



While we can't change  
an animal's past,  
our mission is to  
rewrite their future.

April, 2019

# The Hallie Hill Howler

## *April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!*



By:  
Jennifer Middleton

Hallie Hill is a non-profit organization with a small staff, and we depend on our volunteers for animal enrichment as well as cleaning and feeding. However, our dedicated volunteers do so much more! Many of them help us by sharing their individual talents in a variety of valuable ways.

We have thoughtful and talented volunteers that:

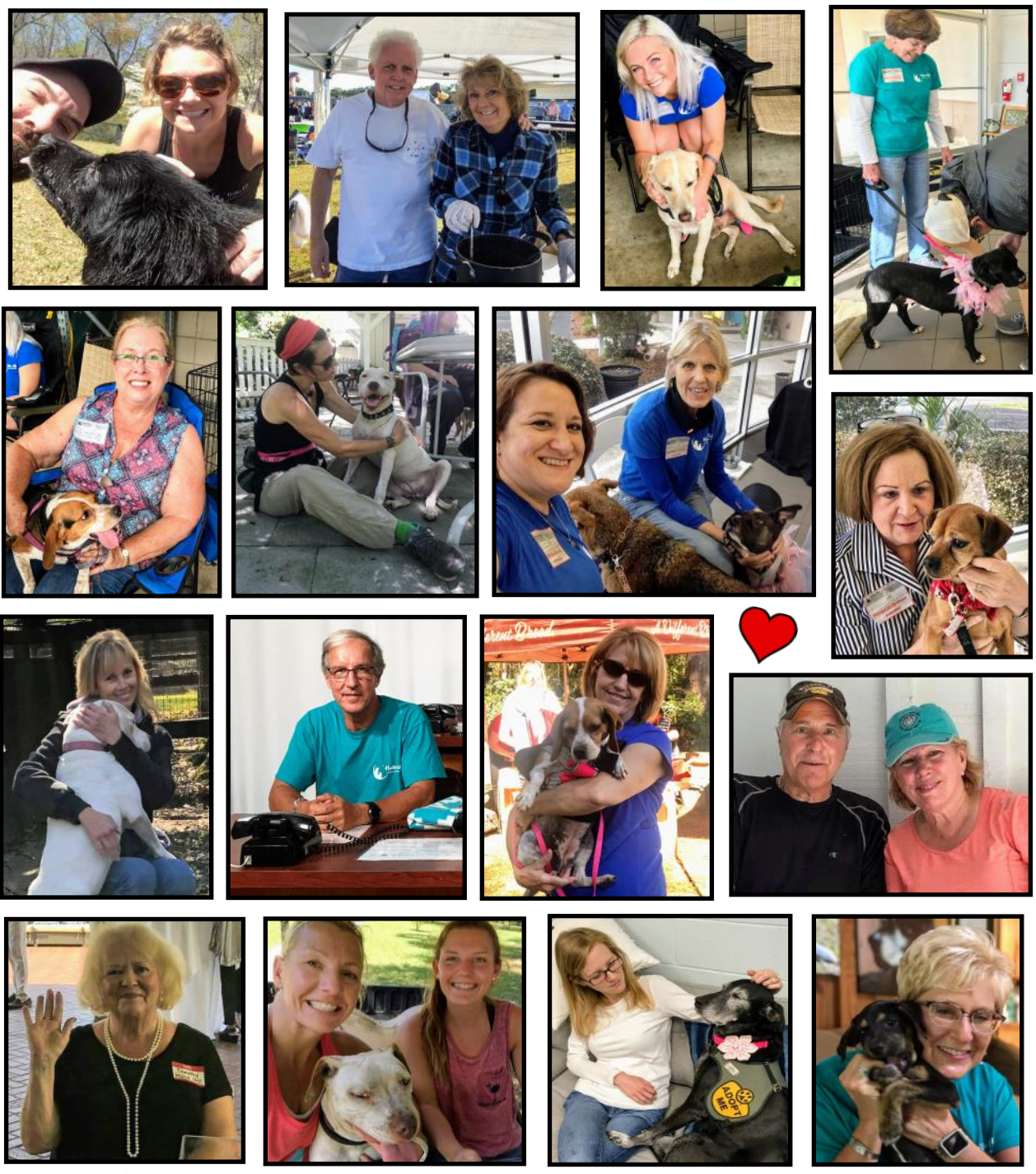
- use their sewing skills to make or mend blankets, make hammocks and animal toys.
- help with maintenance of grounds and equipment.
- organize and participate in fund raisers such as the Bridge Run and Putting for Paws.
- write articles for our newsletter
- take touching, beautiful, and funny photographs to promote the animals, and the sanctuary, on social media.
- publish our monthly newsletter, The Hallie Hill Howler.
- donate monetarily to help cover expenses or donate needed items (like treats, cleaners, or paper towels) therefore reducing our budget.
- take animals to events or to appear on local news channels to promote adoptions and fundraisers.
- provide bunkhouse sweets to boost moral for hardworking volunteers and staff.
- train new volunteers.
- give tours to the general public.
- assist with office work such as correspondence and data entry.
- foster or adopt some of our most senior and challenging dogs and cats.

I would be remiss not to mention the hardworking ladies and gentlemen serving on our Board of Directors. They, too, are volunteers donating time from their busy lives to help promote and develop Hallie Hill as an outstanding nonprofit in animal welfare. Our animals are clearly loved by many!

These generous, talented volunteers relieve the Hallie Hill staff of many tasks and they energize us all with their enthusiasm. They have become an integral part of the HHAS Team. We love and appreciate them!



# April's VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Some of Our Dedicated Volunteers...



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THANK YOU  
Volunteers

...and there are soooo many more!!!

We appreciate you ALL!



## About the Campaign

Running and walking provide tremendous benefits for your health and for your life. Your participation in the Cooper River Bridge Run can benefit many, many lives when you run on behalf of the 200+ animals at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary.

Raise money to support the health and wellbeing of the animals in the care of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary while you participate in the Cooper River Bridge Run on Saturday, April 6. It's easier than you think!

### Individual Runner

Individual runners can raise money in support of Hallie Hill. Simply register above then share your personal sponsorship link with friends, family, co-workers ... your dentist, car repairman, gardener ... anyone who is interested in supporting your cause and helping the animals at Hallie Hill.

### Create a Team

To create a team, register above. Once your team page is set up, work together to share your team's fundraiser page and gain support for your team's cause. By sharing the link, supporters can make donations directly to your team's fundraising page.

*Please note that not all team members need to be participating in the Bridge Run, but each team must have at least one person who will be running or walking in the race.*

### Not a Runner but Love to Donate

No problem. You don't have to run to support this pawsome cause! Show your support on the sidelines by making a donation to Hallie Hill or support one of the wonderful people who are running on behalf of Hallie Hill. Then, grab a good seat on the race path and cheer on the crowd as they run on by.



We Welcome Josh Taber to the Hallie Hill Family!



Josh Taber comes to Hallie Hill with a lifetime of maintenance experience. He is a US Navy veteran, has worked as a laborer on dairy farms, and ran his own painting business. He lives on Edisto Island with his wife Donna and their three rescue dogs. As you can see above, it didn't take long for Josh to fit right in!

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MAY 18TH  
10 - 5PM

AT  
DEEP WATER  
VINEYARD



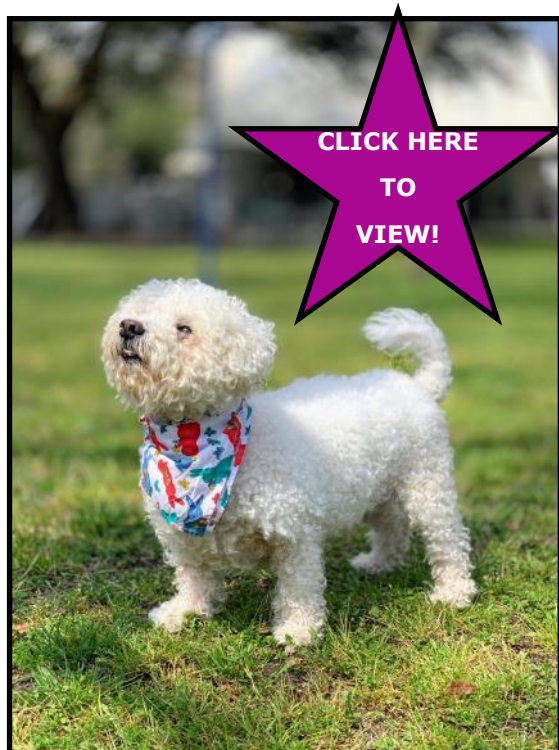
MAY THE DOGS BE WITH YOU  
Lowcountry dog

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Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary will be there with some great dogs available for adoption! Join us for a FUN day at Deep Water Vineyards!

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Waiting patiently for our cue!

## Hallie Hill Appears on the Hallmark Channel with Lorissa Whol!

Hallie Hill was honored to be invited by the Hallmark's Channel Home and Family Show to be a highlighted shelter with animals for adoption! It was a fun process! Jennifer chose Boo-Boo as our feature dog, we took some pictures and videos and provided Boo-Boo's resume! Doing the interview by Skype was fun, and it was interesting watching all the happenings behind the scenes! Boo Boo says, "Thank-you, Lorissa, and Hallmark Home and Family!"

Adoption Ever After

NAME: DOG-BOO BOO  
LOCATION: Charleston, SC  
RESCUE: HALLIE HILL  
WEBSITE: [halliehill.com](http://halliehill.com)

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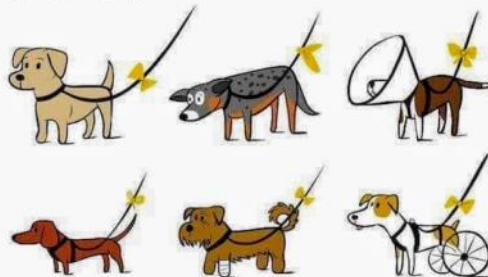
Many thanks to Katy Roberts,  
of Katy Roberts Media, for  
shooting and producing this  
wonderful video!

It is guaranteed to make you  
want to visit this amazing place!

Click on the picture above and enjoy!

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.



There are many reasons why a dog may need space:  
HEALTH ISSUES  
IN TRAINING  
BEING REHABILITATED  
SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

**THANK YOU!**

Those of us who own these dogs  
appreciate your help and respect!



Illustrated by LA Chen www.dogspacings.com



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Keep track of updates and upcoming events!



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## IF YOUR DOG GETS OUT!

- **DRIVE SLOWLY AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD...**  
Your dog may recognize the sound of your car and be close by!
- **PUT A SIGN IN YOUR YARD** with pet photo and phone for the mailman, kids on bikes, and pizza delivery!
- **LEAVE UNWASHED CLOTHING** along with water, bedding & toys near the gate, back door, or kennel
- **HANG POSTERS & FLYERS IN PERSON/ONLINE**  
Telephone Poles, door to door, post on all lost and found social media groups, vets, and nearby animal clinics
- **VISIT SHELTER DAILY IN PERSON**  
(Do not call -- must GO there!)



The illustration shows a purple car driving on a road. To the left, a white picket fence separates a yard from the road. A sign in the yard reads 'LOST DOG!' with a photo of a dog and the phone number '(123) 456-7890'. A yellow sign on the car says 'PLEASE DRIVE SLOWER'. A yellow sign on the road says 'ROAD'. The background shows a house and a green lawn.



The lady said my adopter will be here at noon...

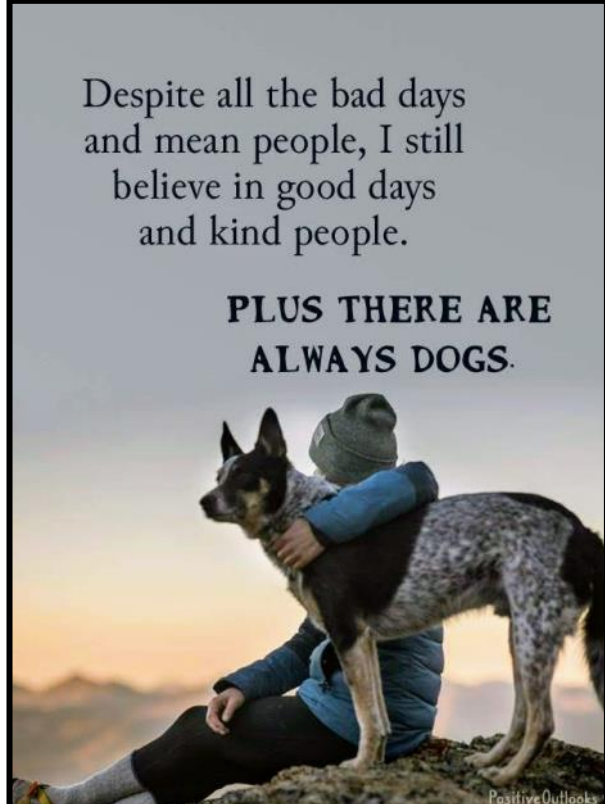


so I packed my things

The image shows a black dog sitting in the back of a car. The dog is wearing a purple hoodie and has a green and yellow checkered collar. It is holding a blue and yellow ball in its mouth. The background is a blurred view of the car's interior.

Despite all the bad days and mean people, I still believe in good days and kind people.

**PLUS THERE ARE ALWAYS DOGS.**



Positive Outlooks

The image shows a person sitting on a rock, hugging a dog. The person is wearing a blue jacket and a grey hat. The dog is a black and white speckled dog. The background is a sunset or sunrise over a body of water.

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## *Thank you Veterinary Specialty Care!!*

You accomplished so much on your day of volunteering with us, and Hallie Hill is very appreciative!





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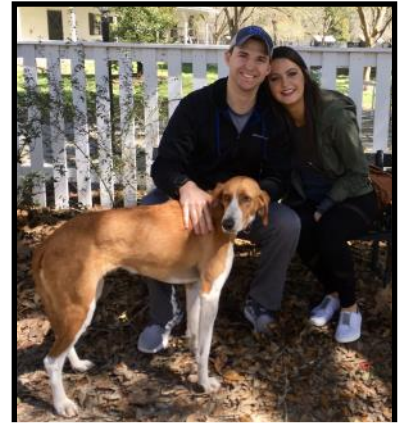
*We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!*



**Old Man Jenkins!**  
**TY Lesley Pena**



**Holly!**  
**TY Bonnie Fischle**



**Dolly (Stella)!**  
**TY Christian Family**



**Jelly Bean!**  
**TY Cassidy Brown**



**Dale!**  
**TY Cameron Burgess**



**Nora!**  
**TY Martha Beasley**



**Kit-Kat!**  
**TY Jon Rivera**



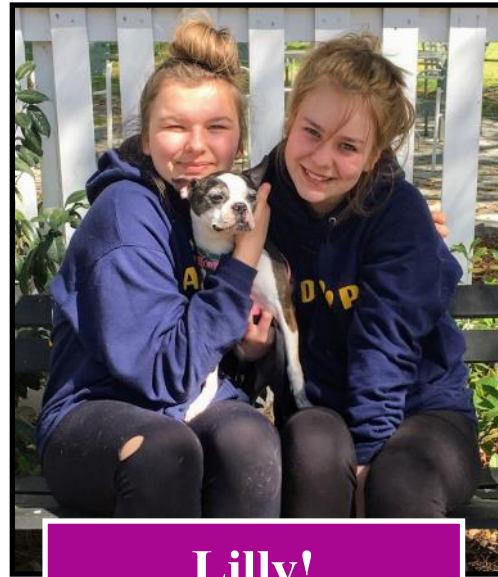
**Kaylee!**  
**TY Cheri Dennis**

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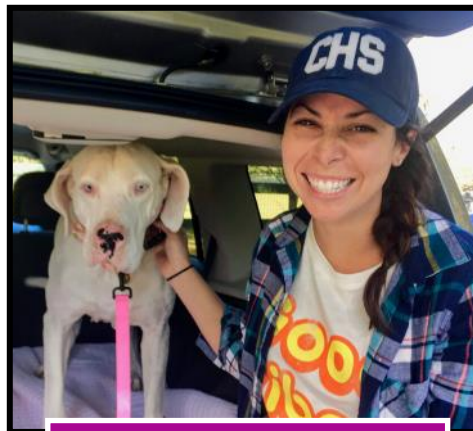
We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!



Ramsey!  
TY Myrman Family



Lilly!  
TY Christina Family



Stella!  
TY Allie Sperounis



Maryanne!  
TY Amy Fleming



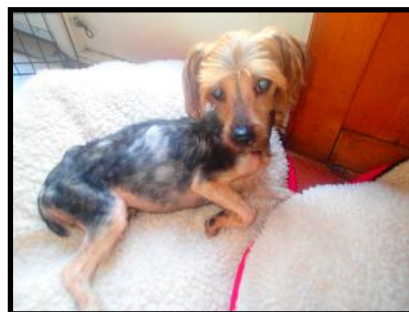
## *A Wonderful New Life for Kaylee!...by Sue Winder*



Goodbye Kaylee! Have a wonderful life! I had to choke back the tears. I can't believe she is gone. Kaylee went home with her new mom and dad today. I am so excited for her. I thought she would never leave Hallie Hill and would have to be here forever. But this is animal rescue. Bittersweet. You must love them enough to let them go.

Kaylee came to Hallie Hill in the summer of 2015. She was a mess. Blind, undernourished and thin as a rail, diabetic, sickly skin and fur (and more health issues to come later). But what a love she was, even in her deplorable state.

One of the first things we were able to help her with was her sight. Kaylee would stand on her hind legs and reach up to us for love even while she was blind. She knew we were there. Her tail was going 100 miles an hour. She would flash her silly grin and reach for us with all her might. What a sweet, sweet girl. After her surgery, like a miracle, she could see again. Now she wanted to be with us even more.



Then we found her failing to gain weight, and we soon discovered she had a pancreatic issue. Now we would add a special powder to add to her food every meal. Kaylee endures two daily shots to control her diabetes. She is such a trooper!



My job is somewhat routine in the sense of daily duties. Change happens when dogs come and go, each with their own needs and issues. Kaylee was a mainstay for me every day. Making her special food and giving a shot of insulin started my day, every day! Today was the last day for that. Tomorrow everything will be different. I sure enjoyed caring for that darling girl all these years. She was so patient with the shots and so excited to get her food each morning. We had to keep an eye on her throughout the day because sometimes her blood sugar would crash. Anytime I was near the bunkhouse, I could peek in on her and make sure she was ok. Thankfully, she has been very stable of late and no emergencies have arisen.

I thought Kaylee would stay at Hallie Hill forever, but I am glad I was wrong, for her sake! Now she has new dog and cat friends, but most importantly she has a loving mom and dad. People who know all about her and are still willing to give her a fur-ever home.

But now Kaylee is home. Stan and I have spent this evening looking back at all my photos of her. I have hundreds of Kaylee photos. We love her and know we will miss her, but are certain she has an even better life ahead. What a gift she has been for these past four years! We feel blessed to have had the privilege of caring for her. Thank you, Kaylee for making our life fuller and brighter with your beautiful presence. We know you will have a wonderful life!



## April's Adorable Adoptables!



### Oscar Wild

This 9-year-old fellow is Oscar Wild and has never known life inside a house! He would love a home, and a loving family, of his very own. He is an active boy and gets really excited about breakfast, dinner, and snack time! Complete an application to adopt this deserving boy at [HallieHill.com](http://HallieHill.com)



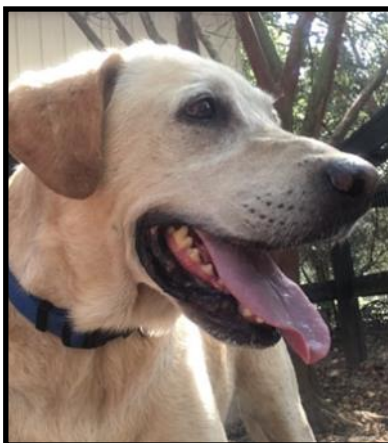
### Myla

Myla is a friendly 1 year old looking for a loving home. She really enjoys the company of people and wants to be your furever friend! She is such a sweetie and doesn't understand why she has been overlooked so far!! (Frankly, neither do we!) Please fill out an application to adopt Myla at [HallieHill.com](http://HallieHill.com).



### Dusty

Dusty is a young fella at 2 years old with an abundance of energy and SO much love to share. He loves playing fetch, chasing his tail, riding in the car and playing in the water! A perfect companion for life in the Lowcountry! Please fill out an application to adopt Dusty at [HallieHill.com](http://HallieHill.com).



### Reese

Reese is a 10-year-old yellow lab mix with lots of energy and love to share. He has all of the wonderful attributes of a Labrador that we have come to know and love! Reese loves people, long walks, and cuddling. He is neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Please apply to adopt at [Halliehill.com](http://Halliehill.com), and you can schedule a "meet and greet" with Reese.

## Losing A Dog or Cat Can Be As Hard As Losing A Loved One

Anyone who's ever owned a dog or cat knows that they become more than just a pet — they become a member of the family.



That's why it's so tough when a pet passes away. Whether the animal died suddenly or of an illness, died after a long life or far too young, the loss is painful and can be so difficult to come to terms with.

Some people will heartlessly tell you to just "get over it" or tell you "it's just a dog." Those people don't understand what it's like to lose a pet. They are so much more than just an animal, and getting over it is easier said than done. In fact, it can feel like there's nothing

anyone can say to lessen the pain a pet owner feels after a loss.

The grief we feel about losing a pet is backed up by scientific research. A study has shown that the mourning process that someone goes through after the loss of a pet is very much real.

In fact, it can actually be more difficult to overcome the loss of a pet than it is to overcome the loss of a human.

That may sound crazy to some, but it's only one of the things the study found.

The thing is, we typically bond with our animals in a manner similar to how we bond with humans. As hormones and chemicals are released in our brain when bonding with animals *or* people, we feel connected and loved. So when we spend so much of our time deepening that connection, of course we feel a profound loss.

But why is it harder to get over the death of a pet than the death of a human?

Because there's not an "acceptable" way to mourn that loss.

When we lose a human family member or loved one, there are plenty of different resources to help come to terms with that loss. We are often surrounded by other people who also feel the loss, and that shared experience and their kind words can help ease the pain.

From our own Angel's Crossing at Hallie Hill:

*'Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity and all the virtues of man without his vices.'*

*~ Lord Byron*

In addition to community, we also have options like counseling or therapy to help us through the difficult time — and we aren't criticized for the depth of our emotions.

We just don't have the same support when a pet dies. We're expected to simply move on with our life. We often immediately go back to work, and we're expected to keep outings and events on our calendar in the days surrounding the death. Cancelling plans because your pet died a week ago? A lot of people think that's a poor excuse.

A lot of us may have people in our lives that understand our pain after a pet loss, but they may not realize just how deeply it's affecting us.

And since we have limited resources when dealing with this type of loss, we end up trying to repress our emotions. We never truly come to terms with it or move on in a healthy way. We just bury our feelings.

Psychologist Julie Axelrod says that in addition to losing a loved one, we are also losing a source of comfort and unconditional love. That's huge.

There's a domino effect when losing a pet as well, because it leads to a change in your daily routine. It could actually be more disruptive than the loss of a human in your life. A lot of us must schedule our day around our dogs, to make sure they are let outside, taken for walks, and fed. When they're gone, that loss feels obvious.

We also struggle with feeling like they're there even when they're gone. We just instinctively feel like they're somewhere else in the house or in the backyard. Certain sounds may make us think we hear the whoosh of their tail wagging or their toenails on the kitchen floor.

When we have to make the difficult decision to end a dog's suffering, the loss has an additional edge to it. It is a humane choice, but it doesn't make it any easier to say goodbye. We can struggle with feeling like there's more we could have done, or things we could have done differently for them.

If you've lost a pet, please know that there is nothing wrong about your broken heart. They were your family, and it doesn't matter how anyone else thinks you're supposed to feel. What you are going through is understandable. Even science agrees.

BY GOODFULLNESS



## An Evening at Yeaman's Hall



Thank you to Yeaman's Hall for inviting Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary and Charleston Animal Society to be a part of their Wednesday Evening Lecture Series!

Jennifer Middleton, from HHAS, and Joe Elmore, from Charleston Animal Society, spoke about their respective organizations and the daily challenges facing animal rescue efforts.



Our own Hallie Hill Ambassador, Stella, was stellar, as usual! She impressed the crowd with her calm, quiet demeanor and her navigation skills given that she is deaf and blind, or 'differently abled', as we like to say! It was great to see so many familiar faces in the audience (Cathy, John, Betsy, Elizabeth). Thanks to everyone for a lovely evening!

# The Charleston Museum

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

## ReMember the Museum

4/27/19 11AM - 3PM

The Charleston Museum will be hosting an event titled, "ReMember the Museum" on Saturday, April 27th that will be a community event, free for Museum members and free with admission to the Museum. From 11 am through 3 pm, the Museum will offer talks with our curators, educational activities for kids, a book reading, and more, all inspired by our diverse collections. In April, the Museum will open a new exhibit titled, *In the Company of Animals: Pets of Charleston*

*Hallie Hill will be participating! Come and see us at our booth, meet some wonderful dogs and support The Charleston Museum!*



**Thank You Badd Kitty for your VERY generous donation of \$4539.51!! All of our goodd dogs and kitties are so appreciative of your support! You are the BEST!**



## 6 Dog-Related Tax Deductions You May be Eligible to Claim

By [Brandy Arnold](#)

With tax day right around the corner, many of us are searching far and wide for any deductions we can get! That got us wondering, are dogs tax deductible? Well... not exactly, but there are some dog related expenses that may be!



We all know our dogs are members of the family, but the IRS doesn't see them that way – they can't be counted as dependents. But, there ARE some dog-related expenses you might not be aware of! Of course, you'll want to check with your tax professional to make sure your write-offs are legitimate.

### 1. Moving Your Dog:

According to [Kiplinger](#), If you moved during the tax year, it might be possible to deduct your moving expenses – including those specifically related to moving your dog. For example, if moving your dog requires special expenses, those expenses are treated no differently (in the federal government's eyes) than any of your personal effects. Making special arrangements to get Fido from your old home to your new one? Save the receipts!



### 2. Guard Dogs:

According to tax expert, Cliff Ennico as reported in [Entrepreneur](#), guard dogs can be a legitimate write-off. This would include the cost of caring for the dog, but not the dog itself.



And, you can only deduct a percentage based on how much time the dog spends guarding. But, if you've got a guard dog that protects your business and inventory (I wouldn't really try this one as a personal deduction) this could amount to a nice deduction.

### 3. Charitable Donations to Dog Rescues/Shelters:

It would be easy to assume that the costs of adopting a dog from a registered non-profit, 501(c), would be deductible – the assumption would be wrong. The cost to adopt a dog is not deductible. However, any donations made in excess of regular adoption fees most certainly are. According to the law, only those donations made where no goods or services are received in exchange (i.e., your new dog) can be deducted. Should you choose to make donations to your favorite 501c dog charity, make sure to ask for a letter of receipt that states no goods or services were received. Donations of both goods and services to an approved charity are tax deductible. When donating goods or services to an approved charity, ask for a donation receipt – you'll need it if the value of your donations exceeds \$250. To deduct a charitable contribution, you must file Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A.



### 4. Service/Therapy Dogs:



According to [IRS Publication 502](#), You can include in medical expenses the costs of buying, training, and maintaining a guide dog or other service animal to assist a visually-impaired or hearing-impaired person, or a person with other physical disabilities. Just make sure you've got good medical records to back you up, should questions arise.

### 5. Jobs With Dogs Expenses:

If you own and operate a business with dogs, of course your dog-related business expenses are deductible. If you're a trainer, you may be able to deduct mileage or transportation costs for visiting clients and their dogs. If you're a dog walker and need to purchase business related items like leashes and poop bags, those expenses can be itemized. As with any job-related expense, just make sure to keep all receipts and be able to prove the items were for job duties, not for your personal pet.



## 6. Fostering Dogs:



As a result of [Van Dusen v. Commissioner](#), animal rescuers nationwide that are fostering dogs and/or cats for approved charities may claim the expenses during tax time. An approved charity is one that is recognized by the IRS with the 501(c)(3) designation as a Not-for-Profit organization. Fostering expenses eligible for deduction are

food, medicines, veterinary bills, crates, garbage bags, and the like. Even a portion of your utilities can be considered expenses as long as a specific area of your home is only used for the care of the animals and nothing else.

As always, discuss these potential deductions with your tax professional to confirm they are legitimate for your personal financial and tax situation.

<https://www.dogingtonpost.com/is-my-dog-tax-deductible/>



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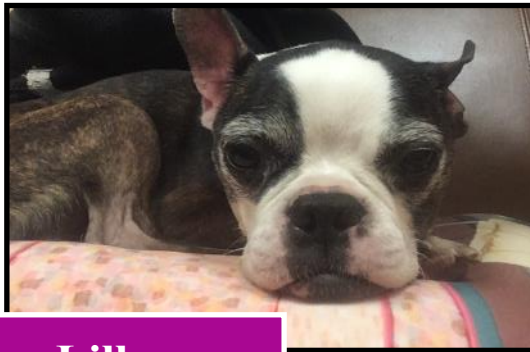
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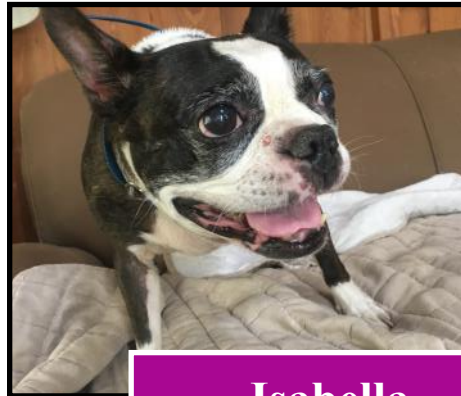
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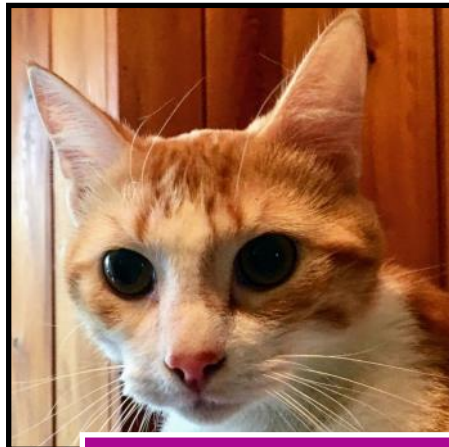
Molly



Lilly



Isabella



Spider Man



Marmalade



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**The Howler is introducing a new monthly feature article...  
'Ask Hallie Hill!'**

**Have a question that you would like to ask about cats or dogs, or Hallie Hill in general? Please submit them to: [info@halliehill.com](mailto:info@halliehill.com). One or two will be answered each month!**



**REALTOR LESLIE TESTER IS PAYING IT FORWARD!**

Leslie has generously pledged **50% OF HER COMMISSION** to Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary from the purchase or sale of every home.

Just mention Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary when contacting her to buy or sell your home.

#LeslieTesterRealtor  
#HallieHillAnimalSanctuary



**Make 'em smile**



Did you know that you could be generating donations for Hallie Hill while you shop on Amazon! Just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), choose Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary as your charitable organization and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Hallie Hill on all eligible items, every time you shop!

With Amazon Prime Day coming up this Monday, July 16, it's a great way to save a bunch at Amazon and be helping our animals at the same time.

**THAT MAKES US SMILE!**




# April at HHAS



**Putting for Paws! / Crooked Oak Golf Club**

**4/1/19**

**HHAS on Midday News**

**4/4/19**

**Cooper River Bridge Run**

**4/6/19**

**HHAS on Low Country Live**

**4/10/19**

**HHAS on Midday News**

**4/18/19**

**ReMember the Museum**

**4/27/19**





## *How Can You Help? Our April Wish List!*

**PLEASE Donate to the MAGIC Fund (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care) and support the Cooper River Bridge Run at [www.halliehill.com](http://www.halliehill.com)!**

- Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Hallie Hill to be your beneficiary each time you shop at Amazon!
- Check out our [Hallie Hill Wishlist](#) on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)
- Consumables we need all of the time!

Trash Bags

Scoopable Cat Litter

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

Canned Dog Food

Paper Plates and Paper Towels

Office Supplies

Bottled water for volunteers

Multi-Purpose Spray Cleaner

Bleach





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**Mission Statement**

*Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 organization that provides a compassionate safe-haven with quality food and medical care for dogs and cats; a temporary home for those able to be adopted, and a forever home for those in need.*