



# The Greater Huntsville Humane Society Pet Gazette

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A no kill shelter re-homing displaced pets and completing families since 1969

## Second Chances Book Release Party



Donna Castellano, Diane Strickland, Doug Brewster,  
Karen Corp and Leslie Franklin

***Second Chances: The Rescue Dogs of Madison County*** is a beautifully crafted book that tells the heartwarming stories of 36 rescue dogs and their families, photographed at landmark and historic locations throughout Madison County. This book is the result of collaboration between renowned author, Donna Castellano and photographer Doug Brewster, with book design by Leslie Franklin and Diane Strickland. This book is simply a must-have for anyone interested in animals and/or Madison County and will certainly be a coffee table book that is not left sitting on the table untouched. From the beautiful cover to every single story and photograph, the book is truly a work of art. We were fortunate to have Mayor Battle write the prologue to this book, which set the pace for the wonderful stories written by Donna Castellano.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Greater Huntsville Humane Society hosted a gala book release party for this exciting new book at the Baron Bluff Building at Burritt on the Mountain overlooking the downtown lights of Huntsville. After parking and walking toward the Baron Bluff building, we were greeted out front by some of the real four-legged stars of the book and their dedicated Paradise Pet Resort handlers. As we entered the building we were overwhelmed by the sounds of the Second Coming Band and the beautiful displays of flowers by INBLOOM and tantalizing food prepared by Catering Events.

Door prizes that were so generously donated by individuals and businesses provided extra excitement throughout the evening! Everyone was watching and waiting for the next door prize drawing while we all sang and danced to the music. We were also pleased to have the Mayor and First Lady of Huntsville, Tommy and Eula Battle in attendance and everyone seemed to have a grand time. The main comment that was heard was "we should do this every year"!

GHHS wants to thank everyone that contributed to make this event a huge success. This event and book sales are going to be the seed money for our Capital Campaign Fund to build a new state-of-the-art Shelter which we intend to be one of the largest no-kill facilities in Alabama!

Copies of the book can be purchased directly on our website, <http://www.greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org/get-involved/rescue-dogs-of-madison-county/> and can be picked up at the shelter, or they can be purchased at the following locations:

**Greater Huntsville Humane Society**

**Harrison Brothers Hardware**

**Lawrens**

**Going to the Dogs and Cats in Five Points**

**In Bloom**

**Rivenbark & R Antiques**

**Salon Katera**

**Paradise Pet Resort in Madison**



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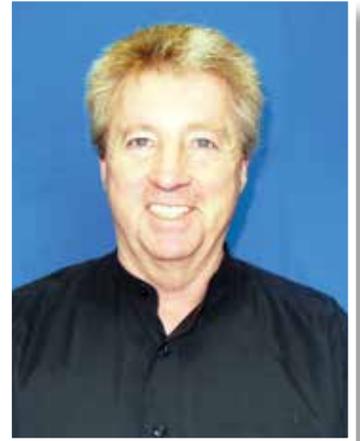
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## Letter from the Executive Director

Fall colors signal GHHS to gear up for our yearly Adoptoberfest on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> this year. This event showcases our adult dogs that are ever-so-deserving of good homes, as well as all the other cats, puppies and kittens that we have for adoption here at GHHS. We will have food vendors, artisans and lots of booths with fun activities for everyone! We will even have a professional company here to clean your cat or dog beds for a small donation to the Shelter. This event is always a huge success for both GHHS and the animals. Our Thrift Store will have a half-off sale all day too! There will be live demonstrations of trained dogs and **Paradise Pet Resort** will be bringing our two trained **Premium Pets**, Riley and Liam, here for the event. If you are looking for a dog who is about to qualify for their AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification, you simply have to see these two amazing dogs!



A special thank you to everyone who participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Dogs and Cool Cats Pet Photo Contest at Parkway Place Mall that ended with a fashion show and grand finale on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions to this contest raised \$46,000 for the shelter! Since we are a non-profit shelter and we receive no federal, state, or local funding, it is all through fundraisers and donations that we are able to keep our doors open.

The new 2014 Calendars are available! Please contact GHHS or go to our web site at [www.greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org](http://www.greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org) to purchase the 2014 edition of the Hot Dogs and Cool Cats calendar!

The book release party for our NEW book Second Chances: Rescue Dogs of Madison County held at Baron Bluff at the Burritt Museum on August 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. It turned out to be a premier event for Huntsville-as well as raising the initial seed money needed to start our Capital Campaign Fund. There is a lot of excitement both in the community and here at GHHS at the prospect of having a new larger state-of-the-art building with even more space to save more animals. This goal will be completely supported by the generous donations that we receive and most certainly from the sales of this book. **I am sure your friends and family would love to have a copy of our beautiful new book for Christmas!** You can purchase books online at our web site at [www.greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org](http://www.greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org) at local retailers or here at the Shelter or Thrift Store. We are just now beginning this process, but we are certain that with all our supporters help-big or small, this dream will become a reality.

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Executive Director  
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## Shelter Wish List

### For The Pets

- Dog & cat toys (durable and preferably machine washable)
- Cat trees and condos
- New DVDs for our cat room
- Premium Pellet cat litter (the only kind we actually use at the Shelter)
- Tarps-Any size in canvas to keep the sun off the outside kennels

### For The Shelter

- Cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry detergent, especially bleach, etc.
- Paper towels
- Copy paper
- Toilet paper
- Bottled water for our volunteers and events
- Dog Bone Pools
- Metal Feeding Bowls
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Small Kuranda Beds <http://kuranda.com/>
- Hand Sanitizer (large bottles)

We have also started an Amazon Wish List, where you can log on and purchase supplies from the convenience of your own home. Check out our up to date list today!



The Pet Rescue Foundation  
[www.maddiesfund.org](http://www.maddiesfund.org)

**MADDIE'S**  
FUND

## Awesome Adoption



After many years at the shelter, our Beth has finally found her home!

So, hands down Beth has to be the neatest dog I have ever met. In one short day she has met all the extended family. She showed off her ability to leap up on the center island on command in one leap. Then she sat down to get her treat and lick everyone. She got to meet the horses, and then licked my old horse's leg - LOL She felt right at home in the barn I would say. She got to hang out while I picked beans in the garden and found the mud first thing of course. Now tonight she has claimed her spot on the couch and is watching TV and barking at the animals that come on the commercials. We have laughed and searched all the channels for animal shows. Looks like I'm going to have to order Animal Planet just for her.

With all that said just wanted to thank you and the rest of the staff. I feel so sad and happy at the same time that it's taken Beth so long to find a family, but I think it was meant to be. She has not missed a beat and stays right on our heels, it's great. Thank you again and will keep y'all up to date! Brooke



### Why Donate to GHHS?

The GHHS relies solely on private donors to fund all of our programs and services. We do not receive any federal tax money and we are not affiliated with any other humane organization in the United States. When you donate to the GHHS your money stays in the community and helps displaced pets in the Greater Huntsville area. Not only does your monetary donation help unwanted and orphaned pets find new homes, it also helps rehabilitate injured animals, educate the public about pet overpopulation and provide help for those struggling to keep their pets.

## GHHS Volunteers of the Quarter

Carlos and I lost our sweet Gracie May on July 29, 2013. She was only 11. Her death was sudden, unexpected, and devastating for us both. The vet said it was a blood clot from her heart. It was quick and painless, but that doesn't make it any better. I wasn't there when it happened and I beat myself up about that every day. Losing her has been the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with. She was taken from me far too soon. I still don't feel like I have dealt with her being gone. I am having feelings of anger, sadness, and guilt. She was the light of my life and I miss her terribly. I talk to her every day and tell her I am thinking about her. Gracie May was my best friend for 11 years and I learned so much from her. Gracie was an only child and didn't want to be around anyone but Carlos and I. Most people thought of her as a mean and crazy cat, but we loved her. I loved days when I could just stay home and snuggle and talk with her. Gracie loved going outside with me, eating strawberries, and playing hide and seek. She kept me sane when Carlos was deployed and was my constant companion. She was spoiled and



*Misty and Carlos Packard- Volunteers, adopted Faith and Sophie (above) recently lost their cat Gracie May*

ruled the house, and I wouldn't have changed a thing. She was my first pet and I loved her more than anything.

I always thought when she was gone I would never have another pet, because no one could ever replace my Gracie May. Volunteering at GHHS has changed that. I enjoy my time at the GHHS. I love knowing that I make a difference in the lives of animals that don't yet have their forever home. So many of the cats have touched my heart, and make me want to help more. Volunteering at GHHS has made a huge difference in my life.

About a week after losing Gracie May we started talking about adopting. I was nervous about adopting again, but the house was so empty and I was lonely. It was hard to think about bringing another baby into Gracie's house. We went back and forth for another week, trying to decide if it was the right thing to do and if it was too soon. I had always heard you should wait to adopt again,



*Gracie May*

but it's different for everyone. For us, jumping right in was the right thing to do. So a little over two weeks after Gracie left us, we brought two babies home. The adult cat is Faith.

She is 2 years old and grabbed my heart from the first day I started at the shelter. She is shy, quiet, and loving. The kitten is Sophie. She is feisty, playful, and sweet. The two of them get along fabulously. It's as if this was meant to be. I am so happy that we brought the two of them home. Some days are hard and I still wish my Gracie was here, but I am thankful every day that I have Faith and Sophie. Everyone needs to decide in their own time when to adopt again, but I am so happy we jumped in.

## We are so pleased to welcome, Danielle Eliser as our new Volunteer and Event Coordinator

Danielle grew up as an Army brat, moving everywhere, but animals were a constant feature in her life.

With a background in non-profit work and a love for all critters, she joins the GHHS as the Event and Volunteer Coordinator. She's always looking for new volunteers, so email [danielle@greaterhuntsvillehumane.org](mailto:danielle@greaterhuntsvillehumane.org) or call (256)-881-8081 x216 to volunteer.



## October's Pitch InPet



Serval (the cat) came to GHHS in July with one sibling. Two kind-hearted people found a litter of five kittens and they had been bottle feeding them for a few weeks before the landlord discovered them and said they had to go. These nice people were able to give away three of the kittens, but came to GHHS to surrender the remaining two. Unfortunately Serval's sibling did not make it, so Serval went to stay with our long-time volunteer Ms. Pearl for intensive home care. Serval thrived and came back to the Shelter to be Microchipped after he was neutered. Serval unexpectedly developed some unusual musculoskeletal problems that will require specialized care and treatment. Because we still do not know what is causing him to be unsteady when he walks, there will have to be x-rays and a consultation with a specialist to help diagnose and treat him before he will be available for adoption.

### GHHS Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Sunday, October 20, 2013  
at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society

**We love our volunteers**

and every year we have a picnic to show just how much we appreciate them! This year we will be holding the picnic at the shelter. So if you are or were a volunteer, then come on out and eat!

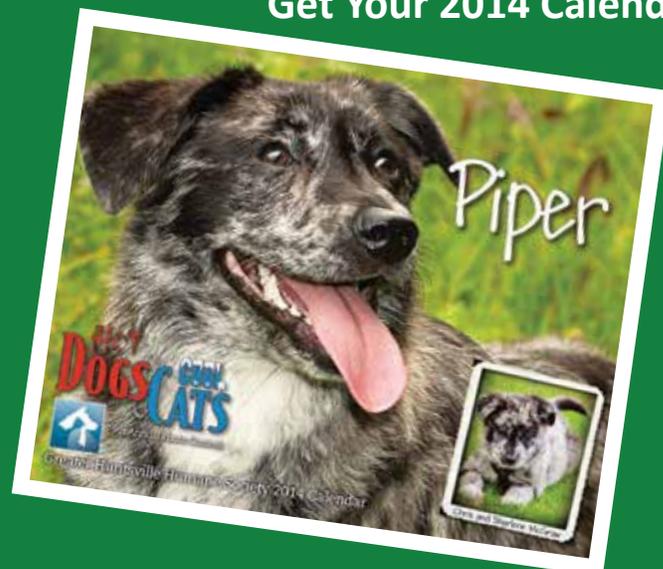


## Adoptoberfest!

Saturday, October 12, 2013 the Greater Huntsville Humane Society is gearing up for our annual Adoptoberfest on Saturday, October 12th, 2013 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. This event showcases our adult dogs that are ever-so-deserving of good homes, as well as all the other cats, puppies and kittens that we have for adoption here at GHHS. We'll have local food vendors, as well as artisans and lots of booths with fun activities for everyone! We will even have a vendor that will be here to professionally clean your pet beds for a donation to the Shelter!

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## Get Your 2014 Calendar



## A Word from our Vet Lisa Prendergast, DVM

Now that you have brought home that new little puppy, one question we get often is when can we start taking him or her out into the big world for things like walks, visiting friends, pet store visits, puppy obedience, or the dog park. I know it is tempting to want to take them out and show them off to everyone, but waiting until they are fully protected against diseases is one of the most important things you can do to keep your new puppy healthy and happy. Viruses like Parvovirus, Distemper upper respiratory infections and parasites such as hookworms and round worms can be found everywhere and can cause serious disease or even death in animals that are not adequately protected.

For the best health of your new friend, you need to wait to go out and about them until they have completed their entire series of vaccinations. Typically that is around the age of 15-16 weeks. Puppies should begin their vaccinations around the age of 6 weeks and continue with a schedule of receiving vaccinations about every 3 weeks until they are 15-16 weeks of age. The reason we recommend vaccinating multiple times is because of the disease protection (antibodies) they receive from their mom. When animals are born, the only protection they have against disease is what they get from their mom. Often times with rescue animals, the mom's immune status is poor or unknown.

When we vaccinate a puppy, we are trying to build their own immune system and get them to start producing their own protective antibodies. What can happen is that the mom's antibodies can interfere with the immune system's ability to develop its own antibodies. Because every animal is different we vaccinate multiple times until we are sure the mother's antibodies are gone and that they have developed a full protection from diseases.

Make an appointment with your veterinarian when you first bring your new puppy home and they can determine what further vaccines and care are needed so you can start your new furry friend off onto a lifetime of health and happiness.

## HOT DOGS COOL CATS

Thanks to all of our contestants,  
voters, volunteers and staff GHHS  
raised over \$45000 this year!

### Piper 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Sharlene and Chris McGraw  
Feral- Now living the good life!



### Bud 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Owner: Mary Harris  
I am such a good boy!



### Scooter & Buddy 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

House divided,  
War Eagle, Roll Tide



## TOP THREE!

Chris & Sharlene  
McGraw,  
Mary Harris,  
Rebecca Allen

Congratulations to the winner of the  
9th Annual Pet Photo Contest, Sharlene and Chris  
McGraw. Their dog Piper will grace the cover of our  
2014 Hot Dogs and Cools Cats calendar.

# Donations • Honors • Memorials

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 Anonymous  
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## In Memory of:

Bella, beloved pet of Klaus & Barbara Beck  
 Big Rick, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Reinle  
 Bo, beloved dog of Susan, Austin & Travis King  
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 Anthony Bonds  
 Boo, beloved companion of John C. Burlingame  
 Bunky, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. J. Donald Lewter  
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 Woodham Wendall Cauley  
 Clyde, beloved cat of Sarah Brazzel  
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 Bill Dinges  
 Robert Dixon  
 Rebecca Ferguson  
 Jerry Foreman  
 James R. Fout  
 Ghillie, beloved dog of Julia Scott  
 Gracie, beloved cat of Misty & Carlos Packard  
 Zula Graham  
 James Hammond  
 Kelly Harrity  
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 Jack Corley, beloved dog of Haley Corley  
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 Nelson Kincaid  
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 Morgan Knowles  
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 Tracy Motyka

## In Honor of:

Lona Harris  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 Sir Harry Brazelton  
 Bella, who touched so many hearts  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 GHHS staff  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
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 Sasha Dison on her birthday  
 Annie, beloved dog of Becky Quinn  
 Mollie Grote, his beloved dog  
 Rebecca Ferguson  
 Lily & Ty  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 Wedding Guests  
 Ann Knowles on her birthday  
 "Pete" & Tammie Berzett on her birthday  
 Dylan, beloved pet



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## THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Betty Brumley is a long time dedicated volunteer at The Greater Huntsville Humane Society Thrift Store. She volunteers three to four days a week maintaining and organizing the clothing section of the store in support of the animals. Her tireless efforts are a huge part of why the Thrift Store is so successful. In other words, we think she is GREAT!!



*Thrift Store Volunteers of the month Betty Brumley, along with our much appreciated dog walker Blake and Shelter pet Princess.*



**Blaze** is a one year old yellow lab mix with endless energy! He would do very well with a family who has children whom he can run and play with. Blaze gets along well with most other dogs!

READY TO ADOPT



Meet **Gabby**, a two year old Terrier mix who is a joy to be around, she is laid back and loving and gets along with all the other dogs. Gabby is looking for a big fluffy dog bed and a caring owner to bring her home soon.