



# Humane Society of Harris County No Bones About It

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## Making the HSHC Animal Adoption and Education Center a

### Capital Campaign Begins

In November, 2008 the Humane Society of Harris County Commissioners entered into a long term lease for 4.4 acres on Barnes Mill Rd. in Hamilton. This historic moment was the final block needed to start the new HSHC Animal Adoption and Education Center.

The planned 7,000 square foot facility will be the first of its kind in the community. "A facility of this nature is long overdue here in Harris County" stated Kathryn Genova, Executive Director of HSHC. "Our dream is for this to be the center for homeless animal care and animal welfare education in the area."

The Humane Society's Board of Directors launched an ambitious Capital Campaign in early 2009 to raise the needed funds for the facility. Scot Hanley, HSHC Board President explains that "the project will be initiated in two phases. Phase I is hoped to be completed within the first year and will provide a smaller, interim facility and the infrastructure for the overall project. This will allow us to begin operation while the majority of funds are raised for the larger, permanent facility. Phase II is hoped to be completed by the end of 2011."

The goal for Phase I is \$200,000. The first donations have allowed engineers and architects to begin the initial stages of the project. Phase II will require \$800,000 for the building, furniture, and fixtures and an endowment to ensure future stability.

HSHC has established the Cornerstone Society to fund Phase I. "We are looking for 2000 Harris County residents to donate \$100.00 each to make Phase I a reality" explains Kathryn Genova. Society members will have a special dedication in their honor for "laying the foundation" of this much needed project.



### Ebony

HSHC's newest staff member

## Humane Society of Harris County forms first Pet Therapy Team

Shelter dog, Ebony, a Labrador Retriever mix has begun training with Lacy Razor of Hamilton to become a certified Therapy Dog. Lacy and Ebony are the first of several teams that HSHC would like to create. The team will begin an outreach program to visit Harris County schools, senior centers, area hospitals and nursing homes. The unconditional love and attention a cat or dog can provide has been found to give both physical and emotional relief to those stressed by illness or recuperation or with learning disabilities.

Ebony is a very special dog. This beautiful black lab mix has only three legs. What became of her right rear leg is a mystery. Rescued from Harris County Animal Control several months ago, she tested heartworm positive and was successfully treated. Having a missing leg has not proved much of a handicap to this loving dog. Ebony is sure to prove an inspiration to all who meet her.

Lacy Razor lives in Hamilton with her husband Josh. She brings years of pet therapy experience to HSHC, beginning her involvement when she was a member of 4-H. Lacy currently owns two certified therapy dogs, both golden retrievers.

When training is complete the team will under go a certification exam administered by the Delta Society. Then they will be able to visit schools, hospitals and senior centers and begin their work. Please support Lacy and Ebony as you see them in the community (Ebony will be wearing her "Therapy Dog in Training" jacket). Offer to greet them and let Ebony hone her skills. Ebony is currently looking for a sponsor for her work. A business or individual can help fund Ebony's training and equipment and bring this great resource to our community.

Interested in therapy dog work? We are looking for additional volunteers to work with a shelter dog or their own pets. Contact 706-628-0007 or [info@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org](mailto:info@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org) for more information on sponsoring Ebony or joining the team.

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## Dog Days

### Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is Adoption Day

Inside Pet Smart, Bradley Park Dr. Columbus

#### June

Fourth Annual Golf Paws Open

**Sat. June 20th**—Maple Ridge CC, Columbus  
Shotgun, starting at noon, \$100.00 per golfer

Summer Yard Sale

**Sat. , June 27th**—Main St, Pine Mountain  
At the old Purple Cow  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

#### July

Basic Dog Obedience Class

**Tuesdays, July 7th through Aug. 11th**  
Sunnyside Community Center  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
\$60.00 for 6 week session

#### August

Summer Volunteer Potluck

**Sunday, Aug. 16th, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**  
Sunnyside Community Center  
All HSHC Volunteers Welcome  
Bring a dish, bring a friend

For further information on upcoming events, please contact  
706 628 0007 or email  
[info@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org](mailto:info@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org)

### Welcome New Volunteers!

Lacy Razor, Misty Hill, Taylor, Myers  
Autumn Kelly

We've had a great start to the year! Adoption weekends have been very productive. We have been inside Pet Smart now for several months, and adoptions are booming. Volunteers have also been working hard at the shelter. We have a crew keeping the kennel clean and socializing the dogs. Our winter potluck was held in February and was well attended and great fun. Next Potluck, August 11th (see above). Keep sending referrals for volunteers and watch your email for news. The calendar on our website will also list all our upcoming events. Thanks for all your dedicated help.

### Health Corner

How well do you know your pet? Not its behavior or personality, but its body. If needed could you accurately tell how long your pet has had a lump, or when it last drank water or last had a bowel movement? We all get busy with our lives but our pets can't speak up when they are feeling under the weather. Subtle signs of illness can easily go unnoticed unless you take time to look.

For your pet's long term health and wellness, develop a routine for a quick body examination. Check eyes and ears, teeth, and skin. Under long or heavy coats, lumps, ticks, and sores can hide and go unchecked developing into serious issues. Combining this exam with a quick brush, ear cleaning or nail clipping will help maintain a happy bond between you and your pet.

Finally don't overlook bodily functions. Opening the door and letting your pets out to relieve themselves is really convenient, but taking a walk with them occasionally will help keep you aware of other conditions. Even simple things like parasites can be revealed and easily eliminated before trouble develops. Remember your pet depends on you. Take a little time to keep them happy and healthy.



**ROMEO**

Romeo is a one and a half year old male, domestic short hair. An absolutely beautiful male cat, he is gray and white with wonderful markings. Romeo lives up to his name. He is affectionate and charming. He is used to both indoors and out and gets along with other cats very well. He is looking for that perfect windowsill to curl up on. Adoption fee of \$90.00 includes spay/neuter, all age appropriate vaccinations, micro chip, and worming. All animals are disease tested and come with a free 30-day gift health insurance policy.

## Capital Campaign Gifts

The Capital Campaign for the new HSHC Adoption and Education Center is underway. The Humane Society of Harris County wishes to thank the following donors for their generous support.

### Gold \$1,000-\$2,499

Mr. & Mrs. K. Michael Sawyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sykora  
Ms. Gina Thomas

### Silver \$500-\$999

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Croll  
Mr. & Mrs. James Genova  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wolford

### Bronze \$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cheatham  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Doyle  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberts  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Turner

### Gifts to \$249

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Cochran  
Mr. & Mrs. R.E.E. de Montluzin III  
Ms. Mary Jorgensen  
Mr. Arleigh Merrill  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pendergrass  
Mr. & Mrs. Houser Pugh

### Cornerstone Society

Ms. Karen Comer  
Ms. Suzanne Eidson  
Ms. Kathy Hall  
Ms. Margaret Kei  
Mr. Steven Shuman  
Mr. Dennis Croll  
Mrs. Elizabeth Croll

## Want your name in "lights? We have several opportunities at our upcoming facility...

# of Units	Gift Size	Facility
16	\$1,000	Cat Cages
16	\$1,500	Dog Kennels
3	\$1,500	Cat Condos
1	\$5,000	Cat Get Acquainted Room
1	\$5,000	Dog Get Acquainted Room
1	\$5,000	Shelter Manager's office
1	\$5,000	Director's Office
1	\$10,000	Medical Treatment Area
1	\$7,500	Dog Isolation/Quarantine Area
1	\$7,500	Cat Isolation/Quarantine Area
1	\$5,000	Animal Care/Food Prep
1	\$10,000	Staff/Volunteer Room
1	\$50,000	Lobby
1	\$100,000	Training and Community Center

## CONSIDER A PLANNED GIFT TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIETY'S FUTURE



Supporters who include the Humane Society of Harris County in their wills contribute to the long-term sustainability of the Society through their generosity. Planned gifts of other types, such as charitable gifts annuities and charitable remainder trusts, benefit the Society while also providing the donor with income.

The Humane Society of Harris County will soon introduce a legacy society to honor those who make these generous and important commitments that assure HSHC's ability to continue its important work into the future. For information on planned giving opportunities contact Mike Sawyer at 706-628-0007 or [msawyer@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org](mailto:msawyer@humanesocietyofharriscounty.org).

**Join Today**  
**Become a Friend of the Humane**  
**Society of Harris County**

You can join "the Friends" and help provide sustaining support to the Humane Society of Harris County. Join today and your contribution will help support the ongoing operational expenses of HSHC.

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**\$25.00**

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Please return to: Humane Society of Harris County  
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator  
P.O. Box 264  
Hamilton, GA 31811

**Want to help?**

**Volunteer Application**



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**Areas of Interest (circle all applicable):**

- Weekend Adoptions    Special Events    Transportation  
Cattery/Kennel Assistance    Maintenance    Dog Grooming  
Office Assistance Pet Therapy    Volunteer Recruitment

**Volunteer Availability:** Weekly    Monthly    Other

**Preferred Days:** Sun    Mon    Tues    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

**Liability Waiver**

As a volunteer for Humane Society of Harris County (HSHC), I agree to abide by all of the society's policies and procedures. I understand that all volunteers working for HSHC do so at their own risk, and that HSHC cannot assume any responsibility for any accident, injury or health problem that may arise from any volunteer work I perform for HSHC. As an HSHC volunteer, I agree that all work I do is on a voluntary basis and I am not eligible to receive any monetary payments or rewards.

I fully and completely agree to the above and vanquish any and all future claims.

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Signature

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Print Name

Please return to: Humane Society of Harris County  
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