

# Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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## *Happy Birthday to Us!*

It's hard to believe that 10 years ago, Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter was just an idea brought to fruition by William Lyons, Pam Hay, Nicole Herrera, and other community members interested in helping the animals of Colleton County.

These Colleton pioneers formed a group to help support the animals at the shelter. At the time, the county had cut the shelter's budget yet again and the live release rate was only 11%. Today, for 2019, the live release rate is 85.7%.

What a difference a decade makes! From the very beginning things started to get better in Colleton County. FoCCAS began raising awareness with change boxes in supporting businesses and for a while, that was the main source of income. Once the organization was settled, more ideas and more money started coming in to help the animals.

In 2012, the first Paws at the Plantation raised over \$10,000 for the animals and this fundraiser has been going strong ever since. Walk & Wag, our fall event celebrating our dogs and community, began in 2014. Each year, our Walk & Wag t-shirts are worn, not only at the event, but also around town.

In 2013, FoCCAS started the first of our community spay/neuter initiatives offering \$25 off vouchers for surgeries at local vet offices. In 2014, FoCCAS partnered with SNAC (the Hilton Head Humane Association's low cost spay/neuter clinic) to provide a low cost surgery and transportation for the animals from the Walterboro area.

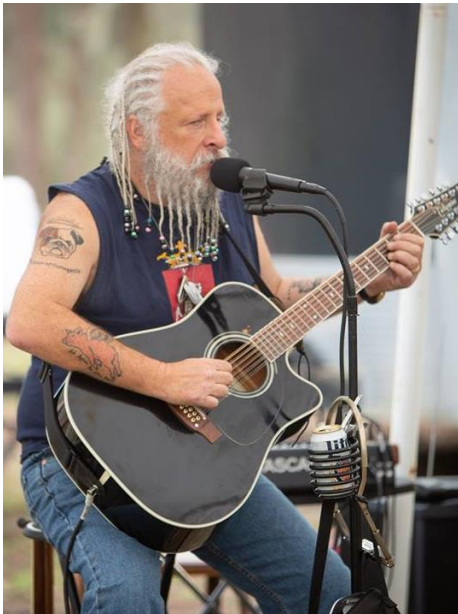
In 2015, Janice Young, Carol Armentrout, and Dr. Rebecca Hughes started presenting the Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE) program teaching responsible pet ownership to 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Colleton County. Each spring, 4K and 5K students learn safety around known and unknown dogs. (see CACE article)

Just ten years after a small, but mighty, group of volunteers founded FoCCAS, we have grown to over 100 active volunteers and many more community supporters. In 2018, FoCCAS supported the shelter by supplementing the county budget for spay/neuter of shelter animals, vaccines, and other supplies by \$35,956; and our contribution for community spay/neuter initiatives was \$34,528 to alter 923 owned pets or community cats.

### **We've come a long way baby!**

This summer, Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter has a goal to raise \$10,000 to construct a FoCCAS Adoption Area at the shelter to create a comfortable family-friendly area for potential adopters to meet the adoptable animals.

Join us in supporting our next step in making Colleton County a pet-friendly community.



## Paws at the Plantation

The beautiful Pineland Plantation hosted Paws at the Plantation again this year on March 2 raising just over \$11,000 for the animals of Colleton County. Despite the threat of rain leading up to the event, the night was warm and delightful.

The Going to the Dogs Band provided their amazing variety of songs and sing-a-longs. Jimmy Fitts catered fried chicken and BBQ.

In addition to some great raffle items, including tickets to the Hootie and the Blowfish Group Therapy concert in Columbia, our silent auction had people swarming over a few of the hot items. However, the real excitement came when auctioneer David Stegall auctioned off a special set of items.

Thanks to everyone who supported this great event.

Over the last 7 years, Paws at the Plantation has raised more than \$75,000 for the animals of Colleton County. Thank you to our previous hosts: Paul & Dalton, Maybank, Ravenwood, Orange Grove, and Pineland Plantations.





## Rice Festival/FoCCAS Dog Show Winners

### Purebred Class

1. Frankie, English Bulldog, shown by Faith Clementson
2. Hank, Bluetick Coonhound, shown by Jax Wilson
3. Bleu Bayou, Catahoula, shown by Deana Nash
4. Coolidge, Belgian Tervuen, shown by Scott Brennen

### Mixed Breed Class

1. Suds, shown by Courtney Polk
2. Izzy, shown by Charlie Armentrout
3. Bailey, shown by Kourtney McDonald
4. Kong, shown by Pat Morris

### Puppy Class (dogs under 1 year old)

1. Coolidge, shown by Scott Brennen
2. Amy, shown by Dakota Walton
3. Frankie, shown by Faith Clementson
4. Willow, shown by Kaylynn Huskey

### Senior Class (dogs over 7 years old)

1. Kotin, shown by Taylor Carroll

### Child Handler Class (handler 12 or under)

1. Nathan Gupitill and Amy
2. Connor Clementson and Frankie
3. Kaylynn Huskey and Willow
4. Courtney Polk and Angus

### Best Trick Class

1. Bastille and Scott Brennen
2. Willow and Kaylynn Huskey
3. Izzy and Charlie Armentrout
4. Bailey and Kourtney McDonald

### Costume Class

1. Willow and Kaylynn Huskey (both dressed)
2. Yolo, shown by Terri Ellis
3. Suds, shown by Tammy Polk
4. Bailey, shown by Pam Murray
5. Kotin, shown by Taylor Carroll

Thank you to all our volunteers, contestants, and spectators who came out to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rice Festival/FoCCAS Dog Show.

Special thanks to our judge Heike Kibler and our emcee Nick Harvey.

We had 23 dogs participating in 7 different categories. We hope to see you all next year!





## What's a Cat-A-Thon?

When volunteers Chris Hanson and Jodie Mullen wanted to do something to help the cats and kittens at the shelter, they created the Cat-A-Thon! It is much like an Adopt-A-Thon, but only has cats.

These two ladies, with the help of other volunteers and the support of Tractor Supply Company, are able to bring cats and kittens to the public. The adoption rate at these events has been phenomenal.



ARA provided the shelter with 14 new Kuranda dog beds for the medical building and outside kennels. All the dogs at the shelter now have new beds to sleep on.

Thank you to our wonderful friends with **Pilots N Paws** for the coloring books and stickers they sent to be used for our community education!



## Happy Tale Submitted by Lynn Cresse

Lexi is lucky.

She was found in a ditch and may have been hit by a car. Lexi Ann (as she was called) was cared for by a foster family while she recuperated. Although the vet could find no physical injuries, Lexi would spin around in circles. It was determined that she might have neurological problems.

Lexi's little issue did not deter Karen and Dennis Hinen from meeting this sweet girl. They had adopted their little dog Sadie from the shelter in 2015 and thought she might need a friend. So in February of 2018, Lexi became a Hinen.

Lexi's favorite thing to do is to run around the perimeter of her yard 2 or 3 times. She can run in a straight line and can come up the stairs without having to run in a circle. She still spins when she is excited or stressed but not very often. Lexi romps and plays with her four-legged sister, Sadie (who despite her small size is the boss!).

Lexi is loved by her "fur-ever" mom and dad and sleeps right in between them at night with her head on a pillow. Now that is a marvelous Happy Tail if there ever was one!





## Dogs on the Catwalk!

The Colleton County Arts Council's Martinis and Me fundraiser had five special guests on their walkway May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Shelter volunteers Barbara, Audra, and Kensley, along with CCAS staff Laura and Shelley showed off Bonsai, Sydney, Thunder, Tosca, and Shenzie to a crowd of over 100 women.

We love when the community works together to spread the word about our great shelter pets!

## The Elks give a "Big" Check!

On Monday, March 13, the animals of Colleton County got a big surprise. Tim Anderson, Elks National Foundation Chairman for Walterboro and grant coordinator, and Melissa Parrish, FoCCAS volunteer and foster mom, visited the shelter to donate \$1000 for the animals of Colleton County. Rachel, Tess, and Soot were excited to pose with the giant check along with Tim, Melissa, Laura Clark, and Sarah Miller. We send a huge thank you to Tim, Melissa, and the Elks for supporting the animals with this special Elks' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant.



## Dogs and cats can't drive themselves!

Colleton County Animal Services is 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](mailto: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](mailto:lclark@colletoncounty.org).



Can I crash  
at your place  
for a while?





### National Geographic Wild highlights Serenity from CCAS

Unfortunate circumstances made Serenity a television star in April. She came to the shelter suffering from gunshot wounds. The shelter, with financial backing from FoCCAS, decided to send her to Dr. Henri Bianucci, an orthopedic surgeon at Veterinary Specialty Care in Charleston. The initial thought was to amputate the injured leg, but Dr. Bianucci was able to save the leg. This was all captured on film for National Geographic Wild's Animal ER Live.

After surgery, Dr. Lori Campbell fostered and cared for Serenity. When they returned for a follow up visit, CCAS director Laura Clark and Campbell participated live on television. The picture above shows that Serenity also listened intently to the instructions.

Serenity drew attention to the sad fact that it is not unusual for dogs to come into rural county shelters with gunshot wounds. She also showed that she, like so many other shelter dogs, is amazing. She (and others like her) deserves to have a wonderful life in a loving home.

### Spay Daze Has A New Phone Number: 843 645-8500

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.

The clinic has moved to Okatie, SC.

SNAC makes all appointments and can be reached at (843) 645-8500.

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

## News from the Shelter

Submitted by Laura Clark, director

### Shelter News

We have a new name! Effective May 1st, we changed our name to **Colleton County Animal Services**. The change was made to better reflect how our agency interacts with and for the community. The agency still oversees the functions of animal control (law enforcement), animal sheltering, litter enforcement and mosquito abatement but we are working hard to become a resource for our community of pet owners and lovers. As part of the restructuring, Laura Clark has assumed the position of Director, overseeing the administrative, animal control and animal sheltering activities and Reginald McNeil has assumed the position of Operations Manager, overseeing the daily operations of the facility, mosquito abatement and litter enforcement and occasional animal control activities as needed. We are continuing to upgrade and improve our facilities and have added 2 new shed buildings to improve the quarantine procedures and animal flow. Nadia Siekert, kennel assistant, has been promoted to a Shelter Medical Technician and we've hired a new kennel assistant, Karen Klein. We are accepting applications to fill the vacant Kennel Assistant position left by Nadia.

### Shelter Mobile

The animal shelter was excited to recently receive a Chevrolet Tahoe, a former Sheriff's Office vehicle, in order to transport shelter pets to rescues and to vet appointments. The vehicle was customized to suit the shelter's needs and decorated with paws and other items to help spread the message to spay, neuter, adopt!

### May half price adoptions

Thanks to the generosity of Cam Wills with Coastal Pain Care, we are offering ½ price adoptions on all dogs and cats adopted during the month of May! So far, 6 dogs and 13 cats have been adopted.



### Volunteers Needed:

The shelter Heartworm Prevention Team is looking for volunteers to help administer heartworm and flea preventative to the dogs at the shelter. They generally meet twice a month on a Monday or Friday. If you would like more information email [audrahudson1122@yahoo.com](mailto:audrahudson1122@yahoo.com)

### Shelter Statistics

January 1 – April 30

Live release rate = 85.7%

#### Intake

Strays/Running at Large	309
Relinquished by Owner	106

#### Outcome

Adoption	103
Returned to Owner	30
Rescues/Transfer	254
Died in Care	4
Euthanized	56

The shelter is open to the public:  
M, T, Th, F from 11-4  
Sat 11-3 (adoptions only)



## Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE)

Carol Armentrout, Dr. Rebecca Hughes, and Janice Young had another successful year presenting the CACE program to 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Colleton County. They visited 5 schools and 15 different classes to teach the Pet Responsibility Program.

Each school participated in the Speuter Essay contest about the importance of spaying or neutering your pets. The winners were:

Bells Elementary: Lillianna Nova

Colleton Preparatory Academy: Cecelia Williams

Cottageville Elementary: Christian Edwards

Forest Hills Elementary: Trip Norris

Henderson Elementary: Austin Lemonie

The CACE Team will also visit Black Street Early Childhood Center to share the pet safety videos.

This program would not be successful without the support of the Colleton County School District, school principals, teachers, librarians, and students. A special thank you to Jacquie Miller, Audra Hudson, Jeannette Neal, Debra Kane, and Stephen Cinader with Lucky Blue for helping to spread the word. This year, a generous donation arrived from Pilots N Paws including t-shirts, books, coloring books, and bookmarks. Each school library received a copy of *Radar*, the story of a shelter dog.

The Colleton Animal Commitment Education Program was piloted in the Spring of 2015, and since then, 4<sup>th</sup> graders throughout Colleton County have learned the importance of pet responsibility. Topics include how to safely meet a new animal, the importance of spaying and neutering, how long a pet will live, and the effects of heartworms on a dog. Students exercise skills in writing and math throughout the program. This curriculum meets the Good Citizenship Standards for 4<sup>th</sup> graders in South Carolina.



### Help needed:

Would you like to be a part of the CACE team? We'd love to have you!

Teacher helpers are most in need. Can you spend a few hours (days/times vary) to help Janice, Carol, or Rebecca in the classroom?

Contact Janice Young at 843 908-2259





## 2020 FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni Calendar

We are currently collecting submissions for our 2020 FoCCAS/CCAS alumni calendar. All submissions must be animals adopted from CCAS or CCAS pets adopted from one of our rescue partners. Only two photos per animal can be submitted and photos must be at least 3MB for consideration as a month spot (other submissions are considered for cover or day spots.)

For submission details, visit our website at [www.foccas-sc.org](http://www.foccas-sc.org) or our Facebook events page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/336962363686816/>

## Save the Date!

Going to the Dogs Band  
Car and Bike Show  
Saturday, June 8  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Handle Bar

FoCCAS/CCAS Celebration  
and Appreciation Dinner  
Tuesday, June 25  
6:00 pm  
Coastal Outback Building  
RSVP to Sarah at  
843-635-5206

Walk & Wag  
Saturday, September 28  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Location TBD

Going to the Dogs  
Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza  
Saturday, October 12  
Stegall Auction House  
Time: TBD

Are you a FoCCAS member?  
Be sure to get our postcard  
announcements for our meetings and  
appreciation dinner.

Join now at [www.foccas-sc.org](http://www.foccas-sc.org).

## Shopping Online?

Please shop with AmazonSmile!

If you shop on Amazon, choose Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (this is spelled out, not FoCCAS). Then just shop, shop, shop. A portion of all sales will go to FoCCAS and the animals of Colleton County.

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

FoCCAS also has a Wish List for the shelter and the animals. Donations can be shipped straight to the shelter!



## Car Show and Cruise-Ins

The Walterboro Cruisers support the animals of Colleton County every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday with a Car Show and Cruise-In at Duke's BBQ.

Entry fee is \$5.00 and a meal is included. All money goes to FoCCAS. Come out and join them this summer on June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Cruisers also donated all the money totaling \$1485 from their Rice Festival Car show to FoCCAS.

For more information about the Walterboro Cruisers visit their website at <http://www.walterborocruisers.com/>



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**PET ADOPTIONS**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**  
**SPONSORED BY COASTAL PAIN CARE!**



[www.facebook.com/ColletonCountyAnimalControl](http://www.facebook.com/ColletonCountyAnimalControl)

Adoption Hours:  
Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, 11 to 4 and Sat 11 to 3.  
Dogs - \$45 & Cats - \$35  
33 Poor Farm Rd, Walterboro, SC

**We Appreciate You!**  
Join us for the FoCCAS and  
CCAS Celebration and  
Appreciation Dinner!



Friends of Colleton County Animal  
Shelter and Colleton County Animal  
Services have so much to celebrate  
and YOU have been a part of this.

Join us Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:00 at  
Coastal Outback Building for dinner  
and a program.

Dinner starts at 6:30  
Program starts at 7:00

RSVP to Sarah at 843-635-5206  
call or text

Coastal Outback is located at  
2269 Jefferies Hwy, Walterboro



**Going to the Dogs Band Car and Bike Show**  
**Saturday, June 8**  
**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Handle Bar, Cottageville**  
**All proceeds donated to FoCCAS**

Entry fee \$20 per vehicle, includes two lunches  
Trophies for top 10 vehicles  
Raffles and 50/50 Drawing  
Live entertainment from Going to the Dogs Band

Meet and greet with some wonderful shelter dogs.

**Special Raffle:**

Ruger American .308 Winchester  
Black Synthetic 6903 with Scope  
ONLY 60 tickets sold  
\$20 each

Available at the HandleBar, Stegall Auction House, or  
through PayPal (contact Scott at 843 300-0347).

**The FoCCAS family lost two amazing  
volunteers in the last few months.**

We remember Zafera Timmons, former board member,  
as an animal advocate and our go-to guru for navigating  
the world of lost and found pets on Facebook.

We remember Mojo, the therapy dog, as a  
doggy ambassador and teacher to the many children in  
the CACE program.