vines, and Diane Wiedmeier.

**Color Coding System:** Finally, volunteer dog walkers have a new “tool” to assist them in determining which dog to walk. We have instituted a new “Color Code” system whereby every dog is colored coded based on walking difficulty and/or behavior. To date, volunteers like the coding because it assists with choosing a dog which is appropriate for their experience level. We are asking volunteers also to wear an arm band that corresponds with their experience level in order to better enable new volunteers who may need to identify experienced dog walkers for assistance or mentoring. In addition, dogs will be provided the requisite color coded bandana while outside enjoying their walks.

## Columbia County Christmas Parade

By Jenine Carter



On Sunday December 4, 2011, Brent Carter, Bradley Carter, Jenine Carter, Tiffany Martin, Lauren McGahee, and Susan McGahee participated in the Columbia County Christmas Parade. We decorated a trailer like a large wagon with toy boxes filled with toys, a Christmas tree with presents and toys under the tree, and

we even had a jack-in-the-box.

Bradley and Lauren took turns in the box and would pop up at random times. We also decorated the truck to look like a dog. We had a great time, and the weather was perfect. Ginger and Lily (my dogs) participated along with us. Susan McGahee gave out candy to many children along the route.



## Pet-A-Fair 2011

Julian Smith Casino was alive with both two-legged and four-legged creatures on Sunday, October 30, as the CSRA Humane Society hosted its annual Pet-A-Fair. The fun family-oriented and very pet-friendly day started with a parade of adoptable shelter dogs, followed by lots of great contests. This year, our emcee was George Eskola (WJBF Ch. 6). Judges included Chuck Williams (95 Rock), Ed Turner (Turner's Keyboards), Meredith Anderson (WRDW Ch. 12), Ray Whitfield (NABO Fly-weight Champ), and Bill Kirby (*Augusta Chronicle*).



Our event sponsor was Milton Ruben Chevrolet, and we had an all electric 2012 Chevy Volt on display at the entrance to the Casino.

Participating veterinary hospitals included National Hills Animal Hospital, Paradise Animal Hospital, Aidmore Animal Hospital, St. Francis Animal Hospital, Hammond Hills Animal Hospital, Highland Animal Hospital, and VCA Columbia Animal Hospital (who sponsored a booth).

Vendor tables were set up by the Girl Scouts who were selling pet-related items which they made for us, Doggie Dental, Cat Fanciers Association/The International Cat Association, Shiny Things, and Jalina Colon.

The list of people and businesses who so generously donated their goods or services for our silent auction and raffle tables was long: 5, 6, 7, 8 Dance Studio; 95 Rock; AB Distributors; Art on Broad; Augusta Green Jackets; Augusta Magazine; Beattie's Automotive; Bel Air Hair; Bob's Tropical Fish;

Bonefish Grill; Brickles Dry Cleaners; Broome Family Eye Care; Joel Conte Estate Jewelry Center; Carrie Brooks; Carolina Ale House; Cat's Request; Christine Collins; Crazy Turks; Valerie DeVaney; Guitar Works; Margo Lozito; Pat Love; John Maskey; Raynette Mayer; Nacho Mama's; Ev & Carol Cornelius; Crystal Eskola; ET Industrial Supply, Forest Hill's Golf Club; French Market Grille West; Ferguson Enterprise; Flowers by Monty; Karen Cronk; Gold Mech Services; Hair and Essentials; Henry Rockwood; Hildebrant's; Imperial Theatre; Jiffy Lube; Frances Knapp; La Bonbonniere; Lady Bug's Flowers & Gifts; Joanie Lamb Hair Salon; Landrum Supply; Lester Lever; Avis Lyle; Savannah River Art Glass; Sheena Riley; Sam's Club; Stafford Nut & Bolt; Robert Steudle; TGI Friday's; Neopolitan Cupcake & Gift; Partridge Inn; Pets Are People Too Pet Sitting; Pratt Dudley; Heather Reeves; Ann DeVaney; Sandwich City; The Bee's Knees; Jennifer Trunzo; United Refrigeration; Susan Vines; Weinberger's; Yo Pizza; and Augusta Rowing Club. We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted anyone.



Dr. Beverley Slonina (National Hills Animal Hospital) was on hand to microchip pets and discuss pet-related issues with guests.

We had some tasty treats on hand as well. We had meat and vegetarian chili, meat and vegetarian hot dogs, chips and snacks, drinks and water. Plus we had a great bake sale for those who couldn't resist something sweet.

In all, we raised over \$5,000 once we paid for the Casino rental, custodian, and fire marshal.

Thank you to all our volunteers who worked many hours to make this such a successful event!

**Helping Homeless Pets ~ Your Way**

**Do You:**

Buy groceries?

Your Food Lion MVP card (free at any Food Lion store) can generate cash for us, under FoodLion’s new donation program. Our new organizational code is 252126.

Go to [www.Foodlion.com](http://www.Foodlion.com). Click on “MVP Rewards” and then on “register your MVP Card.” Or you can call 1-800-210-9569. REMEMBER: if you shop on the 10th of each month, we earn double credit on Food Lion Private Brand products purchased!

We’ll be happy to link your card. Simply copy **all 12 digits** below the bar code (including those tiny digits at the start and end of the string of numbers) from the back of your MVP card onto this newsletter near your address label, return it, and we’ll do the rest.

Shop on-line?

Go to [iGive.com/CSRAHumaneSociety](http://iGive.com/CSRAHumaneSociety) and sign up, selecting the CSRA Humane Society as your charity. Then every time you shop through the iGive homepage, we get a donation. There are 700+ stores including name brand merchants who provide everything from flowers to cheeses, books to clothing, even eBay!

Need a gift for that person who has everything?

Make a donation to us and we’ll send your honoree a card; plus you and your honoree will be listed in our next newsletter. Who needs another tie or stuffed animal cluttering up a closet? **Donations in Honor of make GREAT Holiday gifts!**

Want a quick present for a pet lover?

We have a great selection of sweatshirts and t-shirts.

Miss someone special?

Send a gift in memory of a person or pet, acknowledging that loss. Your donation will last longer than a floral arrangement.

Love pets but can’t have one right now?

Sponsor a cat or a dog through our Foster Friends program. We’ll pick a cat or a dog (or you can select a specific pet), and we’ll send you a picture of your Friend. Then we’ll update you when your Friend finds that forever home.

Have a matching-donation program at work?

Many companies will match contributions from their employees or retirees. Check with your benefits department for rules and forms.

Please see the membership form, page 15, to donate.

*“Give a pup a home and a little love and he will give you his heart forever.”*

—Pam Brown

**“Wags to Wishes” Benefits Local Groups!**

The CSRA Humane Society is one of many area animal groups who benefited from the “Wags to Wishes” event, sponsored by Pawprints Foundation in October. We want to thank Dr. Nancy McNair and her great group of volunteers and supporters who made this year’s event so successful. We are truly fortunate to have such a caring group working for homeless pets in the CSRA!

**Monthly PayPal Subscribers**

We have learned that PayPal has had some problems with correctly posting monthly donations for some of our donors. If you are a monthly donor, please check your PayPal account to make sure your donations are being made as you specified.

Thank you!

**"Stray Cat"**

By Francis Witham

Oh, what unhappy twist of fate  
Has brought you, homeless to my gate?  
The gate where once another stood  
To beg for shelter, warmth and food  
For from that day I ceased to be  
The master of my destiny.  
While he, with purr and velvet paw  
Became within my house, The Law  
He scratched the furniture and shed  
And claimed the middle of my bed.  
He ruled in arrogance and pride  
And broke my heart the day he died.  
So, if you really think, oh cat,  
I'd willingly relive all that  
Because you come, forlorn and thin  
Well, don't just stand there, come on in.

**Cash for Aluminum Cans**

Did you know that the Pet Center recycles aluminum cans for cash to help with operating costs?

You can help out by bringing us your empty aluminum cans for recycling.

Every little bit helps, plus recycling is good for the environment.

*“Like those great sphinxes lounging through eternity in noble attitudes upon the desert sand, they gaze incuriously at nothing, calm and wise.”*

—Charles Baudelaire

**CSRA Humane Society Annual Membership Form for 2012**

*I want to help homeless pets. Membership entitles me to receive the Newsletter and to have one vote at regular member meetings. My contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$35) Individual      \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50) Family      \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100) Corporate

**500 Club:**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum      \_\_\_\_\_ Gold      \_\_\_\_\_ Silver      \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze  
minimum gift:      \$5000                      \$2500                      \$1000                      \$500

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*We'll email you weekly about Pet Center activities.*

**IN HONOR OF and IN MEMORY OF:**

Please acknowledge my additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

If you do **NOT** want an acknowledgment sent, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Otherwise, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the following acknowledgment information :

Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FOSTER FRIEND SPONSORSHIP:** (please include an additional \$100 per pet sponsored)

I would like to sponsor a : \_\_\_\_\_ Kitten/Cat                      and / or                      \_\_\_\_\_ Puppy/Dog

**GENERAL DONATION:**

Enclosed is an additional contribution to go to the general fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an additional contribution to go to spay/neuter assistance for low-income pet guardians: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEERING:**

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office for details at 706-261-PETS. New volunteer orientations are usually held the first and third Saturdays of the month at 9am at the Pet Center.

**ESTATE PLANNING:**

You may want to talk with your estate planner to remember the CSRA Humane Society and homeless pets in your will or trust so that your compassion for animals will live on.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

CSRA Humane Society      PO Box 14667      Augusta, GA 30919      706-261-PETS      csrahumanesociety.org

**The CSRA Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as designated by the IRS.**

**Calendar of Events**  
**Pet Center Adoptions:**  
Saturdays from 11 am – 4 pm  
and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

**DECEMBER**

- 24 - Shelter closed for the holiday
- 31 - Shelter closed for the holiday

**JANUARY**—Adopt a Rescued Bird Month

- 7 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am
- 14 - Monthly Meeting, Pet Center, 10 am
- 21 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am
- 11 - Monthly Meeting, Pet Center, 10 am
- 14 - Concerts with a Cause (see article, page 10)
- 18 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am
- 28 - World Spay Day (www.worldspayday.org)

**MARCH**

- 3 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am
- 10 - Monthly Meeting, Pet Center, 10 am
- 16 & 17 - Ed Turner Concerts (see article, page 3)
- 17 - New Volunteer Orientation, Pet Center, 9 am
- 23 & 24 - Ed Turner Concerts (see article, page 3)
- 24 - Spring Pet Walk (see article, page 1)

**Our Mission**

Serving the greater Central Savannah River Area, the CSRA Humane Society finds loving, permanent homes for pets whose guardians can no longer care for them. We sponsor a spay/neuter program for area pet guardians and also serve as a humane education resource for our community on responsible people-pet relationships and the humane treatment of all animals.

The IRS designates us as a 501(c)(3) non-profit privately-funded organization (for tax purposes). We get no local, state, or federal tax dollars nor any money from the large national humane groups.

**All Memberships expire at the end of each calendar year.**

*Can the cats and dogs count on you?*

It took over \$300,000 to run our no-frills no-kill Pet Center in 2010. ***We simply can't do it without your support!***

<b>2011 Year-to-Date Pet Stats</b>	<b>vs.</b>	<b><u>2010</u> (total)</b>
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Intake of cats:	48	129
Adoption of cats:	65	62
Intake of dogs:	194	143
Adoption of dogs:	118	169

\*\*\*\*\* **Daily care of ~ 250 cats & dogs** \*\*\*\*\*

<b>Spay/neuter assistance, 2011 to date</b>	<b>vs.</b>	<b>2010 (total)</b>
	64	85

Every surgery prevents thousands of unwanted offspring!

*We do not sell or "rent" our mailing and email lists to any business or group.*