

HAPPY TAILS

The Humane Society of Camden County Volunteer Newsletter Our April-June 2019 Successes!

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Summertime is here and it's a time to enjoy sunshine, the beach, cookouts, late summer nights, traveling, vacations, and spending a little down time with the ones we love. Enjoy every moment!!!!

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you all informed with the shelter happenings each quarter. You play a pivotal role in our operations and there are so many successes that happen behind the scenes that you're not always aware of. By sharing this newsletter with you, my hope is that you feel a little more connected to the shelter and will be able to see the impact that your volunteering has made!!!!

WHAT'S UP DAWG?

- ※ HSCC was awarded a grant from the Bissell Company which is designated specifically for spays and neuters! We are currently still utilizing that grant, which is how we are able to offset the cost of adoptions. The Bissell grant will pay \$35 per dog (making adults \$85 and puppies \$165) and the grant will pay \$25 per cat (making cats and kittens \$25). The adoption fees will be reduced until the grant runs out!
- ※ The Humane Society of Camden County was one of the beneficiaries of The Osprey Cove Women's Club Home and Garden Show this past quarter. Thanks to their efforts and their own fundraising, the HSCC was awarded with much needed funds to help with our daily operations and to make a few repairs! Because HSCC runs primarily off of donations, any funds we receive must be strategically utilized so as to give our animals the best care possible. Like your home, when things break or need repaired, you are tasked with making those repairs out of your own pocket. The HSCC is a private non-profit, which means we have the same dilemma any time there are needed repairs. The first item off of our ever-growing "To Do List" with the funds, is the removal of the "dead" tree behind the play yard. With hurricane season upon us, a dead tree can cause significant damage to the building. However, the cost for tree removal is a considerable amount for any non-profit. The Osprey Cove Women's Club funds will allow us to comfortably remove the tree without letting the cost impact our day to day operations and care for the animals!
- ※ The Fraternal Eagles awarded us the funds needed for our play yard renovation! The dogs love frolicking in the sand and not having the rocks beneath their paws!



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- ※ Paw Partners is one of the biggest fundraisers we do each year. As you may recall from Orientation, we receive 50% of our operational costs from the contract we have with Camden County. The other 50% to operate the shelter comes from direct donations from the community. The donations continue to come in and every dollar will help us ensure as many homeless animals as possible are helped in 2019. Please consider becoming a Paw Partner if you have not done so already!

**Together, we clocked
661.75 volunteer
hours!!!!!!!**

Top 5 Volunteers By the Hour:

1. Lisa Bell, 80.75 hours
2. Pat Powierski, 43.25 hours
3. Jennifer Diaz, 41.75 hours
4. Angela Marie, 34.25 hours
5. Barbara Dawe, 28.5 hours

**April-June 2019
by the Numbers**

Adoptions: 173

Transfers: 61

Owner Reclaims: 73

Each Quarter we have a Volunteer Drawing. Volunteer names (Top 5 on-site volunteers, off-site volunteers, and fosters) will be randomly drawn. **Bonnie Tongue** is our 2nd Quarter

Volunteer Drawing winner!!!! Bonnie is one of our foster moms who is always answering our pleas for help when we need a foster! She will receive a "movie night bundle" that includes a \$25.00 gift certificate to Fulford's Fish House and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Kings Bay Movies! Thank you to our sponsor for your donation and helping us make this happen!

SHOUT OUTS

- ※ Shout Out to Volunteers Dennis Conlon and Andy Casey who continue to keep our yard cut and maintained so that the dogs don't have to walk through a jungle!
- ※ Shout Out to all of our foster homes this Quarter! We currently have 80+ animals on foster!!!!!!
- ※ Shout Out to all of our Off-Site Volunteers for helping us outside in the community! Lisa Bell creates fliers to put up at Kings Bay Submarine Museum, Greg Smith transports our animals to SEGA each week for spay/neuter, Jessica Wimberly maintains our website, and Denese and Samantha Proctor collect our Can Donations around the community. Johna Rush, Elaine Powierski, and Pat Powierski volunteer their time to take pictures of our animals for our website and Facebook page. All volunteers, whether on-site or off-site help us accomplish our mission!
- ※ Shout Out to our Kings Bay Naval Base Navy Divers who came out monthly to help us with all of our "housekeeping chores"!
- ※ Shout Out to the military personnel that come out monthly with the Kings Bay Chaplain's Office.
- ※ Shout Out to Boy Scout Troop 208 who spent hours helping us manicure the sand, paint the fire hydrant, and clean up the play yards to put those final touches to the yard renovations!



Paws and Take Note

- ※ Please remember the safety of all volunteers, animals, and employees- do not walk your dog "behind the building" where the Intake Building is at, stay out of "Employee Only" areas (Intake Building, Lab, etc), and focus on the dogs on the Adoptable side first- they've been with us the longest!
- ※ Please remember to use a new pink volunteer badge each time you volunteer. This will alert the public that you are there volunteering and are willing to assist them with the animals!
- ※ Remember to always sign in/out of the volunteer log so we can track our progress.
- ※ Kitten and Puppy Season is upon us! We are always in need of fosters! Please consider fostering this season!
- ※ If you are here walking dogs, PLEASE remember the Summertime Protocol- limit the time outside, no running, stay on the grass as much as possible, and make sure the dogs have plenty of water in their kennels. Do not give the dogs ice water after being outside.



Donations

- ※ The shelter is always in need of: "sturdy" dog chews (pig ears and bully sticks), leashes, paper towels, bleach, and canned food.
- ※ Being in the middle of litter season, we are also in need of puppy/kitten food.
- ※ A complete list of needed items can be found on our website www.humanecamden.org.

SUCCESS STORY!!!!

The Humane Society of Camden County sees over 2,000 animals every year. Some of these animals come in with medical conditions or cases that require attention and treatment. With community aid in monetary donations and support we are able to help these animals when they most need it.

In March, a group of campers visiting the local area were passing by the Okefenokee Swamp Park in Folkston, GA. They saw what they thought was an ill or mangy bear cub. Upon closer inspection they noticed that it was not a sickly bear cub but an emaciated dog roaming just outside the park's entrance. She was in desperate need of rescue and help as vultures circled overhead. The campers slowly approached her with the last can of ravioli and some water they had left in their backpacks. The dog was so grateful she became very comfortable with the group. They watched multiple people pass her by refusing to help. They scooped her up in one of their sleeping bags and called around to local shelters seeking refuge. Being the closest open admission shelter the Humane Society of Camden County was accepting and willing to take her in. Upon arrival it was quite apparent just how much help this little girl needed. Her face was massively swollen and oozing.

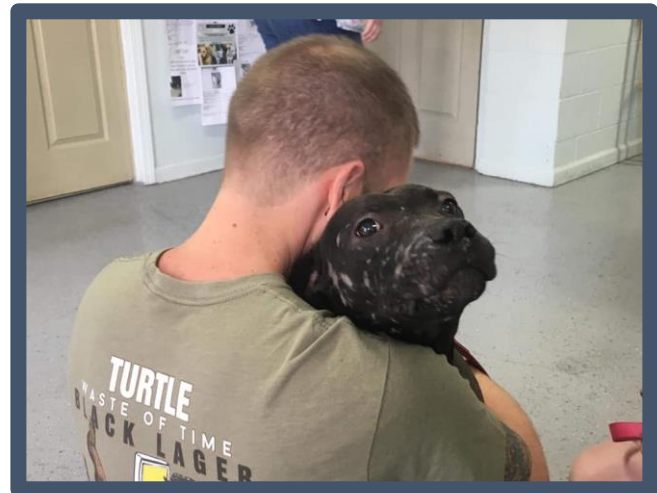
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Bites, punctures, scrapes, and lacerations covered her entire face, neck, shoulders and legs. We wasted no time in scheduling her a vet appointment for an examination and treatment plan. Thankfully all this little girl needed was some powerful medication, time and love. We named her "Squishy" while in our care and she quickly healed! The campers who found her were committed to her and weeks later drove back down from Pennsylvania to adopt her! Her new name is Okee Ravioli and her family continues to be committed to her well-being. We're unsure about Okee's previous life, but it seems as though she hasn't had the most positive interactions with other dogs. As a result, Okee was dog reactive and was unable to be around other dogs. The family has invested in training and obedience classes for this girl and she is making great progress! We love these kinds of stories! "Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever." Because of this couple's compassion and desire to help this defenseless dog, Okee's life has completely changed forever.



Okee when she was found on 3/12/19 at Okefenokee Swamp. She was swollen from bites, lacerations, and punctures.

Okee when her "people" came to officially adopt her on 4/6/19. You could truly see the excitement in her eyes when her angels returned for her!



Okee today living the good life! She is cared for, loved, and happy!

