

# Paw Prints

The Official Newsletter of the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina



## A New Family for CoCo



“We adopted “Betto” on Saturday, October 9th... My kids have renamed him “CoCo”. I tried to fight that, but eventually had to give him because my husband got on the CoCo band wagon. Anyway, CoCo is adjusting to being in our home really well. He is quite the night owl though. Loves to swipe at my son during the middle of the night. Anyway, Aubrey is beyond excited over her new kitten, and just thought I’d share a couple of pics... The one of her closeup, I think the look on Aubrey’s face just says it all... Just pure happiness. The second one, I think Aubrey has fallen asleep with CoCo wrapped in her arms several nights. CoCo works his way back to Aubrey’s room each night.

Anyway, when we were there, you guys said you loved getting pictures, and Aubrey asked me to email a couple to you.”

Stephanie Warren

# Meet Tyrone, the new HSEC facility supervisor

After more than two years of working with animals, Tyrone Spencer knows that cats and dogs can be a great addition to the workplace.

As the HSEC's new facility supervisor, Spencer is doing a lot for them. He oversees intake of animals, vaccinations, and upkeep of the building and grounds. A staff member since August 2008, Spencer was ready for the responsibility.

"The best thing about working with cats and dogs is that they always want your attention," Spencer said. "I really appreciate that, and it feels good knowing that I'm doing something good for them."

Spencer was born in Texas and moved at age 9 to LaGrange, N.C., where he lived until moving to Greenville to attend East Carolina University. He expects to graduate in December with a degree in sports studies, with a minor in broadcasting. An avid sports fan, he covers sports for The East Carolinian, the university's student-run newspaper.

Spencer did not have pets growing up. "That's actually what my parents find so odd about me loving the job," he said. "[My mother] was always terrified of dogs, and she would never let me have one."

His time at the HSEC, however, has made him a confirmed animal lover. He has adopted two dogs from the facility: Ares, a 10-month-old pit bull-hound mix, and Trixie, a one-year-old poodle mix.



# Humane Society: Opportunities to Help



## Become a Member!

The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina invites you to take part and become a member of our wonderful organization. You can take a vital role in our organization by helping us assist these homeless, but wonderful pets. Your donation will allow us to continue to provide veterinary care, as well as help us with operational expenses. Your donation is tax deductible. We thank you for your time and hope for your support!

To learn more about helping the Humane Society, please contact Katie Benson, Director of Outreach, at [hsecvolunteer@embarqmail.com](mailto:hsecvolunteer@embarqmail.com) or call 413-7247.



## Volunteers Needed!

Looking to make a difference? Then volunteer for the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina!

Volunteers are always needed to exercise/socialize the cats and dogs, to provide extra dog training, to assist with adoptions, and to plan and implement fundraising events!

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# Adopt a Black Cat

Black cats, like black dogs, are less likely to be adopted than cats with other coat colors. People may still have some underlying fear of the superstitions associated with black cats being bad luck. Black cats may be overlooked because they are not as “flashy” as their feline friends or because people can’t read their expressions as well in the kennels that most humane societies and shelters use. Whatever the reason, black cats spend more time in humane societies and shelters waiting for their forever homes.

If you are seeking a feline companion, don’t let color or flash be the driving factor. Black cats are just as sweet and loving as cats of other colors and make wonderful family companions. Choose the cat whose personality and demeanor is a good match for you and your family. You just might find that love is colorblind and, contrary to those old wives tales, black is your lucky color.



# Halloween Safety Tips for Your Pets

**While Halloween is a time of fun for kids and adults alike, it can be a dangerous and scary time for our furry four legged companions. Take some simple precautions to ensure that everyone in your family has a safe and happy Halloween this year.**

*Courtesy Firetower Animal Clinic*

- Continual doorbell ringing and people at the door can be stressful for a pet. Keep your pet in a quiet and safe place on Halloween.
- Strangers in costume may frighten animals causing them to become unexpectedly aggressive or fearful, even normally friendly pets.
- Candles and Jack-O-Lanterns within a pet's range are a fire hazard. Wagging tails and frightened cats zooming through the house can easily tip over a candle or carved pumpkin, causing burns or a fire.
- Keep your pets indoors on Halloween night. Some animals are at risk for cruel treatment by Halloween pranksters. The animals at highest risk are black cats and small dogs.
- Candy – Pets have a sweet tooth, too. Keep candy out of pet's reach and warn children to not share their goodies with the pets. The biggest concern is chocolate toxicity and candy containing xylitol.
- Halloween costumes for pets are adorable but also have hazards. Always check that the costumes are not too tight and never leave a pet alone and unsupervised. Pets may chew up and ingest the costume causing obstruction.



# ECU Football Concessions:Volunteers Needed



Come be a part of the game day excitement and score a touchdown for the homeless animals at the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina! HSEC will be running an offense on hunger at our concession stand at Gate 6. Volunteers are needed for each home game to take and fill orders, pop popcorn, prepare nachos and fill drinks. Volunteers need to arrive 2 1/2 hours prior to game time, with a small second shift arriving 1 hour after game time to assist with half time orders. Snacks and breaks will be provided, but volunteers will be required to stay until the game ends. All volunteers must be at least 16 years old. To sign up to volunteer, contact Katie Benson, Director of Outreach, at (252) 413-7247 or hsecvolunteer@embarqmail.com. Go Pirates! The schedule is below:



## ECU Football Schedule

11/6/2010	Navy	Saturday	3:30 p.m.
11/26/2010	SMU	Friday	2 p.m.



The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina's 4th Annual Auction for the Animals was a tremendous success, raising over \$4,000!!! Close to 75 Humane Society supporters attended the event at Brook Valley Country Club as items such as a flat screen tv and original artwork were auctioned off to the highest bidder. We thank everyone for their support!

## Bow Wow Bingo

Thursday, November 11th

Time: 6:00 p.m. Doors Open  
6:30 p.m. Games Begin

Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation  
4561 County Home Road  
Greenville, NC 27858



For more information about these upcoming events, please contact the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina at 252-413-7247 or visit <http://hsecarolina.org/CalendarOfEvents.htm>.