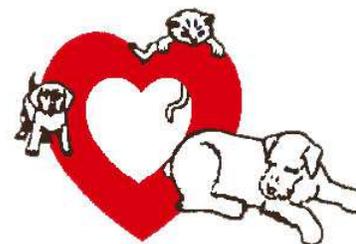


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CCHS Mourns the Passing of Misty Evans

Misty Evans, the much-loved Director of CCHS's West Georgia Spay/Neuter Clinic, and long-time CCHS volunteer, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Her passing is a tremendous loss to our organization and community. She was an

animal advocate, leader, and friend. Dr. Teresa Leslie, CCHS President, was asked to speak at Misty's funeral. The following is an excerpt from her eulogy.

I was asked to speak today on behalf of the humane society and it is an honor to do so. Misty has been a part of the humane society for as long as I can remember. She was on the board of directors for many years and served as an officer for a time. But she really found her calling when she took over at the clinic. The Carroll County Humane Society owns the West Georgia Spay/Neuter Clinic, where Misty was the director. Well, that was her title anyway. She was actually more like the clinic's heart and soul. She was an amazing woman who made the clinic the tremendous success it is today. It was a joy to work with her and she was an inspiration to us all. She was an integral part of the humane society. She touched all of our lives in a profound way.

I also feel that I speak on behalf of the countless animals whose lives were touched by Misty. She has made the most amazing difference in the world where

CCHS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

YOU'RE INVITED!

**Wednesday, June 3
at 6:30 pm
Tracy Stallings Center**

The Carroll County Humane Society's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm in the Optimist Room of the Tracy Stallings Center on W. White Street, Carrollton. The public is invited, so please join us.

There will be a financial report on the 2014-2015 fiscal year, a year in review presentation, and election of board members for the 2015-2017 term. We will also preview upcoming CCHS activities. And, as always, refreshments will be served!

CCHS membership runs from June to May, so you may wish to renew your membership at this meeting if you have not done so recently. Individual membership is \$20 annually, with discounts for seniors and for students. Family and corporate memberships are also available.

We hope to see you there!



Misty Evans Obituary

EVANS, Misty

animals are concerned. She loved animals with a passion, and animals loved her. Animals know--they seemed to instantly recognize that she was one of the good guys, that she was their champion, that they could count on her. They returned the love she poured out on them.

Misty was so beautiful, inside and out. I never told her but she reminded me of Grace Kelly--regal, elegant, and so gracious and loving. Now if I had told her that, she would undoubtedly have snorted in laughter and rolled those expressive eyes of hers at me. But she could pass for a movie star, I think, or a fashion model. But as the cliché goes, her beauty was not skin deep. She was beautiful through and through. She might have looked like a model but she was never not afraid to get her hands dirty, to get down in the trenches--cleaning up after an animal who got sick or doing mounds of laundry or whatever needed to be done at the clinic. And being clinic director was not a glamorous job. She poured her love of animals not into the showy stuff, but into the unglamorous world of spay/neuter, which is so crucial to solving the pet overpopulation problem. Rescues in this region have a lot fewer homeless animals to have to deal with because of her. The pressure on shelters to handle the floods of puppies and kittens that seem to never stop coming has been reduced dramatically in this part of Georgia because of her. Thousands of animals led healthier, happier lives because of her.

Misty was a fabulous ambassador for animal welfare. She walked the walk every day, doing all she could. And as much as she loved animals, she loved people, too. And that was special. Sometimes people who work with animals and advocate for animals do not have great people skills. We come across sometimes as kind of wild-eyed fanatics with our heads in the clouds. We are so focused on the animals that we lose sight of the bigger picture. Not Misty. She got it. She knew the animals needed people in their lives, people who loved them and knew how to take care of them. She could relate to people and make them feel comfortable. She treated everyone with respect and compassion.

I hope Misty knew how much we all love her, how much we admired her, how much we appreciated all the things she did on behalf of animals. We will miss



Misty Evans, age 41, of Carrollton, Georgia passed away on

Tuesday, April 14, 2015. She was born December 17, 1973 in Atlanta, Georgia. Misty graduated from Haralson County High School and received her Master's Degree from the State University of West Georgia. Misty possessed a strong love for animals and was currently serving as the Director of the West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic. She was a member of the Carrollton First United Methodist Church. She was a loving mother to her children, and sister to Danielle. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jerry Gaines. Survivors include her husband, Scott Evans of Carrollton; mother and step father, Shawn & Rodney Phillips of Rockmart; children: Dylan Cantoral and Hunter Cantoral, both of Carrollton, Brianna Evans of Carrollton, and Skyler Evans of Carrollton; sister, Danielle Tackett of Carrollton; maternal grandfather, John Gaines of Buchanan; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Patricia and Carroll Evans of Atlanta; and aunt and uncle, Johnny and Starla Williams of Buchanan. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic, 535 East Montgomery Street, Suite B, Villa Rica, Georgia, 30180. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.martin-hightower.com. Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel has charge of the arrangements. *Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Apr. 16, 2015*

Vaccine Clinic

her more than words can say. I have had an image of her stuck in my head over the past few days, a memory of one of the last times I visited the clinic. She was cradling a little dog that had just come out of anesthesia. It was a little groggy and a little scared, so Misty scooped it up and carried it around and comforted it. I've seen her time after time reassuring dogs and cats, just touching them and talking baby talk to them and making them feel better. I can just see her, working away with that dog in her lap. She'd be talking to Devon, the office manager, and rocking the puppy simultaneously. She'd have the puppy on her shoulder as she carried a stack of towels down the hall. There she was at her desk, with the phone in one hand and the other hand stroking that puppy curled up on her shoulder. She was in her element. And of course, when she looked at that puppy, she was smiling that golden smile. That's the image of Misty I will carry with me in the days and months ahead.

New Animal Welfare Ordinances Approved for Carroll County

At their May meeting, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners approved a change to the county ordinances related to animal welfare. This was of particular interest to the humane society because the CCHS Board had submitted a proposal to the commissioners last fall that would have completely overhauled the animal welfare section of the ordinances. When that proposal stalled, we were able to revive interest in the issue this spring by appealing to the commissioners, attracting the interest of commissioners Tommy Lee and Michelle Morgan. In conjunction with Mike Jacquinet of Animal Control and County Attorney Cynthia Daley, they came up with an alternative measure, resulting in the small changes passed at the May meeting. The CCHS leadership has publicly expressed our opinion that this should be a first step, not the last. In the words of CCHS President Teresa Leslie, "We are pleased that the commissioners have recognized the need to update the animal ordinances, but at the same time we are disappointed that the changes passed were relatively minor. We look forward to working with the county on further improvements." Commissioner Tommy Lee has been particularly supportive of

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Volunteer of the Quarter

The Volunteer of the Winter
Quarter is **Melonie Hopkins**

Melonie headed up our inaugural Animal Art Auction, which was a huge success. She helped this new fundraiser soar. She also participated in Mayfest and other adoption events.

Melonie is crazy about animals--she and husband Jim, a Carrollton lawyer and judge, have two adorable dogs, Max and Minnie, who go to work with Melonie at the law office each day.

Board Member of the Quarter

The Board Member of the
Winter Quarter is **the entire
Board.**

President Teresa Leslie selects the BMOQ and this time, she said, given how hard everyone worked on the art auction and the doggie dash, and how they all responded after Misty's death, she just couldn't single out one individual. So she chose the whole board.

Fundraiser News

Our fundraisers have been

improving animal welfare in the county and has pledged to push for more changes in this regard.

The ordinance change approved this spring involved adding specific language saying that an animal must be on a leash when not on the property of its owner and small changes to the regulation of how dogs are tethered. The leash wording was designed to clarify that having a dog under control through voice commands rather than a leash was not acceptable. The wording of this section of the existing ordinances had been vague, allowing people to argue that they had their dog under voice command and that was sufficient control.

Regarding tethering, the revised ordinance continues to allow dogs to be tied to stationary objects but now mandates that the chain or rope used must have a swivel connection on both ends, in order to minimize the chances of entanglement; that the tethering device must be attached to a collar or harness (in other words, not simply tied around the dog's neck); and that the chain must be at least three times the length of the dog from nose to tip of the tail. The humane society's proposal, in contrast, had outlawed chaining dogs to stationary objects and would have required dogs to be on a runner or pulley device: "No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain an animal, or cause such restraining of an animal, unless on a cable trolley system, that allows movement of the animal, and unless the length of the cable along which the tethering device can move is at least ten (10) feet, and the tethering device is of such length that the animal is able to move ten feet away from the cable perpendicularly." In addition, the proposal would have required that the tether not weigh more than 1/8 the body weight of the animal being restrained and that the tether allow the dog access to adequate food, water, and shelter. We felt this was a reasonable compromise position, as we were aware that attempts to outlaw all tethering would meet with stiff resistance. We hope to be able to persuade the commissioners to revisit this issue soon, as well as the issue of what constitutes adequate food, water, and shelter.

amazing this year. **The Art Auction** netted over \$11,000! We were ecstatic. Our fourth annual **Doggie Dash** raised over \$3000. And we had our most financially successful **Mayfest** ever, as well as one of our best. **The family of Paul Wilson**, who was a huge advocate of animal rescue, sponsored the **Paul Wilson Adopt-a-thon**, raising money for our foster and adoption programs by urging people to donate money to CCHS during Mayfest in Paul's honor. Paul's mother set the tone by pledging a \$100 donation for every dog adopted at our Mayfest booth. We had a very successful adoption event, finding new homes for 8 shelter dogs. The Adoptathon raised over \$1200. We also sold a lot of t-shirts, car magnets, and other merchandise to raise additional funds.



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