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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.

Please help us go green! To join our electronic newsletter, please email your name and email address to info@suffolkhumanesociety.com

Adoptathon

Adoptathons Help You Adopt Your New Best Friend!

Swimming, boating, frisbee on the beach... need someone to share in the summertime fun? Your new best friend may be waiting for you at the Suffolk Animal Control.

Suffolk Animal Control (SAC) has cuddly canines and furry felines in assorted shapes and sizes in need of good homes and great owners. To help connect wonderful pets with fantastic owners, SAC has partnered with Suffolk Humane for adoption events at Suffolk Animal Control on July 10th and July 24th from 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

SAC personnel will also have pets in need of homes at the Chesapeake Square Petsmart on July 11th and July 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Suffolk Animal Control is located at 124 Forest Glen Dr. or visit them on the web at http://www.suffolk.va.us/anml_ctrl



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BARKS

The BARKS Program!

The Suffolk Humane Society is sponsoring a reading program in Suffolk. The BARKS Program, which stands for Books And Reading for Kids in Suffolk, had our first session in June. Children from the community along with certified therapy dog teams met at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street in downtown Suffolk for a morning of reading fun! Children read aloud to certified therapy dogs to help cultivate reading skills and self-esteem.

We are currently taking reservations for July 10th and August 14th. Please contact Michele Thames at MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com or 757-538-3030 ext. 4 to sign up!



SHS Meeting

Next SHS Meeting July 21, 2010

We will meet Wednesday, July 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. The public is invited to attend.

After a brief business meeting, Suffolk Humane will host a TDI (Therapy Dogs International) testing. If you have ever wondered about therapy dogs, the next Suffolk Humane meeting may help you learn more about them. Attendees can watch prospective therapy dogs undergo testing. The meeting is free and open to the public, but registration is required for dogs being tested.

The testing will be conducted by Therapy Dog International evaluator Jean Nohle. "Therapy dogs get along well with children, tolerate other animals and want to visit with people," said Michele Thames, humane education director of Suffolk Humane. "We hope that dogs who pass the test will become part of our BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk) program. Children who have difficulty reading aloud to others often enjoy reading aloud to dogs."

Preregistration is required and registration is limited to 20 dogs. For more information, contact Jean Nohle at (757) 594-0577 or jnohle@verizon.net. There will also be an update on upcoming activities, including information about the third annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk and Festival, scheduled for September 19. Call 757-538-3030 for more information about the meeting or Suffolk Humane or visit www.suffolkhumanesociety.com.

Thanks!

Thank You to Our Supporters!

Suffolk Humane Society would like to express our thanks to Paula Dayton, Vanessa Vance, and Lisa Branton for their efforts and generosity. In addition to volunteering their time to teach obedience classes in Suffolk, they have graciously donated all of the proceeds from those classes to the Suffolk Humane Society. We plan to resume obedience classes in January. If you are interested in signing up, contact info@suffolkhumanesociety.com or 538-3030 and we will place your name on a waiting list for the next session.



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Events

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Suffolk Humane Society Events include:

Friday, July 9, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - **TGIF Summer Concert featuring the band Rhondels**, located at Constant's Wharf Park & Marina, 110 East Constance Rd., Suffolk.

Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 9:00 AM to Noon - **BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk) Program**, located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 213 North Main St., Suffolk. Free registration is required.

Saturday, July 10, 2010 from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** - **Adoptathon**, located at Suffolk Animal Control at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk.

Sunday, July 11, 2010 from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** - **Adoptathon**, located at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart, 4300 Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake.

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM - **Suffolk Humane Monthly Meeting**, located at Magnolia Ruritan Club at 1029 Nansemond Pkwy., Suffolk. All are welcome.

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - **Therapy Dog Testing**, to follow monthly Suffolk Humane Meeting at located at Magnolia Ruritan Club at 1029 Nansemond Pkwy., Suffolk. Registration is required. Please click here for additional details.

Friday, July 23, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - **TGIF Summer Concert featuring the band Strictly Bizzness**, located at Constant's Wharf Park & Marina, 110 East Constance Rd., Suffolk.

Saturday, July 24, 2010 from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** - **Adoptathon**, located at Suffolk Animal Control at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk.

Sunday, July 25, 2010 from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** - **Adoptathon**, located at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart, 4300 Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake.

Friday, August 13, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - **TGIF Summer Concert featuring the band Cedar Creek**, located at Bennett's Creek Park off Shoulders Hill Rd., Suffolk.

Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 9:00 AM to Noon - **BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk) Program**, located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 213 North Main St., Suffolk. Free registration is required.

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.

Friday, August 27, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - **TGIF Summer Concert featuring the band The Janitors**, located at Bennett's Creek Park off Shoulders Hill Rd., Suffolk.

Sunday, September 19, 2010 - **The Mutt Strut Dog Walk and Festival**, located at Sleepy Hole Park, Suffolk.

Thursday, November 4, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - **Mosaic Cafe Fundraiser**, located in the Suffolk Cultural Arts Center at 110 West Finney Avenue.



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Please see our calendar for the most up-to-date details!

Featured Pets

July's Featured Pets

Tuesday

Hi, I'm Tuesday. I'm a 3-year-old female tan and white Pitt. I am a sweet girl who loves to give kisses when you scratch my ears. I walk well on a leash, and will sit upon command. I would love a large fenced yard to run and play in with you. You can visit me in Kennel #31.



Whiskers

Hi, I'm Whiskers. I'm a 5-year-old male/neutered brown tabby domestic short haired cat. I am a big handsome kitty, and I adore having my chin scratched! I am looking for my forever home - do you have room for me? Please visit me in the PC room.

Morgan

Hi, I'm Morgan. I'm a 2-year-old male Black and White Lab mix. I have nice manners, and will sit when asked. People say I am very sweet and eager for attention. I walk well on a leash and would enjoy long walks in the park. Please visit me in Kennel #37.



Lisa

Hi, I'm Mittens. I'm a 5-year-old female/spayed Grey Tabby DSH. I am a super nice cat with a good personality. I am a little frightened by my new surroundings, and am looking forward to having a new home and family to love me. You can 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.

Mutt Strut Adoptions

Did You Adopt at the Mutt Strut?

Did you adopt at Mutt Strut? Know someone who adopted at Mutt Strut? We are looking for people who adopted animals at one of Suffolk Humane's Mutt Struts, and we want to tell their stories. It can be any adoption, whether it was from Suffolk Animal Control, another agency, or a rescue group. Please forward information to Kay Hurley at 538-3030, option 3 or at kayh@suffolkhumanesociety.com. These stories may be featured in the newspaper. Help us let others know what wonderful miracles can happen when you adopt a shelter or rescue pet, especially at Mutt Strut!



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Featured Volunteer

July's Volunteer of the Month, Kaye Makarski

Long time member Kaye Makarski is moving from the area soon. Kaye has been instrumental in establishing Suffolk Humane and its many activities. She served as volunteer coordinator, helped with the first and second Mutt Strut, volunteered at Adoptathons, maintained the database, and communicated with donors. In addition to all these activities, she often worked behind the scenes helping find homes as well as rescue groups for many of the animals who were in need of adoption or a foster home. She is a tireless, dedicated worker, and we will truly miss her. We hope she will remain connected with us, and hope she will remain a member. We owe so much to this wonderful, compassionate animal lover. She deserves so much for helping Suffolk Humane grow and further our mission. We will miss you, Kaye!

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

Hampton Roads Show

Seeking Volunteers to Appear on The Hampton Roads Show

Mutt Strut Sponsor Fox 43 has asked that a dozen or so members of Suffolk Humane plan to be the studio audience for their popular Hampton Roads Show broadcast on the morning of Friday, September 17. If you can attend, please contact Kay Hurley at 538-3030, option 3 or at kayh@suffolkhumanesociety.com. Help show your support of Mutt Strut to viewers in Hampton Roads!

Community Partners

Eating at Applebee's Helps SHS!

The Applebee's restaurant in downtown Suffolk has entered into very generous agreements with Suffolk Humane Society. Every Thursday you eat at the Applebee's on Main Street (in the Downtown area of Suffolk), they will donate 15% of your total purchase price to the Suffolk Humane Society. All you have to do is to print out the Thursday Downtown Suffolk Applebee's flyer and present it to your server when you go. Currently, this agreement is set to continue every Thursday, so print out a bunch of copies and leave them in your car so you don't forget!

Please also feel free to distribute these flyers to anyone who you think would be interested! The only restriction is we cannot distribute the flyers on Applebee's property (parking lot included). Obviously, the more people who participate, the more money we can generate for Suffolk Humane Society, so spread the word!

To obtain a flyer, please visit <http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/documents/SHSApplebeesThursday.pdf> or pick up one from our office.

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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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. 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

3rd Annual
MUTT STRUT!
Dog Walk & Festival

Mutt Strut Sponsors

Thanks to Our Mutt Strut Sponsors!

We are very thankful for our wonderful Mutt Strut sponsors. Sponsors make the Mutt Strut possible. Sponsors to date include:

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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. 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 June 2010

Ralph & Carol Tinkham

Renewals Since June 2010

**Shelley Childs
Ann Murphy
Jenny Owens
Judy Sanderson**

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.

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial & Honorarium Donations

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

In Memory Of...

Martha Moore Savage, donation made by Dorothea M. Simmons

Tinker Wang, donation made by Angela Chandler and Gregg Schneider

Otis Duke Parker, the exceptionally wonderful Basset Hound, donation made by Gary, Nita, Brynn, and Christian Parker

In Honor Of...

Sharon Williams, donation made by Virginia L. BonDurant

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 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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