

Alpha Impressions

Tis the Season!

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It's that time of year when the temperatures drop, and our electric bills rise. Turning on the heat lamps for our large population of dogs and cats causes our utility costs to often exceed \$1000. per month! While some of our dogs will tolerate a sweater, others will have a jacket torn to shreds before morning arrives- so the heat lamps really are necessary for our outdoor residents.

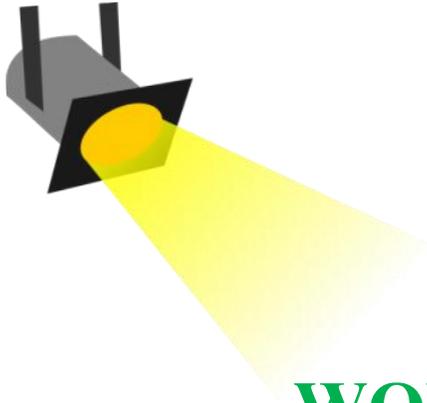
Fortunately, it is also the time of year referred to as the "Season of Giving". If you haven't made your charitable contributions for the year, please think of the many wonderful pets of Hallie Hill. If you have an animal lover on your holiday shopping list who already has everything, and they are impossible to shop for, donate to Hallie Hill in their honor! It is a wonderful way to let them know you care, while helping homeless animals in the process!

While many of the Hallie Hill residents are adoptable, some will remain at the sanctuary for life. Their long-term care comes at a price, with which we need your help. There are many ways to contribute; mail a check to 5604 New Road, Hollywood, SC 29449 or donate online at www.halliehill.com. Either way, you will receive a tax donation receipt and our sincere gratitude for helping us make Charleston a "No Kill" community.

Thank you, and Happy Howlidays!

Jennifer





Volunteer SPOTLIGHT:

All of our WONDERFUL Volunteers!

As this year comes to a close, I want to thank ALL of the Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary volunteers for all their devotion to enriching the lives of our residents. Kindness is the greatest gift you can give, and our volunteers have gone above and beyond once again this year. Our animals have many different personalities and our volunteers have met their demands with sensitivity and understanding. They sit quietly petting older dogs or throw balls until playful dogs finally get tired. They laugh, cry, get dirty, hold purring cats, and get drenched at the pond. They savor the moments when a shy dog or cat conquers their fears and comes closer. Being knocked off their buckets, scratched, drooled on, and pulled at the end of a leash are common occurrences, but they still come back for more! Oppressive heat, rain, frigid cold weather—nothing dissuades our wonderful volunteers from lavishing attention on our deserving animals. They get lots of wet kisses and purrs in return. They rejoice at adoptions, and they grieve when one of our own passes over the Rainbow Bridge. It would take pages to list all of the things our volunteers have done for HHAS. Examples include raising donations, working events, making videos, and taking pictures to assist in adoptions. We all share a common goal and have had a great time working together. HHAS is providing a loving home to 200+ animals and our amazing volunteers make a HUGE contribution in the lives of every animal. We sincerely thank you!

If any of our readers are interested in volunteering, please reach out to us, and join our fantastic team!

The 10 Most Dangerous Holiday Things for Dogs!

1. Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate

Whether it's a gift of gourmet chocolates or yet another batch of brownies or chocolate chip cookies, chances are you have lots of chocolate laying in wait for your dog to chomp down quicker than you can say "Merry Christmas." Chocolate is teeming with theobromine, an alkaloid that is toxic to dogs. It can cause seizures and even death. Symptoms that your pup pigged out on chocolate include vomiting, diarrhea, irregular heartbeat and muscle tremors.

2. Holiday lattes and other coffee treats

Your coffee addiction may get kicked into overdrive during the jam-packed holiday season, but caffeine is a dangerous no-no for your pooch. The stimulant can cause seizures, abnormal heartbeat and even death. Specialty coffee drinks topped with whipped cream are particularly tempting to your canines, so keep them up out of reach.

3. Alcohol

Though you may not intentionally pour your dogs a bowl of wine (or spiked eggnog), your pawed pals may take the liberty of lapping out of any glass they can get their tongues in. Wine, beer and hard liquor can cause seizures, respiratory failure, decrease in blood sugar, low blood pressure and a drop in body temperature. Keep alcoholic beverages away from your pets.

4. Unbaked dough

Did you know that the bowl of rising dough on the counter can mean death for your dog? Unbaked bread dough can expand in your pup's stomach and cause bloat or a twisted stomach. Signs of a twisted stomach include vomiting, retching, elevated heart rate, weakness and a distended stomach. Another danger in unbaked bread dough is the yeast, which will convert into alcohol in your dog's stomach. The alcohol is quickly absorbed into your dog's bloodstream and can result in alcohol poisoning. If your dog eats dough, get it to a vet immediately.

5. Sugar-free treats

Well-meaning friends who know you're counting calories may give you sugar-free goodies containing xylitol (a lower-calorie sugar substitute) this holiday season, but there isn't anything sweet about the toxic effects xylitol has on dogs. This sugar alcohol causes a drastic drop in blood sugar and can lead to liver damage. Signs of xylitol toxicity, including vomiting and lethargy, occur quickly after ingestion and can be fatal.

6. Ibuprofen or other over-the-counter medications

Whether you tend to get holiday stress headaches or pulled a few muscles putting up the Christmas lights, you may find yourself relying on Ibuprofen or other pain relievers this time of year. These non-prescription medications can cause liver and kidney damage, severe ulcers, anemia and even death. Keep all over-the-counter and prescription medications out of reach of your pawed pals.

7. Macadamia nuts

Are macadamia nuts found aplenty on your holiday season treat menu? These indulgent nuts can prove toxic to your dog. Symptoms of toxicity, which typically occur within 12 hours of ingestion, include depression, weakness, tremors, vomiting and pale gums.

8. Turkey bones and table food scraps

Your pup may whimper and whine for a table treat during the holiday dinner or simply sneak in the kitchen while you're opening gifts and gorge on any food it can get its jaws on. Bones from poultry, fish, pork and even beef can cause choking or splinter in your dog's digestive tract. Fatty table scraps or leftovers can lead to pancreatitis and high-sodium fare can cause your dog to drink too much water and get bloat or twisted stomach. Human food is best kept for humans.

9. Pretty, shiny decorations everywhere

Dogs may not appreciate the beauty of holiday decor, but they may see it as new chewy opportunities. If your dog has an affinity for chewing, keep wreaths, candles, ornaments, strings of lights and other festive accessories out of its reach.

10. Poisonous holiday plants

Poinsettias have long suffered a bad rap as a toxic plant for dogs, but it turns out that mistletoe is most deserving of doggie disdain. Small amounts of mistletoe can cause mild digestive upset, but large amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal heart rate, seizures, low blood pressure, ataxia, collapse and even death. Poinsettias and holly aren't lethal like mistletoe, but can cause digestive distress when ingested. If your dog digs into the holiday foliage, call your vet for treatment recommendations.



Hallie Hill will be there!
Join us for some FUN!!



'Adorable Adoptables' for December!



Stewie

Our friend Stewie is a really handsome boy, and is very gentle. He is heart worm positive, but that doesn't stop him from using that heart to love you! Those soft ears are good hand warmers, too! Come give him a treat and he will win YOUR heart!



Deegan

This chubby bundle of fluff is waiting to fill your lap! Our Deegan has finished growing (we hope) but he is longing to fill that void in your home and in your heart. He is dog friendly and waiting to make a few new friends! Come look into his eyes, you won't leave without him!



Lucy

Lucy is a new arrival and is used to being in a home! She is housebroken, warms up quickly to other dogs. She just had her teeth cleaned for a beautiful smile! While we love this sweet girl, she would love to have a special home, and person, all her own!



Polly

Our Polly has beautiful black and white markings and loves to go swimming to keep her coat shiny and clean! She is good on a leash and will take you for a walk to keep you fit and trim, like her! Come and meet her, those brown eyes will melt your heart!

Frosty Breath Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup coconut oil
- 1/2 cup chicken broth (no onion), warm
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup mint
- 1/2 cup parsley



Instructions

In a blender, combine the coconut oil and chicken broth. The coconut oil should be completely liquefied.

Add the remaining ingredients to the blender and pulse until smooth.

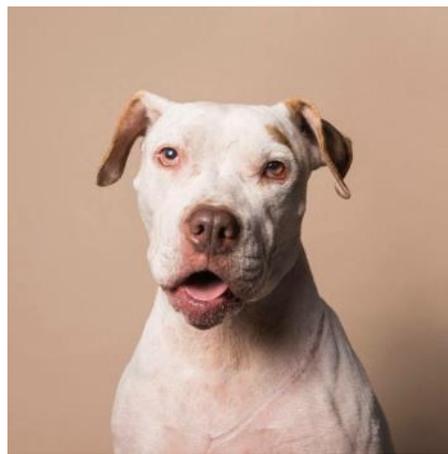
Evenly distribute the mixture into each well of your mold. Transfer mold to the freezer and freeze for at least 6 hours, or until completely frozen.

Store in an airtight container in the freezer.



Sophie Gamand Visits Hallie Hill!

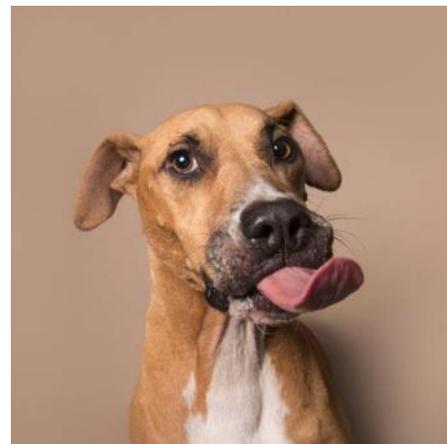
On a beautiful day in October, New York photographer and Pitt Bull advocate Sophie Gamand, joined us at Hallie Hill to conduct a photo shoot of our dogs! It was a busy day for dogs and staff alike! Sophie worked her magic and the results are amazing! Below behold Minnie, Herbert and Goku, in their crowned glory! Stay tuned for future editions of the Howler for more of Sophie's work, but in the meantime check out her website: www.sophiegamand.com. You might even find one of our own featured on a Holiday card for sale! (hint, hint—it's Minnie!) 'Like' Sophie's page on Facebook to see more of our dogs featured - we thank her for her talent and for being an advocate for Hallie Hill and shelter dogs everywhere!



Minnie



Herbert



Goku

Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Don't Hurt My Pet!

Keeping your furry family members safe during the holidays can be a difficult task. There are the ornaments, plants, presents, lights -- oh, and who could forget the Christmas tree (if do you decide to put one up this year)? Let's take a look at some simple steps that will allow your pets to join in the holiday fun this year, while avoiding any trips to the animal emergency room.

1. Place your Christmas tree in a corner, blocked off from your pet's wanting eyes. If this doesn't keep your dog or cat from attempting to jump onto the tree, you can place aluminum foil, a plastic drink bottle filled with knick knacks, or anything else that creates noise on the tree's bottom limbs to warn you of an impending tree disaster.
2. Tinsel can add a nice sparkling touch to the tree, but make sure you hang it up out of your pet's reach. Ingesting the tinsel can potentially block their intestines, which is generally only remedied through surgical means.
3. Do not put lights on the tree's lower branches. Not only can your pet get tangled up in the lights, they are a burning hazard. Additionally, your dog or cat may inadvertently get shocked by biting through the wire.
4. Ornaments need to be kept out of reach, too. In addition to being a choking and intestinal blockage hazard, shards from broken ornaments may injure paws, mouths, or other parts of your pet's body.
5. For those buying a live Christmas trees this year, keep the area free and clear of pine needles. While they may not seem dangerous, the needles can puncture your pet's intestines if ingested.

Other Great Holiday Item Tips:

1. Did you know holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs or cats? If you normally use these plants to decorate your home, they should be kept in an area your pet cannot reach.
2. Edible tree decorations -- whether they be ornaments, or cranberry or popcorn strings -- are like time bombs waiting to happen. These goodies are just too enticing and your pet will surely tug at them, knocking down your wonderfully decorated spruce.
3. Burning candles should be placed on high shelves or mantels, out of your pet's way -- there's no telling where a wagging tail may end up. Homes with fireplaces should use screens to avoid accidental burns.
4. To prevent any accidental electrocutions, any exposed indoor or outdoor wires should be taped to the wall or the sides of the house.
5. When gift wrapping, be sure to keep your pet away. Wrapping paper, string, plastic, or cloth could cause intestinal blockages. Scissors are another hazard, and they should be kept off floors or low tables.

12 'Dog Days' of Christmas!

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love
gave to me...

Twelve beagles barking

Eleven pinschers prancing

Ten labs a-leaping

Nine spaniels shedding

Eight hounds a-howling

Seven Great Danes growling

Six Yorkies yowling

Five goldendoodles!

Four boxer pups

Three German Shepherds

Two Saint Bernards

And a poodle dressed up in a Santa suit!



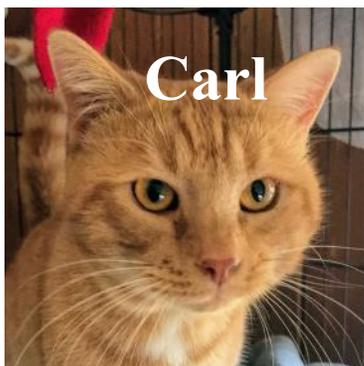
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Welcome to Hallie Hill!



Carl



Cowboy



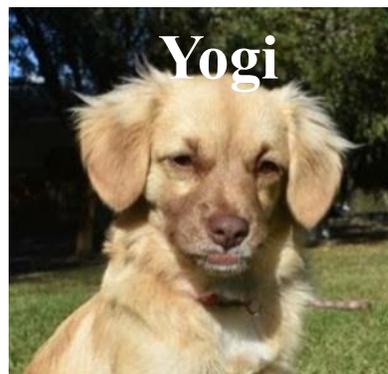
Gizmo



Magic



Misty



Yogi



Tara



Tommy and Tippy



Toby



Sasha



BamBam

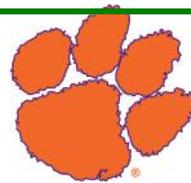


*Christmas
Came Early
To
Hallie Hill!*

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**Thank you
Charleston County
Clemson Club!**

On two Saturdays in November, the Charleston County Clemson Club held donation drives during their 'watch parties' for the benefit of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary! On 11/18 and 11/25, close to \$800 was raised in cash and goods donations! Our heartfelt thanks to this organization...after all, a Tiger is a kind of cat!! Go Tigers!



Holidays at Hallie Hill—2016 !



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We Found Our 'Fur-Ever' Homes!



Kay Wade and Noodle!
Thank you Kay...take good care
of our Nu-Nu!



**James Shadow and Coda
(aka Tippy)**
Thank You James!!



**Lisa Grimball and Family
and Yogi!**
Thank you Grimball Family!!
You are now complete!



**Buckshot was adopted by
Evan Ballinger!**
Thank you Evan!
Happy Trails!

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**Claudette Coyer
And Manny!
Thank you Claudette!
Take good care of each
other!**



**Meggan Corbin and
Emma (aka Katrina)
Thank you Meggan and
The Corbin family!
Happy Snuggles!**



**Alliyah Winningham
And BamBam! Thank
you Alliyah
and family!
Have lots of fun!**



**Happy Birthday
Allan Schildnecht!
Linda and Hallie
Hill say thank you
very much! Take
care of our special
girl!**



**Joseph Wheatley and
Gypsy and
Irma!
They got to go home
together!
Thanks so much
Joseph and Sherry!**



**Smokey and Squirrel
found a new home at
H.O.P.E. Acres
Horse Rescue!
They are settling in
nicely as barn cats!
Thank you RaeAnne
Tharp Leimbach!**

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Our Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

It's the Hallie Hill SpokesDogs here!

Our request for Christmas is pretty simple, we don't want extra toys (well, maybe Ringo does, and Kate would like a few new tennis balls) or a new collar (well, maybe Sparky does, cos he thinks he's pretty special)BUT what we would really LOVE is a home and a family to call our own! We love our Hallie Hill Humans but sometimes it is hard to share them with everyone! And please don't forget our kitty pals, they would like a special home and a human to snuggle with at night, too. Hope you like the doggie cookies we left you, it was the best we could do!

Love and Thanks - The SpokesDogs



December, 2017

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

Saturday, December 2nd

Santa Paws

At Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

11am - 3pm (see page 6)

Semi Annual Pounds for Pounds Sale

Consign Charleston / 1610 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

Bring any pet food and receive 10-50% off of your entire purchase!

Pet Food collected will be donated to Hallie Hill!

Sunday, December 3rd

Pet Disability Day

Celebrate our 'differently abled'!

Tuesday, December 12th

Hanukkah Begins

Wednesday, December 13th

Jennifer and a HH friend on

Low Country Live! 10am /Ch. 4

Saturday, December 16th

Hallie Hill Holiday Celebration

Monday, December 25th

Christmas

A blessed day to all!

Sunday, December 31st

New Years Eve

Be safe and have fun!





Hallie Hills Christmas Wish List!

- Volunteer!
- **Donate to the MAGIC Fund** (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care) **by check or online. Feel the Christmas Magic!**
- Check out our [Hallie Hill Wishlist](#) on Amazon.com
- Consumables we need all of the time!



Laundry Detergent or Bleach

New or Gently Used Dog or Cat Toys

Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies

Paper Plates and Paper Towels

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

Scoopable Cat Litter

Dog treats

Bottled water for volunteers

Spray cleaner (multipurpose or Disinfectant)

Copy paper

DURABLE dog toys, like Kongs!

Trash Bags

Office Supplies

file folders, pclips

Cinder blocks

Sidewalk Pavers

Leaf Rakes

RoundUp weed killer

Ant Poison (sprinkle kind)

Gently used lawn chairs



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Mission Statement

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 that provides sanctuary for dogs and cats with no other home or shelter, rescues and cares for animals in need of assistance for the remainder of their lives, including providing proper shelter, nutrition and medical care.

What we do:

1. Provide respite and rehabilitation for dogs and cats preparing them for adoption, and a loving forever home to those unable to be adopted.
2. Perform community outreach in our area of Hollywood and Ravenel, two of the under served areas of Charleston County.
3. Provide food, medical services, spay/neuter, vaccinations and general wellness care.
4. Provide long-term care and a loving, final home for those animals whose adoption may be difficult due to age, medical or emotional issues.
5. Reinforce the human component of the human/canine/feline relationship in a respectful way by recognizing and honoring the fact that people's love for their animals transcends economic circumstances and cultural differences.