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## SCHS Spay & Neuter Clinic

Scott County Humane Society's association with the Margaret B. Mitchell Spay and Neuter Clinic began in February, 2008. Located in Bristol, VA, the MBM Clinic is a nonprofit organization that offers lower cost sterilizations for dogs and cats in the counties of Southwest Virginia. Their van travels to outlying counties to transport animals to the clinic, where surgeries are performed and vaccinations and tests are also offered at reduced rates. Surgery costs for both male and female dogs are \$55, female cats are \$50, and male cats are \$35. Vaccinations available are rabies, feline distemper and feline leukemia for cats; distemper/parvo and kennel cough for dogs at a cost of \$8 each. Testing for feline leukemia and canine heartworm are also provided for \$15.

A total of 512 animals in Scott County have received spays/neuters through the clinic since our partnership began in 2008. The opportunity the MBM Clinic provides makes it possible for our fledging group to offer a lower financial alternative to pet owners who need assistance. It also takes us one step closer to our mission to reduce the births of unwanted animals and to decrease the number of animals that end up being euthanized in the pound. Financial assistance may be available to those in need for a limited period of time on a case by case basis.

To obtain more details of our Spay/Neuter Program or to make an appointment for surgery through the clinic, call our voice mail at (276) 452-7247. Leave a brief message with your name and number, and your call will be returned in a timely manner.

## New Forever Homes!

*SCHS is* pleased to announce that we successfully placed 40 dogs and 1 horse into new forever homes during 2009! These animals came to SCHS as either strays, surrenders, or were rescued from the Scott County Animal Shelter. In addition, SCHS also rescued a number of dogs from the Scott County Animal Shelter and transferred the dogs to breed specific rescue organizations. SCHS has successfully placed animals with the following organizations: BROOD, a Bassett Hound rescue, In His Hands Animal Rescue, High Hope Haven, Taking Care of God's Creatures, Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue, and the National Brittany Rescue.

We encourage you to consider adopting a rescue dog when looking for your next four-legged family member. Rescue dogs have just as much love to give and can't wait to share their hearts with you!

## DID YOU KNOW??

*The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 6-8 million dogs and cats enter shelters across the county each year, and 3-4 million are euthanized.*

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## How Can You Help??

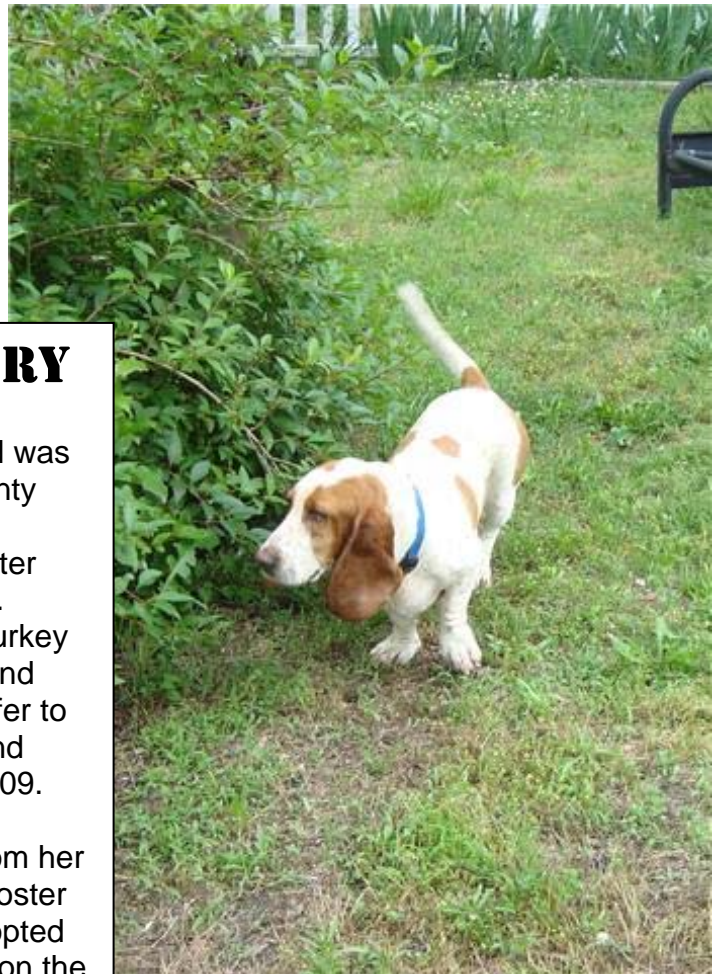
- SPAY or NEUTER your pets!
- FOSTER a dog from the Animal Shelter!
- ADOPT a dog from the shelter!
- MICROCHIP your dog so that you can be reunited if he is lost!
- *DONATE to the SCHS!!*



### **BETSY'S STORY**

Betsy the Basset Hound was rescued by a Scott County lady who found her with serious injuries, likely after being mauled by a bear. SCHS member Delta Purkey later became involved and organized Betsy's transfer to BROOD, a Basset Hound rescue group in April 2009.

Betsy recovered well from her injuries in her BROOD foster home and was later adopted into a new loving home on the East Coast.



## Scott County Animal Shelter

*SCHS* members Delta Purkey, Melissa Farmer, and Kory Smith went above and beyond the regular call of duty by volunteering at the Scott County Animal Shelter during 2009. SCHS members began volunteering at the county shelter in 2008 and perform a number of duties at the shelter—from cleaning kennels and feeding the animals to identifying potential rescue candidates from the shelter.

These members take their work at the shelter very seriously to make sure that the dogs are well cared for and have their needs met, even if the dogs will only be there a few days. These volunteers have also been our “eyes and ears” in the shelter, rescuing many wonderful dogs that have gone on to become much-loved members of adoptive families. For that reason, Purkey has described volunteering at the shelter as extremely rewarding.

***Interested in volunteering at the shelter?***

***E-mail us for more information!***

***Check out a few of our success stories from the shelter below!!***



## Success Stories from the Scott County Animal Shelter!!



### *Dexter & Willow*

Two Basset Hounds rescued from the Scott County Animal Shelter by SCHS member Delta Purkey and transferred to BROOD, a Basset Hound rescue organization in April 2009.

Dexter and Willow have both since been adopted and are in their new forever homes.

### *Perry*

Perry was rescued from the Scott County Animal Shelter and fostered by the SCHS in 2008. He was taken to an adoption event at PetSmart in Bristol, Va, where he was adopted by his new family.

After being adopted, Perry started training for his new job as a therapy dog. Perry now works at Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion where he has made many friends!

Perry is another example of how a wonderful dog was rescued from the Animal Shelter and given a second chance at life!!



## Our Shining Stars: 2009 SCHS Donors

*SCHS could not assist animals in need in our community without the generosity of our donors. For that, we offer our heartfelt thanks!!!*

### **\*\*In Memory\*\***

- 🐾 Benjamin Shepard, by James & Karen Shepard, Velva Shepard
  - 🐾 Claude Roller, by Opal & Donald Arnold
    - 🐾 C.E. Webb, by Nat A. Smythe
    - 🐾 Edwin Godsey, by Delta Purkey
- 🐾 “Kira” Hill, by Delta Purkey, Bob & Ellen Barker
  - 🐾 “Greta” Smith, by Bob & Ellen Barker
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- 🐾 Vivian & Buster Brown, by Janet & Joseph Eversole
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# The Tail End

## CANINE INFLUENZA UPDATE

Local veterinarians have confirmed cases of the canine influenza virus in our area. Canine influenza, or H3N8, is a highly contagious respiratory virus, with coughing, sneezing, and nasal discharge among the likely symptoms owners may notice if their dog is infected. As with human influenza, the virus symptoms can range from mild to severe. Because the virus can be transmitted from dog to dog, prevention and control are very important in veterinary offices, boarding facilities, and shelters.

A vaccine for canine influenza was approved by the USDA in May 2009 for the control of the virus. See your veterinarian for more details about the canine influenza virus and whether the CI vaccination is right for your dog!



### *Upcoming Meetings.....*

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Family Bakery in Gate City.

We hope you'll join us!!



### Upcoming Meetings:

- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

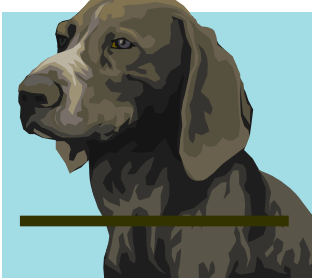
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