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The *Companion Quarterly* in color!

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Myth, You Are So Busted

THE HUMANE SOCIETY of Alamance County's primary mission is to facilitate low-cost spay/neuter services made possible by our participating local veterinarians (and we thank our veterinary partners from the bottom of our hearts). It is also central to our

mission to raise awareness as to the importance of this life-saving surgery. The number of calls and e-mails received in our office is huge. It is obvious that there are many people in our community who understand that spay/neuter is not optional when owning a pet, but



A box of homeless kittens. Are there myths about these cuties? Yes! Can we bust 'em? Oh yes!

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Hot Fun in the Summertime

DURING WARM WEATHER, the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Play it safe by leaving your pet cool and

refreshed at home while you're on the road.



IF YOU SEE a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the

police department immediately.

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is a responsibility that must be met in order for their animal to have a long, healthy life. They also understand that spay/neuter is the most effective solution to the tremendous animal over-population problem we have in this county.

IT IS WONDERFUL that so many people are seeking a better life for their animals, but there are still quite a lot of myths being passed around. These myths have their origins in folklore and misunderstandings. In an effort to correct some of this misinformation I'd like to share some of these myths, and then see if we can't bust them!

Myth: It is healthy for my cat/dog to experience one litter before spaying her.

Busted: There is lots of medical evidence that shows that a cat or dog that is spayed before having her first litter is typically healthier in the long run. I know you want the best for your animal, so why not give her every advantage that you can? Spay her before her first heat.

Myth: If I can find good homes for all these kittens/puppies, then there is no problem, and everyone is happy.

Busted: You are adding to a crisis. Let's say you have 6 cute kittens and you find good homes for each of them. That means that the Burlington City Shelter has lost the opportunity to adopt 6 equally cute kittens into those homes you found. In 2010 there were 5,102 cats and dogs

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Their lives have value.
Any school child could teach you this lesson. Cats and dogs are our friends. They do not belong in shelters. No dog or cat should be euthanized because it is unwanted—
not a single one.

euthanized at the local shelter. That's just too many lives lost.

Myth: My cat/dog is a purebred so I can sell her offspring, and that is not a problem, and everyone will be happy.

Busted: This is a huge problem with life and death consequences. According to the Humane Society of the United States, 1 out of every 4 animals brought to a shelter is a purebred. Just because an animal is a purebred doesn't mean it will live the life it deserves.

Myth: I am a taxpayer. I am entitled to surrender my unwanted animal to the Humane Society of Alamance County.

Busted: You are confused. The Humane Society of Alamance County is an independent local non-profit organization, and operates without spending one penny of taxpayer money.

Myth: I don't care, I still feel entitled to surrender my animal to you.

Busted: Please understand that there are so many unwanted animals that we cannot possibly help them all.

Myth: Well, I can't afford this animal, so I guess I have to surrender her to the city shelter. But I'm warning you, if they kill her, it will be your fault!

Busted: You and you alone are responsible for your pet. One reason we promote spay/neuter is so pet owners do not end up with more pets than they can afford. If you have failed to spay or neuter, you only have yourself to blame.

Myth: Kittens and puppies are cute, but let's face it, once they grow up and lose their cuteness, they are just one more thing to take care of.

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Busted: Animals are not “things.” Their lives have value. Any school child could teach you this lesson. Cats and dogs are our cherished companions. They are our friends. They do not belong in shelters. No dog or cat should be euthanized because it is unwanted—*not a single one*. And it is the attitude you have expressed that is at the very root of the animal over-population problem in Alamance County.

Myth: OK, OK, so I'll look into this spay/neuter thing. But my cat/dog will get lazy & fat after being spayed.

Busted: Animals get lazy & overweight because they're under-exercised, under-stimulated and overfed, not because of spay / neuter surgery.

Myth: My male cat/dog will feel less macho or be embarrassed after neutering.

Busted: You're not going to see a change in your animal's basic personality after surgery. The feelings you're asking about are human feelings and your cat or dog just doesn't experience these perceptions.

Myth: The spay/neuter operation is just too expensive. I will save money if I ignore this problem.

Busted: This is short-sighted and incorrect. Spay / neuter surgery is a one-time expense, and is an extremely cost-effective preventative measure. Just think about the cost of caring for and feeding the litter and their litter, and their litter, and so on...not to mention the veterinary expenses if something goes wrong, or when it comes time to vaccinate



Six cute kittens. Even if you find homes for each of them, there is a terrible opportunity cost. Six other kittens at the shelter just lost out.

all the little ones. Think it doesn't happen that way? Visit the shelter, look at the placement ads in the newspapers, look at the colonies of feral cats around town.

PLEASE CALL the HSAC office to take advantage of our low-cost Spay / Neuter Program.

Our package includes all of the following at no additional cost to you:

- Rabies and other important vaccines
- Fecal testing and parasite control
- If your animal requires one night's boarding following surgery to ensure the best care then that expense is also included

YOUR PET'S surgery will be performed at the hospital of one of our participating vets and if additional care or service is required then our veterinarians are already in place to provide that for you. If you desire heartworm testing for your dog, feline leukemia / feline aids testing for your cat, microchipping for your pet, then those services can all be conveniently done on surgery day – you'll just

need to ask the vet about that and pay them directly for those additional services.

CALL OUR OFFICE today at 336-438-2023 or send an e-mail to hsac@netpath.net.



Hot Fun in the Summertime

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DO NOT ALLOW YOUR dog to hang out the window of a moving car. Objects, such as rocks or tree limbs, might hit your pet or he/she might fall or jump out. Do not allow your animals to ride in the back of a pick-up truck. They may be thrown out or they may jump out.

MAKE SURE YOUR PETS are inside if there is a possibility of a thunderstorm. Loud thunder may frighten them or lightening could strike them. The Humane Society office sees a big increase in lost/ found animal calls immediately following thunderstorms and fireworks due to the number of animals that bolt from their homes during these events.

PLANT FOOD, FERTILIZER, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. Keep all poisonous garden chemicals out of reach of your pet. Read instructions thoroughly and carefully before applying to your lawn or garden. Be cautious also about the type of mulch that you use around your property. Some are extremely hazardous to your animals health!

MANY OUTDOOR PLANTS are poisonous to dogs and cats if ingested; keep your pets away from your garden and do not let them eat any plants.



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MAKE SURE your pet is microchipped and is always wearing a collar and identification tag.

CHECK WITH YOUR veterinarian to see if your pets should be taking heartworm prevention medication. Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.

SOME DOGS DO NOT LIKE to swim. Do not force your dog into the water if he/she is frightened. If your dog likes to swim, do not leave him/her unattended. Bathe your dog afterwards to remove all sand, mud and chlorine. Also, be sure all pool chemicals are stored safely out of reach. Make sure your dog can easily exit from the pool when tired. Many above ground pools are much easier to get into than out of.

ALWAYS MAKE SURE your pet has fresh, cool, clean water available. Dogs and cats, drink more on hot days and water warms up quickly. Also, provide plenty of shade for your outdoor pets so they can stay cool.

PETS NEED EXERCISE even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very

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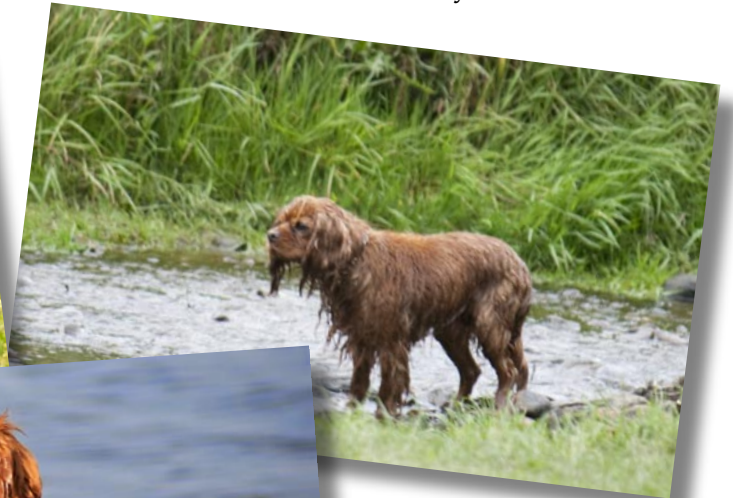
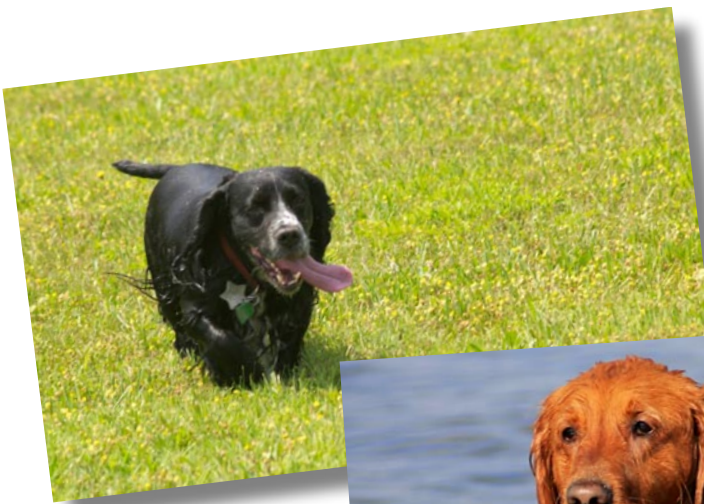
hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws so let your animal walk on the light colored cement edging or in the cool grass.

PETS CAN GET sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly

vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.

YOUR PET CAN SUFFER from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious signs of heat stress, which could include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

IF YOUR PET DOES become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most important, get him to a veterinarian immediately.



Dogs and cats love to chill out in the summertime, but please remember to give them the extra care they need.



Calendar of Events

View calendar updates at: hsaconline.org



1st Saturday of each month, 11 am - 1 pm

PetSmart Cat Adoption Fairs

At PetSmart, University Drive, Burlington (near Target). Visit our foster cats and kittens in their cubbies in the Luv-a-Pet center. Keep checking our website for additional dates.



2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 7 am - 1 pm

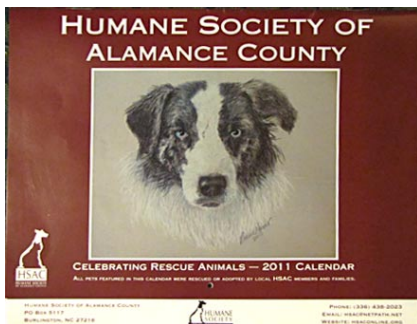
HSAC Yardsale Store

At the Burlington Outlet Village near the Hanes Mill Outlet Store, Exit 145 off I85/40. Great bargains for a great cause. Fabulous and ever-changing selections. Donations welcome (no clothing please).



Miles for Mutts: Raffle Tickets Available

Reverse Raffle of the 2011 Harley Davidson Street Glide presented by the **Compassionate Bikers of Alamance County (CBAC)**. Drawing to be held at Davis Harley Davidson at their Summer Bash on August 20th, 2011. Raffle tickets are \$100 and can be purchased through the Humane Society office. Call 438-2023 or e-mail hsac@netpath.net. All proceeds benefit HSAC and the animals! Thank you so much to our wonderful friends at CBAC!



Rescued/Adopted Pet Photos Needed for the HSAC Printed Calendar 2012

HSAC 2012 Calendar photo submissions are now being accepted. Your rescued or adopted pet could be featured in our 2012 HSAC Calendar!

To have your pet considered for the calendar, send an email to hsac@netpath.net, attach a

high resolution photo and include a story about your rescue or adoption. Deadline is August 1st, 2011. Good luck!



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY PRESENTS:

Woofstock

2011
MUSIC AND DOG
FAIR



1 DAY
OF PEACE
& MUSIC
& DOGS

Saturday, October 15, 2011 – Burlington City Park Amphitheater

Featuring the **Tour de Tailwaggers Dog Walk** through the park. This is a family event for music and dog lovers of all ages.

Bands Scheduled to Appear: Graymatter, Try and Steal, Sticky Wicket, Down-n-Dirty

Special Attractions/Events: "Blessing of the Hounds", Food Court, t-shirt tie dye booth, rescue groups with their adoptable dogs.

Please Become a Sponsor: Small Bone \$250 --- Medium Bone \$500 --- Large Bone \$1000. We will include your business in our event advertising: Website --- T-Shirts --- Print Ads --- Newsletter (5800 subscribers plus online viewers and local distribution) Businesses that sponsor at the \$500 level or more can set up a table (not provided) to promote your company at the event.

Become a Vendor: Vendor spaces are available for just \$25. Bring your table and tent and take this opportunity to reach our many visitors.

Join the Walk: Get a jump on participating in the **Tour de Tailwaggers**, a fun family and dog walk at a leisurely pace through the woods and over the bridges of beautiful Burlington City Park. Suitable for people of all ages and dogs of all sizes! **Fantastic prizes** awarded to the top adult donor and top child donor. Get your **Walker Form** at our website: hsaconline.org and start gathering your donations today. It is never too soon to get started helping the animals!



Thank you in advance for your support of the animals!

Contact us: hsac@netpath.net --- 336-438-2023

OF ALAMANCE COUNTY



Inky and Minky Looking for Love

INKY AND MINKY need a loving home. They have come a long way, socially, since first being rescued together as kittens over 2 years ago. They are both indoor cats, healthy, spayed and up to date on vaccines. Minky is quite social, coaxing Inky to play. Inky is a bit shy, but likes to “talk” and be petted. They are a nice, quiet pair and get along well with other cats.

To learn more, call our office: 336-438-2023 or email hsac@netpath.net.



Inky (top) and Minky. Are they a perfect pair for your home?

Could You Foster?

Needed: Foster parent for cat foster home. **Required:** A safe, loving indoor environment for one or two cats waiting for adoption. **Provided by HSAC:** All cat food and medical care. Get an application at the [help/volunteer](#) page at hsaconline.org, and mail or email to HSAC.



Sponsor-a-Spay: A Great Way to Make a Difference

PLEASE CONSIDER making a donation to HSAC’s Sponsor A Spay fund, so that we can provide spay/neuter surgeries for those folks that want to do right by their animals, but simply can’t afford to do so. We know that economic times are very hard right now. People are struggling just to get by, so providing for their furry family member is not always possible. We at HSAC are so committed to spay/neuter that we’ve set up a special fund in order to help people with extreme financial situations. They know the importance of not bringing more unwanted animals into the world, they don’t want more animals taken to the city shelter and we want to help them.

SUMMER IS HERE, and so is “baby season”. Thousands of

puppies and kittens will be born in Alamance County this year. Sadly, many of their lives will be cut short because there are never enough homes for them all. A person’s love for their furry companion has no social or economic barriers. Whether rich or poor, we all share a common ground when we express our deep love for our pets. Most of us are fortunate to be able to provide the simple operation that makes them better pets and “affordable” best-friends.

FOR THOSE who experience economic hardships, the financial inability to have this procedure done can make all the difference in keeping a companion animal in a loving forever-home, versus the

possible risk of the animal, as well as it’s offspring, being killed at the animal shelter.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION to your Sponsor-A-Spay fund will provide a gift that will last well beyond this year’s “baby season”, and next year’s “baby season”, and on and on! A donation of any amount is a significant gift. Please send your tax deductible donation, honorarium or memorial gift today and make a special note that you intend for it to benefit Sponsor-A-Spay. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You can mail your donation to HSAC, PO Box 5117, Burlington, NC 27216 or use the Paypal link at www.hsaonline.org

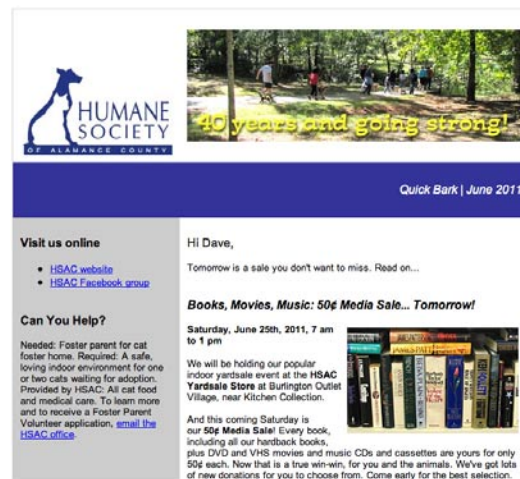


Facebook Page, Quick Bark emails

WE INVITE YOU to become a fan of our Facebook Page at facebook.com/hsac.page. You'll have a chance to connect with other local animal lovers, share photos and your comments. Come show us some love, or at least some "like".



ALSO STAY in touch by signing up for our free **Quick Bark** email alerts. Simply send an email to hsac@netpath.net and put "Quick Bark, please!" in the subject line. We know you will enjoy these colorful and convenient updates.



Thanks to our Corporate Members

- Realty World Triad
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- The Treasure House Shoppes at the Park
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- Amber's House of Dance
- Barking Bubbles
- PHE, Inc.
- King Electric
- Kernodle Clinic

Our Wish List

...**Purina Weight Circles** from dog food, which help us to earn money to pay for veterinary care, buy food for our foster animals, and more.

We're also looking for donations of **plastic dog houses** as well as **new or used dog kennels**.

Thanks in advance for your help!





Gifts, Memorials and Thank You's

Donations

Terry and Floyd Underwood
 R L Moser
 Vera and Stephen Reeder
 Cecile and Grady Russ
 Georgia Wofford
 Rose Snow
 William G Phillips
 Cathleen Patton
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 birthday to the Humane Society!
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 Brenda Tipton

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 Ambers House of Dance
 Graybeal family
 Dickerson family

Spay / Neuter Program

Brenda and Carl McCormick

Foster Program

Sharon Dent
Molly Whitlatch

In Memory of:

Itchie, feline family member, from
Angie, Levie and Sherrie Strickland

In Memory of (cont'd)

**Hazel Hall Crouch and James B
Crouch Sr** by A. Ben Long Jr

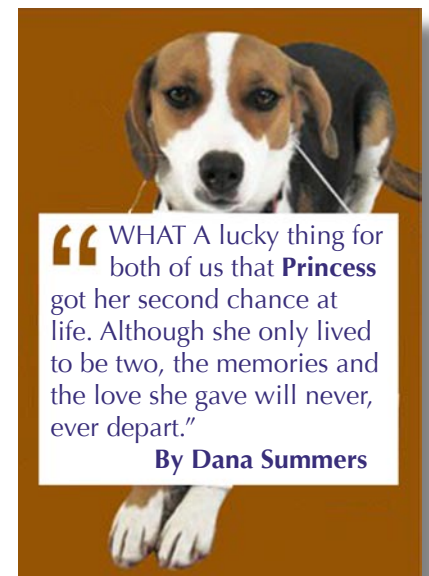
Goldi for the Dale Harrison Family
by Twila Kelly

Vicki Montgomery Pearson by
Patricia Howerton
Willis Living Trust
Robert B Murphy

Precious, beloved baby girl to Ric
Hieser by Johnny Vanderford of
Spruce Mountain Landscaping LLC

Hannah Sharpe of the Melva and
Stan Sharpe family by Anne Prevo

Jodi Lee Bell for Anne Bell by
Debbie Chandler
Lorraine Moretti



“WHAT A lucky thing for
 both of us that **Princess**
 got her second chance at
 life. Although she only lived
 to be two, the memories and
 the love she gave will never,
 ever depart.”
 By Dana Summers

Diamond Crisp for Cardell Crisp
by Creekside Animal Clinic

Tigger MacDonald for the
MacDonald family by Creekside
Animal Clinic

Audrey McBane by Nancy L
Thomas

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Gifts, Memorials and Thank You's (continued)

In Memory of (cont'd)

George for Mr and Mrs Scott Rickard by Bill, Ann and Jeff Anders

Spudsie by Angie, Levie and Sherrie Strickland

Mrs Betty D Phelps she was a great lover of pets by Elizabeth Walker

Boomer beloved sweet cat of Kristi and Tom Stinchcombe by Peggy Dry

Princess for Dana Summers by Dorothy H King

Ivey Chandler, Ivey touched many hearts and was loved by many, you will be missed by Ted and Penny Kappas Chandler

Sixx for Michaela Haugabook by Creekside Animal Hospital

Blues for Misty Chance by Creekside Animal Hospital

Scooter and Khaki Hunley by Susie Hunley

Donald Beasley and companions Hildie 1 and Hildie 2 by Eleanor Ann Lovgren

Molly, for Bonnie and Mike Bentley by Creekside Animal Hospital

Scooter for the Branche Family by Creekside Animal Hospital

Princess, for Dana Summers by Johnny Vanderford of Spruce Mountain Landscaping LLC

Dash, feline family member for Monica Petcovic by Lorraine Moretti Nancy Pomer

Ratfinkie by Angie and Levie Strickland

Buddy faithful little dog of the Braxton Family

In Memory of (cont'd)

Pinto, Maddie and Angel by Connie Reyna

Willie, for Elaine and Wayne Bunting by Gary McPherson Nancy Pomer

Holly the Collie by Nancy Pomer



IN MEMORY of **Hannah**, "our sweet, sweet baby girl." "Because of her amazing personality, she was loved by many." Photo and tribute by **Melva Sharpe**.

Callie for the Robbins Family by Creekside Animal Clinic

Missy for Alesha Williams by Creekside Animal Clinic

Christi for Cheryl Whitmore by Creekside animal Clinic

In Honor of:

Renee Compton's birthday by Teri Ludwig

Paul Davis, by Susan & Bill Moore Joan & Frank Dolezal

In Honor of (cont'd)

Dawn Benson and her rescue and companion Oscar by Eleanor Ann Lovgren and Jack

Erica Ambrose by Scott Foster

Weight Circles

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Gerri Hayes
Anna Sims
Laura Heineck
Pringle Family
Penny & Ted Chandler
Karen Nichols

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Larson Property Management
Crenshaw Hyundai Inc.
HSAC Youth Group
The Village Grill
Mebane Veterinary Hospital
Carol Cox for donating Igloo dog houses
Blessed Sacrament School- Student Council

Didn't see your name?

In compiling this report, we have made every attempt to create an accurate and complete listing. We welcome your kind corrections. Please call 336-438-2023.



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Donate, volunteer, help the animals!

Membership levels and donation form: please fill out and return. Thank you!

Name _____ Regular \$25 Corporate \$250
 Address _____ Student or Sr. \$15 St. Francis \$500
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Supporting \$50 Other \$ _____
 E-mail _____ Benefactor \$100

- I'd like information on HSAC volunteer opportunities.
- I have included HSAC in my will.
- I'd like information on including HSAC in my will.

Checks or money orders gladly accepted.
PayPal: You may also donate online with your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card. Simply click on the "Buy Now" button at:

hsaconline.org



Please send your membership donation to:
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 Burlington, NC 27216

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