

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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Summer 2017

Dear Friends,
It's hot out there friends! I hope you and your pets are staying cool

Spring and summer have brought the shelter lots of puppies and kittens. We have been fortunate to find foster and rescues/adoptions for most of them as well as many adult animals.

Community awareness and community involvement are important in saving the lives of animals. I often see well cared-for pets with collars at the shelter and wonder why no one has reclaimed them. The answer is that the collar has no identification, the pet is not microchipped, and that the owner has not checked the shelter.

Please help me spread the word about the importance of identification, microchipping, and checking the shelter for a lost pet. Since January, 35 foster dogs/puppies have stayed at my house on their way to better lives. I am happy they all have a great new start, but sad that they ended up homeless in Colleton County.

Thank you!
For the animals,
Sarah
VP of Public Relations

Mark Your Calendars

Love Your Mutt Online Challenge

July 21 – July 31
Online

FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni Calendar

Deadline for submissions

August 1, 2017

foccascalendar@gmail.com

FoCCAS Walk & Wag

Saturday, September 23, 2017

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

County Parking Lot

Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary

Going to the Dogs Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 14, 2017

11:00 am – conclusion of auction

Stegall's Auction Co.

Cottageville

Paws at the Plantation

Saturday, March 3, 2018

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Pineland Plantation

Feature Foster Story: Hazel

Hazel was scared, alone, in the shelter, and pregnant. Even after a plea on Facebook, Hazel had no rescue and no foster . . . until someone tagged Tamara Lake. She sprung into action asking if she could foster the dog at least through whelping. Tamara picked up the dog, now named Hazel, gave her a bath, treated her well, and settled her in for a good night's sleep. However, the puppies had other plans. By morning, 6 puppies had been born.

Hazel has been an amazing momma and her puppies are growing quickly. Hazel, who is heartworm positive, and her sextuplets are on their way to new lives with one of FoCCAS's rescue partners.

Tamara and her family deserve a huge thank you for bringing Hazel into their home just in the nick of time





Transport and Rescue

In the first 6 months of 2017, four hundred and eight (408) animals have been sent to rescue. This accomplishment would not be possible without volunteers, fosters, transporters, and our rescue partners.



Top Left: Will Smith of Ruff Riders Transports assures Momma Maggie that although she was leaving a great foster family, she was off to wonderful life. Obviously Maggie believed him and gave him a big kiss.

Top Right: Jerry and his siblings were surrendered to the shelter after a family tragedy. Less than 2 weeks after arriving in New Jersey, Jerry (now Charlie) has a new home, bed, and snuggle buddy.

Lower Left: Lulu was an owner surrender and sat at the shelter for 5 months. The day her rescue van came to pick her up, Lulu ran along the play yard fence and then jumped right in to her travel crate. She clearly knew her life was going to change.

Middle Right: Luna came to the shelter with a sister and mother, but both passed away. Luna was nursed back to health, only to become ill again when she arrived at rescue. After bouncing back like the Southern girl she is, Luna is now in a loving forever home.

Lower Right: Shelley was a shy puppy, but rescue coordinator (and her namesake) Shelley Thomas found her rescue despite the fact that she is heartworm positive. She is now in a foster home, being treated for heartworms, and learning to trust people.



Special thanks to all our foster families who care for these wonderful animals before they leave on their big adventure.

Most foster assignments are 2-3 weeks.

FoCCAS has increased its rescue connections and we now have several outlets for kittens. We currently have 27 kittens in rescue and we have many more looking for foster families.

If you are interested in helping FoCCAS save these animals by fostering or volunteering, email us at foccas.sc@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.



A Message from Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE) Program

In our upcoming third year, the CACE program will be sharing Pet Responsibility with 4th graders in all Colleton County public schools and Colleton Preparatory Academy. A short pet safety program is also presented to many 5K, 4K, and preschool students around the county.

Janice Young, CACE facilitator, wishes to thank the Colleton County School District, principals, teachers, and students for their support. Classroom teachers and helpers are needed for the program. Anyone interested in helping with the program can contact Janice Young at [843-908-2259](tel:843-908-2259) or jmorrisyoung@comcast.net.



Mallie and her Microchip

Mallie had been missing for a month (and a day!) but she was microchipped. When she ended up at the shelter, Animal Control Officers called her mom, Kathy Morgan. Mallie is now safe, happy, and at home!

Microchipping your pet will help them get home if they are lost. Be sure your microchip information is updated.

Not too long ago, full grown, black, heartworm positive dogs had a bleak outlook if they arrived at the shelter. FoCCAS has been able to help many of these dogs with treatment. Meet Amber and Ebony. These beautiful pups are looking for the wonderful forever lives after they deserve.



In Case You
Missed It

Fighting Heartworms

Heartworm disease is the term veterinarians use when a dog or cat has Heartworms present in their body. Heartworm disease is both common and curable. Despite the fact that this disease has been identified and preventable for years, there are still many pet owners who don't understand the seriousness of using Heartworm prevention to protect their pets. The American Heartworm Society provides some excellent, user-friendly resources to inform pet owners on how to keep their pets safe from this very painful and deadly disease. Roughly 75% of the dogs who are tested at the Colleton County Animal Shelter are Heartworm positive. This diagnosis used to be a death sentence for a dog, since the shelter was unable to affordably treat the dogs and many rescues would not take them. For the past 4 years, FoCCAS and the shelter have drastically increased the number of Heartworm positive dogs who are saved by both treating them and working with rescues who will take them and treat them. These efforts along with so many others, have been a factor in increasing the live release rate for animals at our shelter. If you would like to help with these efforts, you can either sponsor treatment for a dog for \$100 or volunteer to foster a dog for a couple of months through his treatment and recovery.

Spay Daze

Spaying and neutering your pets not only prevents unwanted litters of puppies and kittens, but also keeps the animals healthier. Neutering also prevents males from roaming and possibly getting lost or hit by a car.

FoCCAS strives to provide low cost community spay/neuter services to pet owners in Colleton County. We offer vouchers for \$25 off surgeries at local vets. In the last fiscal year, the families of 164 animals took advantage of this program and FoCCAS provided \$4100 towards these surgeries. The cost of the SNAC transport to Ridgeland is supplemented by SNAC, The Petco Foundation, Walmart, and Coastal Pain Care and owners pay only a small co-pay. FoCCAS's portion of these spay/neuter surgeries for the last fiscal year was \$21,120.

Sponsored by:

Coastal Pain Care



Spay & Neuter Event

Reduced Cost Spay/Neuter

July 11, 18, 25 and

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from Walterboro

All animals must have an appointment

Colleton County Residents Only

Female Dog	\$30
Male Dog	\$20
Female Cat	\$25
Male Cat	\$15
Female Feral Cat	\$10
Male Feral Cat	\$10

Owners should **call SNAC at (843) 645-2500** to schedule an appointment and ask to be included in the FoCCAS spay/neuter event

All animals must be in hard-walled crates.

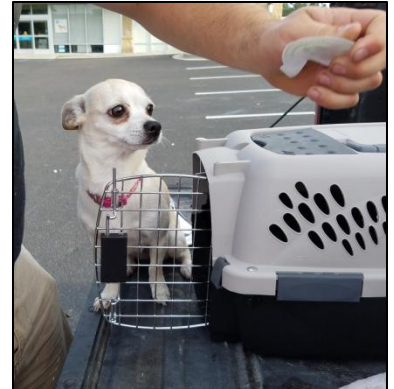
If you need a crate, contact SNAC to rent one

Feral cats must be in feral cat traps.

If you need to borrow a trap, call the shelter at (843) 893-2651.

The program is sponsored by FoCCAS, Coastal Pain Care, Petco Foundation and the Hilton Head Humane Association's Lowcountry Spay Neuter Clinic (SNAC) in Ridgeland

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Community Cats

FoCCAS is committed to helping the community cats of Colleton County. Formerly called feral cats, these colonies are generally healthy and actually keep new cats from entering their "homes." The Community Cat program allows these cats to be trapped, fixed, and returned home. This keeps the colony in place but the population will not grow.

A grant from the Petco Foundations allows FoCCAS to offer spaying/neutering of these community cats for just \$10. This fee includes testing for FIV, rabies shot, and an ear tipping to identify the cat as a member of the colony. Traps are available to be borrowed by Colleton County residents at the animal shelter.

For more information about the Community Cat program, email us at foccas.sc@gmail.com.

A little help from our friends

FoCCAS loves our friends and all they do to help the animals of Colleton County.

Monthly Car Shows

Barry Crosby, the Walterboro Cruisers, and Duke's Barbecue will be holding a car show in Duke's parking lot the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For a \$5 fee (donated to FoCCAS), participants also get a free dinner at Dukes. Terry O'Quinn matches the contributions for each show. Duke's BBQ is also the sponsor of the 2018 FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni calendar.



SAVE THE DATE!

Cottageville Howl-oween Extravaganza

Chili and Dessert Cook-off, costume contests, Car/bike/tractor show, live concert by Going to the Dogs Band and live auction.

Family fun for all ages and your 4-legged friends, too.

Saturday October 14 from 11 a.m. to conclusion, Rain or Shine

Stegall Auction House 36 Farmer St, Cottageville SC 29435

All Proceeds to benefit The Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

For more detailed information, email GoingToTheDogsBand@gmail.com



FoCCAS has an Amazon Wish List!
It's a great way to donate.

If you use Amazon Smiles, Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter will receive a donation.

Volunteers Needed

FoCCAS has been invited to set up an informational table at the Colleton Farmers Market. We need you! If you are interested in helping out, supporting FoCCAS, and visiting with friends at the Farmers Market, email us!

FoCCAS is always in need of responsible foster families, transporters, help with administering Heartworm medicine, people to socialize animals, and more.

Contact us at foccas.sc@gmail.com for more information.

XBOX 360 Raffle

Tickets are on sale now.
\$3 each ticket or
\$5 for 2 tickets

Drawing will be held
on September 23 at Walk & Wag.
Tickets will be available at Adopt-A-Thons,
FoCCAS table at the Farmers Market and at
Walk & Wag.
You do not need to be present to win.

Colleton County's new Shelter Manager has a Familiar Face



Laura Clark has resigned her position as Vice President of Shelter Relations and has accepted a job as Colleton County's new Shelter Manager. FoCCAS is excited that Laura will be full time at the shelter to look after the animals and support our efforts to return lost animals, adopt shelter animals, and send pets to be adopted by our rescue partners. Laura is a visionary who strives to make Colleton County a pet friendly place.

Laura states: "I am very excited to be able to move the Colleton County Animal Shelter into a 21st century shelter. My plan is for our shelter to become a place where people want to come to volunteer and take part in making our county a

better place for animals. My long range vision is to provide high quality care for the animals who are in need of a temporary shelter while they find their new home and continuing education for people to become knowledgeable about taking care of their pets. I hope we can better understand some of the circumstances that cause pets to come to the shelter and devise ways to help people who truly love and want their pets but may have to surrender them due to temporary circumstances. While I realize this won't happen overnight, I have been so uplifted by people in our community who want to help our homeless pets and I know we can continue to improve on what we have built already."

FoCCAS is thrilled to be working with Laura in this new position.

Happy Tails "The Ides of March" Contributed by Lynn Cresse

Pam Nelson's loving black lab Buddy passed away in early 2016. Although no dog can ever be replaced, after a few months, Pam decided to look for another dog. She had heard from FoCCAS volunteers that there was a black lab at the Colleton County Animal Shelter and she agreed to foster the dog for Sinbad Sadie Second Chance Rescue.

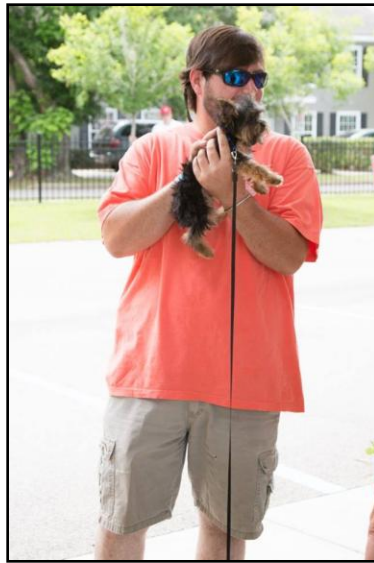
A young, male dog named Rebel was frightened with the chaos of the shelter. He was heartworm positive and needed to be treated for several months. Pam's heart went out to the dog and she began to fill out paperwork to take Rebel home. She hoped she could make him feel safe. Before she left the shelter, she noticed another male black puppy. He had been abandoned at the shelter. The new puppy had the same markings as Rebel. Pam offered to foster both. She renamed them Murphy and Hamlet. Hamlet, the puppy, has now grown into a tall lanky version of Murphy.

These two guys officially became brothers when Pam adopted them both. She says, "They brought joy to my life like nothing else." Murphy is calm and laid back. His early fears have disappeared and he is the perfect snuggler. Hamlet's energy has earned him the nickname "Wiggle Butt" and he tends to be the boss. It has all worked out well, and both dogs have wag their happy tails when they tell their happy tale.



Rice Festival/FoCCAS Dog Show

On April 22, FoCCAS hosted the Rice Festival Dog Show at the Colleton Farmers Market. We had a great crowd and dozens of participants. We love to see people wanting to show off their four-legged friends!



Thanks to Scott Brennen and David Stegall for driving the 1929 DeSoto to support our CACE Speuter (Spay/Neuter) Essay winners and their friends in the Rice Festival Parade.



Volunteer & Supporter Dinner

We appreciate, and need, our volunteers and supporters!



FoCCAS is proud to share the awards and recognition from our Volunteer and Supporter Dinner:

Kennel plaques in recognition of fundraising and support:

Scott and Margo Brennen and the Going to the Dogs Band
Treasure Chest Gold Company (Abbie, Deni, Criss, and Ashleigh)

Heart of Gold Award:

Dr. James Cooler for his willingness help with FoCCAS foster animals.

Volunteer Awards:

Betsy Ingersoll, "The Fixer" Award for her dedication to FoCCAS's spay/neuter initiatives.

Tamara Lake, "Mid-Woof" Award for her work with pregnant momma dogs and their babies.

Pat Morris, "Working for Bones" Award for volunteering at the shelter.

Skip and Selina Taft, "More than Just the Driver" and "I Don't Know How It Got Here" Award for fostering, transporting, and helping out in many ways.

Steve Cinader, Mojo, and Lucky Blu, "Back to School" Award for their participation in the Colleton Animal Communication Education program

Pam Baer, "I'd Take Them All If I Could" Award for her dedication fostering young kittens.

Johnny Thomas, "Just Tell Me How Many" Award for his support of the many, many foster dogs and puppies

Bella Thomas, "Mi Castillo, tu castillo, mi Sangre, tu sangre" Award because she is a great foster sister and recently donated her blood to save the life of a puppy.





2017 FoCCAS Walk & Wag Sponsorship Form

Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
County 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 4th 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 14, 2017 for full benefits.
FoCCAS is a 501c3 organization. Tax ID 26-4474266.

Is Your Pet a Calendar Girl (or Boy)?

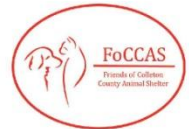
Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter
(FoCCAS) is accepting submission photographs of
Colleton County Animal Shelter (CCAS) alumni.

The 2018 Calendar is a fundraiser for the animals.



To enter your pet's photograph, please follow these instructions:

1. Pets must be from the Colleton County Animal Shelter.
2. Pets could have been adopted directly from the shelter or any of our rescue partners.
3. No people permitted in the photo.
4. Pictures must be high quality resolution; cell phone pictures are generally not usable for "month" photos. Quality of 3MB or higher is best.
5. For consideration, make sure that pictures are clear – no "red-eye," etc.
6. Include your name, phone number, email address, pet's name, adoption date (at least year), and city/state where the pet now lives. If your pet had a different name at the shelter, let us know.
7. Each pet may be entered once a year and a maximum of two (2) photos may be submitted.
8. No limit on the number of pets entered.
9. No pet can be a "month" space calendar winner more than once.
10. Photos are due by **August 1, 2017**.
11. Send photographs to focccalendar@gmail.com.
12. Decisions and notifications will be made by September 15, 2017



Save the Date Paws at the Plantation



*Saturday, March 3, 2018
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Pineland Plantation
Going to the Dogs Band
Catered by Jimmy Fitts*

National Mutt Day July 31

Watch our Facebook page for details about
our LOVE YOUR MUTT challenge.
July 21 – July 31, 2017

Like, share, and donate to show your love
for all your pets.

Shelter Statistics Jan 1 – June 30, 2017

Adopted:	70
Returned to owner:	115
Went to rescue groups:	408
Died at shelter:	26
Euthanized at shelter:	432
Live release 2017	56%