

May 1, 2014

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2014

- **Bubba's II Drive-by Dinner- Sunday, May 18, 2014.**
- **Bone Appetit-Royal Villa- Date to be announced.**
- **Dog Day Afternoon/ Raffle- October 2014**

PET ADOPTION DAYS NORMAN SWANNER DOG PARK

- **Saturday May 10th**
- **Saturday June 14th**
- **Saturday July 12th**
- **Saturday August 9th**
- **Saturday September 13th**
- **Saturday October 11th**
- **Saturday November 8th**

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HAPPY TAILS NEWSLETTER



"Ending cruelty, Giving hope"
www.hopeforanimals.com

Presidents Message

After a long and extremely harsh winter, spring has finally arrived and long awaited relief for HOPE volunteers who weathered the cold and rain to keep rescued dogs and cats warm and safe. Now, we move on to the challenges of rescuing the "spring" abundance of animals in need, fundraising projects, and adoption events.

We are pleased that the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter's Low-Cost Neuter/Spay program, in conjunction with HOPE's Errol Leblanc Legacy Voucher Assistance, has proven successful. In 2013, approximately 300 dogs and cats were Neutered/Spayed through the Low- Cost program that benefits Lafourche Parish pet owners. This year, there is continuing interest in the program

that will, hopefully, reduce the overpopulation of animals in the area.

It is through necessity that we ask for your support for Fundraising and Monetary donations that are essential in HOPE's Rescue of approximately 200 homeless animals annually. Many come from dire circumstances, such as abandonment along roadsides, cane fields, subdivisions, and imminent death at high kill animal shelters. Each pet rescued is given complete medical care, which often entails medical care beyond the basics of vaccinations, neuter/spay, and recovery from malnourishment. Additional care, such as heart worm treatment and surgeries are often necessary to help the animals reach a healthy, adoptable status. We ask for your continued support.

We Need You

Got a little time to help care for HOPE's rescued pets? Job includes cleaning,

feeding, walking dogs, and giving hugs to dogs and cats. If you can spend a cou-

Every penny is spent on the welfare of needy pets.

We are excited that the Norman Swanner Dog Park has opened in Thibodaux! Many thanks to Mr. Neal Swanner and to the City of Thibodaux for providing a safe, controlled area for owners and their dogs to experience "fun and run" at the park. HOPE will hold Pet Adoptions at the Park once a month (see schedule).

Many thanks to everyone who gives so generously of their time, offers monetary donations, and supports HOPE's activities. We could not continue to help homeless animals in need without your support.

Thank you. God Bless.

Ruth Chiasson

ple of hours with some worthy, loving dogs and cats, please call 985-859-5246.



I've been told that one day I may have my own home.

*"It is through
people who care
that a kinder,
gentler nation can
become a reality."*



My friends and I need homes. Please spread the word.

The Giving Tree

The Peltier Foundation (Kennel and Cattery repairs and renovations), Bubba's II Po-boys (fundraiser), Raising Cane's (fundraiser-donations), The Royal Villa (fundraiser) Wal-Mart,

Sam's Club (food and supplies donations), Tractor Supply, PetSmart (donations and adoptions), KCIL Radio Station (Critter Corner).

A heartfelt Thank You to HOPE's sponsors, businesses, suppliers of food, participating veterinarians, donors, supporters of fundraising activities, youth groups, and volunteers. We

The Sad Facts

The hope that one day we will have a 'kinder, gentler' nation toward animals is often marred by real life acts of human cruelty and atrocities. HOPE for Animals and other humane organizations are overwhelmed, saddened, and appalled by the growing number of innocent animals that are tortured, neglected, and abandoned by pet owners in our community. HOPE is often plagued by such inhumane and heart-wrenching incidences. A few of many horrific stories:

Kittens-nine kittens abandoned in a closed double boxed and taped with no ventilation succumbed to the death trap with no

chance for survival. A HOPE volunteer rushed the kittens to a vet clinic- no survivors.

Kitten- small kitten- no survival skills, dumped by its owner and rescued by a HOPE volunteer. A severe eye infection led to removal of one of the kitten's eyes. The kitten is now safe.

Butch- young beagle, found near death and struggling to survive at a boat launch for three weeks- starving, emaciated, infested with heart worms- rescued by kind person and HOPE became his guardian angel; completely recovered and shows no signs of human grudge due to his horrific past.

Sara- yellow lab- waited several days for its owner to return after being dropped on the side of a busy highway with a bowl of ant covered food. HOPE came to the rescue for the well mannered, loving, and very appreciative dog.

Lab- healthy black lab- rescued an hour before euthanasia at the local "kill" shelter. Sweet, spayed, and a jewel of a great dog- left to die for no reason, other than human cruelty.

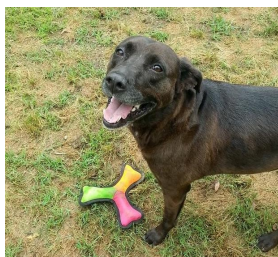
Such atrocities to animals should not exist. Animal shelters and Rescue groups are inundated with helpless pets that are exposed daily to abuse and neglect.

Shocking Statistics

Please don't breed or buy when shelter animals die! According to the Humane Society of the United States, approximately 2 dogs are euthanized every second

simply because no one wants them. More than 7 million pets are euthanized every year due to pet over population. That's 135,000 per week or 20,000 pets

euthanized every 24 hours, 365 days a year. PLEASE spay/neuter your pets!



Keeping my paws crossed that someone sees me and wants me.

"It started with a senior class project."



We're waiting for you at Petsmart

Friends of the Fur Kids Spotlight on Lynette Hebert and Poonie Naquin

It started with a senior class project. When Lynette Hebert's son Daniel realized his original idea of building a hovercraft could not reach fruition, he decided instead to recruit his mom, her partner Poonie, and their friends at Bubba's II Poboy Shop to prepare a benefit jambalaya dinner. He decided that the proceeds would go to HOPE for Animals. The dinner was a great success and thus began a beneficial partnership between HOPE and the Bubba's II crew.

Daniel is now focused

intently on his college curriculum. But Lynette and Poonie are still quite active in helping HOPE achieve its mission. Lynette volunteers several days a week at the cattery. Poonie has coordinated additional dinner fundraisers whose proceeds have lowered our vet bill balances and assisted with spay/neuter costs. They provide mouthwatering jambalaya for our Dog Day Afternoon fundraiser and both ladies take every available opportunity to promote our organization and its programs.

And they practice what they preach. The long time animal lovers share their home with two Boxers and eight cats. They also oversee the feeding and care of a colony of semi-feral cats that call the poboy shop home.

HOPE for Animals wants to give a big THANK YOU to Poonie and Lynette for all they have done (and continue to do) for the animals in our program!!!

Purrfect Relationship

Hope for Animals continues to join forces with Petsmart in Houma for their in-store cat adoption program. In the last six weeks, we have had 4 wonderful adoptions and look forward to many more.

Petsmart provides clean, safe kennels for the cats to live while they can be viewed by the public. Their stories and personalities are posted on their window so people can get to know them. All food, water and litter are supplied by the store. Also, scheduled checks are done by the em-

ployees throughout the day and volunteers come six evenings a week to clean, and socialize with the cats..

Pet applications are available in the store and we are notified of any potential adoption candidates. Our own volunteers then do the vet checks, screening and interviews to make sure the adoption is a good fit for both cat and humans.

The new adoptive family is awarded a Petsmart Adoption Kit that provides \$200 worth of products and services and a free bag of Purina Pro cat food. Hope for

Animals is awarded money with each new adoption to help offset the cat's adoption preparation expenses. It really is a win/win situation for everyone but most importantly, our deserving cats that get a great home through the exposure at Petsmart.

We would like to encourage everyone to stop by and visit our cats at Petsmart. If you would like to volunteer time with this program, please message us on our Hope for Animals Face Book page or call our number. (985) 859-5245