

Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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Winter 2018



Bruce: A Shelter Story

Hi! I'm Bruce. I'm the good-looking guy on the left with my tongue hanging out. I'm with my mom, Crystal, she loves me like crazy.

The luckiest day of my life was in December of 2017 when I was picked up as a stray dog by Colleton County Animal Control. I wasn't as good-looking then. I was told I was skin and bones, nearly lifeless when

they found me. I had demodex mange so I didn't have much hair on my body. That night, though, I had a warm place to stay and some blankets. I got fed every day. The shelter staff looked after me and with the advice of their vet, I was given some medicine for my mange.

I was at the shelter for three months while I gained weight and my hair grew back. I stayed in the kennel runs and volunteers would take me outside and play with me. Then one day in March, Crystal and her daughter, Jesse-Brooke, came to the shelter. They looked at me and I fell in love. But they walked away! Luckily, they came back three times that day to see me. Then they told me that I was going home!

I love my family. They feed me three times a day and I get snacks. My favorite treat is a Slim Jim, but I only get that once a week. I love all other animals – cats, dogs, and rabbits. I like to chase the squirrels though. Mostly, I run and play in my yard.

My family takes me everywhere that dogs are allowed to go. I sleep in bed with them at night and love to snuggle. I am now 79 pounds, but I am still a lap dog. My mom calls me a big baby.

I know that ending up in the shelter saved my life and also gave me the best present in the world – my family: Crystal and Jesse-Brooke!



Intake



At the shelter



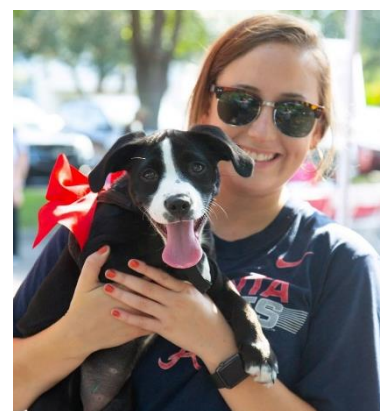
Adoption Day



The 5th Annual Walk & Wag was our biggest yet. In 2010, FoCCAS wanted to create a family-friendly, dog-friendly event that celebrated pets in Colleton County. We love to see people interact with their pets and pets with other pets. Over 125 people and about 50 dogs enjoyed a beautiful day of fun. Group walks through the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary were offered as a short loop (about 1.5 miles) and long loop (about 3 miles)

We had 67 corporate and individual sponsors and raised \$5750 for the animals of Colleton County. Jake Sauls of Low Tide Lumberworks donated a hand-made Oyster Table to be raffled. Steve Sanders was the winner of the raffle. The Going to the Dogs Band provided live entertainment. USC Salkehatchie Women's Basketball Team helped throughout the event. A photo booth was provided for people and their dogs.

This year, the Colleton County Animal Shelter was able to hold an Adopt-A-Thon at the event. The staff demonstrated play groups and allowed the community to walk shelter dogs. Some of the shelter dogs chose to take a dip to cool down in one of the swimming pools – like Skip above.





HOWL-O-WEEN

Going to the Dogs Band's Howl-O-Ween Extravaganza raised \$3150 at the October 13th Chili and Dessert Cook-off. This year an "anything else" category was added. A car, bike, and truck show brought in some great vehicles, including a hearse. Winners were determined by participants' votes. Everyone was given a ticket to vote for the best chili, dessert, anything else, and car/bike/tractor. These votes were counted and trophies awarded (winners listed at the right). The Benefactor Award indicates the car show participant that raised the most money.

Going to the Dogs Band entertained the crowd and a live auction by Dana Israel included great items such as a kayak, dog clothes, and a dog stroller. Balloons by Becky graciously made amazing balloon toys for children of all ages.

A Halloween costume contest for children ended in a five-way tie for first place. The dog costume contest was won Coolidge the Gangster. Shelter dog, Nanna the cowgirl, also participated. Voting for these contests was by audience cheering for their favorite.

This is the 4th event planned by Scott Brennan and hosted by Stegall Auction, LLC. This family-friendly, dog-friendly event brought about 125 people to Cottageville for a great time.

WINNERS:

Chili

1. Teresa Ertel - Tricky T's Chilis
2. Andrea Stegall - White Lightning
3. Toni McDonald - TNT
4. Gabe Nelson - Big Pimpin' Chili
5. Lizzie Rheam - Lizzie's Chili

Desserts:

1. Delana Israel - Pluff Mud Pie
2. Lizzie Rheam - Choco Chunk Brownies
3. April Powell - Buckeyes
4. Sarah Miller - Monster Cookies
5. Betty Rhode - White Wolf Cake

Anything Else:

1. Deb Britt - Spook Tacular Mac&Cheese
2. Becki Sarcinella - Whatever
3. Margo Brennan - Potato Brain Salad
4. Andrea Stegall - Gator Balls
5. Sarah Miller- Corny Dip

Car Show:

1. Scott Brennan - 1929 DeSoto
2. English Lane - Mini Chopper
3. Ann Cone - 38 Chevy
4. Wade Stegall - Hayley's Jeep
5. Ann Cone - Hearse

Benefactor Award:

Scott Brennan



Volunteers Needed:

FoCCAS and CCAS are always in need of volunteers and can usually use any (and all) talents you want to share.

We currently need to fill a vacant spot for the Spay Daze transport. We need 1-2 dependable people to commit to working Thursday morning from roughly 7:00 – 8:00 am to help with paperwork, interact with the public, and other light duties in organizing the low-cost spay/neuter transport. If you can help, please contact us at foccas.sc@gmail.com subject line: Spay Daze.

Our HW/flea team is always looking for volunteers to help give the shelter dogs monthly heartworm and flea prevention. Currently the team meets on Monday or Friday twice a month (times and days vary with schedules). If you are interested in helping, email foccas.sc@gmail.com subject: HW Team.

Our new Saturday hours require lots of volunteers. In order to keep Saturday volunteers organized, we are asking that volunteers sign up online for specific hours and jobs. Go to https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2511667/false?fbclid=IwAR2K3Xjo0EuYJYwOHI-0IENx-mghjOA-JtFYzCzU5_Z9LKYHRkvjksGjk#/invitation to sign up.



Happy Tale: Cameron and Jessie Ann



It was a cool Spring day when Jesse Ann came into our lives and it was the best day ever. I was asking for a Chocolate Lab for my birthday that year and didn't think I would get one. My Mom and Dad picked me up from school and instead of going home they took me to our local shelter on Greenpond Hwy. They had already gone out and picked her out and when I saw her I knew she was mine. She was so shiny and had eyes the color of honey. She was 1 of 7 in her litter that was found in the woods by a logging crew. She has been a true blessing to me and my family.

Jesse loves to greet me at the door every afternoon and wants a hug. She loves meal time, as she weighs 110 pounds and yes she does sleep with me. I only get a corner of the bed. She loves potato chips and wants to be fed with a fork. She thinks she is human and we don't tell her any different. Her favorite toys are circle discs that squeak, she will sit for hours squeaking them, she always has to have a football to toss. She plays tag with my Mom. The one thing Jesse does not like is bath time, she absolutely hates it and runs when its time for one.

I can't imagine my life without this beautiful girl that is not only my furry companion but my Best Friend. We go hand and paw everywhere together.

Cameron R Rogers



\$7000 Donation from Dr. Cam Wills and Coastal Pain Care

Cam Wills and Coastal Pain Care have supported FoCCAS since he opened his office in Walterboro three years ago. For every new patient in his Walterboro office, FoCCAS receives \$50. Coastal Pain Care also supported a ½ price holiday Adopt-A-Thon in 2016.

Midnight, a 10-year old shelter dog, came to visit and accepted the donation. She is currently up for adoption. Midnight knows basic commands, rides well in a car, and would prefer a home without children under 10.

Coastal Pain Care's donation will offset the costs of the Spay Daze spay/neuter transport program to SNAC and the cost of urgent healthcare for shelter pets.

Amelia's 15 minutes of fame!

Colleton County Animal Shelter Alumna Amelia, now 10 years old, helped promote Walk&Wag with her mom, FoCCAS VP Sarah Miller on the PRTC Community Calendar. Thanks to Michelle Strickland and Jason Cook for producing a great promotion for the 5th Annual Walk & Wag. Amelia enjoyed her day in the spotlight.



Great Ways To Help

The USC Salkehatchie Men's Basketball Team's volunteer work included moving all the donations from the old shed to the new location in the garage bay at the shelter. Crates, toys, blankets, newspapers, and other donations were moved across the property. Drop-off and pick-up of donations are now much more accessible to volunteers. If you have a group that would like to participate in a shelter project, email the shelter manager at lclark@colletoncounty.org.

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.

Successful Fall Adoption Events!

Colleton County Animal Shelter participated in the Pick Me! SC adoption event on October 1, 2, and 3. The shelter was filled with volunteers to act as adoption ambassadors showing potential adopters the great available pets. This three day event saw 21 cats and dogs adopted from our CCAS. Charleston radio station Nash FM held a live remote broadcast on Saturday and LEARN Horse Rescue brought some adoptable animals including horses, pigs, and chickens. This statewide event was part of No Kill South Carolina.

CCAS has also held several Cat-A-Thons at Tractor Supply Company in Walterboro. Chris Hansen and Jodie Mullen head up the efforts to get the many kittens and cats from the shelter adopted. Currently there are about 100 kittens and cats at the shelter. They are fixed, up-to-date on shots, and microchipped. The shelter also has a "Barn Cat" program if you are in need of an outside working cat and adoption fees are only \$25. Check with the shelter for other cat specials.



Spay Daze Still Going Strong! 2018 is booked with surgeries!

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.

The Clinic is booked for the rest of the year, but please call starting in January.

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

From the Shelter: Volunteers Make a Difference

This has been submitted to us by one of our wonderful volunteers, Barbara Burgess, who takes time out of her week to come and help our staff clean, organize, and basically do anything needed that is asked of her. We would have a hard time doing a lot of what we do without her! We are so thankful for her and all of our faithful volunteers! If you would like to make a difference in your community shelter, please let us know. We are in need of people to help with playgroups, sit with dogs and cats to help socialize, cleaning help, organizational help, and a long list of many other tasks. Please consider, because like Barbara says below, 5 minutes a day can make a difference in the life of a dog or a cat.

Tosca:

More times than not you only hear of the sad stories about a “local shelter.” But the Colleton County Shelter is not your typical shelter, despite needing more staff and funding, there are so many more success stories than there are failures. These positive stories are the ones we should be sharing and hopefully the desire to volunteer and make a difference in the life of a shelter pet will spread like wildfire!

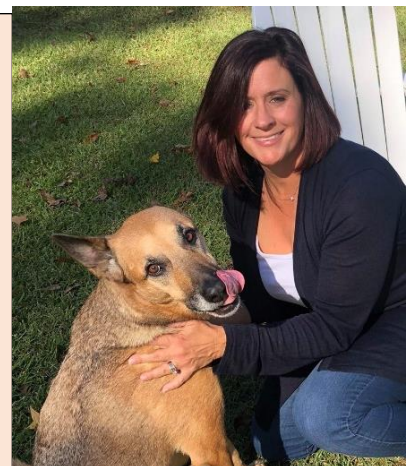
This particular story is about Tosca, yet there are so many just like her that come into the shelter every day. Tosca came into the shelter TERRIFIED! She would cower in her kennel and shake every time I would come in to feed her and clean her space. It was heartbreaking! After weeks of talking to her and just sitting with her, sometimes just 5 minutes a day, I managed to not only feed her treats, but pet her too. I tried to coax her out of her kennel to get some fresh air but had no luck. I had to literally carry her in and out in order for her to get some outside time. After a few more weeks of bonding time in her kennel we are now buddies! She walks on a leash willingly to and from the play yard. She is also showing affection by wagging her tail to people who have taken some time with her and beginning to trust!! The moral of this success story is this: Being a volunteer, even if only for 5 minutes a day, can change the outcome of a precious life forever! Tosca came in afraid but is now beginning to trust humans again and having a blast in our play groups with the other dogs! Thank God for the shelter or she would still be a terrified dog on the streets!

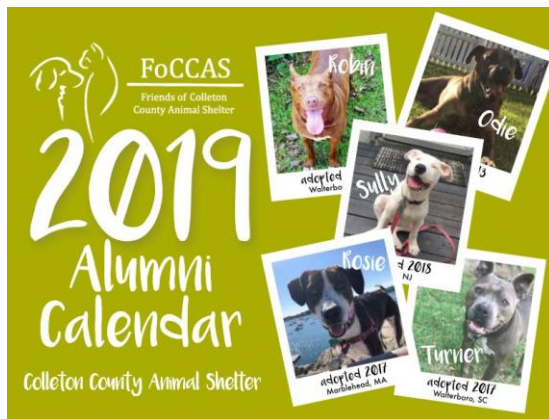


Photos of Tosca: When she first arrived at the shelter, as she began to trust, and resting after a fun play group.

Shelley's At The Shelter!

Many of you know Shelley Thomas and her dedication to shelter animals. She's been the volunteer rescue coordinator for FoCCAS for several years, but now Shelley is the shelter's part-time adoption and rescue coordinator. Her position is not funded by an increase in the county's shelter budget but by a special line item provided by adoption fees and other donations. In an effort to get more dogs and cats adopted or to rescue, the shelter decided that an employee dedicated to adoptions would be beneficial. Since Shelley started in October, the number of shelter adoptions has increased. As part of this new staffing, the shelter has new Saturday hours, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm for adoptions only.





2019 FoCCAS/CCAS Alumni Calendar

Calendars are on sale now and can be picked up or mailed in mid-December. You can order online at www.foccas-sc.org or they will be available at Treasure Chest Gold while supplies last.



Save the Date!

FoCCAS Annual Meeting

Everyone welcome

Tuesday, January 29

6:00 pm

Colleton Farmers Market

Paws at the Plantation

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: TBD

FoCCAS/Rice Festival Dog Show

Saturday, April 27

2:00 pm

Colleton Farmers Market

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.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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



Gold Dipped Bones!

These bones are great for ornaments, adoptions, or memorials. Available at Treasure Chest Gold for \$25 and all money goes to FoCCAS. Ask about other jewelry that benefits the animals too.

**NOW
OPEN**
Saturdays

The Colleton County Animal Shelter has NEW SATURDAY HOURS!

The shelter is open for ADOPTIONS ONLY from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm with the new rescue/adoption coordinator Shelley Thomas and several dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in helping with adoptions on Saturdays, we have a digital sign-up sheet at signup.com. Please review the dates and times you are available and fill in your name to commit to volunteering.

Help us help them!

FoCCAS is a 501c3 organization. We'd appreciate your consideration for an end-of-the-year contribution. Checks can be mailed to FoCCAS, 33 Poor Farm Rd, Walterboro, SC 29488 or online at www.foccas-sc.org.

Thank you!

