

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!

Local Shelter Competes in ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge

CCHS is helping the Carroll County Animal Shelter with their get out the vote efforts for the qualifying round of the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge, a national competition to inspire animal shelters-and those who support them-to go above and beyond to increase pet adoption, reunite lost pets with their families and save more animals' lives. The contest website states, "Every contestant in the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge will be called upon to stretch, innovate, and inspire, to save at least 300 more cats, kittens, dogs and puppies August through October 2012 than they did during the same three months last year. And while the competitor with the highest increase in lives saved will be awarded the \$100,000 Grand Prize, the real winners will be the thousands of animals saved by the dedicated people who dared to compete in the Challenge."

The shelter says that their determination to rally our community in support of the animals and to surpass the record number of adoptions they had last year makes them a strong contender in the \$100K Challenge. If they win, they plan to use the money to subsidize adoption fees and begin a seniors-for-seniors adoption program.

Carroll County Animal Shelter will be competing against 107 other shelters in the two-week-long qualifying heat. The shelters that gain the most public votes will go on to compete in the next round of competition.

Voting begins at noon on April 5 and goes through midnight on Monday, April 16. Visit the \$100K Challenge's website at <http://www.aspca.org/Adoption/100k> for more details on how to vote for Carroll County Animal Shelter.

CCHS President to be on Fox 5 News!

CCHS President, Teresa Leslie, was interviewed by Fox 5 News Atlanta about the shelter's involvement in the \$100K Challenge. The story is set to run next Thursday, April 5, the first day of voting, during the 6:00, 7:00, 11:00, and the next day's noon newscasts. Be sure to tune in to hear more about the competition.

Out and About

Our Calendar

CCHS will be participating in a number of events in the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please call 770-830-2763. We hope you'll join us!

CCHS will be voting
for Carroll County
Animal Shelter in the
[ASPCA Rachael Ray](#)
[100K Challenge](#)
April 5-April 16

Quarterly Meeting
Thurs., April 26
Complete details
forthcoming.

**Charter Bank
Adoption Event**
(Dixie St, Carrollton)
Fri., April 27,
10am-3pm

CCHS booth at
Mayfest
(Adamson Square,
Carrollton)
Sat., May 5

Celebrate
**Be Kind to
Animals Week**
May 6-May 12

For more information
about these events,
please visit our website
or Facebook page.

To view our
complete calendar,

CCHS had a booth at Prance Your Paws for a Cause in Villa Rica on Saturday, March 17. Prance Your Paws is an annual dog show organized by United Community Church to raise money for area organizations, this year for Willowbrooke at Tanner. Thanks to all who came by the booth to visit with us and see some of the great Carroll County Shelter dogs we brought out for the event hoping to find them forever homes. In all, eight shelter dogs got adopted! In addition, we also exchanged five choke/prong collars for the no-pull harnesses through the K-9 Hurt No More program. It was a good day for the dogs!

Thanks to all the fabulous volunteers who helped out, and to the shelter staff who let us showcase their dogs and sent more when we ran out. And congratulations to Red, Dusty, Cooper, Bubbles, Daisy, Booker, Smitty, Charley, and their new families. May you enjoy many years of happiness together.



Two of the lucky dogs: Smitty (left), was brought to the show after the first five dogs were adopted out. At right is Dusty, a bloodhound mix.

Training Tip of the Month: Make Training Fun

by Laura Clawson

Did you know that one of the greatest ways to form a stronger bond with your dog is through play? Training games are such a fun way to interact with your dog and teach new behaviors at the same time. Many dogs love to play fetch and/or tug. During these fun games, incorporate a request for "sit" or teach "give" or "drop it" by offering another valuable toy in exchange for the one your dog has in his/her mouth. Very often, your dog will find a toy valuable simply because you enjoy playing with it, too, so be sure to show your dog how much fun "your" toy is if he or she seems a little hesitant to exchange. Teaching these valuable behaviors during play can make learning much more fun for you and for your dog. Have a great time playing together!

For more information on training and ways to play with your dog, contact Certified Dog Trainer & licensed Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Trainer, Laura Clawson at (770) 871-8656 or via email at laura.clawson@unleashthepawsitive.com. Website: www.unleashthepawsitive.com.

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

You're Invited to Shelley's Birthday Bash!

On Saturday, April 7, from 11:00 till 3:00, Carroll County Animal Control and Carroll County Humane Society are hosting a birthday party for a very special little cockatiel-- Shelley, the Shelter's mascot. Anyone who has visited the Shelter is greeted by Shelley with her whistles, screeches and chirps, and sometimes even a wolf whistle. It's going to be a real celebration with a cookout, birthday cake, balloons, and other fun happenings. We'll also be launching a campaign to make Carroll County's Shelter a winner in the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 Shelter Challenge.

Empty Pet Bowls 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.

Hours of operation:
Monday through
Saturday 8am-5pm.

National Dog Bite Investigation, Treatment and Prevention Conference

Friday, May 4
State Bar of Georgia Headquarters
(104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta)

The National Dog Bite Investigation, Treatment and Prevention Conference is a Symposium addressing current issues affecting the education and interaction of professionals in preventing and treating dog bites and victims. Victoria Stilwell, author, trainer, and dog behavioral expert from Animal Planet's *It's Me or the Dog*, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker, as well as a panelist. The conference is open to anyone who is interested in animal welfare, but registration is required. For registration and agenda details, please visit <http://positively.com/files/National-Dog-Bite-Prevention-Conference.pdf>.

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WEST GEORGIA SPAY NEUTER CLINIC

WGSN CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY AND 22,620 STERILIZATION SURGERIES

It was five years ago on March 19, 2007, that our West Georgia Spay/Neuter Clinic officially opened its doors for business in Villa Rica on East Montgomery Street. During those five years, 22,620 spay/neuter surgeries have been performed. We are grateful to all the people who have helped keep this project going--the veterinarians, vet techs, and staff who have worked with us and believe in the mission of preventing pet overpopulation through affordable spay/neuter surgeries; our dedicated volunteers and Board members; and our customers--the dogs and cats and their families. There's still more to be done, so here's to the next five years!

(678) 840-8072

www.westgeorgiaspayneuter.com

Not a Member of CCHS? Here's How to Join!

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.

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