



# Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter (FoCCAS)

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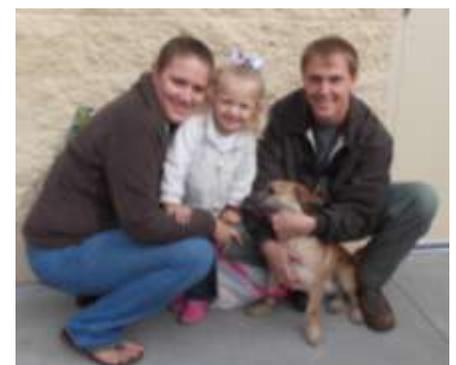
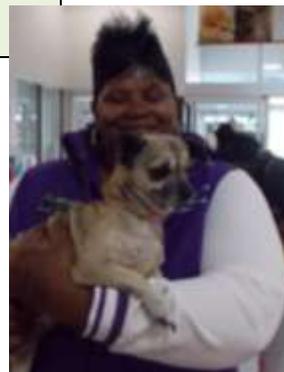
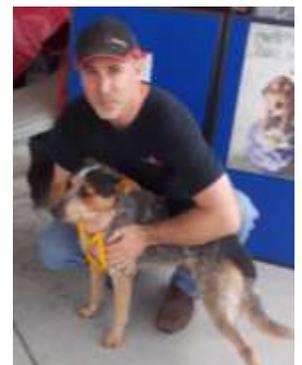
As we approach the end of 2012 and take stock of the year past and try to envision the year to come, I would like to applaud the many successes that we have accomplished to make our county a better place for animals. When I stepped into the role of President last January, I had no idea of the many opportunities we would have to achieve such success. From numerous successful adoption events, to a wildly successful fundraising BBQ, to providing free spay/neuter to many residents' pets, to a commendation for our Shelter Director, and finally saving the lives of sweet little puppies, FoCCAS has served to make a small dent in the issues facing our county shelter. This has all been possible through the generous support of our community. Selfless volunteers have given countless hours of their time and talents and individuals and businesses alike have put their money where their mouth is and helped us to accomplish so much. Even so, there is much work to be done, many lives to save and many people to educate. FoCCAS will hold its Annual Meeting for members on January 29, 2013. We have already received several applications to serve on the Board of Directors but there is still room for a few more people who want to be involved at the decision making level of this exciting and effective organization! Even if you aren't interested in a board position, I personally invite you to join us at this meeting to share in our successes and hear about our goals for 2013. All are welcome, even if you are not a member, yet. Until then, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukah, and a safe New Year.

For the animals,

Laura Clark  
President

## Thanks to Bi-Lo, Petco and Walmart For Successful Adopt-A-Thons

The Colleton community came out to support FoCCAS at our Bi-Lo (October), Petco (December) and Walmart (November) Adopt-A-Thons in the last few months. Many cats and dogs were adopted at the events and more in the weeks following our events. FoCCAS relishes these businesses for their care and concern about the animals of Colleton County. Our next Adopt-A-Thon will be at Tractor Supply Company in Walterboro on January 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Save The Date:

Saturday, January 19 12:00 – 4:00

### **Adopt-A-Thon**

Tractor Supply Company, Walterboro

Tuesday, January 29 6:30 pm

### **Annual Members Meeting**

Colleton Museum and Farmers Market

Saturday, March 2 TBD

### **Paws at the Plantation II**

Paul and Dalton Plantation  
BBQ Dinner and Silent Auction

## **Puppy Transport Thank You!**

Our pilot program of transporting 18 Colleton County puppies to a shelter in Maine will leave on December 28. This project would not have been possible without Suzanne Carr, Tim Lynes, Amanda King, and Dr. Rebecca Hughes, the seven foster families who cared for the puppies as they awaited transport and to all the businesses and individuals who donated to the project. Thanks to *The Colletonian* and *The Press and Standard* for promoting and supporting our efforts to save the lives of these sweet puppies.

## **Thanks ArborGen!**

Public Relations Chairperson Sarah Miller and shelter "representative" Coconut visited ArborGen on December 5. We had a great visit and the employees collected donations for the shelter. Thank you!



## **Shelter in Need of Donations**

The shelter is currently in need of kitty litter (just plain clay is great), IAMS dry puppy food, paper towels and Dawn dishwashing liquid. If you are able to donate these (or anything else on our wish list), the **shelter** is open from 11:00 – 4:00 on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri and 9:00 – 12:00 on Saturday. Also, several businesses in Walterboro have volunteered to be drop off locations: **Trinkets and Treasures, Off The Wall and Sweet Dreams and Jelly Beans** (both on E. Washington), the **Colleton Museum and Farmers Market**, and **Jones Vacuum Center** at 773 N. Jefferies. Thank you for your support of the animals of Colleton County!

## **Spotlight on Volunteers**

On November 17, volunteers from the Colleton County High School **National Honor Society** and **Student Government Association**, along with **Miss Teen Walterboro Queens** collected donations and painted faces at the Walmart Adopt-A-Thon. Their efforts raised over \$700 for FoCCAS.



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Are you interested in volunteering for FoCCAS? There will be a volunteer orientation at the Colleton County Animal Shelter on Friday, December 28 @ \_\_\_\_\_. FoCCAS is looking for people to play with and socialize the animals at the shelter, organize outreach, volunteer at information tables, take pictures and video, help with public relations and much more. If you are interested, contact FoCCAS at [foccas.sc@gmail.com](mailto:foccas.sc@gmail.com) or call **Laura at 843 908-1849**.

## **Silent Auction Items Needed**

FoCCAS is looking for donations for the Paws at the Plantation II silent auction. If you are willing to donate or have ideas for possible items, please contact Sarah at [foccas.sc@gmail.com](mailto:foccas.sc@gmail.com) or 843 635-5206.

## **Thanks BI-LO!**

BI-LO Charities donated \$6499.90 to FoCCAS: below are Rusty Streetman (Regional VP), Laura Clark, Tim Lynes, Robbie Smoak (store manager) and Terrell Kelly (District Director). This money was part of a grant written to help with resources for our new pet publicity committee.

