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### **Paw Prints**

The Collin County Humane Society Newsletter - Spring 2014

# A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT Molly Peterson, Pres. of CCHS and Director of CCHS and Rockwall

What a whirl wind of a winter it has been but spring is on the horizon! We hope 2014 is off to a great start for all of you and your furry families. In this issue of Paw Print News read all about happy tails from our winter adoption spree. Due to the amazing Boot Scootin' Pet Benefit in October we raised enough funds for 12 cage adoption trailer! It's not too late to sponsor a cage in the trailer to show your support for CCHS or advertise for your company (everyone needs a write off come tax season). Read more in this issue about sponsorship opportunities and other ways to get involved with CCHS! Also in this issue read about how Vickie Driver, our General Council came to join our team and supports our cause through her pro-bono services to CCHS!



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Our third Annual Wishbone Campaign in December was a huge success. Just under \$7,000 was raised to help 5 families whose pets were in need last holiday season. This issue of Paw Print News includes follow up stories from the families about where they are at now and their experience working with CCHS.

Last but certainly not least, have you ever thought about fostering or joining as a member? For as little as \$10 a month you can help support our cause and contribute to saving a life today! If you do not have financial resources but you do have a love for animals, read more about our foster program and what to expect when you're expecting. Without foster homes we cannot go on to save lives across the greater DFW area, sign up to become a foster today!

We thank you so much for your support and hope to see you all at our Decadent Dining Dog Benefit on May 22nd from 6-9pm at Watters Creek in Allen! We're expecting a sell out crowd so be sure to get tickets today

at: <a href="http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/forms/decadentdog-benefit">http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/forms/decadentdog-benefit</a>.

See our many Happy Tails and their special new families

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Disco is an 8yr old spunky rat terrier. She is considered a senior, but she can run, jump, and play with the best of them. Disco loves people and doggie friends and gets along with everyone as long as they all know she's CUTE. She is a happy girl and wants a home to give her heart to.

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#### **Events:**

Watters Creek – Adoption Event 2nd Saturday of month from 1-6pm South West Corner of Bethany and 75 in Allen in front of Frogg Coffee Bar and Creperie -See more at:

http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/blog/current-

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3rd Annual Decadent Dining Dog Benefit
May 22nd from 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Watters Creek Bethany and 75 in Allen
Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the
door - See more at:
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#### How Soapy became a McCormack By Beth McCormack

This is the story of how Soapy became a McCormack. We had two dogs in our home for 11 years when one of them passed away. They had been with us since before we had our children, and were a big part of our family. The loss of Speedy in July 2012 left a big hole, but we just weren't ready to bring another dog into the family. Four months after we lost him, we realized that Cantrell needed a companion, so we got a cat. Paulina became part of our family, but we realized that as Cantrell aged and became more frail we needed to bring in a new dog to learn the ropes.

I was checking through Petfinder for a dog that ticked all of the boxes for us. When I came upon Soapy, his profile looked like it fit the bill. And honestly, I just loved his name. It was silly and fun, which is what we needed in our family.

I reached out for more information. He was the only dog I inquired on, even though I had spent days searching through the available dogs. Amanda Wheless got back with me and we had a lengthy conversation to determine if he was a potential fit. Everything seemed to fall into place.

Soapy had a rough go at it in the shelter and was on the EU list. CCHS pulled him and placed him with Amanda and Gordon in hopes of finding his forever home. He was a very shy dog who seemed to be quite scared of people. Thankfully, Amanda and Gordon worked hard to get him comfortable with people.

The evening Amanda and Gordon brought Soapy to meet our family it was the 1 year anniversary of the day we lost our Speedy. Though fearful and shy at first, he accepted us pretty quickly. He also connected with our old girl, Cantrell. He brought back a little spring in her step. The kids loved him. We decided to make him a McCormack.

He is very much a McCormack now. He is still very scared of people and barks quite a bit when new people come around. What's so remarkable is that he was never that way with the 4 of us. That's how we know he is where he belongs. We had a few little growing pains at first just trying to adjust to a dog that didn't know our routine and who has an appetite for all things plastic. ;) But we all settled in just fine.

We are so happy to have the sweet boy and we look forward to when he feels comfortable around more people. We know it's just a matter of time.

#### SOAPY



There's nothing better than a fine wine!

Oh wait, yes there is! Sipping a fine wine with the knowledge you are helping pets in need!



#### **Monthly Memberships**

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Collin County Humane Society is a volunteer based group. We operate through the generosity of the community and depend entirely on donations. We have over 100 adoptable dogs in our program currently, with more coming in every day. Please help us to make a difference in the world.

This is a perfect time of year to renew or sign-up to donate. Your Donations are Greatly Appreciated! PayPal - The safer, easier way to pay online!

You can also Donate through our MembersGive program sponsored by American Express where card holders can donate their points to their favorite charity.

See more at: <a href="http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/blog/chipin/">http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/blog/chipin/</a>

#### Special thanks to these wonderful 2013 Boot Scootin' Pet Benefit sponsors!

Email Molly Peterson at <a href="mailto:Pres@CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org">Pres@CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org</a> for information about becoming a 2014 Event Sponsor.











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## In Loving Memory.....



Thanks Texas Hold 'Em Sponsors - Phil and Silvana Smith

## CCHS Adoption Trailer BY CCHS

"CCHS Adoption Trailer" At the Collin County Humane Society, we are excited to share this incredible opportunity to fulfill our mission to provide assistance to dogs and cats who have been abused, neglected and abandoned and help find them permanent loving homes. In order to achieve this goal, we recognize the importance of being highly visual in the community which brings us to this exciting opportunity for our supporters. Our goal is to raise the funds for a state of the art CCHS adoption trailer. We believe this will be key in helping our animals in need find their forever homes and to become a visual staple in our community! Similar to the Rockwall Animal Services trailer, this special adoption trailer is equipped to not only provide a safe way to transport and showcase the incredible animals up for adoption through CCHS but also to become a fixture in our community to continue to bring awareness and support to Collin County residents and their pets! The gas run trailer stands at 8ft wide x 17 ft long x 8 1/2 ft tall and will feature an air conditioning and heating unit for year round comfort for

our pets, potential adopters and volunteers. The trailer will hold 12 cages with unbreakable windows, drains in the cages for sanitization and easy cleaning, convenient outside panels that will rise up and external and internal lighting for the public to get a clear and unobstructed view of the available pets. For ultimate convenience, the trailer will also boast a sink with running water, a stainless steel interior and a bench for storage. Here is where you come in! We hope you are on board with helping us achieve this important goal of purchasing this adoption trailer by sponsoring one or several of the 12 cages in our trailer. We are also excited to offer the EXCLUSIVE opportunity to become the primary sponsor and to have your company's ad and logo on the outside of this state of the art trailer which will be proudly displayed and seen throughout Collin County. You will be recognized as a top supporter of the Collin County Humane Society and as a hero to our animals in need. Please help us in our quest to help the abused, neglected and abandoned dogs and cats of Collin County and help find them permanent loving homes by supporting us and become a prominent figure in the community while supporting Collin County Humane Society.

#### Meet Vickie Driver BY CCHS

In April 2013, Vickie Driver joined CCHS as its first General Counsel to the Board of Directors. Her road to CCHS started with her desire to be a foster parent for dogs. After one (very happy) failed foster through a breed-specific rescue, Vickie was bound and determined to truly foster. CCHS foster mom, Julie Menconi, recommended CCHS to Vickie as a great organization with which to foster. Julie's glowing recommendation for CCHS led Vickie to apply and express her special love for Brussels Griffon. With CCHS' wonderful mentoring assistance, Vickie has successfully fostered four adult dogs and just fostered her first litter of eight puppies!! Vickie couldn't do her rescue work without her husband Adam Driver. Together, they raise (spoil) their own pack of four-legged children: Katie and Ted (both Brussels Griffon), and their newest adoptee JoMou, a Great Pyrenees.



See more at: http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/adoption\_trailer.html

#### Wishbone Campaign Yearly Christmas Program By Collin County Humane Society

The Wishbone Campaign is the fundraiser we do every December for families who's pets are in need. We select 5 families in need and raise money for their medical needs. Featured in this newsletter are three stories of the families selected. Please consider donating to the next Wishbone Campaign in 2014.

#### Wishbone Campaign Story of Lacey By Traci Rice

I would like to take the opportunity to catch you up on what my pups have been doing since you helped us out so much.

Lacey has been to our vet and had her blood work done. Her kidney levels are in good shape so her prescription food continues to do the trick. We have been able to keep her food well-stocked and on hand. Boomer and Thor both had check-ups and got straight A's.

I also have flea prevention and heartworm pills stocked up and ready. Fleas haven't made an appearance yet but we're ready if they do.

The Wishbone Campaign is such an amazing program and has been a huge blessing to our family and most especially our pups. Thank you again and God bless you for all the animals you save.



#### Wishbone Campaign Story of Lindsey Lee By Jessica Lee

Hello! My name is Jessica. Back in January, our oldest dog, Lindsey, was in need of her 10th surgery to remove tumors that grow regularly, all over her body. My dad was currently without a job and with all the other bills having to be taken care of, Lindsey's surgery was going to be put on hold. I entered my family in the Wishbone Campaign, hoping to get some help for Lindsey's surgery. We were blessed to receive \$500! With help from the CCHS and all who donated, she was able to get her surgery done, as well as get up to date on her vaccines.

Lindsey's surgery went well. She was a trooper, as always. She was back to playing and wrestling with her three younger brothers in no time. She is back to her usual bossy self and hogging all of the food. :) CCHS also donated many bags of treats and food for all four of our fur babies. This saved us so much money and it has gone a long way. (although, I'm sure Lindsey got most of it) My dad just started his new job last week and we are doing great!

My family is so grateful to CCHS and all of those who donated through the Wishbone Campaign. It helped our family out so much. We love all four of our babies and want to be able to take care of them the best that we can and y'all have helped us do that. We are forever thankful!



## Wishbone Campaign Story of Crystal, Prince and Zoey By Natahsa Bickham-Ojode

My family and I would like to especially thank Amanda Wheless, my friend/coworker for nominating my family for the CCHS Wishbone Campaign. We would also like to thank CCHS and donors for help with maintaining a healthy life for my furry babies. Overall our experience with CCHS was great and the staff is amazing.

Crystal, Zoey and

Prince are much happier since their spaying and neutering. They are now able to play outside together without the worries of unwanted puppies. I had



some concerns

that getting them spayed and neutered would change their personalities, but they are happier than before. Crystal didn't really have a big appetite before surgery and now her appetite is great — she cannot keep out of her food bowl ©

Zoey is doing great she loves all the extra attention she received during her recovery – she cannot resist being spoiled and enjoying pinning down Prince while playing in the backyard.



Prince did well for his

surgery considering that he had a undescended testicle and of course he is enjoying mingling with the girls.



## We have some wishes of our own. CCHS – Wish List

Collin County Humane Society is a volunteer based group. We operate through the generosity of the community and depend entirely on donations. For those of you who want to contribute to CCHS but haven't found the right avenue... why not pick an item from the list below?

Collars/Leashes Dog Food (Purina Chicken and Rice Formula or Nutro for Puppies) Cotton Balls/Swabs Q-Tips Benadryl Flea/Tick Prevention Dog bed(s) Dog/Puppy Shampoo Dawn Dish Soap Crates/Carrier Toys, balls, treats **Digital Camera Digital Picture Frame** Office Supplies (paper, paperclips, staples, etc.) Zip Lock Bags (all sizes) **Thank You Cards** Stationary Puppy Formula (canned Goats Milk from Pets store) Baby Bottles (regular baby size bottles for large breed puppies) Vitamins/Supplements Nzymes® Supplements

Please contact us if you can provide any assistance. Thank you!

#### - See more at:

http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/blog/wish-list/#sthash.MR1R0hwL.dpuf

#### Roxy By Ashley Vannucci

Hi, my name is Ashley! My husband and I adopted Roxy from CCHS about 4-5 years ago. When I first met Roxy she was at my work, Camp bow wow in Coppell, as a foster. She was in bad shape, covered in fleas, dirty, and scared of people but TERRIFIED of men. I had asked my husband almost daily if we could add a new family member to the family and everyday he would say no. I had given up on getting a new addition and quit asking him for a pup to add to the family. One day he came to have lunch with me at camp and I went to the play yard for something and when I came back I couldn't find him anywhere. I finally looked in the check in area and he was curled up in a ball with Roxy and he said "I want this one" so I immediately contacted CCHS and applied and was able to adopt my Roxy. The adoption process was awesome and everyone was great. When we first got Roxy home she did have some separation issues but overcame them with trust. Now, 5 years later Roxy is full of life, she's healthy, and she has been doing sooooo well with new people even men. She goes to my husband's softball games and has a blast. I have to say- please don't shop - adopt!





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#### Dog Park Etiquette By Heather Bass

With the nice weather approaching that means more trips to the Dog Park for your fur family member. Just like humans, dogs love a trip to the park. Dog's time at the park is their version of happy hour: socializing, flirting and play time galore. But with any social event, there are unwritten rules that we must follow. Want to be sure that you and your dog are playing the game right? Here are some helpful suggestions for Doggie Park Etiquette. 10) Know your dog's temperament. It's easy to forget that the world doesn't know your pooch as well as you do. Taking dogs to the park introduces them to a variety of breeds, temperaments, and levels of training. You can't predict how other dogs will behave, so be sure you consider your dog's temperament. Is he or she prone to barking at large dogs? Definitely consider the small-dog section of the park. Is he or she intimidated by crowds? Find a time to visit the park when it's not packed.

- 11) Make sure your dog is up-to-date on their vaccinations.
- 12) Fix First: Before you head to the park, get your dog spayed or neutered. Male dogs will get along better, and female dogs will be spared a dog-park frenzy from being in heat. You'll also help prevent animal overpopulation—just one unaltered female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in only six years.

- 1) Observe the dogs in the dog park to see if there are any potential health or behavior problems.
- 2) Clean up after your dog: Many parks have a pooper scoop and trash cans available, but not all of them. Scope out a park before you go. If resources aren't provided, be sure to take along supplies to deal with your dog's doo-doo. Plastic bags—and a small shovel for the squeamish—are a must. If you want to make some human friends while you're there, pack a few extra baggies; people who forgot will be grateful.
- 3) Make sure that your young dog is not being bullied or learning bad manners from the other dog.
- 4) Be careful entering a dog park gate. Other dogs tend to crowd around to greet arriving dog. This jostling and crowding can be quite intimidating to many dogs and may result in a skirmish, or worse.
- 5) Don't take any toys to the park your dog is not willing to share.

## Please help us in saving our animals, by Joining our Kennel Club

CCHS is a 501c(3) non-profit, that offers care for neglected, unwanted, and/or abandoned animals until they can be placed in a suitable permanent home. Without the support we receive from donations, these animals would certainly be euthanized. Every donation we receive helps pay to provide safe shelter, food, medication, and veterinary care for our furry orphans who wish for so little.

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- 6) Have realistic expectations about your dog's suitability for going to a dog park. If he isn't polite or friendly with others, get help to change his behavior before you take him to a dog park. Dog parks are not a place to rehabilitate fearful or aggressive dogs or those that just don't know how to play well with others.
- 7) If your dog has never been around other dogs before don't go to a dog park until he's had a chance to be around other dogs in other situations so you have a better idea of how he reacts to other dogs.
- 8) Always take your cell phone and have the phone number of the local animal control agency. Call animal control or the local police and report any aggressive person or dog that won't leave the dog park. These individuals are dangerous to people and dogs.
- 9) Recognize that by taking your dog to a dog park, you are accepting a degree of risk that your dog may be injured or may injure another dog. Don't be naïve and think that a dog park is a safe place for your dog to be around other dogs. This may not always be the case.



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#### What to expect when you're expecting By Tressa Broadhead

Bringing home a new puppy or adult dog to your home is an exciting time. How to prep your home, introduce current fur-babies to the new addition and what to feed the dog are all questions that we frequently hear during the adoption process. Often time's people don't expect the pup to have an adjustment time of their own, and need several days to understand what is going on for them as well.

Before bringing home the new family member, be sure you have worked out where the animal will sleep, have a crate prepared for them in a decided upon location as well as food and toys that are age appropriate. Many people are not aware that most rawhides and chewables are not appropriate for puppies of all ages. Puppies do need puppy approved chewables as they will surely need to alleviate their need to chew. Be sure you are comfortable with all rugs and flooring surfaces seeing at least a few accidents from your new family member, as even house trained adults tend to have at least a couple potty accidents in the house before they understand the lay of the land. Remove or protect any rugs or furniture that you are worried about before an accident occurs. We always suggest that new dogs are introduced to the family slowly and at their own pace. When introducing puppies, it is common for people to plop the puppy down in the middle of the living room and let the resident dog have a once over. This is never recommended. We ask you keep in mind the puppy has just been taken away from his mom and family, and has

probably never left the foster home he just left. You, as well as your home are completely new to him. While most puppies are fine with all dogs and cats, it can create a stressful situation for the puppy quickly, as well as leave the resident dog wondering what just happened and who is this in my home? Furthermore, holding the puppy in your arms while the adult dog jumps up to greet them is not ideal either. For both adults and puppies, we suggest that the animals meet outside on leashes and be allowed to approach each other on their own time. Leashing is strongly recommended for adults, as if there is a strong reaction from one of the dogs, they can be quickly split up without the adults engaging too much in the argument.

Once the pup has been brought inside, be sure you take the puppy around the house at their pace and allow them to sniff and explore rooms. For larger homes, it may be appropriate to close some doors and block off some hallways so they do not get lost or overwhelmed. They have plenty of time to learn the entire home at a slow pace. Be sure someone has the time to stay with the animal as they explore, as you may realize that the sniffing means they need to potty, or may realize you forgot that family heirloom tucked in the corner of the bedroom. Your new chew-machine puppy will surely find it. Crates are always recommended for new fur-babies, young and old. While you may not plan to crate the dog forever, it is not uncommon for a new adult dog to become easily stressed in their new home and when their new family members leave them unattended, take out their stress and frustration on the coffee table.

We have all seen doors and walls destroyed by a sweet dog that wouldn't otherwise chew on a thing when family members are home. Crating the adult dog for a few weeks minimum will keep their stress level down, as well as your home intact. Crating also assists with potty training the puppy and adult. Since they do not want to potty where they sleep, it will teach them to 'hold it' till you return and take them outside for their break.

Expect that the first few nights may be stressful for your new addition and we often recommend the crate is placed in the bedroom of one of the family members. Dogs are pack (family) oriented animals, and prefer to be around their family more often than not. While sleeping in the bed may be appropriate for some, if you choose not to do so, allowing the new dog to be in the room with you at night in their crate will reassure them they are with their family and help foster a new bond with the family. It often keeps the crying to a minimum, as they realize you are really right there with them, even if they are not next to you.

Bringing home a new baby is exciting, and an event in life most people only experience a handful of times. While it requires some adjustments for everyone, there will be no doubt you made a good choice when you experience that first snuggle on the couch, or witness the first deep sleep on the new dog bed in the living room. Enjoy!



Jack Sparrow is searching for his real treasure "A Furever Home". As you can see he has only one eye. Maybe it was an ole pirate ship or too much rum. Either way, he can see just fine.

Jack is a super sweet boy (for an ole pirate!). He gets along great with dogs and cats, and he is a love bug snuggling with his foster family. Jack makes the purrrrfect lap dog. If you are interested in Jack, please fill out an application through Collin County Humane Society.

http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/available-dogs.html



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