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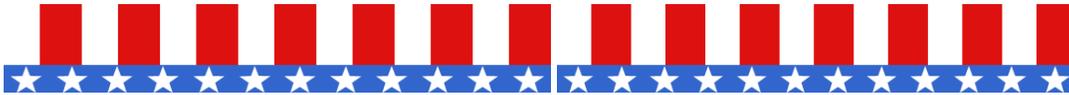
Carroll County Humane Society Newsletter

June 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!



Don't Forget! It's Time to Renew Your CCHS Membership for 2012-2013!

Go to our website at
www.carrollcountyhumane.org
and click on the "Membership" link to access the membership form. Just fill it out and mail it to the address provided with your \$15 membership fee.

~OR~

You can now pay your membership dues online! Just click on the "Donate" link on our website.



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 dpadg71896@aol.com or leave a message on the CCHS voicemail at 770-830-2763.

This poem, which has been making the rounds on Facebook lately, captures the essence of fostering.

A POEM TO MY FOSTER DOG

By Diane Morgan

I am the bridge,
Between what was and what can be.

Remember This Great Deal: Cat Adoption Fee Reduced During June!

CCHS is subsidizing the adoption cost for all cats and kittens at the Carroll County Animal Shelter during the month of June, in honor of Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. This includes spay/neuter, rabies and distemper shots, feline AIDS and leukemia testing, microchip, and 30 days of pet health insurance coverage.

So far **19** cats have been adopted during June. Let's see if we can't get this number higher!

Our Calendar

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

4th of July Parade

Wed., July 4
10:00 a.m.

in Carrollton

We will have a float in the Carrollton 4th of July Parade. If you are interested in helping build the float or would

I am the pathway to a new life.

I am made of mush,
Because my heart melted when I saw you,
Matted and sore, limping, depressed
Lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.

For one little time you are mine.
I will feed you with my own hand.
I will love you with my whole heart.
I will make you whole.

I am made of steel.
Because when the time comes,
When you are well, and sleek,
when your eyes shine,
And your tail wags with joy
Then comes the hard part.

I will let you go-not without a tear,
But without a regret.
For you are safe forever--
A new dog needs me now.

like to join us in the
parade,
[email us!](#)

For more information
about these events,
please visit our [website](#)
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To view our
complete calendar,
go to our [website at](#)
carrollcountyhumane.org
and click on
"Calendar of Events."

CCHS Announces the Volunteer and Board Member of the Quarter

**Volunteer
of the Quarter:**
Lorelei Richardson

Our volunteer of the
quarter is Lorelei
Richardson, who has
volunteered at West
Georgia Spay/Neuter
Clinic for several years.

Lorelei is an
enthusiastic young
volunteer who loves the
time she spends at the
clinic; she can be found
hanging out with the
animals and staff at the
clinic several times a
week. A major duty of
clinic volunteers is
helping the animals as
they come out of
anesthesia. One of her
fellow volunteers
revealed that Lorelei
often shares her love of
Celtic music with the
animals. Now that's
music to our ears!

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

Marsha Solomon is a
constant presence in
CCHS, serving on the
board as Membership
Chair and helping with

Art Competition Winners

The winners of the inaugural Be Kind to Animals Week Art Competition were announced at Children's Day, a celebration co-hosted by CCHS and Carroll County Animal Shelter. Here are the winning artists and a picture of their work:



Nicole Vasquez, 1st Grade



Ansley Warren, 2nd Grade



Grace Smith, 4th Grade



Ada Gerhardt, 3rd Grade



Benjamin Haralson, Kindergarten



Training Tip of the Month: Puppy Socialization

Socialization is the process of introducing a puppy to the world in a way that will help him be confident and unafraid of people, places and things that he will encounter throughout his life. Introductions to new things should be fun for your puppy. If s/he is a little worried about something new, pairing the new thing with a yummy treat can often help make the situation better. For example, if your puppy doesn't care to have his paws touched, give the paw a brief touch (do not pick it up or hold it) and then give your puppy a delicious treat. Do this a few times because repetition is how dogs learn about good, new things and watch puppy become less worried about having a paw touched. Let your puppy experience and learn about the world in a fun, gentle and worry-free way. 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 at laura.clawson@unleashthepawsitive.com or (770)871-8656.

CCHS HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Our Annual Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5. The meeting included the election of new Board members, a presentation of the past year's events, and a discussion of upcoming events and looking ahead to 2012-13. Thanks to all who were able to join us. If you weren't able to come, below are the results of the election and the highlights from the Year in Review.

ELECTION:

Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors: Judi Edens, Claudia Ortega, and Melissa Hullender. The following Board members were up for re-election and were elected for another term: Jason Harden, Susan Holland, Rob Sanders, and Pamela Saunders.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW: 2011-12

Hurt No More Collar Exchange: 60 collar exchanges.

various CCHS efforts. Her latest effort was just recently realized: having trees planted at the Carroll County Animal Shelter along the dog runs so that the dogs will have shade while outside.

Marsha has served on the Board for a number of years and has always been the diplomat at the monthly Board meetings, which can get a little heated. She works to keep the peace while always showing everyone kindness and respect. While Marsha decided not to seek re-election to the Board, she stays committed to the mission of CCHS and plans to serve the organization in other capacities. We thank you, Marsha, for your years of dedicated service to the Board, CCHS, and the animals of Carroll County.

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 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!

Empty Pet Bowls: Since last June, we have given away over 400 months' worth of food-that is, enough food to feed 400 animals for one month. **June:** We subsidized reduced prices on cat adoptions at the Carroll County Animal Shelter for the last two weeks of June. They adopted out 20 cats during that period. **July:** The Carroll County Animal Shelter did a promotion to benefit our Empty Pet Bowls program. Donation of pet food meant reduced price of adoption. Great success and we got lots of food for the program. **August:** Won \$5000 from Charter Bank, voted on by customers during the month of July; Adoption event at Tractor Supply. Also did a collar exchange, a program we ran all last year in which we partnered with Unleash the Pawsitive to give people free harnesses for their dogs in exchange for their old shock collars, prong collars, or choke chains. **September:** Had our first quarterly meeting, with Judi Edens as our guest speaker, talking about therapy animals; Attended the Gold Rush Festival in Villa Rica. **October:** Annual Fun Dog Show on Oct. 8, highlight of our year. Under able direction of Keri Ashworth, a hardy group of volunteers put on a great show. A couple of shelter dogs found new homes. Lots of money was raised; Adopt a Shelter Dog Month-we subsidized the shelter's adoption rate that resulted in reduced pricing for two weeks; West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic had an open house to celebrate 20,000 surgeries since opening in 2007; Pets Supply Plus collected donations for CCHS all month, and held a dog wash to raise additional money, resulting in more than \$800 for us. **December:** Marched with shelter dogs and our personal pets in the Carrollton Christmas Parade; Had Santa Paws at Douglasville Petsmart. **January:** Second Quarterly meeting, with speakers from Hickory Level Hound Rescue. **February:** The first annual Doggie Dash sponsored by Carroll County Animal Hospital, with proceeds going to the Angel Fund we are starting. Had shelter dogs there, of course. Busy day, as there was also a rabies clinic at the shelter and an open house at Carrollton Animal Hospital. **March:** Prance Your Paws dog show. **April:** Adoption Squad and all our faithful volunteers really got a workout in April at Shelley's Big Birthday Bash, Offsite at Little Tallapoosa Park inauguration, Charter Bank offsite adoption event; Also held our third quarterly meeting, with a speaker from animal control, Lisa Barrett. **May:** Carrollton Mayfest-In the center of the action, on the square. Adopted out several dogs from the shelter. Did some collar exchanges. Met a lot of animal lovers and collected a lot of donations; Children's Day-end of Be Kind to Animals Week, honored the winners of the BKTA art competition.

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

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

www.westgeorgiaspayneuter.com

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