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## Carroll County Humane Society Newsletter

August 2012

Only through our members, volunteers, donors and supporters are we able to help the animals in our community. Thank you for helping us be there for those who cannot speak for themselves. Donations are tax deductible and go directly to helping animals in need.



### Adopt A Life-Long Friend!

## Mark Your Calendars for the 2012 CCHS Fun Dog Show!

**Saturday, October 13, 2012  
@ 1:00 p.m.**

### East Carrollton Park Pavilion

Early registration (postmarked by Sept. 30) is \$15  
(On site registration from 12:00-12:30 is \$20)

This may be your dog's best chance at his or her 15 minutes of fame! Enter your dog in up to two competitions, including: OBSTACLE COURSE, BEST COSTUME, BEST KISSER, BEST TRICK, CUTEST OVER 35-LBS, CUTEST UNDER 35-LBS. Each entry also gets you an official, one-of-a-kind, FDS t-shirt, designed by local artist, Debra Santini. You can print off a registration form with all the details at our home page: [www.carrollcountyhumane.org](http://www.carrollcountyhumane.org).

**SPONSORSHIPS** for the annual CCHS Fun Dog Show are currently available, starting at \$100. Sponsor names appear on the official FDS t-shirt and in the event program. We are a 501(c)3, so all donations are tax deductible. For a sponsorship form or more info, contact Keri Ashworth: [kerigirl67@yahoo.com](mailto:kerigirl67@yahoo.com) OR Teresa Leslie: [teresal@carrollcountyhumane.org](mailto:teresal@carrollcountyhumane.org).

## Peanut, the TV Star!



You'll remember that earlier this month one of our Board Members and Foster Chair, David Padgett, appeared on Fox 5's Good Day Atlanta with Peanut, a little angel who was found abandoned and entangled in barbed wire. He was rescued and treated, and is currently in foster care. The

### Our Calendar

If you would like to volunteer, please call 770-830-2763. We hope you'll join us!

### Fun Dog Show

Sat., OCT. 13  
1:00 p.m.

East Carrollton Park  
Pavilion

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For more information about these events, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

To view our complete calendar, go to our website at [carrollcountyhumane.org](http://carrollcountyhumane.org) and click on "Calendar of Events."

**Volunteer  
of the Quarter:**  
Lorelei Richardson

**Board Member  
of the Quarter:**  
Marsha Solomon

### Empty Pet Bowls

#### Help Stock the Pantry

If you would like to donate dry dog food\*, you can drop it off at any of our drop-off locations: Horton's, St. Margarets, Carroll County Animal

appearance was very successful. Not only did we receive lots of wonderful feedback and interest, they invited us to come back on a monthly basis for their Good Day Pet segment! THANK YOU, GOOD DAY ATLANTA! If you missed David and Peanut's appearance, take a look: [Peanut's Good Day Segment](#).

PEANUT UPDATE: Wanting to know what Peanut's been up to since his moment in the spotlight? Peanut is still in foster care with his foster mom, CCHS President Teresa Leslie. She reports: Peanut is having the time of his life playing with our dog Seymour, who is four times his size. Peanut weighs between 5 and 6 pounds and will not get much bigger. He has finished his antibiotics and been neutered, so he's ready to be adopted. The leg that was injured has some scarring, but works just fine. He loves peanut butter (seems appropriate), toys that squeak, and running circles around our couch. He is hilarious when he runs after Seymour on his little stubby legs, with his big bat ears flapping in the wind. We are working on housetraining, but it is a work in progress. Peanut has an appointment with a prospective adopter this weekend. Fingers crossed!

To see Peanut in action, watch this short clip of him we posted on YouTube: [Peanut's YouTube Video](#).

## **CCHS Floats in 4th of July Parade**

Did you see us float by on July 4th? CCHS had so much fun marching in Carrollton's 4th of July parade, and honoring the U.S. military and its dogs, the theme of our float. Thanks to our tireless volunteers and some special four-legged friends, our entry was awarded 2nd place in the "general" category! The dogs on our float all had a military connection. Gracie, the German Shepherd, is a breed that is often used in the service. Chili, the little Pomeranian, belongs to a member of the military and is being cared for by Rhonda Smith of Paws of my Heart Rescue, while his owner is deployed to the Middle East, and handsome Moses was rescued and brought home to Carrollton by Travis, who was in the Special Forces and stationed in Iraq. Thanks to their handlers for allowing us to share their stories with the community.

Hospital, and Carroll County Animal Shelter. You may also call us at 770-830-2763 to make arrangements for someone to pick up the food. (Leave a voicemail and someone will call you back.)

\*We currently have plenty of cat food, but our dog food supply always moves fast!

### **Need Help Feeding Your Pets?**

If you are a Carroll County resident and are having trouble feeding your pet, Empty Pet Bowls can help. Please contact us at 770-830-2763 for more information.

The CCHS Empty Pet Bowls pantry is located at the Carroll County Animal Shelter, 251 Automation Drive, Carrollton.

Food distribution is on Saturdays.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Professor Melissa Hullender and her UWG summer session Biology classes for their very generous and thoughtful donation of 50 bags of dry dog food (around 630 lbs). There was a 90% participation rate by her students!

Thank you to **Pet Supplies "Plus" of Carrollton** for their ongoing donations of pet food for our Empty Pet Bowls program.



Our float, manned by volunteers, including Gracie and Suzanne Durham, and Moses and Travis.



Chili looking quite dapper in his patriotic bandana.



Moses and Travis walking the parade route.



Taking a break on the float.



## Foster Homes Needed

Please consider opening your heart and your home to an animal in need. CCHS is always looking for new foster homes to provide either long-term or temporary care for dogs and cats rescued from the local shelter. Fostering gets animals out of the shelter and into safe, loving homes as they await adoption. The more foster homes we have, the more animals we can save. Being a foster family is a major commitment but it comes with major rewards. If you would like to join the CCHS foster program, or if you want to learn more about what is involved in fostering, contact David Padgett at [dpdg71896@aol.com](mailto:dpdg71896@aol.com) or leave a message on the CCHS voicemail at 770-830-2763.



## A Powerful Training Tool!

One of the most powerful training tools you can have when working with your dog is a good relationship. Training your dog when you have a fun and good relationship is much easier and successful. This month's training tip provides some great ways to further strengthen and/or create a bond with your dog. Read on:

1. Find an activity that your dog really enjoys and engage in it with him. Example: If your dog loves to use his/her nose, take your dog for a walk and allow time to "smell the roses." For most dogs, the environment is rich with fun things to smell. Allowing your dog time to sniff is both fun and tiring.
2. Play with your dog. Games such as hide & seek, fetch, or tug can be fun for both of you. There are lots of interactive toys for dogs on the market too. The KONG company makes some of my dog's favorites!
3. Sit on the floor with your dog. Most dogs love it if you simply spend some time sitting on the floor playing with them or even calmly petting them.
4. Take your dog someplace new and explore it together. Take your time and have fun watching your dog enjoy new sights, sounds, and smells. And finally,
5. Spend time training your dog using positive training methods. Focus on teaching your dog behaviors you like and reward them for doing those things. Behaviors that are rewarded will be repeated.

As always, have fun training with your dog!

Training tips provided by Laura Clawson, Certified Dog Trainer and Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Trainer. Laura can be reached t [laura.clawson@unleashthepawsitive.com](mailto:laura.clawson@unleashthepawsitive.com) or by phone at (770)871-8656.

## WEST GEORGIA SPAY NEUTER CLINIC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For those in the Rome area, we pick up animals once or twice a month for spay/neuter. To take advantage of this service, ask for the "Rome Transport" when scheduling an appointment.

**(678) 840-8072**

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