
◊ The Tattle Tails ◊

A publication for the friends of the Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA

Fall 2011

Thanks to You Our Door is Always Open...

Each year the Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA receives and provides care for over 3500 pets...dogs, cats, and a multitude of 'other' furry or feathered critters. Each has a unique story when they arrive at our door...some have lost their way home, some have been left behind, some are sick and injured, some forsaken, and, unfortunately, most, simply unwanted. **For the vast majority, we are all that they have.**

We welcome each and every one with an open heart. We do not pick and choose or accept only those that are cute and healthy. We do not shut our doors when our cages and kennels are bursting at the seams or when a foster home is unavailable. Even if their life's journey concludes while in our care, it is in the arms of a caring, compassionate technician. **No one is forsaken, forgotten or turned away.** Each is given the dignity and respect they so rightly deserve. Year after year, we continue to provide shelter, food, vaccinations, medical treatment, training and adoption opportunities... as much as our resources have allowed. Your support also enables us to offer humane education programs and pet training workshops to ensure a brighter future and a more humane tomorrow

As evidenced year after year, **your continued support is vital to our success.** We rely on your generous donation to continue our mission of respect, compassion, education, and advocacy resulting in a humane and sustainable environment for all animals. **Every penny of your donation will be put to work for the animals.** As always, we thank you. You are our caring supporters who are always there for those who cannot speak for themselves. The holiday season is a time to remember the many special friends who cared and shared, not just with a much needed donation, but who also opened their homes and hearts. **We wish you peace this holiday season and all year through.**



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And a Very, Very, Very Special Thanks to...

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Event Planner Extraordinaire and

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Thank you each and everyone for all your support, dedication and "get it done" spirit!!!

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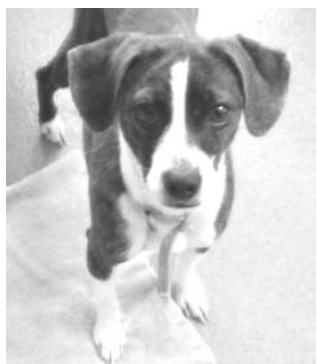
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Memorials

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In Memory of **"Samantha"**, beloved Boston Terrier of
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In Memory of **Marvin "Rusty" Everett Raines**
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 - Stephen and Regina Vogen

In Memory of **Marvin Everett "Rusty" Raines**
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In Honor of **Butch Strawderman's** Birthday
 - Terri L. Denton

In Memory of the much loved dog **"Samantha"**, pet of
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 - Ken and Linda Kline

In Honor of **Pam Wilkins**, "Missy's" owner
 - Donald and Ginger Usry

In Memory of **"Moses"**, beloved pet of Mike Gentry
 - Eileen and Leonard Phillips

In Memory of **"Lexie"**, dearest kitty of Janice Minor
 - Carol Yetzer

"Target", "Jack", "Jill", "Missy", "Tiger", "Charity",
 "Cal", "Felix", "Jane", "Susan" and "Buff" all want to
 thank the wonderful **Doctors and staff of the Harrison-
 burg Spay/Neuter Clinic** for making our lives more com-
 fortable and safer on this earth...God Bless
 - Pat Loomis & Charles Funkhouser

In Loving Memory of our friend that loves his pet kitties,
Shakie Showalter
 -Pat Loomis and Charles Funkhouser

In Great Honor to the **R-H SPCA**, we appreciate all the
 hard work you do for our friends the animals, with compas-
 sion and gentle hands, God Bless You ALL
 - Pat Loomis and Charles Funkhouser

In Honor of **Pam Wilkins** and **"Miss Kitty"** and in Mem-
 ory of **"Sasha"**
 - Jeffrey & Faye Curl

In Memory of **Marlene Doyle**
 - Lucy and J.C. Powell

In Memory of al the paws that make our house a home and
 in Honor of **"Nick", "Leo", "Gracie", and "Callie"** their
 paws now make our house a home.
 - Timmy and Lisa May

In Memory of **"Cody"**, black lab
 -Sam Hess

In Memory of **Robert E. Armentrout**
 - Judith and Paul Swisher

In Memory of **Mary Coffey**
 - Debbie Mason

In Memory of **Lanny Holsinger**
 - Debbie Mason

In Honor of **Dr. Ruth Chodrow**
 - Charles Slott

Community Animal Response Team (CART)

The Rockingham-Harrisonburg Emergency Animal Response Team (R-HEART) was formed over a decade ago as a partnership between the RH-SPCA, the City of Harrisonburg and the County of Rockingham to assist animals and their owners during a disaster. Since inception, one of the goals of the team has been to secure a trailer to transport the vital disaster response equipment cache.

Thanks to Jetta Earhart (ACO, City of Harrisonburg) and a grant from VDEM (VA Dept. of Emergency Management) & DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security) that goal has been achieved. In August, Officer Earhart was awarded a grant of \$39,027, for team training, equipment & the long awaited, much needed emergency response equipment trailer!

In December, our current animal disaster response team members anticipate receiving the CART (Community Animal Response Team) rating through the State. The state's goal is for every county in Virginia to have a fully functional CART. Currently there are only 5 in the state, none of which are located in the Shenandoah Valley. Once received the name of our current team will change from, R-HEART to RH-CART.

Anyone interested is invited to come and see our new emergency response trailer and equipment cache on November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrisonburg's Park and Recreation Center located at 305 South Dogwood Drive. Come see what your Community Animal Response Team is all about!

Although the grant has been received, much more is needed. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Cat Litter
- Hand tools
- Office Supplies
- Cleaning Supplies
- Medium size cooler
- Veterinary supplies
- Flagging tape & caution tape
- Indoor/outdoor thermometers
- Gift cards to home improvement/hardware stores
- \$\$ to purchase additional equipment

If you would like additional information, are interested in joining or can assist in any way, please contact the team leaders, Anne Anderson (execdir@rhspca.org) or Jetta Earhart (AnimalControl@HarrisonburgVA.gov). You can keep abreast of our progress through Harrisonburg Animal Control's facebook album "Cart Development" at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harrisonburg-Animal-Control/133549255268>. Thank you for your support!

Canine Manners/Canine Good Citizen Classes Offered

Karen Mast, CPDT—KA, CGC Evaluator, is pleased to announce the following classes and workshops to be offered in the early part of the New Year:

Canine Manners/CGC Classes

4- week series ~

January 19th

January 26th

February 2nd

February 9th

Or

February 23rd

March 1st

March 8th

Mary 15th:

\$70 per dog for each 4-week series

Classes limited to 3 dogs to allow for lots of personal attention from the trainer, and to reduce distractions. The small class size creates an optimum learning experience for your dog or puppy. Only pet-friendly-science based methods are used.

Dogs and puppies with 2 sets of vaccinations and current rabies are welcome. Accepting all levels beginner through advanced. Contact Karen to determine if your dog is appropriate for this class.

To register or for more information, please email Karen at thesuccessfulmixllc@yahoo.com or call (540)269-6904, 9 :00 am—9:00 pm. (Please no calls after 9:00 pm).

Special Workshop Nights (without your dog)

Fee: \$7.00

Thursday, January 12th

Getting Your Dog Focused. & Shaping Fundamentals

Anyone is welcome to attend. This class is recommended for those attending the first 4-week series above

Thursday, February 16th

Advance Training Tricks for all Training Levels

This class recommended for those attending the second 4-week series above. (may also be used as a make-up date in case of inclement weather)

Thursday, March 22nd

(make-up date I case of inclement weather or Topic night: Advance Training Tricks for All Training Levels and/or Topics requested by attendees

**Watch this page of our website:
www.rhpsca.org/classes.html. for additional Saturday
workshop dates in January, February & March**

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