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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

Extended Adoption Hours and 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.

The shelter 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, Suffolk Animal Control's shelter has extended their hours and will be staying open for adoptions until 8 p.m. on the Wednesdays of June 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

In addition, the Suffolk Animal Control will partner with Suffolk Humane for an Adoption Event at the Animal Shelter on June 12, 2010, from 10-3 p.m. Suffolk Animal Control personnel will also have pets in need of homes at the Chesapeake Square Petsmart on June 13th and 27th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come out to the shelter during their new extended hours or visit one of the adoption events. Your new best friend may be waiting for you! 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

BARKS Registration Now Open!

Is your child having difficulty reading aloud? Consider signing up for a program where children read one on one to a therapy dog and their handler in a non-threatening environment.

The BARKS Program (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk) was designed to utilize therapy dogs because they are non-judgmental listeners. Your child will feel confident while reading to a furry friend!

The program will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 213 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434. The program will last from 9:00 AM to Noon on June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th.

Registration is required, and enrollment is first come, first served. To register or get more information, please contact Michele Thames, Humane Education Director at 757-538-3030 ext. 4 or through email at MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com

Art Contest

"Be Kind To Animals" Art Contest

The first annual "Be Kind to Animals" Art Contest was held on May 7, 2010 at the Suffolk Museum in downtown Suffolk. Children in Suffolk Public School art classes submitted their art to be displayed at the museum. The Suffolk Humane Society received over 70 submissions of art! Each winner received a savings bond and a Suffolk Humane Society bag of goodies. And the winners are:

Elementary School:

- 1st: Josie Ketten- Creekside Elementary
- 2nd: McKynzie Clark- Oakland Elementary
- 3rd: James Pendleton- Booker T. Washington Elementary
- Honorable Mention: Kayla Mercer- Elephant's Fork Elementary

Middle School:

- 1st: Brianna Dail- John F. Kennedy Middle
- 2nd: Christa Byrum- John F. Kennedy Middle

High School:

- 1st: Samantha Hogan- King's Fork High
- 2nd: Jordan Marlins- Lakeland High
- 3rd: Daniel Clark- Nansemond River High

*Thank you to
MGH & Associates, LLC
for providing all of the
prizes for this year's
contest!*

To view all of the entries, please see: <http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/events/kindartcontest2010.shtml>

Director of Adoptions & Foster

Welcoming Vickie Lee Murphy as the New Director of Adoptions and Foster!

Congratulations to Vickie Lee Murphy in her new role as Director Of Adoptions and Foster! Many of you know Lee from the office and her tireless work adopting animals at PetSmart. Finding forever homes for animals is the very core of Suffolk Humane, so if you would be interested in joining Lee on the adoptions and foster team, please stop by the office and introduce yourself!



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Events

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Suffolk Humane Society Events include:

Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - **Adoptathon**, located at Suffolk Animal Control at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk.

Saturday, June 12, 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.

Sunday, June 13, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - **Adoptathon**, located at Chesapeake Square PetSmart at 4300 Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake.

Wednesday, June 16, 23, and 30, 2010 - **Suffolk Animal Control** at 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk will extend its shelter hours to 8:00 PM to enable additional adoptions.

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.

Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM - **Fido's Father's Day Bike Show & HOGS for Dogs Event**, located at Bayside Harley-Davidson at 2211 Frederick Blvd (I-264, Exit 5), Portsmouth.

Friday, June 25, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM - **TGIF Summer Concert featuring the band Slapwater**, located at Constant's Wharf Park & Marina, 110 East Constance Rd., Suffolk.

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.

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.

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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Featured Pets

June's Featured Pets

Lady

Hi, I'm Lady. I'm a 6-month-old female, Brindle and White Pitt. I am a sweet little girl with a nice disposition. I am playful and would enjoy a nice fenced yard to run and play in. Do you have room for me? You can visit me in Kennel #34.



Max

Hi, I'm Max. I'm a 3-year-old male, Black domestic long haired cat. I am a super nice cat with a good personality. I am looking forward to having a new home and a family to love me. Please visit me in the PC room.

Bingo

Hi, I'm Bingo. I'm a 4 month male Tan and White Pitt. I love to go for walks and will sit and stay upon command. People say I have a sweet disposition I think so too. Do you have a nice yard for me to run and play in? You can visit me in Kennel # 28.



Lisa

Hi, I'm Lisa. I'm a 2-year old female, Brown Tabby domestic short haired cat. I am very social, and have a great personality. I am very sweet and loving. 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.

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

June's Volunteer of the Month, Stephanie Gwaltney

Name: Stephanie Lynn Gwaltney

Occupation: Elementary Art Teacher

Family Members: My husband, Matthew Gwaltney, no children...yet!

Place of Residence: Freeman Mill Road, Suffolk. My husband and I have lived there for 2 years. We are surrounded by wildlife, and I love it!

Hometown: Suffolk

What do you do as a volunteer for Suffolk Humane? How long have you been doing this?

I have been volunteering for about a year. I am involved with the Humane Education program. This program works within the community to promote humane treatment for all animals. In May, our humane education program had the First Annual Suffolk Humane Art Contest! It was a great success!! Suffolk Public School students, kindergarten through 12th grade, entered drawings, paintings, photographs and three dimensional work that expressed being kind to animals. The students' art was displayed at the Suffolk Museum. Next year we anticipate even more entrants!



Why do you choose to volunteer for Suffolk Humane and why is what you do important? I chose to volunteer for the Suffolk Humane Society because I absolutely LOVE animals! All animals; wild, domestic, farm animals, reptile, and amphibians! All of God's creatures! I remember as a child, my parents telling me I'd grow out of getting upset every time I saw road kill or someone squash a bug...but it still upsets me! I want to be an advocate for animals who are not treated properly. I want to educate pet owners so they will know how to provide for their furry loved ones.

How many hours do you volunteer in an average week? Because I am a full time art teacher at both Robertson and Mount Zion Elementary, I am unable to volunteer much time during the work week. However, throughout the summer months I plan to foster animals, become more involved with "BARKS," Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk (a program to encourage literacy combining children and animals), and volunteer at various Suffolk Humane functions, such as The Mutt Strut!

What keeps you motivated? I stay motivated knowing that each person who volunteers is making a difference in a pet's life.

How has this service challenged you? Volunteering for the Suffolk Humane Society has challenged me to encourage more people to volunteer their time and effort to helping animals and teaching others how to care for animals.

What do you want the public and other members to know about your work? I would like the public and other members to know that the humane education group is an enthusiastic group who are eager to speak to the youth and adults in our community about proper and necessary treatment for animals. We anticipate more volunteers to join in our effort of sharing vital information. We are always open to new ideas on how to effectively communicate with our community. Working in the Education Department is fun and rewarding!

Do you have pets now? Of course! My husband and I have two Australian Shepherds, Brodie and Ollie, two kitties, Tippy and Otis Lee, our tropical fish and a Beta named Jerome. If it was up to me, I would adopt every stray I could find!

Has this service helped/changed you? Volunteering has sadly made me more aware of how people mistreat their pets. I have been approved to volunteer at the Suffolk Animal Control Shelter; however upon visiting the site...I quickly learned I am not emotionally strong enough to work there. I appreciate all the Suffolk Animal Control does for our community, unfortunately I cannot do it.

Any additional comments? Volunteering is an excellent way to contribute to your community, build relationships and experience fulfillment. I believe people should find what brings joy to their life, than find how to give joy to others.

To nominate an outstanding Suffolk Humane Society volunteer for Volunteer of the Month, please email Heather Noell at 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. 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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City of Suffolk, Ernie Hefferon (Elvis), Shooting Star Gallery, Sleepy Hole Golf Course, Suffolk Family YMCA

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 Brenda Wright of Shooting Star Gallery for her donation of 40 bars of primal elements paw print soap. Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing a bar. We would also like to thank Bonnie Chandler of Wags to Whiskers for her donation of books to the BARKS program!



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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.

Renewals Since May 2010

Shirley Anderson
Connie Blair
Arthur and Beverly Bredemeyer
Linda Brown
Angela Chandler
William Chorey
Phyllis Cornell
Peggy Cornett
Lillian Crawford
Lisa Cross
Mary Hart Darden
Paula Dayton
Sandy and Nancy Dempsey
Fred Habit
Dorothea Simmons
James and Wanda Thorsen
Jacqueline Thurston
Maryanne Winslow

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.

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!

SHS Meeting

Next SHS Meeting June 16, 2010

Our next meeting will be on June 16, 2010 at 6:30 at Magnolia Ruritan Club, located at 1047 Nansemond Parkway in Suffolk. All are welcomed! Dr. Susan Zimmer, DC, RN, FASA, will discuss holistic health care for pets, including acupuncture, nutrition and the use of Bach remedies. There will also be an update on upcoming activities, including information about the Mutt Strut Dog Walk and Festival. Call (757) 538-3030 for more information or visit www.suffolkhumanesociety.com.



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Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial & Honorarium Donations

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

In Memory Of...

Lucille, yellow lab of Eley Duke, donation made by Thomas J. O'Connor, III

Cash & Sarah, donation made by Mary Lee Warren

Becky Matteson Bunch, donation made by Becky & Kay Hurley

Jazzie & Boo, pets of Kenny & Cheryl Griffin, donation made by Bucky & Kay Hurley

Otis Duke Parker, beloved basset hound and family member of Gary, Nita, Brynn, & Christian Parker, donations made by Linda, Russell, & Russ Warren; Catherine Howell; and Heather & Bobby Noell

In Honor Of...

Linda Shannon, on her birthday, donation made by Smithfield Packing, Payroll Department

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

Signing up for New Charter Services Helps SHS!

Charter Communications will be partnering with Suffolk Humane through Charter's Community Connection program. When supporters of Suffolk Humane sign up for one of Charter's services, they will donate money back to Suffolk Humane...up to \$125 per person!

In order for your service to qualify, you must follow a few short steps:

1. Call 866-443-6187 to sign up for Charter Digital Cable, Charter High-Speed Internet, or Charter Telephone (Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)
2. Provide the organization ID code: 37004 You must mention the ID code at the time of placing the order for Suffolk Humane Society to get credit.
3. Charter will support Suffolk Humane Society by making the following referral contributions for your order: \$75 for the first qualifying service you order and \$25 for each additional service you order on the same call (maximum of \$125). Referral payments are limited to orders placed during one call per customer.

To view additional community partners, please see: <http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/donate.shtml>

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).