



# Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

Fall 2013

Dear Friends,

Have you ever heard the phrase “The Power of One”? It refers to the power within an individual to make a difference in our world. Personally, I love the phrase, as I have witnessed it in action so often throughout my life. Last year, I was asked during a newspaper interview why I thought FoCCAS had experienced so much success in a relatively short period of time. My response was, I felt that so many people really cared about the plight of homeless animals in our county but felt powerless to help change the situation. Once FoCCAS was started, it provided a way for people to help in the manner that was best for them. While all of these people collectively have made a phenomenal difference in the lives of hundreds of shelter and owned animals, it took one person, Pam Hay, to exert her power to start FoCCAS in 2009. We each have within us the power to make our community a better place to live. One person is all it takes to transport several animals to or from an adoption event, provide foster care, bake cookies given as thanks to our local business sponsors, photograph and advertise our adoptable animals, write thank you notes, donate supplies, and the list goes on. Likewise, when one person is missing, it leaves a big hole. Volunteer support is critical to our success. As someone said to me recently, “We all have the same number of hours in a day.” Thanks to the many FoCCAS volunteers who choose to use some of those hours to exert their POWER to make Colleton County a better place for pets!

For the Animals,

Laura Clark



## Community Spay/Neuter Vouchers

FoCCAS is proud to offer \$25 off discount vouchers for spay/neuter surgeries. Residents of Colleton County may pick up vouchers at the shelter and also at our monthly Adopt-A-Thons. Vouchers may be used at the local vet offices and at SNAC in Ridgeland. Each month, FoCCAS allots 30 vouchers and each voucher must be used within 45 days. Funding for this program came from Paws At The Plantation 2.

FoCCAS is committed to encouraging owners to have their pet spayed or neutered. The Colleton County Animal Shelter takes in many litters of unwanted puppies and kittens each month, many of whom will not be adopted. The overpopulation of unwanted pets in Colleton County causes the shelter to be unnecessarily beyond capacity.

## Transports to Maine: Searching for Volunteers

As you all know, our transports to Maine have saved the lives of more than 150 puppies, kittens, and small dogs that would have been euthanized at our shelter. This project involves many volunteers including foster families and transport organizers to keep records of all the animals.

FoCCAS is currently looking for foster families to commit to taking care of puppies or kittens for six to eight weeks. Animals can be fostered individually or several can be fostered in the same home. FoCCAS will pay for vet appointments, vaccines, any medicine, and food. Foster families provide the home and love.

FoCCAS is also looking for at least one person with good organizational skills to help keep track of the animals’ vet appointments, vaccines, and general health.

If you are interested in helping with the transport program please contact Laura at 843 906-1849 or [foccas.sc@gmail.com](mailto:foccas.sc@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Adopt-A-Thons

Saturday, September 21  
Petco in Walterboro  
12:00 – 4:00

Saturday, October 12  
Bi-Lo in Walterboro  
12:00 – 4:00

Saturday, November 16  
Walmart in Walterboro  
12:00 – 4:00

Saturday, December 14  
Petco in Walterboro  
12:00 – 4:00



**Dinner at Zaxby's  
Proceeds donated to FoCCAS  
5:00 – 8:00 pm**

Tuesday, October 15  
Tuesday, November 12



## Spotlight on Volunteers

A special thanks to **Mark and Kathy Eckels** and **Jacquie Miller** as part of our Pet Publicity team. If you've ever taken pictures of your own dog, cat, or other pet, you know how hard it is to get the perfect picture. This dynamic team has mastered taking wonderful pictures of our adoptable animals. These pictures can be seen on Petfinder.com and on the Bank of Walterboro electronic billboards. Good pictures of our animals are essential to getting them adopted. Thanks Mark, Kathy, and Jacquie for giving our adoptable animals the advantage of a fabulous "portfolio."



## Class Projects Will Help Shelter

The Colleton County High School Student Government Association Senior Class has adopted the shelter as their service project. This is a continuation of their junior class project. Many of these students regularly visit the shelter and help to socialize many dogs.

Eighth graders from Colleton Preparatory Academy also adopted the shelter as their class project. They will visit the shelter, socialize animals, and raise donations.

**Interested in a service project at the shelter?**

Contact Tim Lynes at the shelter 843 893-2651 or email [ccaec@colletoncounty.org](mailto:ccaec@colletoncounty.org)

## Blessing of the Beasts Saturday, October 5 10:00 and 12:00

Father Jeffrey Kendall will give the Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi (Patron Saint of the Animals) on Saturday, October 5. Bring your dog, cat or other pet to St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 10:00 am or 12:00 noon. Pets must be leashed or in carriers. FoCCAS will be accepting monetary donations or supplies of paper towels, Clorox, Dawn, and kitty litter.

