



Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter

Winter 2014

Walterboro Christmas Parade – FoCCAS Float 3rd Place Award in Commercial Division



FoCCAS Board Member Audra Hudson orchestrated our award winning float in the Walterboro Christmas parade. Our “puppies” Ann Mathis Thomas and Jordon Slocum entertained the spectators from our cute-as-a-bug float.



Photos by Christie Slocum

Paws at the Plantation February 28, 2015

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Maybank Plantation
Silent Auction
Jimmy Fitts Chicken & BBQ
Beer & Wine
Local Motion Party Band

Tickets on Sale Now

\$50 per person

If purchased by Feb 15 only \$40

No tickets at door

www.foccas-sc.org

Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 20 6:00 pm Colleton Farmers Market

We will be sharing our accomplishments from 2014 and our goals for 2015. Elections for new officers will be held and door prizes awarded.

Please join us!



CCAEC Alum, Knox

Keep all your pets safe this holiday.

Pets should stay on a regular routine. Do not feed your pet (or someone else's) from the table. All pets should have collars and ID in case they get lost.

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Happenings at the shelter...

By Jim Wieszczyk

...what do 235 dogs & cats, 8 horses, 14 chickens, 1 (happy) rooster and a goat have in common?

They were ALL brought to the shelter in only slightly more than one month's time. Think about that: these animals had to be secured in safe, comfortable living areas, logged in to various systems, examined, fed, photo'd & posted on various social media sites and more. So, do you think the shelter staff appreciates our help? A no-brainer, isn't it? That's where FoCCAS comes in. If you're already a member or donate: thank you. If you're not, this is a good time to join in.

A Dog's Tale: From his first day in the shelter back in July, everyone liked Knox, a mid-sized dog with an unusual brindle coat and an engaging personality. But he had heartworms, a too-frequent and sometimes fatal occurrence in canines brought to the shelter. With support from FoCCAS, the shelter was able to start the long treatment process. Knox was a trooper throughout and responded well to the medication. Just before Thanksgiving, he was tested again. Guess what??? Heartworm free! With postings on Facebook by the shelter and FoCCAS, it didn't take long for someone to notice Knox. On November 24th, he was officially adopted, and spent Thanksgiving in his new home!!!

If your dog isn't already on a heartworm-prevention program (or if you know of a dog who isn't), please, have the blood test done, and get started on a treatment program. It's cheap insurance that will help your friend lead a long, happy life.

Until next month...For the Animals! Happy Holidays from FoCCAS and the shelter.

Volunteers Needed to Support Monthly Adopt-A-Thons!

Getting the animals out of the shelter and in front of the public is an essential part of finding forever homes for them. FoCCAS strives to hold monthly Adopt-A-Thons around town but we are constantly in need of volunteers. Every month, we need volunteer to transport the animals to and from the Adopt-A-Thons and to help with set up each morning. We are also looking for an Adopt-A-Thon Coordinator.

Transportation volunteers are needed from 11:00 – 12:00 and from 4:00 – 5:00. Set up volunteers are needed from 10:30 – 12:00. If you would like to volunteer and do not currently get our email volunteer requests, email us at foccas.sc@gmail.com

Happy Tails

Contributed by Lynn Cresse

Meet Equine Officer Ed Spears from our Colleton County Animal Shelter. He, like all the other staff members there, are avid animal lovers. Most have adopted one or more of the animals they've met and fallen for during the course of their jobs.

Ed recently adopted Shorty, a small, brown horse (or a large pony) from the shelter. Shorty was picked up while roaming down a road in the county. No one inquired about him during the first 10 days of his stay at the shelter and he then became the property of the county. He was very thin and was estimated to be about 15 years old. The shelter had him for 20 more days and during that time, he put on weight. Ed decided that due to his calm and gentle nature he would be a good addition to his family. He has since discovered that this unassuming gelding (boy horse) has a very special gait which is referred to as "racking". He believes Shorty is a breed called Paso Fino, a small breed of horse that originated in South America and has become popular in the states over the years.

Ed's first horse adoption was a few years ago. The young horse was running loose for quite a while before Ed was able to capture her. She was only about 1 1/2 years old, untrained, and not used to human handling. Ed describes her as "pretty mean" and very underweight and scrawny. She filled out and calmed down under Ed's expert touch and over time she became a trusted and beloved trail horse. Now she loves human contact and walks right up for a treat or a little gentle caressing.

Ed wants to remind readers to please check with the shelter if you are missing an animal whether it be a domestic dog or cat or a farm animal or horse.



Walk & Wag 2014

On September 20, about 75 dogs came out to meet, mingle and take a stroll through the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary. It was a wonderful time for all the dogs and their people!



F.O.C.C.A.S. Fundraiser

All proceeds go to Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter

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Lost or Found Pets: Have a Waggin' Good Ending

Contributed by Donna French

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We all know that animal shelters are inundated with stray dogs and cats. They arrive daily; scared, confused and really they just want to go home to you, their beloved owner. Losing a pet can be heartbreaking and getting the word out as quick as possible is paramount in recovering your pet. Contact friends, neighbors and all local veterinarians and put up old fashioned flyers.

There are several steps you can take to ensure the recovery of your pet. **First, be sure that your pet is wearing a collar with both a rabies tag and an Identification tag** that lists the owners home and cell phone numbers and address. Make it a priority to keep the information on that tag up to date when it gets worn off or if you move or change phone information. The rabies tag can be traced back to you should the ID tag fall off the collar.

Second, consider having your pet microchipped. This will help the shelter or veterinarians office reunite you with your pet and, again, prioritize keeping that information current. Pets that are brought into the shelter are scanned for a possible microchip and they will contact you if one is found. We cannot stress the importance of keeping contact information current. People have been reunited with microchipped pets months, even years later.

Third, keep up to date photos of your pet. If you do find yourself separated from your pet you will be able to utilize the photos to prove ownership. Posting the photos on social media, such as Facebook, has proved highly successful in getting Fido back home. Contact all local shelters within a sixty mile radius, file a missing animal report, and bring photos with you. Most shelters are overcrowded, overwhelmed and understaffed. They do not know your pet - but you do! It will be a lot easier for you to recognize your baby than it would for a shelter worker who sees hundreds of dogs and cats each week. Be sure to visit the shelter at least two or three times a week to look for your pet. Animals are held for five days and then they become property of the shelter and can be adopted out if adoptable.

If you find a pet, the best thing to do is take the pet to the shelter (or a vet's office) and have them scanned for a microchip. File a found pet report with the shelter to let the owner know where the pet is you don't take him to the shelter. Take pictures of the dog or cat, if possible and post them on social media sites.

Let the power of social media work to your advantage. Facebook and Craigslist are good tools to spread the word on your missing or found pet. Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter, Colleton County Pets, Colleton County Swap Meet, and Lost and Found Pets all have Facebook pages and they are all places that where you should post your lost or found pet! Post on your own page and ask your friends to share.

This community is really pulling together to help animals in need. There have been many successful reunion stories and we wish to thank everyone for a job well done.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting
January 20, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Colleton Farmers Market

Paws at the Plantation
February 28, 2015 @ 5:00 – 9:00pm
Maybank Plantation

Updates on Volunteer Orientations and Adopt-A-Thons will be posted on Facebook and in Upcoming Events in the local newspapers.



Blessing of the Animals

Thank you to Fr. Bob Horowitz from St. Jude's Church for officiating a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4. About 30 dogs and their people came out for a group and individual blessing.

