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The HUMANE SOCIETY of GRANVILLE COUNTY

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Thank you for subscribing to the Humane Society of Granville County Newsletter! HSGC is a non-profit, all volunteer charity (501c3 federal tax status) whose mission is to improve the welfare of animals in Granville County, NC. We accomplish this through various programs combining education and community services.

A word from our President.....

It's been a while since I last updated everyone so I plan to give a State of the Charity Summary of HSGC programs detailing our progress and where we need the support of the public to get more done! The one thing that makes me proud to represent this dedicated group of individuals is the way they get things done; this group sweats! I also want to thank our main supporters for all they do to keep the funds coming to support this work; we couldn't do it without you! And also a huge thanks to the volunteers who give of their time and talents for the animals.

THE STATE OF THE CHARITY

HSGC ONGOING PROGRAMS IN 2017:



Kitty Adoption Program: Cats and Kittens Pulled for Adoption from the Granville County Animal Shelter: We have had over 160 kitties that have been adopted since the program started in 2014. A few months ago we teamed up with PetSmart and now have kitties in both Durham locations at Patterson Place and North Point Drive. We have also received food and supply donations from PetSmart that have helped for the care of our foster kitties and the Pet Food Pantry. We also showcase kitties that are ready to adopt on Adopt-a-Pet (Search zip code for Butner 27509). *This program has reduced the cat euthanasia rate at the shelter significantly but vet costs are often more than our adoption fees cover and the program depends on donations.*

Pet Food Pantry: The Pet Food Pantry is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from noon to 1PM at Bullocks United Methodist Church. HSGC distributes 800-1000 pounds of kibble each month (canned food and treats too!) Thanks to the continued support of a special family, the public and local businesses. *Total Food Distributed since the start in 2013 is over 43,000 pounds of kibble!* We have special days in December when HSGC has treats and a gently used toy for everyone who attends! *We are always in need of kibble donations as well as other gently used pet items.*



Spay/Neuter/Vaccine Program is for Low Income Granville Residents: HSGC issued 21 free S/N vouchers in 2015 and paid all the extra costs associated with spay/neuter procedures even though we did not get the grant that funded this program in the past (NC Community grants we applied for funded the S/N of 48 pets in 2013 & 14). HSGC also coordinated with Granville Animal Control to host a free rabies clinic

for 33 pets of Pantry recipients. In 2016, 28 S/N vouchers were distributed thanks to the generosity of private donors! We also administered rabies vaccines for \$3 for Pantry recipients at the annual clinic. In 2017, we have already purchased 16 vouchers in the first quarter! We apply for grants and fundraise to fund this much needed program; intakes are down at the Granville Shelter in the 3 years since we started targeted S/N.

Community Cat Initiative: HSGC caregivers' trap cats and they are S/N through our vet. We have also worked with Independent Animal Rescue (IAR) and they helped out with a colony of over 30. IAR has been amazing in their aid to Granville ferals and we work with them to maintain this cooperation; we helped construct a feral cat kennel unit for one of their caretakers, we have loaned traps and helped with the vetting as needed. HSGC is funding S/N at Butner Vet and are actively loaning our traps (7) to the community. We have also worked with Operation Catnip and Safe Haven to transport cats to their groups from Granville Shelter (21 in 2015-16 with most cared for as overnight fosters). We also oversee communication of colony locations and impounded cats in the Granville Shelter and we aid in their release back to their colony (if possible) or rehoming. There were 16 clipped ear cats impounded in 2015-16 and we pulled all but one (he went to a rescue as a friendly). **A special thanks to Dr Jeanne Simmons (Butner Veterinary Clinic) for over 20 years of vet services to HSGC.**



Low-Cost Microchip Clinics: We held our largest clinic to date in Feb 2015 with 79 rabies vaccines and 26 microchips at Southern States in Creedmoor. We also had several other clinics with the shelter and Dr. Lori Scappino at Southern States through 2017 and placed 75 microchips. Thanks to Dr. Lori Scappino (Mule Town Veterinary) and Dr. Trudi Bowden (Oxford Veterinary Clinic) for their continued support and aid.

Granville County Shelter Aid Program: We continue an ongoing supply of slip leads and cardboard cat carriers to the Granville County Animal Shelter. We also manage their Kuranda Beds (2 new ones in 2015, 5 new ones in 2016 with a total of 22 in use). We maintain the beds in each kennel run, so that no dog has to sleep on the concrete floor. And, as always, we volunteer for their events; we provided food, decorations and volunteers for their annual Christmas event.

HSGC SERVICE OUTREACH / EDUCATION:

Therapy Pets Serving their Community: 5 of our dogs are currently certified with members of the HSGC. We have 1 serving at Learning Services in Creedmoor and 4 others volunteering at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. HSGC makes holiday cards with the help of volunteers and the dogs give these out during their visits. This allows the kids to connect with the dogs. The HSGC volunteers offer educational visits to schools, youth groups with our therapy pets and we discuss safety around dogs, area humane efforts and basic training/therapy certification. There is also a therapy cat (Teddy) in training! *This program is entirely funded by the individual handlers but we do love the support and encouragement of the public.*



Granville County Animal Control Advisory Committee: Anne Crews is currently seated on the committee. They have quarterly meetings [March, June, Sept, and Dec] at 7PM, in the Granville County Expo Center, Hwy 15. Workshops/sub-committee meetings are held as needed in the alternate months. HSGC has served Granville County on this committee since 1999. The committee

oversees the policies for the Granville County Animal Shelter and hears appeals of dangerous dog declarations/offenses.

UPCOMING HSGC ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENTS:

5th Annual Dog Walk (benefit for Relay for Life, Granville County) Bark for Life: this annual April dog walk has been held since 2013 and raises funds for the American Cancer Society. The dogs walk the mile+ course at Granville Athletic Park; we paint tee-shirts, have raffle drawings, grill out and remember and honor those in our lives suffering from cancer. In April 2016, we raised over \$1,800 during Bark for Life. **APRIL 29th is our BARK For LIFE dog walk benefitting the American Cancer Society. We will register at 2PM and start the walk at 3PM. Early registration is \$20 and \$25 on the 29th.**

16th Annual Blessing of the Animals with Bullocks United Methodist Church: 1st Saturday in October with a rabies microchip clinic following event. We have joined with Bullocks since 2001 to host this special day which celebrates the human animal bond and reminds us of our Christian duty to care for all of God's creatures.

HSGC NEWS BRIEFS

Dog House Donation Becoming an Eagle Scout is a big thing in Scouting and Jacob Isley certainly deserves the honor! He planned and constructed 10 large dog houses using reclaimed wood from pallets. They are incredibly sturdy and "green" too!

Community Cat Discussion with Creedmoor Commissioners February 21, 2017.

Booster Fundraiser: Spay, Neuter, Adopt, Love t-shirt sale was a success. We sold 30 items and raised \$447.96 for the HSGC. Thanks for everyone that supported us.

A BIG round of applause for our PetSmart kitty care volunteers! Angela is the HSGC Kitty Coordinator with the help of Susan Harward, Patricia Faircloth, Kristen Tell, Jennifer Depew, Paul Jensen, Karen Thompson, Jennifer Howard, Kendra Cooley, Lynn Royal, Julie Kinnaird, and Taylor Dixon.

HSGC website created (thanks Sarah!) Please check us out at www.hsgcnc.com and send suggestions for things you'd like to see. Deborah, our webmaster, is keeping it updated and we thank her for all her efforts!

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