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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

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 Vicki Russo, CAbI Consultant; the First Lady, Kathy Bass, Just for the Health of It Massage Therapy and Bodyworks; Matt Flauter, Guardian Life; Andrea Langley, Aflac; Rebecca Keeling Studios; and Lindsey Corter, LBC Jewelry Designs for their generous donations and time devoted to the Fashion Show and Silent Auction held on April 22, 2010 at the First Lady. We would also like to thank Belk for allowing us to participate in their Charity Day Sale.

SHS Meeting

Next SHS Meeting May 19, 2010

Our next meeting will be on May 19, 2010 at 6:30 at Magnolia Ruritan Club, located at 1047 Nansemond Parkway in Suffolk. All are welcomed! There will 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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Humane Education

Name that Reading Program!

The Suffolk Humane Society Humane Education Committee is pleased to announce a partnership between St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Suffolk Humane Society in creating a reading program for children in our community.

This program is designed to help reluctant readers boost confidence, practicing reading skills and feel comfortable as readers. Children are paired with a therapy dog and his or her handler for approximately 15-20 minutes. The child will read out loud to the dog with minimal if any correction from the handler.

Reading programs that utilize therapy dogs across the country are reporting confident children, higher test scores and better relationships with our non-human animal friends. We have a committed group of volunteers from agencies throughout Suffolk that will implement this program and we are thrilled to provide this opportunity to show our community that we care about the human-animal bond!

Here is what we need... A NAME! Our program does not have a name and we need your help. Think of something catchy that incorporates reading, dogs, children and Suffolk! You could win a Suffolk Humane Society sweatshirt!

Please email submissions to michelethames@yahoo.com and look for an announcement in our June newsletter introducing our new program!

Charter Gives Back

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.

SHS Recycles Used Ink Cartridges

Now Accepting Ink Cartridges for Recycling

Suffolk Humane is now accepting ink cartridges for recycling. An Office Max MaxPerks account has been set up and points are earned toward gift certificates to buy office supplies. Cartridges can be dropped off at the office in Driver or send an email to Carol Johanningsmeier at cjohanningsmeier@msn.com to make other arrangements.



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Events

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Suffolk Humane Society Events include:

Friday, May 7, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - *"Be Kind To Animals" Art Contest Reception*, located at The Suffolk Museum, 118 Bosley Avenue, Suffolk.

Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM - *Holland Founder's Day Celebration*, located in the Village of Holland, Suffolk.

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - *Active Older Adult Day at the Suffolk Family YMCA*, located at 2769 Godwin Blvd., 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*, 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.

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

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 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

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

May's Featured Pets

King

Hi, I'm King. I'm a 4-year-old male Tan Lab mix. I love to go for walks, and will sit and stay upon command. People say I have very nice manners I think so too! I would love a large fenced yard to run and play in. You can visit me in Kennel #34.



Gracie

Hi, I'm Gracie. I'm a 10-month-old female Grey domestic short haired cat. I am a super sweet kitty! I love to be held and have my ears scratched. I am looking for my forever home. Please visit me in the PC room.

Mason

I'm Mason! I am a 3-month-old male black and white lab puppy mix. I am a very sweet little boy who is very eager to be loved. I love to be held and have my ears scratched. You can visit me in Kennel #31 at Suffolk Animal Control.



Tillie

My name is Tillie. I am a 1-year-old female brown tabby cat. I am a very sweet little girl with a nice personality. I am very friendly, and always purring! You can visit me in the PC Room at Suffolk Animal Control.

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

Seeking Mutt Strut Sponsors, Vendors & Volunteers

3rd Annual
MUTT STRUT!
Dog Walk & Festival

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

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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:

Vet Corner Sponsor

Bennetts Creek Pharmacy

Promotional Sponsor

Wags to Whiskers

Water Stop Sponsors

Bronco Federal Credit Union, Farmers Bank, Harbour Veterinary Office, Nansemond Veterinary Clinic

General Sponsors

Goose Creek Animal Hospital, Edward Jones (Jim & Susan Seibel)

Featured Volunteer

May's Volunteer of the Month, Ina Finn

Name: Ina Finn

Occupation: Owner of a Housecleaning Business

Place of Residence: Suffolk

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

I clean the cat cages at Petsmart on Monday mornings. I have been volunteering since June 1, 2008. It seems like yesterday!

Why do you choose to volunteer for Suffolk Humane and why is what you do important?

I choose to volunteer because I live in Suffolk.

How many hours do you volunteer in an average week? It takes me approximately two hours. I arrive at 5:15 AM, so I can be finished in order to go to my regular job.

What keeps you motivated? My love for the kitties!

What do you want the public and other members to know about your work? I have my own housecleaning business that I have been doing for 20 years.

Do you have pets now? Yes, Pete, he is just like a dog in every way! He even comforts me when I am sick and never leaves my side.

Has this service helped/changed you? It's made me happier to help the animals and I look forward to seeing them. I only wish I had more time to volunteer.

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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Blooming Benefit

Amaryllis Bulb Sale to Help Suffolk Humane

Janet Gurwell is offering amaryllis bulbs for sale to benefit Suffolk Humane on May 8, from 8 a.m. until 12:00 noon at her home at 105 Brewer in downtown Suffolk. These bulbs produce large, beautiful red and white variegated blooms, and they come back every year and multiply. She asks that you come prepared to dig up the bulbs and call her at 434-1405 or e-mail her at jgurwell@hotmail.com to let her know in advance so she can plan accordingly.

These bulbs usually sell for at least \$7.00 or more in stores, and she is asking that people pay a donation of only \$2.00 for each bulb, with the money going to Suffolk Humane. These bulbs would make great Mother's Day gifts and will beautify a yard for many years. Thanks to Janet for thinking of Suffolk Humane!

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial & Honorarium Donations

The following memorial and honorarium donations were made since April 2010

In Memory Of...

Elizabeth Fraley, donation made by Janice Bostic

Jessie, beloved dog of Brian and Teresa Mullins, donation made by Dorothy and Carter Winn

Hunter Richardson, donations made by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Leonard and Dan & Susan Scott

William J. Cahill, donation made by Dorothea Simmons

Becky Matteson Bunch, donation made by Bucky & Kay Hurley

Jazzie Griffin, donation made by Bucky & Kay Hurley

Boo Griffin, donation made by Bucky & Kay Hurley

In Honor Of...

Gabrielle Infranco, donations made by Jennifer Gaines and Urvi Nanavaty

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!



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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 April 2010

**Jim Sheehy
Kim Spillane**

Renewals Since April 2010

**Linda Beale
Janice Bostic
Lauren Bostic
Shirley Brinkley-Mizelle
Pat Byrum
Pat & Sid Daughtrey
Carol Johanningsmeier
Tim Little
Frank & Sally Rawls
Marsha Rooks
James & Deborah Strickland**

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 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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