

# SUFFOLK HUMANE SOCIETY

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## Suffolk Humane Society Newsletter

### April 2010

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We hope you enjoy Suffolk Humane Society's newsletter. This is a monthly publication. You can receive this through your email. Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone else who you think may be interested in Suffolk Humane Society's activities

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## Adoptathon

### Adoptathon on May 1-2 at Suffolk Animal Control and PetSmart!

Suffolk Humane Society and Suffolk Animal Control will join the North Shore Animal League's 16th Annual Pet Adoptathon on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, 2010. On Saturday, May 1, the event will occur at Suffolk Animal Control, located at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk VA 23434. The Saturday event at SAC is tentatively scheduled from 10AM to 3PM. On Sunday, May 2, the event will occur at PetSmart at Chesapeake Square, located at 4300 Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23321. The Sunday event at PetSmart is tentatively scheduled from 11AM to 4PM. This event is free and open to the public. For information, call the Suffolk Humane Society at (757) 538-3030, extension 5.

## Thanks!

### Thank You To Our Supporters!

We are always very grateful for any support we receive in our community. This month, we would like to especially thank The Whaleyville Ruritan Club for allowing us to utilize their facilities for our Spay Days event.



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# Belk Coupons Benefit SHS

## Suffolk Humane to Participate in Belk's Charity Day Sale!



The Suffolk Humane Society will be participating in Belk's semi-annual Charity Sale event on Saturday, May 1 from 6-10 a.m. at Belk stores companywide.

The coupons are \$5.00 and are the ticket into the private, four-hour sale. The coupon is good for \$5.00 off the first purchase. Ticket holders receive 20% - 70% off Belk purchases storewide, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands.

# Humane Education Art Contest

## Announcing "Be Kind To Animals" Art Contest

The Suffolk Humane Society is promoting "Be Kind to Animals" month in May by involving Suffolk schools in an art contest. Students, grades Kindergarten through 12, are asked to create an original two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork or digital photograph that illustrates how to be kind to animals. The Suffolk Humane Society wants to provide students the opportunity to express themselves creatively, receive positive recognition for original works, and increase community awareness on the importance of caring for animals. We will be awarding cash prizes, certificates and a Suffolk Humane Society gift bag. For more information, please contact Michele Thames at [michelethames@yahoo.com](mailto:michelethames@yahoo.com) or visit [www.suffolkhumanesociety.com](http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com)!

# Obedience Classes

## SHS Offers Obedience Classes

Suffolk Humane Society will offer two dog obedience classes for four weeks each on Monday nights, starting with an orientation on April 19 and ending on May 10. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. or 7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Magnolia Ruritan Club building, 1047 Nansemond Parkway. The cost is \$60.00 per dog, or \$50, with proof of adoption. All proceeds will benefit Suffolk Humane.

Classes will be taught by qualified instructors, who have been training dogs for more than twenty years. Their dogs have won numerous awards, including AKC agility championships. Call 757-538-3030, option 6 by April 16 to register for the class.

"We offered our first classes in January, and due to their success, we are pleased to offer another series of classes," said Lisa Branton, Suffolk Humane's Director of Prevention. "We hope that by offering dog training, we can help people learn how to work with their pets, reduce the number of surrendered pets and help reinforce the human-animal bond."

SHS would like to thank Paula Dayton and Vanessa Vance for volunteering their time and proceeds from the classes!

# Help Wanted

## Position Available

We are seeking individual(s) to fill the following volunteer positions:

### Director of Adoptions & Foster

Contact [Heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com](mailto:Heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com)

### Volunteer Coordinator

Contact [Heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com](mailto:Heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com)



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# Fashion Show & Silent Auction

## Fashion Show & Silent Auction to Benefit Suffolk Humane Society

Vicki Russo, a fashion consultant representing Carol Anderson by Invitation (CABi), a major Los Angeles based designer, will host a fashion show featuring the latest in spring and summer fashions and trends on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Lady, 447 West Washington Street in downtown Suffolk. The event will also feature a silent auction, and proceeds from both the auction and the fashion show will benefit the Suffolk Humane Society.

Those sponsoring the event include Kathy Bass, Just for the Health of It Massage Therapy and Bodyworks; Matt Flauter, Guardian Life; Andrea Langley, Aflac; Rebecca Keeling, Rebecca Keeling Studios; Mickey Boyette and Jen Seebo, The First Lady of Suffolk; Lindsey Corter, LBC Jewelry Designs and Vicki Russo, CABi Fashions.

Silent auction items include jewelry, a Miche handbag, spa and restaurant gift certificates, books and CDs, autographed celebrity photos, a photo session, a consultation by noted feng shui consultant Bonnie Primm, as well as a dinner for two at the winner's home prepared by Michael Middleton, former sous chef of the Cobalt Grill in Virginia Beach and much more.

Russo promises the event will be informative and fun, "We'll serve refreshments, and we will cover all the design trends for spring and summer. Women will have an opportunity to shop for the latest fashions and bid on great silent auction items at the beautiful First Lady while helping Suffolk Humane."

Suffolk Humane will receive a portion of the proceeds of each garment sold the night of the event as well as all proceeds from the silent auction. The event is free and open to the public, but advanced reservations are required. To reserve a space, call 538-3030, option 3 by April 19, 2010.

# Reluctant Reader Program

## SHS to Start Reluctant Reader Program

The Suffolk Humane Society will be partnering with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Suffolk to create a reluctant reader program for children in Suffolk. We are going to have therapy dog teams meet with children once a month in the church library. The children will have one on one time with the dogs, reading to the dogs without fear of correction or teasing from peers. This program is expected to kick off in June.

We are currently seeking bookshelves, books and bean bag chairs for the program. We will house these items at the church, and will allow both reading program participants and church members to use the items. For a list of recommended books, you can check [www.suffolkhumanesociety.com](http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com) and look under the Humane Education link for suggestions.

If anyone has a bookshelf, bean bag chair (or other comfortable chair) and/or books to donate, please drop them off at 213 North Main Street Suffolk, VA 23434 (757) 539-2478. Your generous donations would be much appreciated! For more information or questions, please contact Michele Thames at [michelethames@yahoo.com](mailto:michelethames@yahoo.com)

# Office Space Needed

## Space Needed for Suffolk Humane Office

We are still looking for office space. The space must allow animals inside the office. It must also have adequate parking for Neuter Scooter days. In addition, it must have or allow to be installed a 50 amp outlet on the outside of the building for the Neuter Scooter. It must have a restroom. And, it must be highly affordable or free!



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# Featured Pets

## April's Featured Pets

### Ollie

I'm Ollie, a 6-year-old male Black Lab mix. I'm a big boy. I have some scar tissue covering my left eye, but I have no problem getting around! I walk well on a leash and am very well mannered. Please visit me in Kennel #38 (ID#0035).



### Butch & Boris

We're Butch and Boris, 5-month-old male Brown and White German Shepherd mixes. We are nice puppies who enjoy playtime with our toys. We are both friendly and eager for attention. You can visit us in Kennel #15 (ID# 0087/0088).



### Meesha

Hi, I'm Meesha, a 1 year old female Brown Tabby domestic short haired cat. I'm a sweet kitty who is very affectionate and social. You can visit her in the PC room (ID# 0055).

### Wilson

Hi, I'm Wilson. I'm a 2 year old male, Brown Tabby domestic short haired cat. I am a super sweet kitty! I love to be held and have my ears scratched. Do you have a sunny window for me to lounge in? I am looking for my forever home. Please visit me in the PC room.



These wonderful animals are available for adoption at the Suffolk Animal Control Shelter, 124 Forest Glen Dr., Suffolk, VA. 514-7855. Adoption fee is \$60 for cats and \$75 for dogs, and includes spaying/neutering and vaccinations. To view photos of more companions in need of a home, visit <http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/adopt.shtml> or visit the Suffolk Animal Shelter to meet them in person! Photos provided by Suffolk Humane Society.

In addition, Suffolk Humane Society has several wonderful cats available for adoption at the PetSmart at Chesapeake Square.

## Events

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, April 17, 2010** from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM - **Portsmouth Humane Society's Cause for Paws dog walk and animal friendly festival**, located at 1 Crawford Parkway, Old Towne Portsmouth.

**Monday, April 19, 2010** from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM and 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM - **First Basic Obedience Class**, located at Magnolia Ruritan Club, 1047 Nansemond Pkwy., Suffolk.

**Thursday, April 22, 2010** from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM - **Fashion Show & Silent Auction**, located at The First Lady, 447 West Washington Street, Suffolk.

**Saturday, May 1, 2010** from 6 AM to 10 AM - **Belk Charity Sale**, located at 1403 North Main Street, Suffolk.



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**Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, 2010 - Suffolk Humane Society and Suffolk Animal Control join the North Shore Animal League's 16th Annual Pet Adoptathon 2010**, Saturday, May 1 event at Suffolk Animal Control, located at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk. Sunday, May 2 event at PetSmart, located at 4300 Portsmouth Blvd, Chesapeake..

**Friday, May 7, 2010- "Be Kind To Animals" Art Contest Reception**, located at The Suffolk Museum, 118 Bosley Avenue, Suffolk.

**Thursday, August 19, 2010** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - **Mosaic Cafe Fundraiser**, located in the Suffolk Cultural Arts Center at 110 West Finney Avenue.

**Saturday, August 21, 2010** from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM - **Hobson Village Reunion**, located at Hobson Village on Crittenden Road.

**Sunday, September 19, 2010 - The Mutt Strut Dog Walk and Festival.**

## Featured Volunteer

**April's Volunteer of the Month, James Biemann**

**Name:** James Biemann

**Occupation:** Free Lance Photographer based in Historic Downtown Suffolk (James Biemann Photography LLC)

**Place of Residence:** Downtown Suffolk (7 Years)

**What do you do as a volunteer for Suffolk Humane? How long have you been doing this?** I currently take photographs of the animals for use in various mediums to try and find suitable homes for them. I have been photographing the animals for the past eight months.

**Why do you choose to volunteer for Suffolk Humane and why is what you do important?** I choose to volunteer for all the wonderful animals that need good homes. I think its very important to get great photographs of each and every animal and bring out their personality in those photographs. I take what I do very seriously, and when its comes to getting a great photograph of the animals, I'm a perfectionist.

**How many hours do you volunteer in an average week?** I volunteer four to five hours each week capturing images of the animals, as well as editing each image.

**What keeps you motivated?** What keeps me motivated is knowing that with each photograph I can help find each pet a wonderful new home.

**How has this service challenged you?** Every Wednesday when I step inside the doors of Suffolk Animal Control building, it's my goal to capture the best image of each and every animal. With great images, I know it will be easier to help them find homes.

**What do you want the public and other members to know about your work?** I just want the public, as well as members to know I truly enjoy what I do. To be a part in finding these animals homes is truly rewarding.

**Do you have pets now?** I have one dog, Lucie, and two cats, Simba and Tia.

**Has this service helped/changed you?** This service has made me a better person. It gives me a sense of pride and fulfillment. I feel that with my camera I give the animals I photograph a voice.

To nominate an outstanding Suffolk Humane Society volunteer for Volunteer of the Month, please email Heather Noell at [heather@suffolkhumanesociety.com](mailto:heather@suffolkhumanesociety.com)



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# Mutt Strut

## Seeking Mutt Strut Sponsors, Vendors & Volunteers

It's that time of year again - time to start planning for our annual Mutt Strut dog walk and festival! We are currently seeking sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for the event. Sponsorship has many advantages and comes at all levels. For additional information, please contact Kay Hurley at [skwh310@aol.com](mailto:skwh310@aol.com). If you are interested in being a vendor at the Mutt Strut or volunteering with Suffolk Humane Society, please contact Heidi Giroux at [heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com](mailto:heidigiroux@suffolkhumanesociety.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**MUTT STRUT!**  
Dog Walk & Festival

# SHS Meeting

## Next SHS Meeting April 21, 2010

The Suffolk Humane Society will meet Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Magnolia Ruritan Club building at 1047 Nansemond Parkway near the corner of Nansemond Parkway and Portsmouth Boulevard. Anyone interested in the welfare of companion animals in the area is invited to attend. Call 757-538-3030 for more information or visit [www.suffolkhumanesociety.com](http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com).

# Broken Egg Bistro

## Broken Egg Bistro To Designate Menu Item To Benefit SHS

Broken Egg Bistro will hold its grand opening in North Suffolk, tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. on May 3. They are partnering with us by designating a menu item, where 10% of the price will go to Suffolk Humane. Please plan to support this restaurant, who has chosen to be a compassionate member of our community! More details to come! Visit [www.thebrokeneggbistro.com](http://www.thebrokeneggbistro.com) for more information!

# H & R Block

## Donate to SHS While Doing Your Taxes!

For each new customer who uses H & R Block for the first time and gives his/her tax professional a SHS referral form coupon, H & R Block will donate \$25.00 to Suffolk Humane. To find the nearest H & R Block location, go to [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com). Forms are available by calling 538-3030, option 3 and at the Godwin Blvd location in Suffolk (across from Sentara Obici). Many thanks to Jackie Russell with H & R Block for making Suffolk Humane aware of this opportunity.

# Memorials & Honorariums

## Memorial & Honorarium Donations

The following memorial and honorarium donations were made since March 12, 2010

### In Memory Of...

**Brenda Thorn**, donation made by Judy H. Dailey

**Butterscotch Pasquine**, donation made by Linda Anne Ferguson

**Jouet**, donation made by Dorothy & Carter Winn



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**Doris Wiggins Hurley Williams**, donation made by Patsy R. Joyner

**Ted Weaver**, donation made by Patsy R. Joyner

*In Honor Of...*

**Kay Hurley**, donation made by Dorothea M. Simmons

**Charles D. Parr**, donation made by Hugh A. West

## Membership

### Seeking New Members!

Remember that Suffolk Humane is as strong as the number of members it has. The more members we represent, the more of a voice companion animals have in our community. Encourage your friends, family members, business associates and neighbors to become members. You can download the application from our website or e-mail [info@suffolkhumanesociety.com](mailto:info@suffolkhumanesociety.com). If you are receiving this newsletter and have not joined Suffolk Humane, please consider doing it today. Help us give a stronger voice to our best friends!

## New Members & Renewals

### Our Membership is Growing!

We would like to thank the following individuals for becoming a member or renewing their existing membership.

#### *New Members Since March 12, 2010*

**Carole O'Keeffe**

#### *Renewals Since March 12, 2010*

**Bob & Fran Alwood**  
**Joe and Linda Asbell**  
**Lynn Barlow**  
**James M. Blair**  
**Marie A Burridge**  
**Tom Johnson**  
**William and Ginger Owen**  
**Shelley Snyder**  
**Mary Lee Warren**  
**Betty A. Woo**

If you are interested in becoming a member, or renewing your existing membership, please go to:  
<http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/donate.shtml>  
or call (757) 538-3030.

The Suffolk Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the welfare of companion animals in the community through sponsoring spay/neuter programs, placing homeless animals in loving permanent homes, and providing quality humane education with an emphasis on responsible pet ownership. Check out [www.SuffolkHumaneSociety.com](http://www.SuffolkHumaneSociety.com) each week to get the latest information about the group activities and to view the up-to-date photos of the adoptable animals at Suffolk Animal Shelter, 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434 (757-514-7855).



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