

# Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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— Spring 2015

Hello, and welcome to spring! Now we have an extra hour of daylight to walk our pets. Aren't we fortunate to have them to help us exercise!?

As many of you know, our most recent fundraiser, Paws at the Plantation 4, was a great event. Now FoCCAS volunteers are hard at work planning others, like the dog show at the Rice Festival and the fall season's 2nd Annual Wag & Walk. Common characteristics of all our events include being pet-centric and fun for attendees. That's by design, and we're glad when folks stop to tell us what a great time they had. But having fun is only a by-product of why FoCCAS volunteers put so much time and effort into planning and staging them. The core goals for each and every one is to increase public awareness about our objectives - the welfare of all Colleton County animals - and to raise the funds needed to achieve them.

Projects like our subsidized spay / neuter program, Adopt-A-Thons and our innovative and successful 4th grade responsible pet ownership series all are costly. These are in addition to the support we provide CCAEC (Colleton County Animal & Environmental Control) each month for things like heartworm and flea medications, spay/neuter procedures and vaccines.

With community support for our events, we're able to continue these functions and plan for even more. Watch our Facebook page, website and quarterly newsletter for stories and inside information on the directions we'll be heading. So, plan on attending ALL our events, and having a great time doing so. And enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that your participation also has a direct and positive impact on the animals of Colleton County.

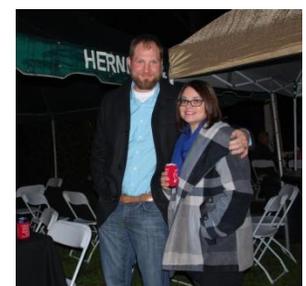
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President

## Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer Orientation will be held on **Saturday, April 18 @ 9:30** at the Colleton County Animal Shelter. This one hour orientation will be followed by an optional animal handling class.

## Paws at the Plantation 2015

On Saturday, February 28 about 150 people braved the cool and damp weather at Maybank Plantation for some great Jimmy Fitts BBQ and music from Local Motion Party Band. With support from our hosts, our sponsors, silent auction donors, and purchasers, FoCCAS raised over \$8000 for the animals of Colleton County.



## Why Fostering is Important

Contributed by Caroline Hooker

Fostering animals is, simply put, saving lives. When you become a foster for CCAS, you volunteer to keep a homeless pet in your home temporarily until they go to a forever home or go into rescue. We rely on foster homes to keep pets until they get adopted and/or a rescue group pulls the animal. We ask foster families to provide transportation to and from vet appointments and provide lots of love. FoCCAS pays all the expenses for the animal during fostering such as, food, vet bill, and anything else that might be required.

Many people come up with excuses not to foster. They think they're too busy, or they don't want to get attached to an animal they'll have to give up in a month or so. I believe that with a little preparation, open heart and education most people would make great foster parents. Here are some reasons why you should consider becoming a foster parent.

### You are saving a life.

You feel good, FoCCAS can help save more animals, and your foster pet is happy, healthy, and well-socialized. Talk about win-win-win!

### Fostering increases an animal's chance of getting adopted.

Foster families are usually the first to find out about the pet's personality. You may even be the first to teach your foster pet basic house manners, making them more appealing to potential adopters.

### Fostering is temporary.

Knowing the foster animal will only be with you for a short time makes it easier to find the time to take care of them, and it also makes it easier to give them up when it's time.

### Fostering keeps animals out of shelters.

Animal shelters can be stressful from the lack of quiet, training, and exercise. And there's nothing like the love and warmth of a family! Animals in foster care tend to be less stressed, better socialized, and have a lower chance of getting sick than animals in shelters.

### Fostering provides great life lessons.

Fostering gives lessons in compassion, nurturing, and generosity to children and it's a wonderful, life-affirming experience for an entire family, a couple, or a single individual.

Please consider fostering!

Email [foccas.sc@gmail.com](mailto:foccas.sc@gmail.com) for more information

## Upcoming Events

Adopt-A-Thon  
Saturday, April 11  
Petco in Walterboro  
12:00 – 4:00

Volunteer Orientation  
Saturday, April 18  
Animal Shelter  
9:30 am

Rice Festival Dog Show  
Saturday, April 25  
Colleton Farmers Market  
2:00 pm

Pet Photo Contest  
April 10 – May 9  
Petco

## Is your Colleton County Animal Shelter Pet a Calendar Girl (or Boy)?

We are SO EXCITED to announce we will be creating a 2016 calendar featuring pets that have been adopted or rescued from our shelter.

Please follow the guidelines below and submit pictures (or questions) to [calendarccas@gmail.com](mailto:calendarccas@gmail.com).

- We are looking for HIGH RESOLUTION photos of your pet.
- Please include ONLY pets in the photos; we will not be featuring photos that include people.
- Please submit your high resolution photo(s) by AUGUST 1st to be considered for the calendar. (be creative - holiday themes are great!)
- Please include your pet's name (at time of adoption / rescue) and the year you adopted your pet.

All submissions / questions go to:  
[calendarccas@gmail.com](mailto:calendarccas@gmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed:

Adopt-A-Thon coordinator and informational table volunteers

If you are interested, please contact Sarah at 843-635-5206 or email [foccas.sc@gmail.com](mailto:foccas.sc@gmail.com)

## Save the Date

Saturday, September 19 (tentative)

## Walk and Wag

Sponsorship and t-shirt information will be available soon on the web and Facebook

## Spay Neuter Achievements

In 2014, FoCCAS along with our partners, Spay Not Slay, a Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina non-profit partner, and the Hilton Head Humane Association's Lowcountry Spay Neuter Clinic (SNAC) in Ridgeland were able to offer low cost spay/neuter opportunities for residents of Colleton County. Nine hundred and seventy-three (973) animals were spayed or neutered under this program thus preventing many unwanted litters in our county.

Grant funding continued through the first quarter of 2015 and an additional 284 animals have been altered.

Colleton County residents who were unable to take advantage of this opportunity can pick up a voucher for \$25 off spay/neuter surgery at any local vet (C.J. DeLoach Veterinary Clinic, Morrison Veterinary Clinic, Walterboro Animal Hospital) or SNAC in Ridgeland. Vouchers are available at the shelter and at FoCCAS Adopt-A-Thons.

## Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE)

Carol Armentrout, Dr. Rebecca Hughes, and Janice Young headed up a pilot program at the Forest Hill Elementary School for 4<sup>th</sup> grades. The classroom sessions were held once a week for six weeks culminating in a celebration where Rachel Craven won the "speuter" essay contest about the importance of spaying and neutering pets. These fourth graders learned not only about the large number of homeless pets in Colleton County, but also pet health and safety, caring for pets' needs and wants, safety around dogs and cats, and the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

Education is an excellent way to help decrease the number of unwanted animals in Colleton County. FoCCAS is thrilled to have a wonderful CACE committee and volunteers willing to work with the young people of Colleton County to make the community more animal friendly.



## Happy Tails

Contributed by Lynn Cresse

Meet Cooper Faretra of Goose Greek. He is enjoying a life of love and wonderful new experiences thanks to Lowcountry Animal Rescue in Summerville, a group that rescues dogs from our Colleton County Shelter.

Jeff and Kathie Faretra were looking for a certain type of dog to add to their family and wanted only a rescue dog. They had recently lost a dog and wanted to find a companion for their 9 year old Yorkie mix Benjamin. This sweet little Pomeranian had a host of problems. He was a "senior" dog who had suffered from ear infections causing deafness and a head tilt, gum infections that caused him to lose teeth, and heartworms. Cooper has found a loving home on December 27, 2014 and he is improving in all of his conditions. He and Benjamin are the best of friends and his human family adores him. He's beginning to blossom out of shyness and loves to cuddle while enjoying all the things in life he's never, ever had. There couldn't be a more blessed ending to his story and is truly a very Happy Tail.



**Thank you to our Paws at the  
Plantation hosts, sponsors, silent  
auction donors and  
in-kind donors**

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Linda Lamb

## 2015 Rice Festival Dog Show

**Where:** The Colleton Museum and Farmers Market Pavilion



COLLETON MUSEUM  
& FARMERS MARKET

**When:** Saturday,  
April 25 at 2:00 pm

**Entry Fee:** \$5 per class or  
large package of paper  
towels, Clorox or Dawn

### Classes for all dogs

- **Puppy Class (dogs less than 1 year old)**
- **Senior Dog Class (dogs over 7 years old)**
- **Children's Handler Class (Children under 12)**
- **"Polly Purebred" Class (purebred dog)**
- **"Heinz 57" Class (mixed breed dog)**
- **Costume Class**
- **Best Trick Class**

**Proceeds benefit the  
Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter.**



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