

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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Fall 2018

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS) is an all-volunteer organization. When the organization was founded in 2009, we had about 20 active volunteers. Today, despite our best efforts, we cannot count the number of volunteers working to help the animals of Colleton County! The passion of our volunteers is uplifting.

Whether you foster shelter pets, transport animals to meet rescue, help clean kennels, walk dogs, socialize cats, help with events, sponsor, share a post on Facebook, or tell a friend about spay/neuter, you are making a difference to the animals of Colleton County.

**Volunteers are not paid,
Not because they are worthless,
But because they are priceless!**

We Love Our Volunteers

On June 26, FoCCAS held its annual Volunteer and Supporter Dinner at the Colleton Farmers Market. Farm Little Food Service catered a delicious dinner of perloo, macaroni and cheese, and more. The Going to the Dogs Band provided drinks and dessert. After a brief PowerPoint presentation about FoCCAS activities, several awards were given to a few of our fabulous volunteers.

Barbara Burgess received the "I can do that" Award for her willingness to take on any task. When something is mentioned, if she's available, Barbie says "I can do that."

Donna and Charlie Lamb received the "In&Out" and "Out&In" Award for their dedication to fostering. On many occasions, when they meet the transport van to send their fosters to rescue, their car is loaded with more fosters for the next rescue.

Elena Strauman, who joined the FoCCAS board following the meeting, received the "All Around" Award. Elena has been volunteering at the shelter to help with heartworm testing, giving vaccines, and entering data. She also fosters and transports animals to New York.

Jodie Mullen received the "Herding Cats" Award for her tireless work with TNR. She traps community cats, takes them to be spayed/neutered, and returns them to their homes.

Kaye Thomas-Gatch, who is the FoCCAS transport coordinator, received the "Critter Courier" Award. She spends much of her time transporting shelter animals to meet rescue.

Terry O'Quinn, and Dukes BBQ, received "Every Day of the Year Award" for his sponsorship of the FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni calendar and support of FoCCAS through donations in conjunction with the Walterboro Cruisers Car Show.



Distribution of FoCCAS Funds FY 2017-2018

Community Spay/Neuter Initiative	\$32,004.00
Education (CACE)	\$ 1,658.26
Rescue/Adoption	\$12,735.95
Supplement the shelter	\$29,787.95
Grant received to supplement vaccines at the shelter	\$10,000.00



In recognition of the efforts of Laura Clark, shelter manager, and the staff of CCAEC, to increase the percentage of cats and kittens saved by the shelter, Laura accepted a picture of cats in a canoe. As explained by FoCCAS VP, Sarah Miller, Laura has made great strides in finding outlets for Colleton cats including rescue to New Hampshire and New York. Several cats have gone to Pounce Café in Charleston and others found homes in Hilton Head. "If Laura could put cats in a canoe to get them to forever homes, she would" Miller commented.



*Alone we can do so little,
Together we can do so much.
- Helen Keller*



Up, Up, and Away!

In every newsletter, we post pictures of dogs and cats heading out to rescue, in most cases, they are loaded up on a transport van. These 8 lucky pups got a ride on an airplane to New Jersey in June and they all have found loving forever homes.

Pilots N Paws, a group of volunteers, donate their time and their planes to transport dogs and cats to rescue.

Happy Tails!

Contributed by Lynn Cresse

Audra Hudson loves animals and volunteers to help in many ways at the shelter. While on a picture taking mission, she saw a most forlorn puppy curled up in a corner and not responding to anything. This was one pathetic little baby who was missing lots of fur and obviously depressed.

Audra couldn't stop worrying about her and ran back to the shelter the next day. Scooping her up, she saw hordes of fleas among the sparse hairs. She gave the little dog 4 baths, flea treatments, and took her in as a foster dog.

After many medical treatments and lots of love going both ways, a strong bond was growing. Zoey, her new name, was adopted and joined two other rescued dogs and is now a very beautiful young lady dog. Audra's husband says Zoey is a lively "tomboy" and brings lots of laughs and love into their home. Audra happily calls herself a 3 time "foster failure" and wouldn't have it any other way. Truly a very happy tale.



Picture 1: Zoey when she first came into foster day

Picture 2: Zoey loving life as a member of the Hudson family.



Best Lives!

When dogs leave Colleton County, especially when they have been in foster care, people wonder what their life will be like.

Here is Colleton pup Thumper who got to meet the Budweiser Clydesdales and made a new doggie friend.

By the time he was 4 months old, he'd also flown in an airplane and been to a minor league baseball game.

Thumper and other Colleton animals are living great lives!

From the Shelter . . .

Dear Friends,

Has it been a year already? As I completed my first year as Shelter Manager, it was amazing to think of all of the progress that has been made in the past 12 months. What struck me most as I pondered this was all of the people who have come alongside of me to make this progress possible. People of many different walks of life have given their time, talents and money to make life for shelter animals better. A sense of extreme gratitude comes over me when I stop and think of how many people care.

This year we are embarking on some new adventures. Physical changes at the campus, new programs designed to improve the quality of care and life for the animals and to improve our adoption rate. It's hard to know where to begin to share all of this with you. Let's start with the physical. Over the next few months you will notice the big trailer known as Cat ISO disappear and a couple of new buildings appear in its place. Based on feedback from a pair of assessors from No Kill SC, it was decided that this structure is not suitable as housing for animals. Their evaluation also helped us to identify a proper location for an intake area (currently the medical building) and a way to define our public side and restricted access side. As part of the assessment process we identified several weaknesses in policies and protocols, so those too are being written or revised.

We will be soon kicking off our Doggie Date program, which will allow people to come and take a dog out for a day, and our Adoption Ambassador program, which will place some of our harder to place pets in foster who will commit to finding a home for their foster pet. We also are starting play groups with the dogs. All healthy dogs will have time each day to socialize with other dogs and get out to play! We expect to have our new Adoption/Rescue Coordinator position filled soon which will allow us to extend our Saturday hours. All of these improvements will get animals out of the kennels and hopefully into homes much quicker.

So, if you haven't volunteered at the shelter yet or haven't been out in a while, please accept this as your invitation to come out and get involved. Over the next few months, we will be posting for volunteers for specific help, items needed for our overhaul, and ongoing needs to provide enrichment for our pets. I am sure there's a way anyone can help if they have the desire. We will certainly appreciate it but more importantly, the pets in our care will realize a better quality of life and that is what FoCCAS is all about!

For the animals,

Laura Clark
Shelter Manager
lclark@colletoncounty.org
FB: Laura Moore Clark

Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza

Going to the Dogs Band

4th Annual Chili and Dessert Cook-Off

Saturday, October 13, 2018

12:00 pm – 3:30

Stegall Auction House

(158 Farmer Rd, Cottageville)

\$8.00 per person or \$25 per family!



Cook-Off competitions include: chili, desserts, and specialties (this is anything except chili or dessert). There is no entry fee. You can enter more than one category and more than once in each category, if you choose. Winners for the cook-off are determined by the public, so bring your best creations and a lot of friends! Trophies are awarded to the top five finishers in each category.

Costumes are encouraged, and prizes awarded for kids and adults. Five prizes will be awarded at the car and bike show for the vehicle that brings in the most money.

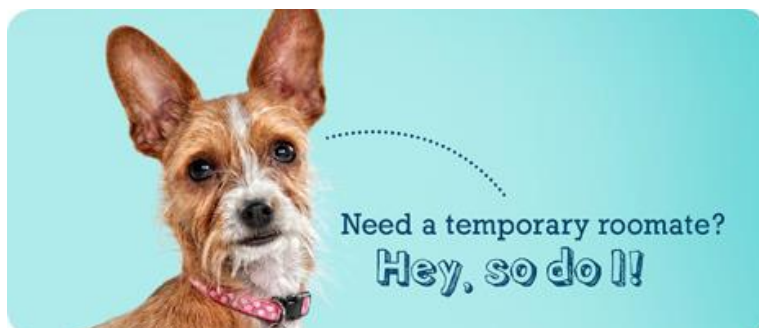
Raffle tickets for the new big screen TV and a new shotgun are \$20 and only 50 tickets will be sold for each item. Drawings will be the day of the event, but you do not need to be present to win. Tickets soon available on the Going to the Dogs Band website (below), from Scott Brennan, and at Stegall Auction House.

A live auction will be held during the event. If you have any new or like-new items to donate, contact Scott.

If you would like to donate, act as a volunteer, or get a raffle ticket please email GoingToTheDogsBand@gmail.com or call Scott Brennan at 843 300-0347. Updates can be found in the website or FoCCAS' event on our Facebook page.

Dogs and cats can't drive themselves!

The shelter and FoCCAS are looking for additional volunteers to help transport dogs and cats as they go to rescue. We have a standing bi-weekly trip to Lugoff on Friday nights and early morning trips to Ridgeland. If you think you can help, or would just like to be on the list, email foccas.sc@gmail.com.



Consider becoming a foster!

Fostering dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens is a great way to help shelter animals. Many of these pets need to be out of the shelter and this makes room for more animals to come into the shelter.

Most foster assignments are 2-3 weeks and FoCCAS provides food, crates, medicine, etc. All you need to have is a safe place and lots of love.

If you are interested in fostering, our application is at <https://www.colletoncounty.org/volunteer> and can be emailed to lclark@colletoncounty.org.

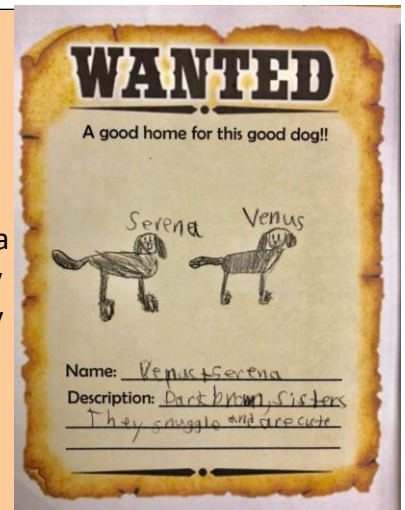
Wheels 4 Paws Raises \$1800

Shout out to Scott Brennan and Pat Catterton for organizing Wheels 4 Paws, a bike ride and car show on Saturday, July 15, for the benefit of the animals of Colleton County. Going to the Dogs band provided live music. Hot dogs and chips were served, Deb's Delights offered delicious desserts, and Becky's Balloons entertained both children and adults. Catterton led the motorcycles to The Churn in Branchville and back to enjoy the band and the car show. Everyone present voted for their favorite car or bike in the show and trophies were awarded.



Cottageville Library Reads to a Dog!

Everyone loves to hear a good story and on June 30 Colleton County Shelter dogs got just that chance. As a pilot program, the Cottageville Library collaborated with the Colleton County Animal Shelter for children to read to dogs. They also produced "Wanted Posters" for their favorite shelter dog. We can't wait to do this again!



Spay Daze Still Going Strong!

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter continues our partnership with SNAC (the spay/neuter clinic of the Hilton Head Humane Association) to offer low cost spay/neuter surgeries for the animals of Colleton County. Spaying and neutering your pets not only prevents unwanted litters of puppies and kittens, but also can keep your pets from developing certain diseases and cancers. SNAC makes all appointments and can be reached at (843) 645-2500. When you leave a message, be sure to speak slowly and clearly and leave your name and a phone number. It is also a good idea to repeat your information.

Female Dogs	\$30	Male Dogs	\$20
Female Cats	\$25	Male Cats	\$15
Female Feral Cat	\$10	Male Feral Cat	\$10

5th Annual Walk & Wag
Saturday, September 22
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us at the Discovery Center Parking Lot
(at the corner of Jefferies and Washington)

Family friendly, dog friendly

Live music by Going to the Dogs Band
Raffles
Sponsor Tables

Free lunch for everyone with a 2018 t-shirt

Walks through the Walterboro Wildlife
Sanctuary

Pre-order your 2019 FoCCAS Calendar

Sponsorships available; see back page or sponsor online at www.foccas-sc.org



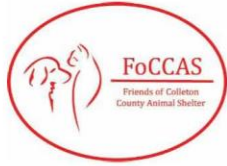
Oyster Table Raffle
\$10

Eight-foot, hand-crafted
oyster table made of treated
pine and finished with 3 coats
of polyurethane

Donated by Jake Sauls with
Low Tide Lumber Works LLC of
Yemassee SC.

Raffle tickets available from
any FoCCAS board member
and from Audra at Palmetto
Hair Gallery

Consider sponsoring Walk & Wag
Online sponsorship available at www.foccas-sc.org



2018 FoCCAS Walk & Wag Sponsorship Form



Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Discovery Center Parking Lot and Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary

Name (as it will appear on t-shirt):

Contact person and phone number:

Location to deliver t-shirts:

Sponsorship levels:

- ____ \$50 Name and one t-shirt
- ____ \$100 Name, two t-shirts, opportunity to set up informational table
- ____ \$250 Name or logo, five t-shirts, opportunity to set up table
- ____ \$500 Larger (2x) sized name (or Logo), ten t-shirts, opportunity to set up table
- ____ \$1000 Largest (3x) sized name (or Logo), twenty t-shirts, opportunity to set up table

Will you be setting up a table? ____ yes ____ no ____ undecided

** sponsors must provide tables, chairs, and tent as desired

Number of t-shirts and sizes (Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$12 each)

Adult ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL

Youth ____ M ____ L

Thank you for being a part of our 5th annual Walk and Wag!

Please send sponsorship form to:

FoCCAS, Walk & Wag, 33 Poor Farm Road, Walterboro, SC 29488
or contact Sarah at 843-635-5206 to have form picked up.

Sponsorship forms must be returned by August 31, 2018 for full benefits.
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