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The Great Chihuahua Lift !



SCHS volunteer Ellen Barker with one of the puppies.



SCHS volunteer Bob Barker with PNP pilot.

In December, shelter volunteer and SCHS member, Delta Purkey, alerted us to eleven small dogs (mostly Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes) that had been surrendered to the Scott County Animal Shelter by an individual. When a dog is surrendered, there is no waiting period. If conditions are crowded, surrendered dogs may be euthanized immediately. Small dogs are usually very adoptable but these little guys were terrified, undernourished, and none too friendly! Nevertheless, we did some checking and learned, through Chihuahua Rescue of North Carolina of a possible resource for them. We contacted Popcorn Park, part of Associated Humane Societies of New Jersey. Miraculously, Popcorn Park, which had rehomed Chihuahuas from the North Carolina group, offered to take on ALL of our pups.

How to get ten (one was adopted from the shelter) dogs from Virginia to New Jersey right before the Christmas holidays??? Double miracle: a group called Pilots N Paws, volunteer private pilots who fly short legs to transport pets, came forward, and, after much head scratching and nail-biting, due to weather and other concerns, a flight was scheduled from Tri-Cities for the Sunday before Christmas.

Two of the Chihuahuas, named Stan and Teresa, seemed particularly vulnerable because of their lack of hair. (We later found out that they might be part Chinese Crested.) The two were pulled from the shelter immediately and fostered by the Barkers. Well, officially by the Barkers. Their neighbor, Sophie Ahmad, became the puppy nanny for Stan and Teresa and they were socialized quickly.

Jamie Farris had the huge task of fostering the other 8, very unsocialized, very much unhousebroken, dogs for a couple of days before the scheduled flight. To say that was a wild time for Jamie is an understatement!

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SCHS ANNUAL YARD SALE

SCHS held its annual yard sale on Saturday, June 1. We had a great turnout! Thanks to all the generous donations and wise shoppers, our sale was a huge success!

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. All proceeds go to help people in Scott County get their pets spayed and neutered.



Zoey Joy Grace, The Singing Dog!



SCHS volunteers pulled Zoey from the shelter in May of 2011. She was a sweet puppy who grew and grew. Somewhere in her puppyhood, Zoey developed a talent for singing. She didn't bark much but, when she saw a friend, she "sang." At Petsmart adoption events, she was always "Miss Congeniality" and a super public relations staff member for SCHS.

Somehow, though, the right family did not come along for Zoey for almost a year! When she was adopted (and renamed Zoey GRACE), she had a few health issues that her new owner had to address. She was living with her new family in West Virginia and we had not had a report until just recently when her "mom" texted Ellen Barker on April 21.

"Good morning, Ellen. It has been a year since we adopted Zoey Grace from Petfinder and Scott County. We just love her so much and want to thank you again for making our family complete. May God bless you and all of your work with the animals."

Debbie Cloonan, WV

THE SCOTT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!



The Scott County Humane Society needs your help! We are always looking for new , energetic members who are willing to help with various projects throughout the year. We just completed our annual yard sale, which requires a lot of volunteer resources. We also have several events scheduled this summer that will require some extra people who are willing to help out. If you are that person, contact us.

We are also looking for people who are willing to foster for us. We try to pull adoptable dogs from the Scott County Animal Shelter, but sometimes we aren't able to do that due to the lack of foster space. Fostering is a rewarding experience! If you have space, time, love dogs, and think you'd like to foster, contact us.

We have monthly meetings and would love for you to join us! We need new members and new ideas! Our meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at The Family Bakery in Gate City, VA at 6:00 p.m. If you'd like more details, please contact us.

Monetary donations are what allow us to offer low cost spays and neuters to the people of Scott County for their pets. It is also what lets us help people who have emergency situations with their pets get the vet care that they cannot otherwise afford.

If you have time and energy to spare and want to help, please contact us. Our contact information is www.scotthumane.org, 276-452-7247, or you can contact any SCHS member.

WE NEED YOU!

WHY MICROCHIPPING YOUR PET IS A GOOD IDEA

Microchips last.

Traditional modes of identification, like pet tags or ID collars, need to be replaced regularly—and can slip off, be removed, or become hard to read— but microchips last for the life of the pet.

Bonus benefits of microchipping your pet

Some microchip registries offer additional services for your pet's care:

- Specialists available 24/7 to assist with advice and support if your pet is lost
- Travel assistance for pets found far from home
- 24/7 Emergency Medical Hotline
- Lost Pet Alerts sent to a network of animal shelters, veterinarians, and concerned citizens around where your pet was lost. (Sign up here to help reunite lost dogs and lost cats with their families.)

You and your pet belong together.

Your cat or dog's microchip implant gives your pet the best chance of returning home to you if lost. However, a microchip must be registered along with your current contact information in order to identify you as your pet's parent and contact you. Remember as long as there are pets, even those belonging to the most responsible parents, they will go missing.

~source: www.petfinder.com

The Scott County Humane Society offers microchipping as a fund raiser. If you are interested in having this done, see Dr. Nancy Broadwater at Broadwater Veterinary Hospital. 276-386-6901. The cost is \$35/pet.

BUY A CHANCE TO WIN THIS CAR!



Because of the generous donation of this car by a local business person, SCHS is selling chances to win it! Chances are \$5 each and can be purchased from any SCHS member or by sending a check or money order (made out to SCHS) to:

SCHS, P. O. Box 1535, Gate City, VA 24251.

It is a 1986 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight with power windows, power brakes, leather interior, and new engine with approximately 3500 miles on it. Chances are \$5 each. Drawing will be September 28, 2013 at Southern Graphics in Gate City, VA. You do not have to be present to win.

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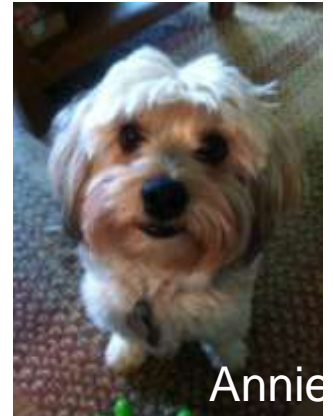
Early on the day of the flight, with the help of Jamie, the Barkers, and Sophie the dogs were put into crates and taken to the Tri-Cities Aviation. The pilot who flew the first leg had loading them into his tiny plane down to a science and before long we waved good-bye to the ten little travelers. It was Sophie's first experience of letting go of a foster but she managed well.

Within days, we began seeing posts on Facebook from Popcorn Park as these guys found forever families. Even the most reluctant one of them all, Martha, soon found a family and is now living in the lap of luxury as she deserves!

SCHS considers this our special Christmas 2012 story. Many thanks to North Carolina Chihuahua Rescue, Popcorn Park, Pilots N Paws, Jamie Farris, and Sophie for making it happen!

Story submitted by Ellen Barker

SOME OF OUR RECENT ADOPTEES



HAS ADOPTING MADE A DIFFERENCE IN SCOTT COUNTY?

YOU BET IT HAS! If you are looking to add a dog to your family, the Scott County Humane Society strongly encourages people to go to the Scott County Animal Shelter. On any given day, the shelter has several dogs that are available for adoption. Sadly, there are a lot who never make it out of the shelter. Below you will see the euthanasia rates for Scott County. Other local euthanasia rates are available by request.

2008			2009		
INTAKE	EUTHANIZED	PERCENT	INTAKE	EUTHANIZED	PERCENT
692	553	80%	537	404	75%
2010			2011		
INTAKE	EUTHANIZED	PERCENT	INTAKE	EUTHANIZED	PERCENT
550	437	79%	628	484	77%
2012					
	INTAKE	EUTHANIZED	PERCENT		
	605	389	64%		

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We couldn't do it without you!**

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"A watchdog is a dog kept to guard your home, usually by sleeping where a burglar would awaken the household by falling over him."

-Anonymous

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