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The Robeson County Humane Society Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2012

We are a NO KILL Shelter

## OUR FEATURE STORY



Romeo's beginning is heartbreaking. This darling, two-week old little guy was left with his eight siblings next to a dumpster to fend for themselves and/or perish in 25-degree weather. The other tiny babies died, but Romeo's life began to improve when two compassionate men found him – barely in time. They brought the abandoned orphan to the Shelter. Romeo was the smallest and filthiest puppy that the Shelter staff had ever seen. And, he was cold – very cold. The staff rushed to provide heated towels and warm formula – and went to work to save this precious

puppy's life. Their efforts brought life back into the tiny body. Romeo was soon warm and groaning for more formula.

Since the tiny puppy appeared to be about two-weeks old, we figured his birthday fell on, or around February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day. So, we named him Romeo.

As weeks of bottle feeding and cuddling passed, Romeo grew strong and healthy. Soon he was eating, running and playing like all carefree puppies should.

A fantastic lady in faraway Brooklyn, New York happily adopted Romeo. She was very eager and thrilled when Romeo was hand-delivered to her home where he was immediately showered with hugs and kisses – Romeo giving wet kisses in return. We recently received a photo of Romeo – now James – and welcome accolades saying that James is doing amazingly well and that he is the smartest puppy in the entire world. We are sharing the photo of this handsome boy with you. He looks healthy, happy and totally in control of his domain.



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Shelter Hours:

Tuesday-Friday:

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

More Information? Please  
contact Kelly Ivory at  
910.738.8282

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was developed by June Mills

## Manager's Report Kelly Ivory

The summer is upon us, and we are inundated with calls from residents asking us to take their unwanted litters of puppies and kittens. Although it is a disappointment that we cannot shelter them all, it does allow us an excellent opportunity to share the information regarding the RCHS Spay/Neuter program and the spay/neuter program provided by Robeson County at the Animal Shelter in St. Pauls.

This year, 132 of our rescues have been vetted and are now living in their forever homes. Ninety-three of those adoptions took place between March and June.

Outside the Shelter, we have spread positive and important information regarding the various RCHS programs with a successful Annual Golf Tournament, a fun-filled Beach Bum Pet Parade, and a successful Biggs Park Mall Adoption Event. We were pleased to be invited to do a Wal-Mart Adopt-a-Thon in Lumberton as well, and due to the positive comments, we were asked to do a second one at the Pembroke Wal-Mart on June 23<sup>rd</sup> - and to continue scheduling one each quarter.

After inspecting our facility, the Monmouth County SPCA, from Eatontown, New Jersey, agreed to accept one adult cat each month. We are offering those cats who have been with us more than a year and a half and we are excited to be working with them.

The RCHS New Leash on Life Program is in session. Our three rescues learning their basic obedience this session are Gunner, Lacy and Delilah.

Sweet Emily is still available for adoption, although she is a graduate from the last class.



We are grateful for the community's support with their donations of funds, hours of volunteering, cleaning supplies and dog food, including the much-needed puppy food. An anonymous patron blessed us with three large bags of Heartguard - a product given monthly to each of our rescued dogs for the prevention of heartworm.

We are blessed to have volunteers who give so willingly of their time. To name a few: The new kennels are much appreciated. After installing awnings to protect the south-side kennels and dogs from the sun, Bill Cerase is installing panels on the inside kennels to prevent paint chipping. Jason Britt is replacing the starters in ceiling light fixtures throughout the building. Chasity Schwarze is tackling the awesome task of revamping our website. And, Jane Hurst is in the initial planning stage of a Bike Rally next spring. We value our many volunteers and express sincere gratitude to those faithful volunteers who assist at the Shelter on a consistent basis and to those special volunteers who respond when emergencies arise - for we could not function properly without you.



Please help support our cause by donating, using Pay Pal



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT WOODBERRY BOWEN

Let me tell you about Bernard. I arrived back at my office one day last week after a short walk to the river with Rexie, our Collie mix rescue. At the back door of my office were gathered three young men, and a puppy. Two of the guys were sons of one of my paralegals and the other was their friend. The friend was clutching a beagle mix puppy. The pup had started following the boys. I asked the friend if he wanted the dog and if he could care for him. He said he would not be able to keep the dog but he might sell him to man he knew who might want the dog. Uncertain as to how good the care might be with that person, I ended up offering to buy the puppy myself. Still, the young rescuer of the puppy was reluctant to give him up after I explained how we would take him to the Humane Society and get him a great home.

It turned out that this young man, as so many others, had confused RCHS with the pound and thought the dog would be put down if a home couldn't be found. It took several people to reassure him. He finally relinquished the dog and I took it straight to Kelly for shots. There was no room in the shelter so one of our volunteers agreed to take the dog until spaces opened. I got him to our shelter and Kelly gave his vaccines and worm pills on the spot. After a little brainstorming, the staff and volunteers decided he would be named Bernard. Perfect, I thought. Now he is in the shelter and awaits the July transport for his ideal forever home who is waiting up North.

Bernard is one of so many lucky ones who have traveled the "over-ground railroad" to life and freedom. But there are too many more not so lucky. Each of these tragedies begin as failures of pet owners to spay and neuter their pets. Over-breeding is still the number one animal problem in our community.



***Pet owners must responsibly  
spay and neuter their animals.  
We must change attitudes and in-  
still in community members a  
sense of responsibility for un-  
wanted animals.***

***Preach the message.***

**We need YOUR help! We are month to month in being able to meet our operating expenses, salaries, utilities, supplies, vetting of animals and facility maintenance. We still rely on contributions. No big grants or other financial support. Without our donors, we could not operate. Please consider donating to our animals. Any amount is appreciated.**



Some of our residents who found their 'fur-ever' home!

# ADOPTED !!!

## March

**Ruby**  
**Shamrock**  
**Celtic**  
**Leppy**  
**Charm**  
**Erin**  
**Dakota**  
**Texas**  
**Virginia**  
**George**  
**Kramer**  
**Arizona**  
**Alaska**  
**Georgia**  
**Florida**

## April

**Chiquita**  
**Tiger Lily**  
**Laverne**  
**Shirley**  
**Virgo**  
**Leo**  
**Bonita**  
**Queens**  
**Auburn**  
**Phoenix**  
**Dallas**  
**Kenny**  
**Charlotte**  
**Aquarius**  
**Beau**  
**Blu**  
**Libra**  
**Reese**  
**Ella**  
**Sebastian**  
**Violet**  
**Elvis**  
**Ariel**  
**Gale**  
**Peeta**  
**Pisces**  
**Kanga**

**Pooh**  
**Piglet**  
**Eeyore**  
**Melody**  
**Triton**  
**Flounder**  
**Priscilla**  
**Almond Joy**  
**Skittles**  
**Tuffie**  
**Hershey**  
**Tootsie**  
**Romeo**

## May

**Sheena**  
**Rose**  
**Pearl**  
**Elsie**  
**Winter**  
**Raven**  
**Ruby**  
**Darth**  
**Mine**  
**Garnet**  
**Missy**  
**April**  
**Jasper**

**Micah**  
**Pomer**  
**Dorothy**  
**Poppy**  
**Pansy**  
**Rosey**  
**Buttercup**  
**Spring**  
**Summer**  
**Fall**  
**Blair**

## June

**Emerald**  
**Onyx**  
**Tanzanite**  
**Lil Curt**  
**May**  
**Mosey**  
**Gabby**  
**Cimmerian**  
**Max**  
**Cupcake**  
**Candace**  
**Blanca**  
**Emsi**  
**Nina**

*Spay/Neuter Report*  
*Joan Bowen*



### 1st quarter 2012

Cats spayed—36

Dogs spayed— 62

Cats neutered—18

Dogs neutered—14

There are a variety of jobs that need doing, some at the shelter and others that can be completed from the comfort of your home computer. First, we need someone to be in charge of membership. Barb McNeil has updated the letters, one for new members and the other for old members, but they need to be either emailed if we have that information or mailed if we do not. We hope this will translate into some infusion of cash, which is always nice when you're paying shelter bills! She already has much of the email information and can share with the person/s who are willing to tackle this project.

Second, we always need help with cleaning and taking care of the animals, especially in the mornings. If you can come for only an hour, we'd appreciate that a lot also. While the shelter needs volunteers 7 days a week, we usually have enough on Saturdays since that's when community service people typically come. We can ALWAYS use extra help on Sunday mornings, when our loyal board member Bill Cerase always volunteers to assist the staff member covering that weekend. Also, let Kelly know if you can help in transporting our shelter residents either to or from vets' offices when the need arises. It would be helpful to her to have a list of people she could contact when she needs assistance.

If you'd like more information or you want to volunteer for a specific time or task, call Kelly at the shelter at 738-8282 or contact her at [rchsfriendsforlife@gmail.com](mailto:rchsfriendsforlife@gmail.com).

**WE NEED HELP!** Mondays from 11-12 and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30, we would LOVE to train a couple more volunteers to fill in when one of us cannot cover our slots. This involves helping low income pet owners fill out the application form, copy their documentation for eligibility, and call for an appointment at a vet's office. We do have some people who have helped, but they are not comfortable covering it by themselves. We are there for only an hour, so it's not a big time commitment on your part. If you'd like more information, give one of us a call or email. I can be reached at 608-0250 or [wjbowen1@earthlink.net](mailto:wjbowen1@earthlink.net), Marion is 738-5302 or [tmkthompson@hotmail.com](mailto:tmkthompson@hotmail.com), or Linda at 628-6754.



*Just something I ran across.*



# Annual Williamson Golf Tournament to Benefit the Humane Society March 22, 2012

The annual golf tournament raised around \$10,000 for the support of the animals in our No Kill shelter. Ten teams came out to play, with prizes awarded to the top performers. Local businesses donated awesome raffle prizes for the golfers as well. A lunch of fresh grilled hamburgers and desserts was a great way to start the festivities. Will you consider playing with us next year? I promise you will be rewarded with great feelings of community support, and a sense of pride for helping the animals at the Robeson County Humane Society! Here are just a few pictures of the days



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## 3rd Annual Pet Parade May 19, 2012

Bikinis, goggles, and doggies! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pet Parade for RCHS was a very exciting event. Several of our adoptable dogs were featured in the parade, which was a Beach Bum Theme. There were several contests which included Hot Dog Bobbing Contest, Best Beach Wear, and Best Trick. Our dogs were dressed in their best beach wear along with several other dogs that entered the parade! We enjoyed having everyone out there and look forward to having the event again next year.



# Coming Up

Please join us for a night of music, food, crafts by local artists, baskets from local merchants and lots of wonderful items donated to raise money for our adoptable pets.

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Pine Crest Country Club, starting at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars now to join your friends for one of our main fundraisers of the year. Don't miss a chance to have fun, bid on items for your Christmas list and help the Robeson County Humane Society .



Tickets will go on sale soon, so watch for those! If you would like to donate something for the auction, or just contribute money for the success of this event, contact any member of RCHS and we can pick it up! We have a awesome new band (new to us) *Reflections II*, this year that promises to be great!

*Reflections II Band* is from the Harnett County area and were voted BEST LOCAL BAND in the 2010 Fayetteville Observer Readers' Choice awards, and 2nd Place BEST LOCAL BAND in the 2011 Fayetteville Observer Choice Awards!! The band



plays classic and southern rock, current country, blues, and even some beach music. So come on out and support the Robeson County Humane Society with good food, great music and the best auction items around!



# Silent Auction

**SOLD**