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*From the Paw Print*

The Robeson County Humane Society Newsletter  
We are a NO KILL Shelter

Winter 2012

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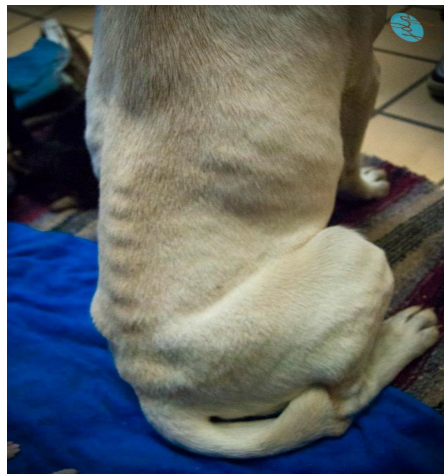
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Kelly Ivory

## OUR FEATURE STORY

*Success stories are so uplifting and encouraging for all involved at our Friends for Life Animal Shelter. And, Lacy is one of our most recent.*

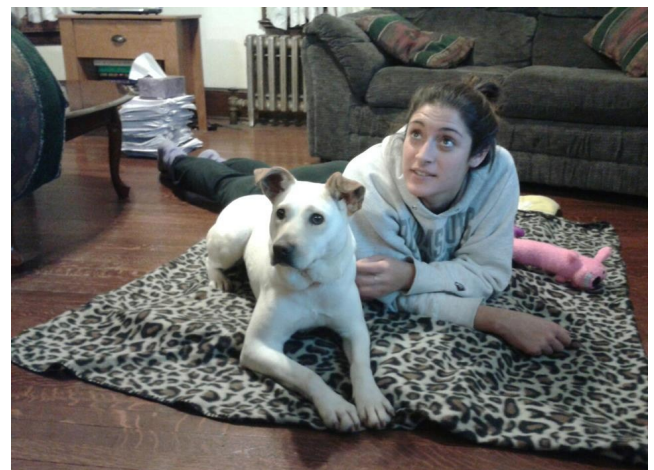


A year ago, we received a “neglect” call that a dog was tethered, without shelter, to a tree by a three-foot chain. To add to the problem, she could no longer reach her seven puppies. Robeson County Animal Control gave us the week-old puppies to bottle feed and find forever homes for each precious puppy. A week later, they brought us Lacy, the mother. Although she was excited to see her babies, Lacy was so dehydrated, she had no milk. The sweet girl was malnourished – just skin and bones. Three months of good food, the love of many, lots of exercise and a warm bed – and she was a healthy, beautiful dog.

Lacy was a successful graduate of the New Leash on Life program where she learned basic obedience: sit, stay, down, come and heel. She remained shy, but a sweetheart.

All seven of her puppies were adopted while Lacy grew healthy and more trusting of people.

On a recent Sunday – almost a year later – a lovely New Jersey family made the 10-hour trek to meet and adopt this special dog. Since then, we have received the following picture showing us that once again, our work is so important for the animals we have the privilege of saving, and the wonderful people who welcome them into their homes!



*Thank you all!*

Shelter Information  
P.O. Box 3609  
3180 West 5th Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358  
910.738.8282

[robsonhumanesociety.org](http://robsonhumanesociety.org)

Shelter Hours:

Tuesday-Friday:  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday:  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday and Monday

More Information?  
Please contact Kelly  
Ivory at 910.738.8282

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by June Mills*

## Manager's Report Kelly Ivory

As always – busy, busy, busy! During 2012, we accepted 238 animals into the Shelter – 45 in this last quarter of the year. And, we found loving homes for 236 of our rescued animals – 41 during this last quarter. Kayla and I transported 75% of the total number of those adopted this year to new homes in the northeast via our monthly Transport. We deliver directly to his or her front door. Admittedly, we enjoy the face-to-face meeting with the new family, but it also provides a last-minute opportunity to verify that we are leaving this special soul in a good home.

As time passes, we find more ways to serve the residents and animals of Robeson County. Special events kept Shelter staff, board members and volunteers busy – far beyond the regular activities of the Shelter. We had educational booths at the Pembroke Street Festival, Chevy to the Levee, and at Agri-Supply's Customer Appreciation Day. Seven of our dogs represented our Friends for Life Animal Shelter in the Lumberton Christmas Parade. We also participated in UNCP's Pet Therapy Day.

Our main fundraiser this quarter was our annual Fur Ball. During the evening, guests were entertained with music by Reflections II, a slide show of our current and past Shelter residents, plus a silent and a live auction containing numerous donated items.

The New Leash on Life program graduated Shelter residents Avalanche, Jesse, and Jake. Avalanche and Jesse are happily adjusting to their new families, while Jake is still waiting for his special family.

Autumn leaves staff and volunteers busy making sure that kennel- area drains are clear of leaves and other debris. Roof repair and construction on the rear of the Shelter boasts the help of Board Member Bill Cerease and volunteer Jonathan Weir .

Our Facebook page currently shows an Amazon Wish List of the Shelter's regularly needed items. Now, the reader can "click" on the item(s) and Amazon.com arranges to have the product(s) sent. We have received items from as far west as Nevada and as far south as Florida. We are grateful to our generous Facebook readers, as well as those wonderful local people who appear at the Shelter bearing needed supplies.

As always, we appreciate the many volunteers who help with the animals by walking, feeding, cleaning, and that much-needed activity – playing/socializing.

We could not accomplish all that we do without the continuing support we receive from near and far. And, we are appreciative of the faithful volunteers who are at the Shelter consistently.

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donating, using Pay Pal



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT WOODBERRY BOWEN

When school children can be cut down like weeds, and for even less reason, it seems certain that the power of evil exists, in whatever form. Our once great nation seems bent on self-destruction as occasionally aberrant deviants make war on the innocent. A French historian who toured this country before the Civil War observed from his travels here that, "America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

Is our goodness behind us? I don't think so, and I have to look no further than the example of all the wonderful people I have known at RCHS who have given precious spare time when they were past fatigue, given money they needed elsewhere, given encouragement to others in the organization when morale was low. I look no further than an RCHS Facebook page. There are Kayla and Kelly, traveling over a thousand miles to unite a lost and homeless creature with a person or family the animal has never met. The light in the caring eyes of those new owners and the love in the eyes of Kayla and Kelly as they make their appointed rounds assure me that our Nation's light has not gone out. No human being stands so tall as when he stoops to help a helpless creature.

The examples all of you have set in these years I have been privileged to be your President has left me in awe and reassurance that there is goodness, there is mercy, there is empathy—and if it can be for these little ones, then maybe there is goodness, mercy and empathy for us all.

I am grateful to leave the Presidency of RCHS in such capable and innovative hands. In the last scenes of *Shindler's List*, amidst thunderous applause from his plant employees, mostly Jews whom he had saved from Nazi death camps, Shindler wept, thinking only of the ones he was unable to save. The results of our efforts are bittersweet in that way, but we have saved the ones we could and we have helped prevent the births of those who would have been destined most likely to suffer.

For that I am so proud of you. And in the Christmas words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless you every one."

Woodberry Bowen, Christmas 2012

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 !!!

*Omitted from  
September:*

*Carmen-Cat*

*Forrest*

*Gump*

*Saturn*

*Brewski*

*Knight*

*Pluto*

*Anastasia*



## *October*

Wendy

Delilah

McGee

Mischa

Doc

Grace

Baby

Peter Pan

Ginger

Tiger Lily

Toulous

Creamsicle

Merlin

## *November*

Cindy

Zina

Benji

Jack

Lacy

Bailey

Governor

Ketaka

Honey

Willow

Faith

Mia

Meeko

Molly

Pocahontas

Avalanche

Nakoma

Flit

Rolfe

Dolly



## *December*



Deuce

Jesse

Haziel

Michael

Izra

Forcas

Micah

Jaws

Sweetie

Pudding

Cam

Scooter

Indigo

Cookie

Rum

Lady

Remember to  
Spay and Neuter  
your animals!

# Up-to-Date Donations

## Robeson Humane Society 2012 Fur Ball

### Sponsors

#### **Shelter Saint**

Bowen & Berry  
Kathy & Joe Stach  
Cathy Bracey--In Honor of Sandy  
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#### **Top Dog**

Clay Hamilton-State Farm Insurance  
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Mark & Chasity Schwarze  
Jerri Gibson  
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Leroy & Betty Rising  
Nell Lyon

**Thank You**



# Up-to-Date Donations

## **Fido's Friends**

Dr. Millicent Brown  
 Sandra Valentine  
 Melody Hagar  
 Robin Landrum  
 David Young  
 Joe & Annette Burke  
 Kathy Rhodes  
 Ann Heintz  
 Ricky Harris  
 Chris & Mary Courtney  
 Jane Smith  
 John & Kathleen Bowers  
 David & Dell Walker  
 Martha Averitt  
 Ann Dunlap  
 Charlotte Skipper  
 Sue LeCato  
 Chick-Fil-A  
 Sarah Carter  
 Susie Brady  
 James Davis  
 Cracker Barrel  
 Sondra Oxendine  
 Candy Sue's  
 Jim Tripp  
 Jeff & Lynn Wanson  
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 Tony Prevatte  
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 Ed Hickman



## September 2012

### Donors\*\*\*

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### Memorials\*\*\*

Debbie Stephens – Gail Gane  
 Southeastern Veterinary Hospital  
 -Judy Avent and Gail Gane

### Animal Memorials\*\*\*

Jim & Evelyn Kirkland – Lamb's Rose  
 Debbie Stephens – Chism's Sally

## October 20152

### Donors\*\*\*

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 Heather Scarboro

### Memorials\*\*\*

RCCHS – Mary Jo Hunt  
 Pat and Nancy Jessup – Gail Gane

### Animal Memorials\*\*\*

Kathleen Stach – Young Peter Cheny

### Membership\*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Amos  
 Baird's Animal Hospital  
 Woody and Joan Bowen  
 Lumberton Rotary Club

## Up-to-Date Donations

### October cont.

Heather Scarboro  
Helen Sharpe  
Susan Vallow  
Sarah Hill Waters  
Lumberton Junior Service League

### November 2012

#### Donors\*\*\*

John and Shirley Brophy	Sandra E. Cochran
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Southeastern Veterinary Hospital	

#### Memorial \*\*\*

Tommy and Marion Thompson – Lynn Parnell Newman

#### Animal Memorial \*\*\*

Southeastern Veterinary Hospital – Biggs's Taffy and Brock's Angela  
Kim and Les Noble – Gold's Nick; Parker's Lando; Cureton's Shadow and to honor Mrs. "Gig" Crouch for her love of animals

#### Membership

John and Kelly Haskins  
Mark and Chasity Schwarze  
Marion Wooten  
Janet and John Robertson

Merry  
Christmas



## Spay & Neuter Report Joan Bowen

RCCHS has continued to provide vouchers for low income Robeson County pet owners during 2012. As of mid December, during the last 8+ years we have arranged for over 3500 dogs and cats to be sterilized as part of the state spay/neuter program. For those unfamiliar with it, if someone in the household receives food stamps, Medicaid, health choice, or special assistance, the pet owner is eligible to apply for a voucher to take the animal to the county vet clinic of his or her choice. We require that applicants bring with them both the information confirming their eligibility and a photo ID, along with \$15 per animal. The voucher covers the surgery, the pain meds and anesthesia used that day, plus a rabies vaccination. It is the responsibility of the pet owner to pay for any other vet care received during that stay.

The families of the pets sterilized in this program have resided in all towns in the county. The following chart indicates where each family lives; keep in mind that some applications are for more than one animal, so the total number spayed or neutered during 2012 is greater than the number of families listed. These totals are the number of families seen as of mid December.

**Thank You  
Robeson County!!!**

Lumberton: 135  
Pembroke: 35  
Fairmont: 29  
St. Pauls: 23  
Maxton: 20  
Rowland: 19  
Red Springs: 13  
Shannon: 8  
Orrum: 7  
Lumber Bridge: 3

**Let's STOP this figure  
next year!**

RCCHS has issued 415 vouchers for the calendar year 2012, up to Dec 13th. That means 415 county animals will not be reproducing and increasing the number of unwanted cats and dogs at the pound in St. Pauls. A fertile cat can have one to two litters a year of between 4-6 kittens, while an unspayed female dog has a litter annually with an average of 4-6 puppies. As you can see, this program has already prevented hundreds of homeless county animals just this year alone. While RCCHS makes every effort to place as many of our shelter residents as possible in appropriate homes, we aren't licensed, nor are we financially able to take in all of the county's strays. Please spread the word to all pet owners that sterilization is the only long term solution to this very pervasive problem, not just in Robeson County but in the rest of our state and country.

## Past Events

### Pet Therapy Day @ UNC Pembroke

October 22, 2012

Approximately 200 students came out to visit with our animals and puppies. It was a welcomed break from studying and allowed the homeless animals at our shelter to get some love and exercise!



### October 9th from 5pm-8pm



Rust Enterprise donated a portion of the proceeds to the RCHS!! Much needed funds were given to support our resident animals. Yeah for Mr. Rust!



### Ruby Tuesday "Giving Back" campaign

November 2,4,9 & 11th



Lots of people came out in support of the Robeson Humane Society! Great food and helping the community's homeless animals at our facility was a double treat! Thank you Ruby Tuesday!

### Chevy to the Levee

November 3rd, 2012

RCHS set up an informational booth, and also sold Fur Ball tickets at the event. Lots of participants stopped by to chat with us and learned valuable information about animals in general.

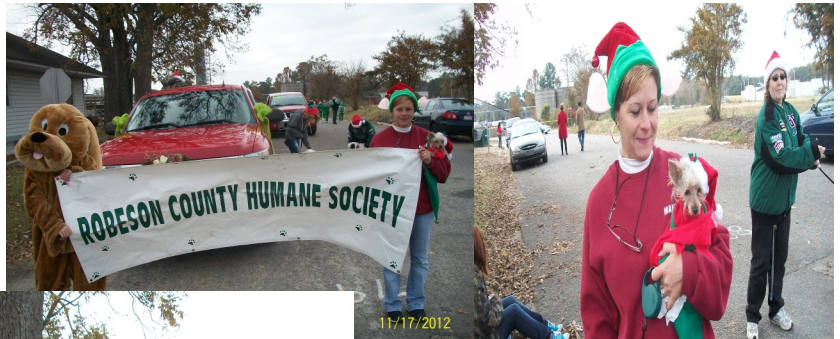
Thank you To all, for a successful day!



## Past Events

### Lumberton Christmas Parade November 17, 2012

The parade started out on a beautiful chilly day! With about 10-volunteers and some of our resident dogs, it was a great success! Thanks to James Davis of Fairmont for the use of his truck again this year!



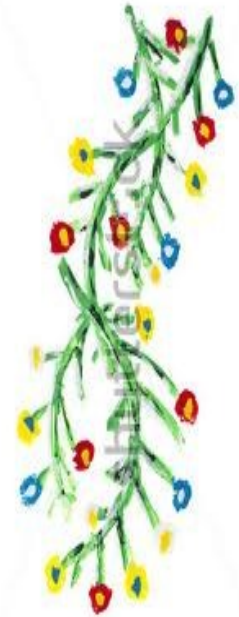
### Encore Gold Party December 3rd, 2012

We had a good time, and made some extra spending money! Ms. Gayle and the guests had good snacks and great conversations!



# 10TH ANNUAL FUR BALL

With over 80 guests in attendance, it was by far the BEST Ball to-date! This year we had a live auction, silent auction, as well as a speaker, Rikki Harris, who showed a slid-show of some of the work she has done to protect animals. With great food, over 40 silent auction items as well as 6 live auction items, attendees were very generous. **THANK YOU**, our community of supporters!



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