



Alpha Impressions

By: Jennifer Middleton

This month I want to share the story of one special little girl at the Sanctuary. Last August I was called to a home because the owner had 2 litters of puppies and many of them were dying. One momma dog (a very confident white and brindle pit) ran around ‘off leash’ and lived in the house. The other momma dog was tied to a chain in the back yard. The owner had taken the puppies away from the “outside momma” because she said the mother was killing them. When I examined the puppies, it was easy to see they all had a heavy burden of intestinal parasites. All but two puppies from the momma on the chain had passed away, and the 2 remaining were so anemic they would not have made it another day without veterinary care. The owner agreed to surrender the two sick puppies to Hallie Hill but did not want to give up the other puppies (they could be sold). She did not want to spay the momma dog that lived inside. But she readily surrendered the “outside momma.” It was evident there was no bond between the woman and this nondescript black pit bull mix that covered as low as possible - flattening herself like a pancake when someone approached.



Surcee on her ride
to Hallie Hill, August, 2017



I can't remember what her original name was- I know it had something to do with the color of her fur, maybe Shadow, Coal, or something similar. This little girl was only about 3 years old and had lived her life on a chain in her owner's back yard. She had had very little interaction with humans, and no veterinary care. It was easy to see she had delivered several litters of puppies and probably did the best she could in her circumstances. The ride to the sanctuary was frightening for her and it made me a little sad that the owner had shown such preference to the other momma pit bull, while this little girl was not favored at all.

After less than a day, I gave her the name Surcee. “Surcee” is a southern term that has been passed down for generations. The definition of a surcee is a thoughtful and unexpected gift. I decided she was more special than her previous owner knew. She has been gaining confidence at the sanctuary this past 6 months and would love to live in a home of her own. Her kennelmate, Denny, has taught her that people are pretty awesome, and it is safe to approach them. She is still shy, so new people must be patient to earn her trust.

It makes me happy that she no longer lives on a chain forced to have litters of puppies every year. She can relax and be cherished for the special girl she is. I know the right adopter will choose her, and once they receive that thoughtful gift named Surcee, they will love her forever!

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT:

Thank You to ALL Volunteers!



Your work on enrichment keeps our dogs and cats happy and healthy. You all make such a significant impact in the quality of their lives!

Playtime with other dogs or cats, and time spent with humans, are the highest value enrichment experiences you can give. Volunteers make our animals more adoptable by teaching them so many things. With many of our residents, earning their trust is sometimes the hardest thing of all, but after you earn it, so many other opportunities present themselves!

We can teach basic commands such as “sit and stay”, walking on a leash, and the importance of keeping all four paws on the ground! Gratefully, our enclosures have ample room to practice leash walking, fetching balls, coming when called, etc. I encourage you to challenge the dogs with different experiences. Nose work, is a fun activity to try. I’ll be happy to show you how it works.

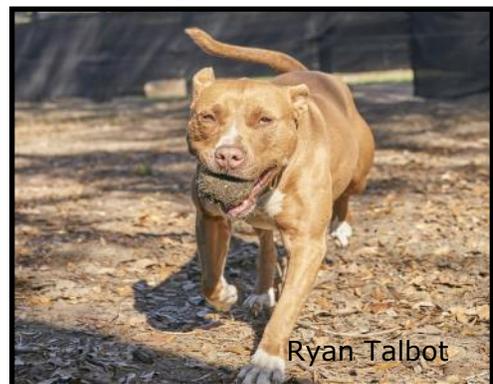
Cats also benefit from your interaction so please spend some quality time with them! Many are shy and will need some time to enjoy human companionship.

Above all, please be safe, and remember to check that the gates are securely closed!! Buddy up! Enrichment is so much easier with two people if there are multiple animals that want your attention. Take the focus off the treats. Human touch, and the love that comes with it, is much more important!

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary is very appreciative of our volunteers. You make an important difference in the lives of our very special animals!



Ryan Talbot



Ryan Talbot



How Can You Help? Our MARCH Wish List!

- Volunteer!
- Donate to the MAGIC Fund (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care) by check or online at www.halliehill.com. PLEASE!!
- Support our fundraising events!! See the calendar for details! Have some FUN!
- Check out our [Hallie Hill Wishlist](#) on Amazon.com
- Consumables we need all of the time!



Laundry Detergent or Bleach

Trash Bags

Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies

Paper Plates and Paper Towels

Gently used lawn chairs

Office Supplies

Garden Hoses

Bottled water for volunteers

Cinder blocks

Canned Dog Food

Leaf Rakes

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

Sidewalk Pavers

Shakable Ant Poison



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*Spring has Sprung
at
Hallie Hill!*



100th Day Project at Sangaree Elementary School!

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A BIG thank you to Mrs. Ford and her wonderful students for making Hallie Hill the beneficiary of your 100 Day Project!

Our cats and dogs say ‘Woof’ and ‘Meow’ - that means ‘Thank-you very much’

in canine and feline!

Hershey (and Ms. Middleton) had a wonderful time visiting your classroom!

Thanks for caring about our shelter animals!

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A special thank you to Helena Fox Fine Art, Miller Mae Designs and Edmunds Oast Exchange for supporting Hallie Hill! The Jewelry Trunk Show was held on February 4th, complete with beautiful art, jewelry, and champagne cocktails with a portion of the proceeds being donated to support our deserving animals at Hallie Hill! Thank-you!



Hallie Hill Window Decals *Show your love for HHAS!*

Large Decal

\$12.00

Small Decal

\$5.00

See Dana

ASAP!!



We Found Our Fur-ever Home!



**Nexie, with her
new owner,
Louise Weld!
Thank you
Louise! You
look good
together!**



**Moses, with his new owner,
B.T. Marking. Thank you
so much, take care of
each other!**



**Dixie, with
her new
owner,
Lea Dean!
Thanks and
have fun
you two!**



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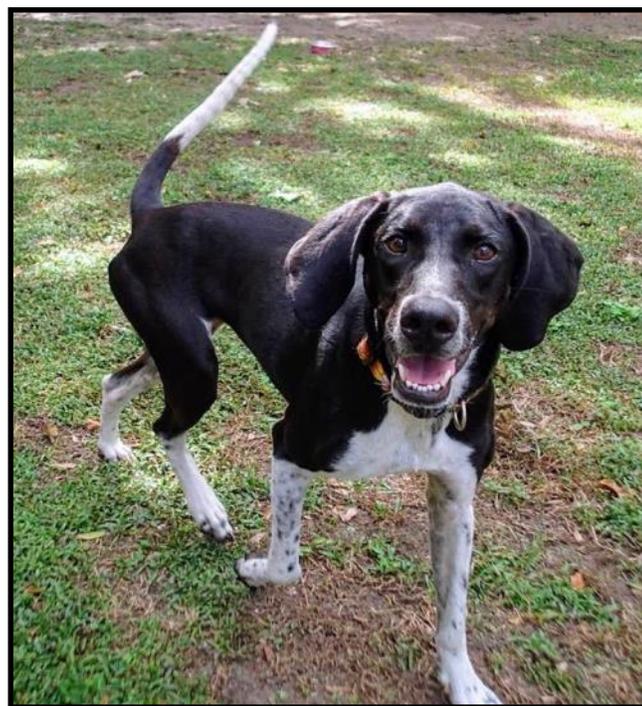
Teddy Bear at home with his new family! Thank you Lisa Rovick! Take good care of one another!



Xenon, now Bentley, with his new family! Thank you Susan Markham—have a happy life Bentley!



Tommy, with his new owner, Cynthia Hoffman! Thank you so much! Have fun Tommy.



Shadow has a new home with Cecilia Bergin! Thank you Cecelia, we know Shadow will be happy with you!

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Putting For Paws

**Golf Tournament to
Benefit Hallie Hill
Animal Sanctuary**



***"Experience an Awesome Day
for a Pawsome Cause!"***

The event is an 18 hole scramble with a cart.
It includes lunch, tee gifts, range balls, on-
course contests and awards!

The Links at Stono Ferry

March 23rd, 2018

Lunch at 11am and Shotgun Start at 12pm

**Register online
www.halliehill.com**



‘Adorable Adoptables’ for March!



Gus

Sweet Gus is only 5 months old and wants to grow up in a home all his own! He is very relaxed with people, seeks attention and LOVES to play! He has distinct tabby markings, and a gentle tabby personality to match!



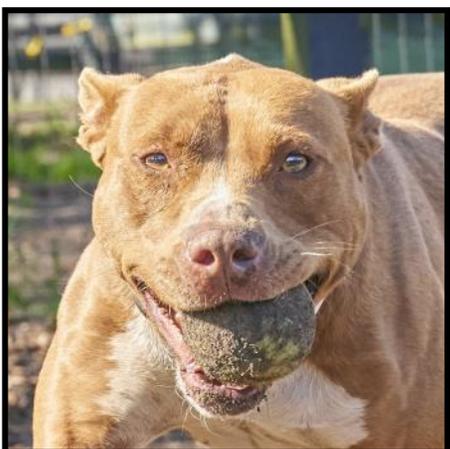
Max

Max is ready to be your BFF! (Best Friend Forever!) He is 6 years old, housetrained, loves to play fetch and is good with other dogs! Max is energetic but not too rough. He'll win your heart!



Hampton

Hampton is a 7 year old beauty! He is very gentle with an elegant grey and white long haired coat. He is accepting of other cats and would love a chance to warm your lap while you read or watch TV! Come meet him!



Chai

Our girl Chai is muscular and energetic, loves to fetch and would get you in shape as well! She has a sweet disposition with people, but is best as an only dog in a cat free household! How can you resist that face!?

Bridge Run- For Their Lives 2018

Join a team, form a team, or just donate to the cause! Help us raise money that will provide life-saving food, medical care, and shelter for the dogs and cats at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary.

Learn more at www.HallieHill.com

Just click "Bridge Run 2018" on the main menu tab.



Saturday, April 7th, 2018

This is a peer to peer fundraiser!

Donate to sponsor a runner raising \$\$\$ for the dogs and cats of

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary!

Join a team to help spread the word to raise more funds for our wonderful cause!



*Please Share
The LOVE!*



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*In Honor of
St. Patrick's Day,
Meet the
Irish Dog Breeds!*



**Kerry
Beagle**

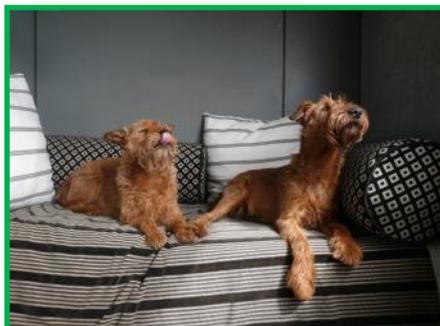
**Soft
Coated
Wheaten
Terrier**



**Irish
Red
and
White
Setter**



**Irish
Terrier**



**Irish
Setter**



**Irish
Wolf
hound**



**Irish
Water
Spaniel**

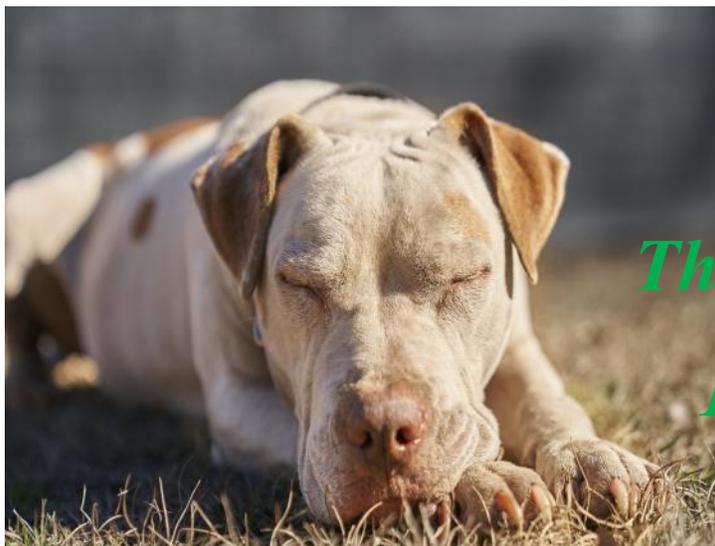


**Kerry
Blue
Terrier**



**Glen of
Imaal
Terrier**





March's Feature Article:

The Photography of Ryan Talbot

We are pleased to feature the work of Ryan Talbot in the Howler this month! Ryan has been methodically photographing all of the dogs at Hallie Hill, and has graciously allowed us to them to use to pursue adoptions and in the media!

Born and raised in Manchester, NH, Ryan Talbot moved to Charleston, South Carolina because he knew just how dog friendly the low country would be! Ryan formerly worked as a broadcast engineer in television for 18 years before deciding to change careers and become a Charleston-based pet photographer. Ryan's love for animals, especially dogs, runs deep and it shows through his volunteer work with Hallie Hill.

"My very first client I had here in Charleston recommended I check out Hallie Hill because I was looking to volunteer at a shelter to take dog portraits. My goal was to increase dog adoption rates through better photography and selfishly play with fur babies. When I pulled into Hallie Hill I was amazed at the beauty, design and careful consideration that obviously went into the build of this facility. The amount of room each dog had to run and play outside literally blew my mind. I'd never seen a place like this and I knew nothing was going to stop me from helping Hallie Hill out in my own way."

Here is a link to all of the beautiful portraits Ryan has taken of the Hallie Dogs - <https://client.ryantalbot.net/halliehilldogs>

Ryan enjoys the company of dogs so much that he also works with the dog walking companies Wag and Rover in his spare time.

If you want a pet portrait from someone who lives and breathes dogs, then Ryan is the only choice. He is located on Johns Island and will travel anywhere in South Carolina to take portraits of your furry friends. Check out his website at RyanTalbot.net and book a session today!

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Thank-you Ryan!

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Ophelia and Olivia



Teddy Bear



Leroy



Matthew

Welcome

to

Hallie

Hill!



Brandy



Cooper



Gracie



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Why Does My Cat Stare At Me?

We all know what it's like to be watched by our cats. In fact, many of us have probably debated whether they're trying to take over the world, one person at a time – starting with us. It's as if they watch our every move, stare into our eyes for what seems like forever, and are always observing. But why do our cats stare at us? What's really going on behind those curious eyes?



There are a few theories. First, many think it's all in our heads. Our cats are hunters and their eyes have developed to assist them with this task. They blink very little compared to us humans, so we often interpret their natural behavior as staring. Generally speaking, our cats don't realize that they're staring – they're just looking the way they naturally look at things. We're the ones who think we're being stared out. Considering our cats watch everything we do, we might have a guilty conscience! (Just kidding.)

That said, there are times cats actually do stare. Cats will stare at each other in an act of rivalry. This is often seen when two unfamiliar cats come across the same territory, such as a new cat being introduced to a household with older felines. The staring is the beginning of the social dominance battle and often ends there as one cat out-stares the other, although this can escalate into a fight if not addressed.



However, cats typically don't stare at humans in an aggressive, territorial manner (although many who have come across an angry cat will attest that they most certainly do if they feel threatened). Cats watch people in a different way and most agree that it's a sign of love and affection, not aggression. Cats use non-verbal body language naturally, so their stares could mean many different things. They might be trying to tell us they're hungry, thirsty or bored. Some think that cats watch their owners out of curiosity – to see what their humans do for entertainment.

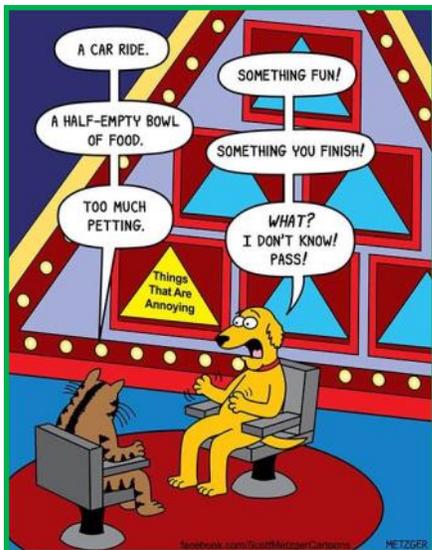
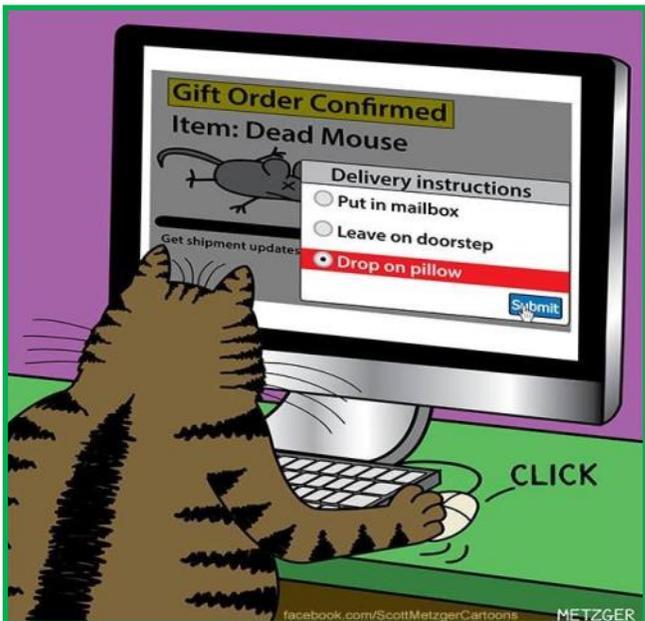
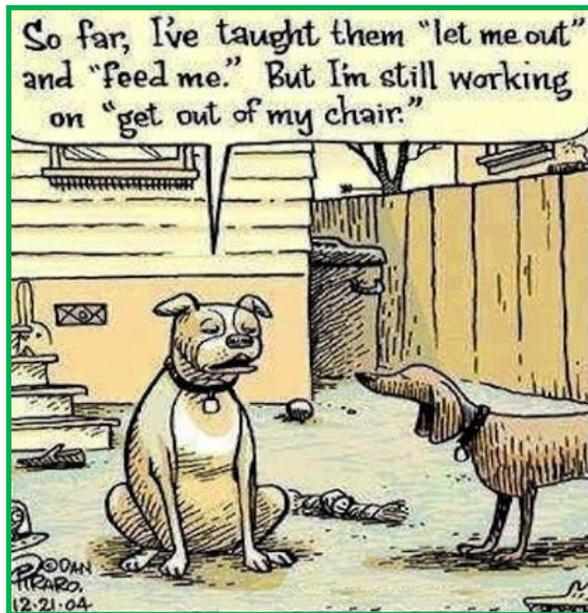
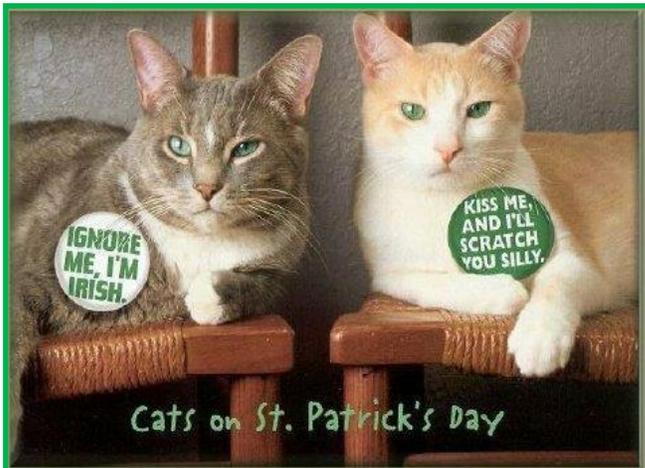
But staring into our eyes comes with a different feel than just being watched. When our cats stare into our eyes, often with a slow blink, we can be sure that they're just letting us know they feel safe and comfortable. When a cat blinks slowly while staring, they're signaling to us that they do not see us as a threat – which means they see us as a friend or loved one. A soft gaze is a sign that your cat is relaxed. He or she has watched you and knows where you are, what you are doing, and is making you aware that they are perfectly happy and content. So the next time your cat appears to be getting a little creepy, consider that he or she is really just trying to let you they care. They're just doing so in that odd, cat-like way we know so well!

<https://iheartcats.com/why-does-my-cat-stare-at-me/> by [Katie Finlay](#) on April 7, 2017



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Hallie Hill Hilarity!



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Thursday, March 8th & 22nd

Jennifer and friend appear on Channel 4 News

Wednesday, March 14th

Jennifer and friend appear on Low Country Live

March 18th through 24th

National Poison Prevention Week

Poison Emergency? Call APCC Hotline: 888-426-4435



Friday, March 23rd

Putting for Paws at the Links at Stono Ferry

Register at www.halliehill.com

National Puppy Day

Looking ahead....

Saturday, April 7th - Cooper River Bridge Run

Check the website for details: www.halliehill.com



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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.