

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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Fall/Winter 2019

FoCCAS turned 10!

Thank you to all our 10th Birthday donors. We raised \$10,000 to create an indoor adoption area at the shelter and to build a catio (patio for cats) so the shelter kitties can get some fresh air.

We appreciate the generosity of Andrea and Darrell Ferguson for opening Dawn Plantation for our 10th Birthday Party complete with games, snacks, and goody bags. It was a perfect day in a lovely location to celebrate 10 years of working for the animals of Colleton County.



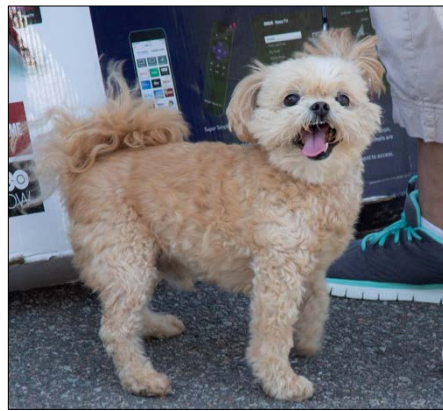


Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza 2019

Chili, Dessert, Specialty Cook-Off
Car, Bike, Tractor Show
Costume Contests
Live Auction

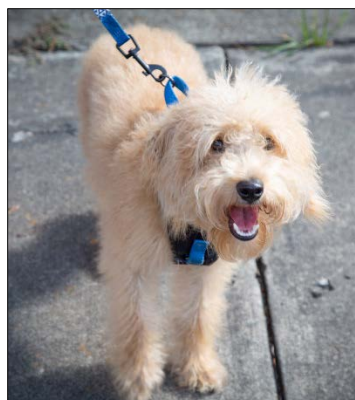
Once again, the Going to the Dogs Band, Scott Brennan, and Stegall Auction House outdid themselves earning \$3750 for the animals of Colleton County. The food was delicious and the desserts were decadent. Trophies were awarded through tough competition. Everyone had a great time participating or enjoying the costume contests. The contestants in the dog/owner, dog, adult, and child categories were amazing. The live auction had a wide variety of items and many people got some great deals. Raffles included a big screen TV, a rifle, and the traditional 50/50. Going to the Dogs Band entertained the crowd. We hope to see you there next year!

Special thanks to Stegall Auction, LLC for hosting this event.



6th Annual Walk & Wag

Dogs, dogs, dogs! Walk & Wag is a family-friendly, dog-friendly event and walk through the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary. Vendors and informational tents set up in the Discovery Center parking lot and CCAS brought adoptable dogs. Everyone who wore a 2019 Walk & Wag t-shirt got a free hot dog lunch.



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



Happy Tale Submitted by Lynn Cresse

Our "Happy Tail" article involves 2 lucky cats, Foster and Joey (Jo-Jo). Their new mama works long hours but wanted some loving pets to come home to and to love. Erin Craven is a nurse and knew a dog wouldn't be happy with her gone so much of the day, so she looked for more suitable answers.

In July, she saw and fell in love with Foster at a Cat-A-Thon at Tractor Supply. Foster was almost 2 years old and a female with a very high energy level. Soon Erin thought it might be a good idea to bring in another cat as a companion.

In September, at another Cat-A-Thon at Tractor Supply, she found Joey, a 7 month old male. She introduced the two and at first there were a few hissing events to establish the pecking order, but very shortly the two started bonding.

Now they both are nuzzling each other and sleeping at the foot of her bed together. Erin says they are a lot of company and brighten her days. "They're my babies."

The perfect ending for two happy tails.

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 or need to be dropped off to a vet or foster home. Join "CCAS Volunteers" on Facebook for notifications of our transport needs.



Cats Get Their Own Adopt-A-Thon

Colleton County Animal Services has been overcrowded with cats and kittens in the last year. Passionate volunteers wanted to find a way to show off the amazing cats and kittens from the shelter.

About once a month, our Cat-A-Thon team brings great adoptable cats and kittens to the public. Tractor Supply Company hosts the event about once a month. Cat-A-Thons were also held at Jones Vacuum and TitleMax in Walterboro.

In the last six months, over 50 cats and kittens were adopted at these Cat-A-Thons. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who saw a need and made it happen!

Joey




Foster






The 2020 FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni Calendars are still on sale. There are 93 happy Colleton County Animal Shelter alumni – cats, dogs, and even a pig – in the calendar. We love that so many of our alumni are living great lives.

Our calendar is an annual fundraiser. If you are interested in entering your fur-friend into the 2021 calendar contest, start taking pictures now! Photos must be at least 3MB (preferably horizontal) to be considered for a month spot. Other photos are considered for the cover or day spots. To enter, send your picture (no more than 2) to foccascalendar@gmail.com by August 1, 2020.



Home for the Holidays





All adoption fees in the month of December are half price

\$35 for cats/ \$45 for dogs

At the Colleton County Animal Shelter
 33 Poor Farm Rd, Walterboro, SC
 Open for adoptions M, T, Th, F 11-4; Sat 11-3

Sponsored by Coastal Pain Care

Pick Your Pet Colleton County Animal Shelter Gift Certificate

This certificate is good for the adoption of a shelter cat from the Colleton County Animal Shelter.



CCAS is now offering gift certificates. If you are considering giving a pet for the holidays, please allow the recipient to pick his/her own best friend by giving a CCAS gift certificate.

Donations to FoCCAS

FoCCAS is a 501c3 organization. We are an all-volunteer organization with no paid employees.

If you are considering a donation, memorial, or honoraria you can now give donations online at www.foccas-sc.org or you may mail a check to FoCCAS, 33 Poor Farm Rd, Walterboro, SC 29488.

FoCCAS funds supplement the shelter budget for adoptable pets, spay/neuter initiatives, and the CACE program.

FoCCAS continues to offer low-cost spay and neuter

FoCCAS continues its partnership with SNAC (Hilton Head Humane Association's Spay/Neuter Clinic) in Okatie. There is currently not a transport from Walterboro but Colleton County residents receive these great spay/neuter rates if they bring their pet to the clinic.

Spaying and neutering not only prevents unwanted litters of puppies or kittens but can keep your pet healthier and even prevent certain cancers. If you have outdoor community (feral) cats, you can borrow traps from the shelter and then return the cat to its home.

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

SNAC is currently closed for the holidays and will reopen on January 2 to start making appointments. You must have an appointment set up through SNAC at 843-645-8500.



During the week of November 11th – 15th. Mrs. Carol Armentrout, Ms. Jacquie Miler, and Mrs. Janice Young presented the Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE) program to 28 students in Miss Farris's 4th grade class at Colleton Preparatory Academy. The students were engaged, involved, and active participants in the series of 5 lessons. A major focus of the program concerns the overpopulation of animals in Colleton County and the need for spaying and neutering pets. Students were asked to write an essay about the importance of spaying and neutering and the student with the best essay won a free spay/neuter for his/her pet and a backpack full of fun treasures. Fourteen students wrote essays and the decision for a winner was very difficult. Miss Ann Howell was awarded the prize at the special celebration where all of the students were recognized for their participation in the program. Mayor Young presented each student a certificate, Mrs. Audra Hudson (aka Speuter) read a special poem, and Mr. Cinader shared his 2 therapy dogs, Lucky Blue and Bourbon. We would like to thank Attorney Debra Kane for providing the folders for each student, FoCCAS for donating all of the materials, Mrs. Jeannette Neal for photographing this special occasion, and Ann's parents who surprised her at the celebration. We would also like to thank the principal and teachers for allowing us the time to educate the students about Pet Safety and Pet Responsibility. It was truly a wonderful week that we spent with the students! We are looking forward to sharing this program with all of the other 4th grade students in Colleton County after the Christmas holiday.

Submitted by Janice Young

Help wanted with the CACE program.

Are you interested in helping with this program? Days/times vary. Teachers and helpers are needed. Contact Mrs. Janice Young for more information about volunteering 843-908-2259.

Save the Dates:

FoCCAS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 29
6:00 pm social hour
6:30 pm presentation
Colleton Farmers Market

Paws Fundraiser

silent and live auction
raffles, music, food
Saturday, March 7
5:00 – 9:00 pm
The South 40

Rice Festival Dog Show

Saturday, April 25
Time/location TBA

What Do Volunteers Do?

- Socialize dogs in play groups (training needed)
- Socialize cats
- Help the heartworm prevention team (weighing, record keeping)
- Clean kennels
- Transport animals to meet rescue (various locations)
- Foster cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies
- Help with photographs of the animals
- Help with fundraisers
- Organize membership
- Upkeep Adopt-A-Board (locations around town)
- Participate as CACE teachers and assistants
- Write notecards/send mailings
- Work an Adopt-A-Thon
- Do laundry or other jobs at the shelter and more!

Join **CCAS Volunteers** on Facebook and volunteer when available!

From the Shelter:

Welcome back!

We know that Colleton County Animal Services is a wonderful place to be, but it is also a wonderful place to come back to! We are excited to welcome back two former Animal Control Officers: Diane Cook and Ashley (Vitello) Preacher.

Diane and Ashley bring years of experience in all aspects of animal services. They have worked with dogs, cats, horses, pigs and goats (see photos below!). Diane and Ashley are now back on the road protecting the animals and the people of Colleton County. They join Paul Martin to complete the CCAS Animal Control team.

If you see Diane or Ashley at the shelter or out doing lifesaving work in the community, please stop and give them a warm "welcome back!"



"Animals are my passion, so I'm glad to be back doing what I love and helping the animals of Colleton County. I'm forever grateful to be a part of such a supportive team!"

- Ashley Preacher

"Glad to be back assisting Colleton County in making life a better place for animals."

- Diane Cook



CCAS Public Hours:

Monday 11-4
Tuesday 11-4
Wednesday closed
Thursday 11-4
Friday 11-4
Saturday 11-3
(adoptions only)
Sunday closed

The shelter will be closed for the holidays on Dec 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

Afterhours Emergency
phone number
843-549-2211.