



HABERSHAM HUMANE SOCIETY

Newsletter • March 2021

'TIS THE SEASON

...for KITTENS, that is! Spring is springing and the cats are feelin' the love, so we have lots of foster babies available to nurse and care for until they can be transported to safe homes.



Of course, we can always use new foster families, so if you feel a huge hole in your heart that only a furbaby can fill – but you don't want a full-time commitment – contact our Foster / Transport coordinator Jackie Hamby for details on fostering. It's a 4-6 week window while our dogs and cats wait for their turn for transport. HHS will help out with food and medical necessities.

If fostering isn't your thing, we will use your wonderful donations to provide healthcare, food and transport expenses for these fosters. While you're in the mood ... you can donate here! <https://habershamhumane.org/donate/donate-now>.

YOUR DONATION IS CRITICAL TO OUR FOSTER-TRANSPORT PROGRAM

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| Your \$10 donation provides..... | one bordetella vaccination or
one package of puppy pads |
| Your \$25 donation provides..... | two cases of kitten food or
one heartworm test |
| Your \$50 donation provides..... | 15 cardboard pet carriers or
one feline neuter (ouch!) |
| Your \$100 donation provides..... | 7 bags of dog food or
3 round-trip transport trips to Atlanta |
| Your recurrent (monthly) donation.... | Keeps our program going! |

THANK YOU FROM ALL OUR LITTLE BUDDIES!



HHS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We're all in our places with some bright and brilliant new faces! Say hello to our newest Board members ...



Jackie Hamby joins us after serving HHS for many years as coordinator of our Foster/Transport program. She's the one who locates the foster families; places the animals in appropriate homes; gets all the medical needs met; coordinates the transport services; prepares all the paperwork necessary to transfer (and it's A LOT); loads the animals into our transport van; hands a tissue to the weeping foster Mom as they drive away; then starts all over again. Yes, she's a beast ... and we love her for it!



Gail Walker is a multi-tasker extraordinaire! She has worked with HHS in past years as editor of our newsletter and foster/transport volunteer. Now she's back and we won't let her go! She works with Jackie to coordinate transports and is also volunteering to boost our social media and networking presence in the community. Gail has a huge heart for animals and is a perfect fit for our HHS efforts.



Sheila Turner volunteered with a local Humane Society in South Carolina before retiring to Clarkesville and joining us as co-chair of our Membership Committee. She has worked in fund raising initiatives and local transport programs in the past, so she brings lots of experience and an amazing amount of energy to our group. Currently, she is busy with our most recent Membership Drive, mailing hundreds of letters throughout our Habersham community. If you want to be a part of this awesome cause, you may contact Sheila at info@habershamhumane.org and she'll be happy to send you all our membership data.

NEW MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE BEGINS

By Glad Simmons, Membership Chair

To: Habersham Neighbors and Heroes
From: Habersham Humane Society on behalf of Habersham's 4-Legged Children
Subject: **Membership Opportunity**

We are writing to invite you to become a member of Habersham Humane Society. If dogs like Jessica could talk, they would tell you how important your participation can be to the mission of HHS. Every membership donation saves lives!

Despite sacrificing our annual fundraiser in 2020, our work has continued. Never underestimate the commitment of Habersham Humane Society's volunteers! We haven't let hard times deter us in our mission... nor have our donors forgotten the challenges of Habersham's needy dog & cat population.

Habersham Humane Society has been active in creative ways, even during these pandemic times. Despite these new challenges, we have:



- Provided foster homes and medical care for the homeless.
- Assisted in the transport of 127 animals to promising adoption opportunities.
- Helped to fund spay/neuter program.
- Assisted the Habersham Animal Shelter with hands-on support.

Are you wondering where you can fit in as a volunteer? We can certainly use more boots on the ground to accomplish our work; however, there is something else very specific you can do, and it is easy. Please call or email us for a brochure that explains our mission and our work (706-839-1040 or info@habershamhumane.org). Tell a friend (or several). Help spread the word about who we are and what we do.

Thank you for any support you are able to provide. Several suggested membership levels are available.

Will you be a hero and join Habersham Humane Society? We need you as a member of the pack.

Habersham Humane Society Board of Directors

Julie Whitt (Chair) Dr. Emily Allison Bill Calloway Jackie Hamby Claudia Jessup

Glad Simmons Dr. Sarah Tilley Sheila Turner Gail Walker Tom Wigley

Anna Paige Barrett, Youth Ambassador

MEMBERSHIP
(print and return)



Habersham Humane Society is a nonprofit, volunteer-supported organization that relies solely on donations and memberships to fund its programs. As a member of HHS, you make it possible for us to continue this important work.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail : _____

(for our quarterly newsletter)

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Cat's Meow (Student)	\$10.00
Puppy Love	\$25.00
Top Cat	\$50.00
Big Dog	\$100.00
Other Donation	\$ _____

MAIL CHECKS TO:
HABERSHAM HUMANE SOCIETY
PO BOX 1442
CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523

GOOD NEWS FROM HHS

Bobby's Story

By Jackie Hamby, Foster/Transport Coordinator

Bobby came to our local shelter in rough condition. A 12-year-old senior dog, he was heartworm-positive, underweight, and full of the usual problems that come with old age. Madi Nix, shelter director, contacted me to ask if HHS could help.



Bobby when he arrived at the shelter.

My first phone call was to Becky at Atlanta Lab Rescue, an organization that has helped us countless times with needy labs. To my surprise, ALR immediately accepted Bobby.

I initiated the paperwork and began to work out all the transfer details with Becky. Our wonderful foster/transport volunteer Gail Walker drove Bobby to Atlanta. He was looking so much better after some care and love AND “spa day” at the shelter!



Bobby after his “spa day”



Bobby's FREEDOM RIDE to Atlanta



Life is good with brother Jack in the new back yard.

But the best was yet to come! Becky at ALR knew of an elderly couple who specifically wished to adopt a senior dog. We found our match and Bobby has gone from rags to riches! His new name is Charlie, and his family loves him to pieces. He even has a new brother named “Jack” who, since he already “knows the ropes”, wants to serve as Bobby’s *guide dog* when they go outside in the yard in the evenings. It’s the best possible happy ending!

HAPPY TALES FROM OUR RECENTLY-ADOPTED FOSTERS

The best thing about working with HHS is hearing the success stories that we receive from adopters. Our transport program gives so many second chances to animals who might otherwise be homeless. In 2020, we transported **127** lucky dogs and cats to shelters in the Northeast who need our animals. **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN** fur babies saved!

We have SO many wonderful success stories since our last newsletter. Dogs and cats galore have traveled from our foster homes in Habersham County to glorious new homes and families in New England. Let's share a few!

March 18: Update from Maine ❤️

Tiffany adopted Bianca and she could not be happier with her. She says she is an amazing dog and she is doing great. The whole family loves her. Thanks to Eric and Kristen Franklin for fostering her!



March 8: Update from New Hampshire ❤️

Little Princess was heart worm positive when we took her in last year. While undergoing treatment, she was fostered by Yolanda, a shelter staff member. Her family says she is a wonderful little dog and they love her dearly. Like many "Southern Belles", she does not like the snow; but on a warm sunny day she enjoys being outside.



February 13: Update from Maine ❤️

I wanted to let you know my husband and I adopted Opal on Jan. 26th. She's a very cool cat: regal, quiet, and playful. She's often watching birds in the window or on a YouTube channel. She also likes running around with Regis, a male gray & white adopted from same place as a foster kitten last July. They're both approximately 10 mos. old—like siblings but different! Thanks so much for taking our Opal/Opus/Obi Won Kenobi off the streets! We love her and are grateful to you and the volunteer work you do.

Warm regards,
Brit and Phil



February 3: Update from Maine ❤️

I am thrilled to have adopted the beautiful Coonhound you knew as Penny - now Zeebo - from PAWS animal shelter in Maine. I loved this sweet, gentle dog from the minute I met her. I am delighted to have her as my companion. She now lives in wintry Old Town, in central Maine.

Right now we only walk on the hills and field of my property, but when things thaw out, there are miles of wooded trails nearby that she and I will be walking regularly. Zeebo is not too fond of our really cold mornings (close to 0°F) but loves the outdoors when the afternoons warm up to the 30's.

I am grateful to you for the care you provided that allowed me to meet this wonderful dog.
Patricia



Animals have no voice.
They can't ask for help.
They can't ask for freedom.
They can't ask for protection.

Humanity must be their voice.

-A.D. Williams



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**Thank you to all our devoted supporters and encouragers.
We do what we do because of our love for animals, but we
couldn't do it without each of you!**

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