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## Suffolk Humane Society Newsletter September 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

### Adoptathons Help You Adopt Your New Best Friend!

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 an adoption event at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart on Sunday, September 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PetSmart is located at 4300 Portsmouth Boulevard in Chesapeake.

Animals are available for adoption Monday through Saturday at Suffolk Animal Control. Suffolk Animal Control is located at 124 Forest Glen Dr. or visit them on the web at: [http://www.suffolk.va.us/anml\\_ctrl](http://www.suffolk.va.us/anml_ctrl) In addition, Suffolk Humane Society always has wonderful kitties available for adoption at PetSmart!

## Mutt Strut

### Thank You!!

Thank you to all for making the Mutt Strut such a success again this year! Preliminary results show that 6 animals were adopted at the event and \$55,000 was raised for the animals! More details will be available in next month's newsletter.



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# BARKS

## Listen to what parents are saying about the BARKS Program!

"My children LOVED being able to read to Gabe and Ella on Saturday! Thank you and St. Paul's for offering such a wonderful program!" -Cynthia Gregory

The Suffolk Humane Society is sponsoring a reading program in Suffolk. The BARKS Program, which stands for Books And Reading for Kids in Suffolk, pairs children with certified therapy dogs to read a book out loud. Children are able to read to a non-judgmental therapy dog to help cultivate reading skills and self-esteem. The program is free and open to all children.



Owen Gregory enjoys reading to Ella as Ginger Owen watches.

We meet at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street in downtown Suffolk for a morning of reading fun! The fall schedule has been announced! Please consider making a reservation for your child on October 9, November 13 or December 11. Please contact Michele Thames at [MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com](mailto:MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com) or 757-538-3030 ext. 4 to sign up!

The BARKS Program is in need of book donations! We are looking for donations of new or gently used books (any reading level) for our library at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Consider donating your new or used books to this worthwhile program by contacting [MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com](mailto:MicheleThames@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com). Thank you in advance!

## Events

### Upcoming Events

Upcoming Suffolk Humane Society Events include:

**Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - *Adoptathon***, located at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart, 4300 Portsmouth Boulevard, Chesapeake.

**Friday, October 1, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - *Doggie Night Out***, located at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5927 Harbour View Boulevard, Suffolk.

**Saturday, October 9, 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 Street, Suffolk.

**Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM - *Driver Days 17th Annual Fall Festival***, located at Driver Village on King's Highway.

**Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM - *Driver Days 17th Annual Fall Festival***, located at Driver Village on King's Highway.

**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.

**Saturday, November 13, 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 Street, Suffolk.

**Saturday, December 11, 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 Street, Suffolk.

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



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# Doggie Night Out

## Enjoy a Night Out With Your Best Friend!

The Hilton Garden Inn/Chesapeake-Suffolk, 5927 Harbour View Boulevard, will host a Doggie Night Out to benefit Suffolk Humane on Friday, October 1 from 6 - 9 p.m. The hotel will open its patio to people and their well-behaved, vaccinated canine companions. For a \$10.00 fee, patrons will receive appetizers, beer and wine tastings, and a ticket to enter drawings for various prizes (additional drawing tickets are \$5.00). The event will feature pet-related vendors. Vendor space is free with a donation of an item for the drawing. All proceeds will benefit Suffolk Humane.

Jillian Marshall with the Hilton Garden Inn is excited about the event, "We are delighted to offer people a fun evening out with their best friends, and we are happy to support the efforts of Suffolk Humane to make our community a better place for people and their pets." For more information about the event or to request a vendor space, call Marshall at 484-9001.

## Featured Pets

### September's Featured Pets

#### Barney

Hi, I'm Barney. I'm a 1-year-old male Black and White Pitt. I love to play with my toys, and I have a nice disposition. People say I am very sweet and eager for attention. You can visit me in Kennel #27.



#### Skyy

Hi, I'm Skyy. I'm a 3-year-old male, neutered White and Black DSH. I am a super nice cat with a sweet personality. My owners could no longer care for me due to allergies, so I am looking forward to a new home and a family to love me. Please visit me in the PC room.

#### Debo

Hi, I'm Debo. I'm a 2-year-old male Black Lab. I have a lot of energy, and would love to play with you. Please visit me in Kennel #32 at Suffolk Animal Control.



#### Sydney

Hi, I'm Sydney. I'm a 4-year-old male/neutered Orange Tabby domestic short haired cat. I am a big kitty with a short tail. I am super friendly and full of personality. I am looking for a new home! Do you have room for me? Please 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 SHS.

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



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# Featured Volunteers

## September's Volunteers of the Month, Carla & Marie Jones

**Name:** Marie & Carla Jones (mother & daughter team)

**Occupation:** Retired Farmwife (Marie) & Freelance Writer & Editor (Carla)

**Place, length of residence:** Driver, 38 years (Marie) & Portsmouth, 2 years (Carla)

**Hometown:** Portsmouth (Marie) & Driver (Carla)



**Carla & Marie Jones pose with Polly & Tessa, two cats currently available for adoption at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart**

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

We take care of the cats who are waiting for adoption at Petsmart. Our work includes cleaning the cages, feeding and watering, interacting with prospective "pet parents," and most importantly, socializing the cats. We began in April 2009.

**Why do you chose to volunteer for Suffolk Humane and why is what you do important?** When I moved back to this area from North Carolina about two years ago, my mom and I wanted to find something that we could do together and that would get us involved in the community. We read in the newspaper about the need for SHS volunteers to work with the cats at Petsmart and thought it would be a good fit for us since we both love animals.

**How many hours do you volunteer in an average week?** We usually volunteer 2 to 3 hours a week.

**What keeps you motivated?** We both look forward to seeing the cats each week. Some of them aren't there for long, so we enjoy being with them just once or twice; some are there longer, which gives us a chance to get to know them better. When a really great cat who has been at Petsmart for a little bit longer than some others finds a good home, that's a great feeling. Also, seeing that there are so many people who work with the Humane Society to find homes for pets is very inspiring. Really, there are people who have pretty much devoted their lives to this cause, and after understanding that, we can't help but try a little harder to do what we can for these cats.

**How has this service challenged you?** Some of the cats seem to have realized that they get extra time out of their cages when they use the litter box. We're sure some of them "hold it" just until we put them back in so that they can come out again and play while we scoop! And more seriously, it has made us more aware that there are so many pets who don't have homes.

**What do you want the public and other members to know about your work?** It doesn't take a huge time commitment to feel like you're doing something that makes a big difference for some really wonderful cats.

**Do you have pets now?** Right now, I have one cat, Smarty, an all-black four-year-old female. But over the years when my late husband and Carla and I lived on our farm, we always took in the stray dogs and cats that showed up at our door. For a long time, I thought there must be a flashing "vacancy" sign above our door that only pets could see. Recently, we made up a list of the pets our family adopted since my husband and I got married 38 years ago, and it was something like 36 dogs and cats. Now, it's good to be able to help the cats at Petsmart without being totally responsible for their care.

**Has this service helped/changed you?** With as many funny stories and fond memories as we have about the cats we've met at Petsmart, I think it's safe to say that they do as much for us as we do for them.

To nominate an outstanding Suffolk Humane Society volunteer for Volunteer of the Month, please email **4**



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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:

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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](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 August 2010*

**Wendy & Tom Dingle**  
**Katie Humphrey**

### *Renewals Since August 2010*

**Lovey J. Lyons**  
**James W. Mackey, Jr.**

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 August 2010

### *In Memory Of...*

**Chadwick N. Wright**, donations made by Betty & Tom Brewer and Cheryl O'Connor

**Margaret Faye Thomas Babb**, donation made by Betty & Tom Brewer

**Blackjack**, donation made by Cynthia Norfleet

### *In Honor Of...*

**Addy Green**, on her birthday, donation made by Wendy L. Fitch



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# SHS Meeting

**Next SHS Meeting October 20, 2010**

We will meet Wednesday, October 20, 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. There will be an update on upcoming activities. Call 757-538-3030 for more information about the meeting or Suffolk Humane or visit [www.suffolkhumanesociety.com](http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.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!

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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