

# HAPPY TAILS

## The Humane Society of Camden County Volunteer Newsletter Our July-September 2019 Successes!

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Happy Fall Ya'll!!!! We really hope you are looking forward to some cooler weather! What a great opportunity to get out and walk some dogs or cuddle some cats! With the holiday seasons approaching, is also a great way to encourage others to "give back" to their community and encourage them to volunteer with you! It is only through amazing volunteers and donors that the Humane Society of Camden County can be a success!

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! Our goal was to use these funds to off-set the adoption fee for our animals in the hopes of increasing adoptions! This grant assisted with OVER 200 ADOPTIONS! We have officially depleted the funds of the grant, so adoption rates are back up to their normal rates.
- × Hurricane Dorian gave Camden County a little scare! You will be interested to know that HSCC has a well thought out, designed, and routinely used "Hurricane Preparedness Plan". As soon as there is a named storm, the HSCC Board of Directors are in constant contact with calls, emails, and meetings to stay ahead of the storm in order to keep the animals safe.



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Should the storm make landfall within our area, it is our goal to empty the shelter by transferring as many animals to our sister shelter in Albany and through Hurricane Fosters. These Storm Troopers were instrumental through Hurricane Dorian. For circumstances beyond their control, Albany was unable to take any of our animals, which left us to rely on Camden County and the Storm Troopers, and you all did not disappoint! **In just 3 short days, we were able to empty the entire shelter of ALL animals (approximately 150+ animals)!!!!!!** HSCC employees and the Board of Directors cannot thank the community enough for helping us keep the animals safe through the storm! In addition, the hurricane sleepovers resulted in **20+ "foster failures"** meaning the families loved their animals so much they failed to bring them back and chose to adopt them instead!

- ※ **Be on the lookout for the 2020 Paw Partners campaign!** It 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 2020. Please consider becoming a Paw Partner if you have not done so already!

**Together, we clocked 374  
volunteer hours!!!!!!**

**Top 5 Volunteers By the Hour:**

1. Angela Marie, 38.25 Hours
2. Pat Powerski, 25 Hours
3. Michael Lovett- 24.75 Hours
4. Gail Latham, 23.5 Hours
5. Lisa Bell- 14.25 Hours

**July-September 2019  
by the Numbers**

**Adoptions: 250**

**Transfers: 22**

**Owner Reclaims: 42**

- ※ Each Quarter we will have a Volunteer Drawing. Volunteer names (on-site, off-site, and foster) will be randomly drawn. **Angela Marie** was our Quarterly Volunteer Drawing winner!!!! She will receive a "movie night bundle" that includes a \$25.00

gift certificate to OPS 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 Volunteer Andy Casey who continues 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 52 animals on foster (as of 10/16/19)!!!
- ※ 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. All volunteers, whether on-site or off-site help us accomplish our mission!
- ※ Shout Out to the Navy Divers from Kings Bay Naval Base who come out monthly to help us with many chores.



# HOLIDAY WISH LIST

We've been good all year....please help us with our Holiday Wish List items!

## Utility Wagon



## (2) Rubbermaid Utility Carts



## Pressure Washer



## (7) Large Kuranda Beds



## (6) Walkie Talkies



As always, we would be thankful for the traditional donations: cat and dog food (dry and canned), kitten and puppy food, treats, leashes, bleach, soap, paper towels, etc.