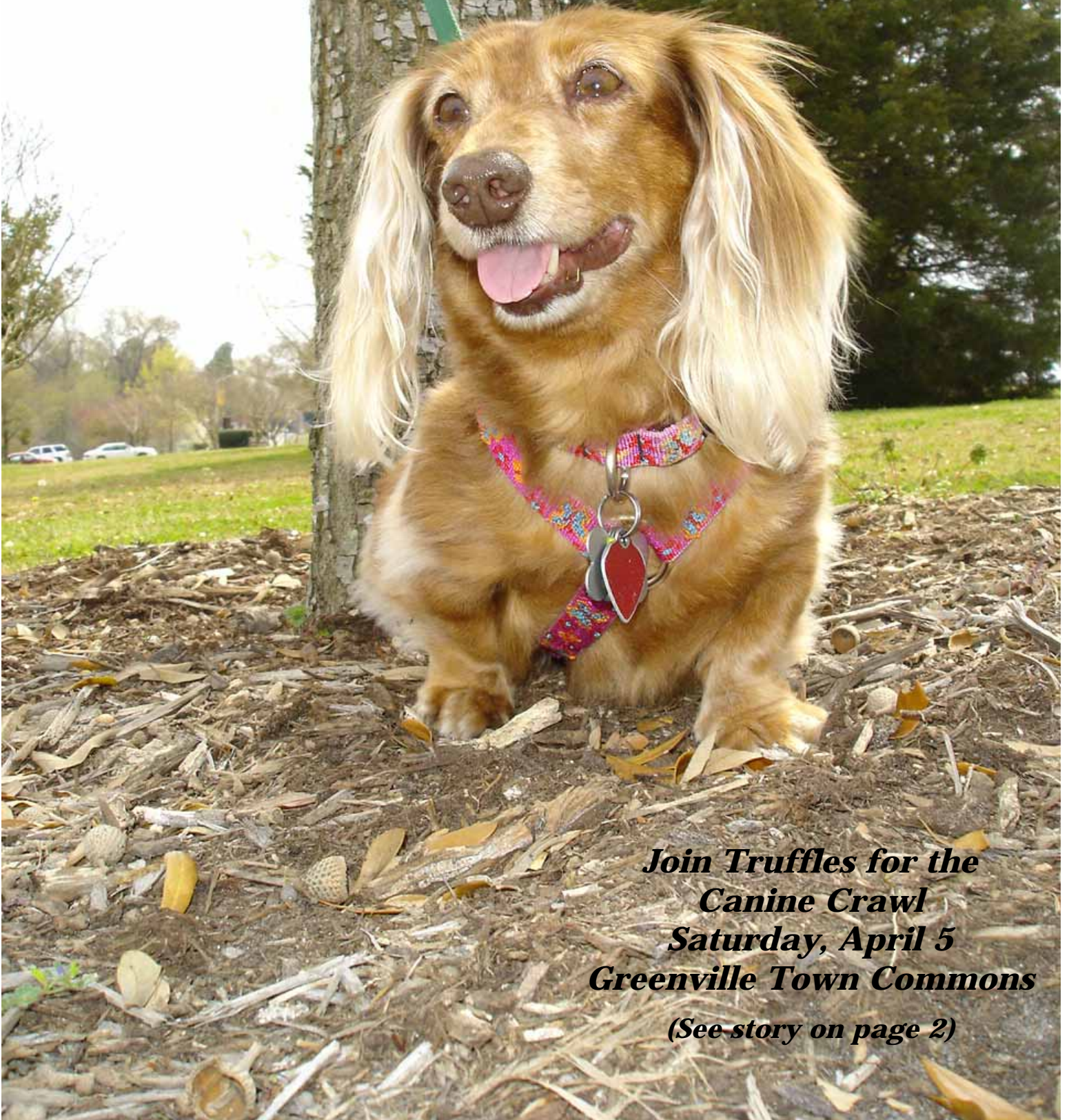


# Paw Prints

For Humane Society of Eastern Carolina Members

March 2008



***Join Truffles for the  
Canine Crawl  
Saturday, April 5  
Greenville Town Commons  
(See story on page 2)***

# "Calling All Dogs!" for the Canine Crawl

Attention all dog owners and dog lovers! We are gearing up for the Eighth Annual Canine Crawl, one of our largest fundraising events of the year. **The Eighth Annual Canine Crawl will be held on April 5, 2008 at the Town Common in Greenville, NC.** The event is a fun filled day for dogs and their owners - like a "Kid's Fest" for dogs!

The day begins with the "crawl" itself - 150+ dogs parading down 1<sup>st</sup> Street on a one mile dog walk. Each dog is asked to have their human help raise pledges for their participation in the walk. The participants (canines and humans alike) are recognized and rewarded with prizes at various levels of fundraising, with the top fundraisers (above \$275)



Best in Show, 2007 Canine Crawl

leading the walk.

The Canine Crawl began in 2000 as Strut Your Mutt and has evolved over the past eight years beyond just the walk itself. Participants can visit with the many vendors that will be on site for the day. Lots of yummy food will be available for hungry humans at our HSEC Chow Wagon and there will be treats galore for the canine participants. We held our first No Breed Dog Show at the 2007 Canine Crawl and it was such a huge hit; we're making it an annual event and expanding the categories.

The day would not be possible without support from our sponsors. **East Carolina Veterinary Service** is leading the way for this year's sponsors with a

generous donation of \$5,000.

**PetSmart, Paradise Pets, and WITN 7** are "Leaders of the Pack" with \$1,000 donations.

**Top Dog Academy and Wild Birds Unlimited** can "Run with the Big Dogs" for their donations of \$500.

For additional information on the day's events, visit our website at: [www.hsecarolina.org](http://www.hsecarolina.org)

**We look forward to seeing everyone this year at the Eighth Annual Canine Crawl!**

## Happy Tails - Adoption Story from Callie

**Betsy now Aggy, adopted 10/23/07**

Hey guys, it's Aggy! Remember me? Well, you probably remember me as Betsy but I've got a new name to go along with my new home! Boy, I am glad to have a real family now but you did a great job too!



Aggy (left) and Parker (right)

Thanks for helping me out! A dog can use a leg up every once in a while.

Oh and guess what? I go for truck rides which is really cool because I get to smell the air and sit up real high and hang out with my Dad alone. That's when he tells me that I am really his dog no matter what my mom does for me!

At night I still sleep in my brand new kennel which is not too shabby of a deal either since I always get attention for going in that thing. They

let me sleep in their bedroom too!

Oh and on the house training? Progress is slow but hey, its progress! I'll nail it down soon I'm sure. I just always forget! I did learn "sit" though. I am pretty good in that department.

Anyway, they go crazy with that camera thing so here's a great shot of me!

Thanks again!

**Courtesy of Aggy's new parents - Matt and Becky**

## Humane Happenings

As many of you may know fundraising is an important part of supporting HSEC. That is why we hold activities throughout the year. A recap of 2007 events includes: Used book sale at Colonial Mall in the spring and fall; Canine Crawl, held at Greenville Town Commons in Spring; Un-Mother's Day mailing to the public in May; dog wash events during the summer in Washington and Greenville; Open house and Cat-stravaganza in June; Auction and Wine Event held at Emerge Gallery, and Howl-o-ween at Jaycee

Park in October; Black Dog Day at Sam's Club in November; participation in the Christmas Parade; Pictures with Santa; and Holiday Gift Wrapping in the month of December.

A new project this past year was the Sponsorship Christmas Tree, highlighting some of our adoptable animals and wish list for the Humane Society facility. We hope to continue this sponsorship, putting

our animals on our website and letting the public see them and their needs.

Look for them in 2008 at: [www.hsecarolina.org](http://www.hsecarolina.org)

Most of our fundraisers will be repeated in 2008 and we will be adding some new ones. Look for **HOUD DOGS AND HOT DOGS** coming in June.

We invite anyone who has an interest in contributing ideas or working at an event to contact our chair person, Joan Pollock, at 252-756-4552.



Winners of the 2007 Howl-o-Ween Costume Contest, Silly and Snoopy

## Vet Tips - Fleas

Fleas are one of the most common external parasites seen on our pets. While they can be innocuous, most animals are somewhat sensitive to them, and many can be extremely allergic to them. Even one bite is enough to send some dogs and cats into spasms of scratching and chewing. Many pet owners think that if they don't see fleas on their pet, or if they are not getting bitten themselves, then their pet does not have fleas. This is not true. If a pet is extremely allergic, they may ingest the flea as soon as they are bitten, but still exhibit allergic reaction symptoms.

Although allergic skin disease is the most common problem that is seen with flea infestations, other problems can also be encountered. Tapeworms are carried by fleas and are passed to our pets when a flea is ingested by them. Fleas can also transmit a red blood cell parasite that can cause severe anemia and illness, and if not addressed quickly, death.

Due to the prevalence of fleas in Eastern North Carolina (along with our mild winters), it is strongly recommended to use flea prevention year round. There are numerous flea preventions available, but they

are not all equal. Many products that are sold "over the counter" at pet stores and large one stop stores are not effective, and some can be very toxic. In the past, two products have been very effective - Advantage and Frontline Plus.

Recently, several new, effectual (and safe) products have come to the market and offer novel modes of action.

Please consult with your veterinarian about the products they prefer, and differences between available products.

### Used Book Sale

May 15-18  
Colonial Mall,  
Greenville, NC

For more  
information,  
call  
252-756-4552



## Critter's Wish List

Our animals are always in need of items to keep them cozy and clean!

- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Newspaper
- Wet dog food
- Trash bags
- Slightly used pet supplies
- Shoe boxes
- Monetary donations

The staff at the facility also appreciates your help to help them keep running!

- Printer paper
- Maintenance help
- Volunteers

Please contact Callie Clements at (252) 413-7247 for updates to this list. Thank you!

## Volunteer Spotlight

HSEC would like to thank our volunteers for everything they do. We could not do it without all of your support and we would like to start recognizing the efforts of those who go above and beyond to improve our organization.

*"Jennifer has been an incredible asset to this organization. It is because of her efforts that the Adopt-a-Pet Center at PETsMART has been so successful!" - Callie Clements*

This month we would like to thank Jennifer Kennedy. Jennifer is a full time ECU student and works part time as an ECU bus driver. She is also a very dedicated HSEC volunteer.

Jennifer has been an incredible asset to this organization. Not only does she come to the facility on a regular basis to walk and socialize dogs, she also is a very devoted PETsMART adoption counselor, signing up for 5 of the 14 shifts on a regular basis. It is because of her efforts that the Adopt-a-Pet Center at PETsMART has been so successful! Jennifer, thank you for helping us help them!

# Introducing...Callie Clements

We would like to introduce you to our new facility manager, Callie Clements. Callie has been volunteering and working with the Humane Society for a number of years. She was first promoted to Senior Animal Care Technician in November 2005 and finally became the facility manager in August 2007 after she graduated from ECU.

Callie has loved animals her entire life and previously volunteered with animal organizations such as Rocking Horse Ranch, Marley Fund (in NC) and Animal Adoptions and Rescue in her home state of Virginia. She has also worked as an animal assistant with Dr. Kuhn at East Carolina Veterinary Service where



she gained much experience about animal care issues.

In addition to her animal experience, she was also a Girl Scout member and

received the Silver and Gold Award; the highest award one can receive in that organization.

Over the years, we have all been impressed with her work ethic and her love and knowledge of animals.

When we began searching for a new facility manager, Callie

immediately applied for the position, along with a number

of excellent candidates. We considered ourselves to be very fortunate to have someone with her background accept the position.

Callie is originally from Chesterfield, Virginia. She relocated to Greenville to attend ECU and graduated in June 2007 with a degree in Community Services.

Callie loves all animals, has her own dog and cat and has fostered many puppies, dogs, kittens and cats for the facility when they needed additional care because they were sick or extremely young.

Callie has been doing an excellent job as facility manager and has brought a wealth of knowledge as well as a number of new ideas. We are very pleased and proud to have someone with her work ethic and commitment to animals as a part of our team. Please join me in welcoming her to our organization in this new capacity.

**Callie, we are so glad to have you!**

## Vet Tips - Intestinal Parasites and Heartworms

Intestinal parasites include commonly seen worms and protozoal organisms. Many commonly seen worms include roundworms, hookworms (both of which are contagious to people), whipworms and tapeworms. Protozoal organisms include Giardia and coccidia. It is important to remember that deworming a pet does not remove the protozoal organisms, and many dewormers do not remove all intestinal worms. Fecal samples need to be evaluated to determine the organism present, and therefore the appropriate treatment. Since dogs and

cats can be constantly exposed to parasites, it is important to check fecal samples regularly (most veterinarians do this at a pet's annual checkup). Monthly heartworm preventions also help to keep some intestinal worms at bay by also serving as a monthly dewormer.

Heartworms live in the heart and great vessels of infected animals. Heartworms are carried by mosquitoes, and are transferred to animals each time a mosquito feeds. Historically, the concern was focused on dogs, who are the natural host of the parasite.

Recently, research has shown that even if a cat does not develop adult heartworms, exposure to the larvae can lead to asthma-like symptoms. Severe heartworm disease in dogs and even mild heartworm disease in cats can lead to death. Monthly heartworm prevention for cats and dogs is recommended in regions where heartworms are present. Dogs and cats that are not currently on heartworm prevention should be tested prior to starting prevention. Please consult with your veterinarian for recommendations of the available products.

## Become a Member!!

HSEC is in need of new members! Membership is a vital part of what helps us operate from year to year. We can't help the homeless animals of Eastern Carolina without your support.

As the human population in Eastern NC grows, so does the population of unwanted pets. To meet these

changes we rely on people like you to help us.

A membership form can be found on our website:

[www.hsecarolina.org/membership](http://www.hsecarolina.org/membership)

If you do not want to become a member, you are welcome to make a tax-deductible contribution by

clicking on the "help them help us" icon on our membership webpage or by mailing a donation to:

**HSEC**  
**PO Box 30527**  
**Greenville, NC 27833-0527**

Thank you for all of your support!

## Humane Education

Over the past 20 years, many leading dog trainers have turned to the same reward-based training that zoo trainers and marine mammal trainers have used since the early 1960's. This training technique is called "clicker training". "Clicker training" is based on scientific learning principles of operant and classical conditioning. You want to catch the dog exhibiting the appropriate behavior and reward the behavior that you want to occur. It uses a novel sound (the clicker) to communicate with the dog. Then that sound is paired with special food or treat, which serves as positive reinforcement. The clicker sound serves as a "bridging signal" which allows the dog to link the behavior to the reward. This training can be used for teaching canine basic manners to obedience and agility.



"Clicker training" at New Levels of Dog Training

"Clicker training" only uses positive reinforcement and no corrections while allowing each dog to progress at his own pace. It helps you learn a teaching tool that can be used throughout the dog's life whenever you need to teach them a new behavior. Once a behavior has been learned, your dog will respond reliably and happily to your requests and you will no longer need to use the clicker to obtain that behavior.

This type of training works particularly well if you have a canine which may be extremely shy, submissive or is not

trusting of humans. When using this gentle approach, you will find your dog to be calm, happy and attentive. It will build confidence in the dog and it can help build a strong bond between you and your canine.

Linda Monico has trained and participated in competitive obedience, confirmation and competitive agility for over 20 years. The certifications she has earned require an in-depth knowledge of behavioral science, animal behavior and behavior modification techniques. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York and is a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT). She is an honors graduate of the San Francisco (SPCA) Academy for Dog Trainers and also earned her Counseling and Training Certificate (CTC) from this program as well.

Linda recently opened a training facility in Greenville called *New Levels of Dog Training*. It is located on Hwy 33 just before reaching Vann's Hardware. She offers private and small group lessons (6 dogs ) in obedience and agility training. If you want more information about contact Linda Monico at 252-752-2120 or through her website at: [info@newlevelsdogtraining.com](mailto:info@newlevelsdogtraining.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteers are the reason we can care for so many animals!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Transportation of animals
- Artwork and graphics
- Fund raising/special events
- Grooming
- TLC (Tender Loving Care)
- Maintenance of facilities

All volunteers are required to attend an orientation session. The sessions are held the second Saturday of each month at the facility.

Upcoming orientation dates are as follows:

- April 12
- May 10
- June 14

Volunteering with Cats: 1-3 PM  
Volunteering with Dogs: 3-5 PM

E-mail us at:

[hsecvolunteer@embarqmail.com](mailto:hsecvolunteer@embarqmail.com)

and our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you!

## Vet Tips - Ticks

Ticks are an important transmitter of serious diseases including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. In addition, they can transmit a disease called Cyoxzoon felis to cats. At this time there is no proven treatment for this disease.

Adult ticks can be easy to see and feel, but often attach in ears, armpits and between toes making them harder to detect. Nymphs, or

other stages of immature ticks, are much smaller, and therefore are not noticed or removed for

longer periods of time. The longer a tick is attached to the skin, the more time it has to transmit

any infectious agents. There are many products that are available

to kill ticks or prevent them from attaching to our pets.

It is vital that products made for dogs are not applied to cats. Some products that are made for dogs can be extremely toxic to cats leading to severe tremors, seizures and even death.

Consult with your veterinarian for product recommendations.

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**HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF EASTERN CAROLINA**

The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina's mission is to serve as a safe haven for homeless and neglected pets and act as a resource to the community. By educating the public about issues pertaining to animals, we feel that we can work towards the elimination of over breeding of dogs and cats and teach owners to be responsible pet owners. At the same time, we hope to facilitate adoption of pets to good homes so that we can allow more unwanted animals to find a temporary home with us.



**MAC**

**(2½ yrs, male, Labrador mix, tan, 56 lbs.)**

Mac was found wandering the streets near HSEC by one of our staff members when he was just 4 months old. Mac is a shy boy, but he is a big sweetheart once he is comfortable with you. He gets along well with most dogs, but gets very nervous when he leaves HSEC. He needs someone who is willing to teach him how to be a pet, not just a dog!

**SIDNEY**

**(6 yrs, female, Domestic Shorthair, black, 11 lbs.)**

Sidney was left in a carrier with a note attached, in front of Firetower Animal Clinic. We took her in to give her a chance at another home. She was VERY unhappy to be in an unfamiliar place, with unfamiliar faces. She spent most of the day underneath a blanket, hiding from her reality. However now, after 2 months and much love, Sidney crawls out to be petted. All she has to do now is wait for her permanent home!



**NAUTICA**

**(2 yrs, female, Hound/ Rottweiler mix, black and tan, 45 lbs.)**

Nautica was abandoned when she was only 6 months old and practically hairless due to demadex mange and a bad skin infection. In the 5 months it took to get her healthy, she was in quarantine and now she doesn't really understand manners. However, she loves affection and is very playful. With some obedience training, Nautica would be the perfect family pet!



**GIZMO**

**(7 yrs, male, Domestic Shorthair, brown tabby w/ white, 16 lbs.)**

Gizmo was rescued from the Pitt County Animal Shelter in December 2006. Gizmo is on a special diet because he is prone to urinary tract infections. Since we started feeding him C/D cat food he has not had any issues. Gizmo is a typical cat; he likes things done on his terms and his terms only. He will let you know if he is unhappy with his little "love bites" (never painful), and he will smack you with his declawed front paw. If you are looking for a cat full of personality, Gizmo is the cat for you!



Join us on Saturday, April 5th, 2008!

**GANINE CRAWL**



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