



Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

Winter 2013

Dear Friends,

As we say farewell to 2013 and anticipate what may be in 2014, most of us are accompanied by a furry friend or two (or 8 in my case). Pets bring so many benefits to humans and those of us who have lost a pet would agree that the grief can be as strong as that of losing a human loved one. Why then do some humans act so irresponsibly with regards to animals? While there are a variety of reasons, often the results of those actions involve the county animal shelter. I tell people that the problem of unwanted pets is a "community problem that requires a community solution."

FoCCAS has been instrumental in providing a means for our citizens to address some of the factors that create homeless pets. In 2013, we saw more live releases from our shelter, numerous owned dogs and cats altered, and increased volunteer and financial support. This year we plan to do more. Many communities such as ours have been very successful at significantly reducing the unwanted pet population. I know we have what it takes to join their ranks! I hope you will attend our Annual Meeting to hear about our past success and future plans. We need you, the animals need you, but mostly you need the satisfaction of knowing you make a difference in our community.

Happy 2014!

For the animals,
Laura Clark
President

Paws At The Plantation 3 Saturday, March 1, 2014 Ravenwood Plantation

FoCCAS is proud to announce that Ravenwood Plantation will be hosting Paws at the Plantation 3 on Saturday, March 1 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. This event is the major fundraising event for FoCCAS. Past events have allowed us to purchase needed medical equipment to be used at the shelter, provide funds for the Puppy Transport to Maine, and supply spay/neuter vouchers to residents of Colleton County.

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. Discounted tickets are available, if purchased before February 15, for \$40 each. No tickets will be sold after Monday, February 24.

Jimmy Fitts will be catering chicken and BBQ. Music will be provided by Sam Singleton. A silent auction will feature get-a-way packages, wine baskets, artwork and much more.

Visit www.foccas-sc.org
Tickets on sale now!



A few pictures from our
December Adopt-A-Thon at
Walterboro Petco



FoCCAS Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 28

The FoCCAS annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 at the Colleton Museum and Farmers Market. Please come out for more information about our 2013 accomplishments and 2014 goals. We will also be electing board members and offering volunteer opportunities.

Please join us!

Upcoming Adopt-A-Thons

Saturday, January 11
Tractor Supply Company in Walterboro
12:00 – 4:00

Saturday, February 8
Petco in Walterboro
12:00 – 4:00

Saturday, March 22
Tractor Supply Company in Walterboro
12:00 – 4:00

SNAC offers Feral Cat Program

The Lowcountry Spay Neuter Clinic (SNAC) offers vaccinations, testing and spaying/neutering for feral cats to be returned to their habitat.

Residents of Colleton County who are concerned about feral cats in their neighborhoods can borrow cat traps from the Animal Shelter. These traps will allow the cat to be transported to the vet safely.

The feral cat program is \$50 and SNAC will accept the FoCCAS \$25 vouchers to reduce out of pocket expenses to \$25. SNAC can be reached at 843 645-2500.

Keep your pets safe this holiday!

Many holiday items can be dangerous to your pets. Food items such as chocolate, yeast dough, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, avocados, coffee and alcohol are all harmful to your pets. Non-food seasonal items such as antifreeze, liquid potpourri, ice melts, electrical cords, batteries, human medicines can hurt your pet. Seasonal decorations and especially plants such as lilies, mistletoe, holly, and acorns might poison your pet. **Please be safe!**

Spay/Neuter Vouchers

FoCCAS offers \$25 discount vouchers for spay/neuter surgeries at local vets and SNAC. Vouchers are available at the Colleton County Animal Shelter and FoCCAS Adopt-A-Thons.

Spotlight on Volunteers

A special thanks to the **Armentrout Family** for all their work with FoCCAS and the animals at the shelter. If you've been to a FoCCAS Adopt-A-Thon, you've probably met Zach Armentrout and his grandmother Carol – they are a dynamic duo taking care of the animals and documenting the adopted animals with their forever families. Carol also adds her creative touch to the FoCCAS scrapbooks. Carol's husband Charlie and Zach's brother Nick, are also regulars at the shelter. They spend family time giving love, attention, exercise and training to the animals at the shelter.



Thank you Armentrout Family!!



FoCCAS receives Donations

Robbie Smoak and the staff at the Walterboro Super Bi-Lo chose FoCCAS to receive a great holiday surprise, two \$500 Bi-Lo Gift Cards! Thanks Bi-Lo!

Bud and Polly Gramling, of Edisto Beach, donated 1000 pounds of dog and cat food to the shelter. Thanks Gramlings!



Over 50 animals were given the blessing of St. Francis by Father Jeffrey Kendall at the 2013 Blessing of the Beasts

