

Volunteers Much Loved and Needed!

Volunteers are an important resource for the HSMC and all their efforts are greatly appreciated. Our volunteers do everything from assisting with daily animal care chores, special events, animal enrichment programs, photography, journalism, education, pet therapy and fund raising, to returning phone calls! Our foster families are a huge asset and we are always looking for loving temporary homes for our adoption candidates! We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers and always welcome more! To further inquire about volunteer opportunities, please contact Belinda at belinda@humanemorgan.org or call 706-343-9977.



Bow Wow Breakfast, Then Off to the Christmas Parade!

The HSMC is hosting a Bow Wow breakfast on December 10th at the finish line of the Madison Christmas Rush Road Race to raise money for special needs animals. Waffle House will cook and serve the breakfast. Tickets are available at the HSMC for \$10 before the event or \$12 at the door. The breakfast will be from 7:30 AM until about 11. The Madison Christmas parade immediately follows! The HSMC staff, volunteers and some furry friends will climb aboard their float to ring in the holiday season! Come join us!

Bow Wow Breakfast
at the finish line of the Madison Christmas Rush Road Race
Help Heal Their Hurt



\$10 December 10, 2011
235 S. Main Street
7:30 AM until 11:30 AM In the Tent
Ticket Good For one Waffle House Breakfast.

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From the President's Pen

A DREAM COME TRUE

On July 5, 2011 the Humane Society's dream of an animal adoption center in Morgan County became reality. Our doors opened to the public with just a handful of dogs and cats available for adoption! Much has changed since then with over 100 animals coming and going, and this is just the beginning, as the realization of this dream facility enables the HSMC to rescue more animals from local animal controls and help pet owners who are unable to care for their animals.



We held our Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the community on July 10 and were overwhelmed at the response. At least 100 people gathered as we honored Mrs. Blema Fitzpatrick for her generous donation which provided our building funds, and Ralph and Donna Blanchard for the donation of the land. The building was then dedicated to the Glory of God, and more than 100 more visitors came throughout the afternoon to tour the Center.

The HSMC was further honored on this day by the gift of a painting donated by local artist and animal lover, Mary Leslie. Proudly displayed in the adoption center's lobby, this piece is the topic of many conversations. Sadly, Mary Leslie lost her husband unexpectedly on October 19, 2011 and in her time of sorrow she again honored the HSMC with donations in the memory of Hank Leslie.



This is just a beginning. There are still many opportunities for individuals and organizations to participate by donating funds to provide major support for the Center and honor someone in their family through naming opportunities for our Puppy Room (\$30,000), Cat Room (\$30,000), Conference/Education Room (\$20,000), Exam/Treatment Room (\$20,000), Puppy Pen (\$7,000), Dog Run/Kennel (\$5,000) and Small Dog/Cat Condo (\$3,000). Each donation will be honored with permanent lettering on room entrance or on the pen/kennel.

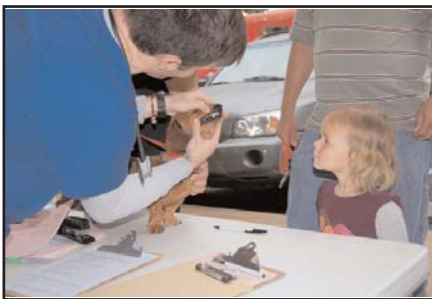
There are also smaller levels of participation: Pet Adoption Sponsorships are available for \$125 for a dog or \$75 for a cat; Annual care of our canine residents ranges from \$55 - \$577.50 and annual care of our feline residents ranges from \$115 - \$345.50. Any level of contribution is greatly appreciated and much needed. Your help is critical to our program.

A big "THANK YOU" to all those individuals who worked so hard for so many years to help make this a reality. It would not have been possible without their commitment!

Betty Stray Brown

Atlanta Humane Society's Mobile Spay/Neuter Unit Rolls into Morgan County for Clinic

The Humane Society of Morgan County was chosen to be an ambassador for the Atlanta Humane Society's Mobile Spay/Neuter unit, which rolled into the HSMC for a clinic on October 19 and 20. With these two organizations joining forces, 50 people were able to take advantage of having their pets spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and micro



chipped for just \$20! Each of these services is vitally important to responsible pet ownership and the health and well-being of our furry friends! Special thanks to Dr. Erin Bell for performing the surgeries and a very big thank-you is extended to the AHS staff who joined the effort! Stay tuned, as the Humane Society of Morgan County is continuing its relationship with the Atlanta Humane Society and plans to offer this service to the community again in the near future!

HSMC Attends Madison Health & Rehab's Pep Rally & Carnival



The HSMC attended the Madison Health and Rehab's 3rd annual Pep Rally on September 22 and the Halloween Carnival on October 2. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, the animal and residents alike had a wonderful time. The HSMC believes strongly in the bond between humans and animals, and we are supporting this bond

through our "pet facilitated therapy", wherein we take animals to the Madison Health and Rehab Center for interaction with willing residents. Our volunteers are instrumental to this process, and it is delightful to see the faces of the residents light up at the sight of our furry HSMC ambassadors arriving for some quality time!

Kind News Continues

For the past 5 years, the HSMC, in conjunction with the Bryans Foundation, has provided Morgan County Primary and Elementary Schools with a publication called "Kind News". Published by the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education, "Kind News" has recently been formatted into a magazine style and is very similar to the "Weekly Reader" publications most parents are familiar with.

The magazine features fun puzzles and stories on animal-related topics as well as articles that promote good character, humane ethics, compassion for animals and respect for natural habitats. Mrs. Donna Baddour, a dedicated and long time volunteer with HSMC, oversees this important program and organizes sorting and delivery of this important publication with the assistance of the students. She works tirelessly to assure the children receive these publications!



Awards Grant for Buckhead Area

PetSmart® Charities recently awarded the HSMC a \$16,000 "targeted area grant" to subsidize 273 spays and neuters in the Buckhead area. All residents within the 30625 zip code are eligible to receive a certificate for a free spay or neuter for their pet, redeemable at participating local veterinarians. Receiving this grant would not have been possible without the grant writing abilities of Mrs. Marjorie Tucker and the statistical information provided by Donna Prior at Morgan County Animal Control.

The following local veterinarians are participating in this program, offering spays and neuters at a drastically reduced fee in order to assist us in the never-ending battle to reduce the numbers of unwanted litters:

Dr. Williams of Main Street Veterinary Hospital, Madison; Dr. Brooks of Madison Veterinary Clinic, Madison (cats only); Drs. Pritchard & Brosman of Park Place Animal Hospital, Greensboro; Dr. Perry of Paradox Farms, Oxford; Donna Prior of Morgan County Animal Control, Madison; and Dr. Light of Athens Regional Spay/Neuter Center, Watkinville.

Euthanasia is not the answer! Spaying and neutering are key to responsible pet ownership!

In addition to the PetSmart® Charities grant, the HSMC has been able to offer approximately 50 free spays and neuters to Morgan County residents in need of financial assistance through a generous grant from the Anna Ware Foundation!

Meals on Wheels Pet Project

Many elderly people in our community are homebound and lonely. It is vitally important to many of these people to have



the companionship of a pet! However, in many cases, just feeding these pets can be financially burdensome. That's where Leigh Aldhizer comes in with her band of volunteers from the Madison Campus of Georgia Military College! They collect pet food for the elderly and homebound that is then distributed through the "Meals on Wheels" program. The HSMC proudly supports this program and sends its profound appreciation to Leigh and all the volunteers!



*A Special
Message
of
Thanks
to
Our
Donors*

Sincere, heartfelt thanks are extended to our donors and members, without whom we could not be where we are today, providing for so many wonderful dogs and cats until they get adopted into their forever homes.



We have had many wonderful adoptions since opening the Adoption Center on Fairground Road! With nearly an equal number of shelter transfers and owner surrenders, our animals have come from a variety of backgrounds and found common ground with their adoptions into their forever homes.

Happy Tails!

Gretchen was an owner surrender along with 5 other dogs! She was only here a short time and was adopted by the Garrett Family at a Chick-Fil-A adoption event!



Delilah is a smart, friendly dog that found her way to HSMC through Donna Prior at Morgan County Animal Control. She was here for only a short time when the Perpera Family adopted her, taking her to live in the lap of luxury on a horse farm with two other canine companions.



Honey Dog was a special adoption for the entire staff at the HSMC! The adoption center had not yet opened when we received a call from the City of Madison Animal Control asking if she could be accepted into the adoption program. A foster

mom graciously stepped forward giving her a place to lodge until the center was opened. She was our first canine resident and soon became the longest resident until the Anderson Family fell in love with her at PetSmart and the rest is history.



Maybelle came to us by way of Greene County AC where she was very much spoiled by the staff. This beauty was sure to go quickly and now has her forever home with the Moss Family!

Sunkist and Crush are sibling kittens that were residents at the adoption center for over two months. Their lucky day was last week when the Larson Family voted to adopt



them both. Crush and Sunkist came to us via Oconee Regional Humane Society!

Bam Bam was a personal favorite! He came to us via Animal Control and was very fearful. So much so, that we thought he would have to be a "project dog". However, after just 10 minutes at the center, he blossomed into an amazing, fun loving little fella. He was adopted by Ivy Englett and is living the life every dog should!



Holmes is a precious puppy that was estimated to grow into a large dog! He spent quite a bit of time with us until the Greenspan family came along and fell in love! His brother Sherlock was adopted as well!

Maggie was a tiny puppy when she was transferred to us from Oconee County Animal Control. She was adopted by David Hearn after much deliberation and now enjoys life to the fullest.

See pictures of some of our adoptions on our web page at www.humanemorgan.org and be sure to like us on Facebook!

Art Teacher Blends Art with Community Involvement

A generous grant from the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center has offered the opportunity for teacher Julie Noland to



teach art to local students. In an effort to extend this grant further into the community,



Ms. Noland has contributed her own money to have 8 selected works put into poster form. Mrs. Noland also donated personal funds towards framing these beautiful pictures



in conjunction with a \$50 gift certificate offered by Wal-Mart. These works will be displayed at the HSMC. Come by the adoption center to see these remarkable works by some remarkable students!

Rabies Clinic Exceeds Expectations

The Humane Society of Morgan County hosted 2 successful rabies clinics this year! The spring clinic was held on May 15 and the fall clinic was held on October 23. A total of 227 pets were vaccinated against rabies and 95 pets received Parvo/Distemper vaccinations. Additionally, 29 pets were microchipped, so that they might be more easily reunited with their families should they ever become lost. The turnout for both clinics exceeded the HSMC's expectations, indicating that Morgan County citizens are becoming increasingly aware and interested in being part of the solution in reducing cases of potentially fatal viruses in their communities.

The HSMC extends a big thank-you to Dr. Williams of Main Street Veterinary Hospital for providing services for the spring clinic, and to Dr. Susan Brosman, a Morgan County resident and DVM of Park Place Animal Hospital, for volunteering her services for the fall clinic.

As always, the HSMC would like to express its gratitude to the wonderful volunteers who contributed to the success of both clinics! Thank you!


HSMC Celebrates Generosity of 14-Year-Old Volunteer

Dorian is a 14 year old HSMC volunteer that asked friends and family to bring wish list items for the HSMC as gifts for his birthday in lieu of gifts for himself! Dorian is pictured here with all the donations he received on behalf of the HSMC! Thank you Dorian, the HSMC celebrates you!



Paw Print

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Tuesday 11am - 4pm
Wednesday 10am - 5pm
Thursday 10am - 5pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday Closed