

Alpha Impressions

2018

By: Jennifer Middleton

As animal welfare advocates, we are always looking out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are champions for the weak, defenseless, the “underdogs and undercats” of the world. Countless times, Hallie Hill receives calls from people who drive by a house or trailer in this rural community and are terribly concerned about a dog that is chained in the yard. I completely understand the concern and I, too, want to rush in and “rescue” the dog from “substandard” living conditions.

What I have come to understand, is simply removing dogs from these homes will not solve the true problem. Many times, owners tether their dogs for lack of a better solution. They love the animal, and want to keep it safe. However, tens of millions of people are living in poverty with their pets, and fences are expensive to build. Some people have fences, but are unable to stop their dog from digging or climbing out, so they tether the dog as an option that is preferable to having the dog killed on the highway. I am not defending the act of tethering dogs. I just want to consider the human’s feelings about the animal as I attempt to improve the pet’s quality of life. Let’s look at every situation individually and not assume we know the human’s intent. Let’s try not to rush to judgment if we see animals that are thin, or living outside, instead of in the house with the family.

What we need to do is approach each pet owner in a respectful way and recognize that their love for their pet is not related to their socioeconomic status. I grew up in a household that did not chain dogs, but believed dogs should live outside. But if either of my parents found a stray animal, they brought it home and cared for it. There was a lot of bottle-feeding orphaned kittens, puppies, opossums, squirrels and more during my childhood. I also remember my parents nursing malnourished adult dogs and treating them for mange. We always had a “pack” of stray, mixed breed dogs in our yard that were very well fed and well loved. (I personally saw it as my responsibility to provide the love, and my older brother and sister would loudly complain that I always smelled like the dogs!) Maybe people judged us for not allowing the dogs to live inside, but I believe the dogs of my childhood were happy. They had a home. Life with us was much better than the alternative.

Happily, times have changed over the last few decades, and continue to change as the standard of care for pets is getting higher and higher. This trend is spreading across the nation as each generation provides more and more for their pets- even designer clothing and health insurance! While we should continue to push for stronger legislation to protect animals from abuse and neglect, I hope that during this new year we can also extend to people the ‘benefit of the doubt’ when we see an animal in need. Instead of rushing to judgment and condemnation, let’s focus on humane education and helping families locate affordable veterinary care for their animals. This way, we will not only help the animals in their yards today, but those animals who will live with their children and grandchildren in the future.



Volunteer SPOTLIGHT:

Steven Krauszer and Valerie Melkus

Steven Krauszer and Valerie Melkus are our weekend warriors! I'm not sure how they found Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary but we're so happy they did. Both have demanding weekday jobs but never miss a Sunday here with the animals. They enjoy spending their time together enriching the lives of our residents. Valerie is a lover of all animals, domestic and wild. Rhino or Rabbit, Val is concerned about their welfare. Steven and Val try their best to make sure all our furbabies get special attention, and that includes the shy and those with behavioral issues. Titan and Marlie are extremely happy to have them as friends. Steven and Val do a tremendous job and it's not always easy. Just ask Steven how hard it is to get an active dog to sit for the camera. Valerie has never run so fast as when Titan wants to go to the ring pen. Their devotion to Hallie Hill is tremendous and we love them so much for all they do. Thank you so much!



Happy New Year!



Your friends at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary
Wish you health, happiness and all good things in the
New Year! We hope to see you often in 2018!

Calling all Alumni!!

The February, 2018 issue of the Howler will feature the Hallie Hill dogs and cats (and their wonderful adopters) that have found their 'forever' homes! We need your help to make it happen!

Please send photographs and a few sentences about your adopted dog or cat (or both!) to newsletter@halliehill.com.

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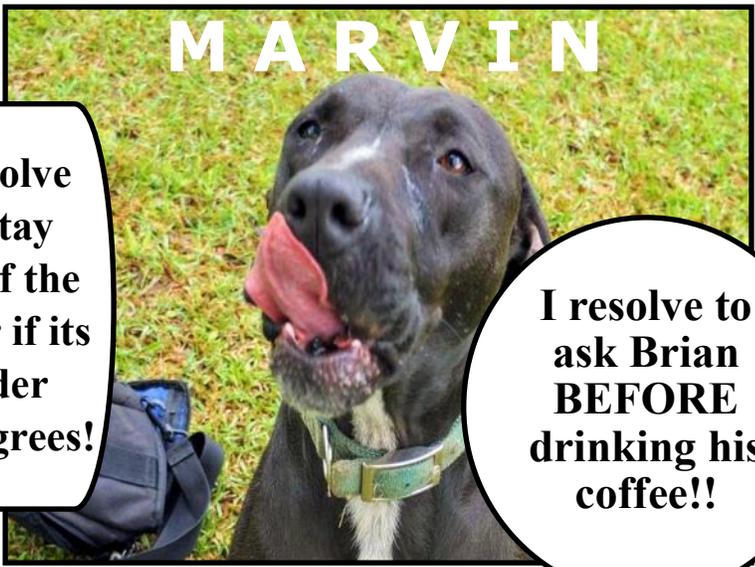
I resolve to stop slobbering on everyone!



I resolve to stop running over all of the volunteers!



I resolve to stay out of the water if its under 50 degrees!



I resolve to ask Brian BEFORE drinking his coffee!!

OUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS!!!



I resolve to enter a 12 step program for my tennis ball addiction!



I resolve to find furever homes for all my Hallie Hill friends!



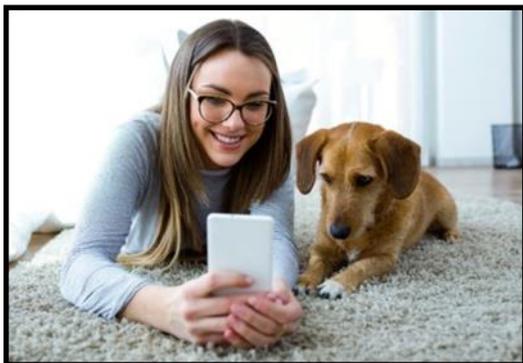


How Can You Help? Our January Wish List!

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



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| Laundry Detergent or Bleach | Dog treats |
| New or Gently Used Dog or Cat Toys | Bottled water for volunteers |
| Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies | Spray cleaner (multipurpose or Disinfectant) |
| Paper Plates and Paper Towels | Copy paper |
| Friskies wet cat food | DURABLE dog toys, like Kongs! |
| Dry cat food | Trash Bags |
| Canned Dog Food | |
| Large Durable Balls | |
| Office Supplies | Leaf Rakes |
| file folders, pclips | Dish Detergent |
| Cinder blocks | Dog Biscuits (Treats) |
| Sidewalk Pavers | Gently used lawn chairs |



[Best Apps for Pet Lovers!](#)

Did Santa bring you a new phone or tablet? Here are some ideas for apps to enjoy with your pet!

There's an app for everything, even for your four-footed friends. And why not? There are nearly 144 million dogs and cats in this country. They deserve to have as much fun as the rest of us. However, you might find the array of possibilities daunting. Whether you're looking for a tablet game for your cat, apps for logging your dog walks or first aid apps for your pet, there's going to be something here for you and your furry friends.

Source: <https://www.tomsguide.com/us/pictures-story/1074-best-pet-apps.html#s21>

Dog Walk (Android, iOS: Free)

Tractiv's Dog Walk app ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) is a free exercise tracker for your dog walks, using your phone's GPS sensors to record your dog walking route and display it on a map, complete with distance and time. Users can also take and save pictures from within the app, and they can log where their dog heeds nature's call along the way. Users can view a record of their dog walk routes, share them with friends and family, or use them to record activities — that last option being particularly appealing for dog walkers.

ASPCA Pet Safety (Android, iOS: Free)

The ASPCA has a good line of mobile apps aimed at helping out tech-savvy pet owners. The ASPCA Pet Safety app ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) can help pet owners plan for pet safety during emergencies, natural disasters and extreme weather. The app presents safety and preparedness hints, suggestions on how to search for lost pets right after emergencies and tools for storing pet information or creating a lost pet kit.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (Android, iOS: Free)

The ASPCA's other mobile app is the Animal Poison Control Center app ([Android](#), [iOS](#)), a handy guide to common household items, drugs, hazards and plants that can be toxic or dangerous for dogs, cats, birds or horses. Users can search for a particular substance or plant or filter by species. They can also get a color coded risk assessment, a list of expected symptoms and suggested actions, poison calculators for things like chocolate or rat poison and —most importantly— a one-touch dial to the [ASPCA's poison control hotline](#).

Pet First Aid by American Red Cross (Android, iOS: Free)

Pet First Aid by American Red Cross ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) is a nicely designed first aid guide and knowledge base for owners of dogs and cats. The app provides users with simple first aid lessons, step by step guides and how-to videos. The multiple configurable pet profiles come in handy, as do the section where you can save your vet's contact details.

Dog Buddy (iOS: Free)

Keeping on top of all your dog's health needs is no mean feat. [Dog Buddy](#) is a to-do and health log app that helps you keep a journal of your dog's medical needs, treatments, vaccination schedules, and other info you might need to make sure that your four-footed friend stays healthy and happy. Users can track their dog's weight, create journal entries and milestones, store photos, and save your dog's bio data, vet contact details, medication schedules, and more, all for free.

11Pets (Android, iOS: Free)

Similar to Dog Buddy, 11Pets (Android, iOS) is a pet needs and health journal app that helps you stay on top of your pet's vaccinations, medicines and scheduled vet visits. You can store your vet's contact details, your pet's medical history, photos, and medication needs, and track your pet supply needs. Previously an Android exclusive, 11Pets has since released an iOS version.

Whistle 3 (Android, iOS) (\$79.95 Device + \$9.95/mo subscription)

Whistle is a combination GPS and health tracking device worn on your pet's collar that helps owners keep track of their pets through the connected Whistle (Android, iOS) app. The device uses three different methods to track your pet (GPS, WiFi, cellular signal) for redundancy, and users can set geofenced safe areas, with notifications if your pet leaves the region. In addition to the pet locator function, the Whistle app can also record your pet's activity and rest, complete with custom goals, and graphs that you can show to your vet.

Walk For A Dog (Android, iOS: Free)

Walk your dog and help out animal shelters with Walk For A Dog (Android, iOS), an exercise tracking app that records your dog walks and sends a donation to a participating animal shelter of your choice as an additional incentive (as if you needed more reasons to take a walk out with your furry companions). Users create a profile for their dog, select a shelter or organization to support, and then you can log your dog walks with the app, with your smartphone's GPS sensors recording how far you've walked. The farther you walk, the more Walk For A Dog pays out to your chosen shelter or organization at the end of each donation period.

DogVacay (Android, iOS: Free)

Sometimes, we can't take our dogs along with us on long trips, vacations or even just afternoons away from home. DogVacay (Android, iOS) lets you book a local dog sitter to take good care of the four-legged members of your family when you're away or even if you just need someone to take your dog for a walk while you're away at work. Reservations come with premium pet insurance and daily updates. You can arrange for the dog sitter to take care of your pet at their home or yours, arrange for vet visits and more. You can look up details about your dog sitter and easily arrange a meet-and-greet so you can get to know the sitter before you commit.

Rover (Android, iOS: Free)

Another app that takes the "Uber for dog sitters" approach is Rover (Android, iOS), an app by The Dog People that allows dog owners to get in touch with and book dog sitters so that man's best friend won't get lonely. The Dog People network does the hard work of vetting prospective sitters, and the service is covered by insurance. Owners can book sitters for dog boarding, house sitting, doggy day care and visits, and sitters can use the app to provide photo updates and notifications to their clients.

Dog Park Finder Plus (iOS: \$1.99)

Dog Park Finder Plus (iOS) is another standout app for those looking for dog-friendly parks, trails, beaches and rest stops, thanks to a massive data set of more than 6,000 locations, complete with photos, operating hours, contact information, pet rules and other details. Users can filter by proximity, browse by state, city or zip code, view detailed information and share locations to friends and contacts.

BarkHappy (Android, iOS: Free)

An up-and-coming social media app for dog lovers, BarkHappy ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) helps you discover and meet up with other nearby dog enthusiasts, as well as find dog friendly establishments near you. Barkhappy uses your location to show you the profiles of nearby dogs that it thinks might be compatible with you and your pet, so you can meet up for a play date or dog walk. In addition, the app helps you find dog friendly parks, shops, hotels and other establishments, complete with pet policies and amenities.

Pet Coach (Android, iOS: Free)

Pet Coach ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) is a useful source of pet health advice and tips from qualified veterinarians and experts. Users who sign up for Pet Coach can easily post questions about pet health, nutrition, training and behavior to veterinarians, trainers and other verified pet care experts. Users can peruse the forums and post general questions for free; for more specific advice, users can arrange for a paid consultation. Whether you own a dog or cat of any breed or more exotic pets like a horse or reptile, Pet Coach can help you find out what you need.

BarkBuddy (Android, iOS: Free)

Looking for the right puppy to fill that dog-shaped hole in your life? BarkBuddy ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) takes the swipe-dating formula and applies it to dog adoptions. Users like or swipe their way through pictures of nearby dogs and pups who are up for adoption, complete with more detailed profiles for animals that they've liked. If you're serious about adopting, you can go one step further by creating a "BarkApproved" adopter's profile to help speed up paperwork with rescue organizations. Even if all you're doing is just looking at cute puppy pictures, you can still help out by sharing puppy profiles to friends over social media.

Heads And Tails (iOS: Free)

[Heads And Tails](#) is a neat photo sharing app by Petco that gives you a chance to win Petco gift certificates as well as a donation to the Petco Foundation just by sharing your best photos with you and your favorite furry, feathered or scaly friends. The procedure's simple enough: Upload a selfie with your pet through the Heads And Tails app and share it with your friends to rack up likes; if you can score 100 likes by the end of the month, then you win a \$25 Petco gift card and \$25 is donated to the Petco Foundation.

P5 Dog Training (Android, iOS: Free)

Purina's P5 Dog Training App ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) is a free dog training resource that provides users with a wealth of tutorials, videos, and tracking tools to help with everything from obedience training to show dog tricks such as dock diving and disk tosses. In addition to the tutorials, the app comes with an activity log where you can manually log in your exercises and dog's statistics. The update removes a previously irksome online connectivity requirement, so you can use this training tool even without a mobile or Wi-Fi connection.

Cat Training (Android: Free)

The idea of cat training may seem like an oxymoron, but the free [Cat Training](#) app (Android) gives it a good shot, providing users with a wealth of helpful articles and resources, covering everything from toilet training kittens, to introducing a cat flap, to helping manage the 3AM zoomies. It's simple, low frills, and ad-supported, so expect to see the occasional full-screen ad in between article views.

Relax My Cat (Android, iOS: Free/\$1.99)

Cats can alternate between absolute restful sleep to crazy fast zoomies in the blink of an eye. Relax My Cat ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) is designed to help cat owners with music that the developers claim can help calm down cats. The app comes with tunes for a number of situations, such as music to help a cat sleep, calm down frightened kittens, or help a cat suffering from separation anxiety, and users can leave it playing on loop, or set a sleep timer!

Friskies Cat Fishing & Jitterbug (Android, iOS: Free)

Friskies' Cat Fishing ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) and JitterBug ([Android](#), [iOS](#)) are both representative of most cat games on the market, with bright graphics and rapid movements to get your kitty's attention. In the case of Cat Fishing, it's a virtual pond stocked with fish, while JitterBug shows a variety of bugs and critters that furry paws can reach out and squash. *(Editor's note: My Tinkerbelle loves this one!)*

Game for Cats (Android, iOS: Free)

Little Hiccup's Game for Cats is an old hand in the cat apps field, with simple gameplay that has your furry friend chasing a simulated laser pointer, a mouse, or a moth. While the [iPad](#) version has been out a while, the app has just launched on [Android](#) devices, allowing users to play with their cats regardless of mobile OS. Game for Cats offers the laser pointer mode for free, while the mouse and moth modes are available with an in-app purchase.

‘Adorable Adoptables’ for January!



Shadow

Shadow is a sweet 3 year old that would be very comfortable in your home! She loves toys, knows ‘sit’ and is good with other dogs. This handsome boy would be a great addition to your ‘pack’ or would be happy as an ‘only dog’!



Carl

Carl is a 5 year old ‘love boy’! He loves to be petted and scratched, but not held, at least not yet! He is a vocal fellow, especially when he wants his treats and soft food! This handsome tabby would love a home all his own for 2018!



Sasha

Sasha came to us after being hit by a car, but all is well now! She adores being held and cuddled and would really keep your feet warm at night! Her calico coloring is soooo pretty! Look at that sweet face! Give her a home all her own in 2018!



Jenny

Jenny just spent some time with a foster family and the reports are glowing! She is house trained, gets along with other dogs and walks well on a leash. She will need a tall fence, as she likes to climb and explore! What a wonderful addition to any family!

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It's a Dog's Life!....by Levi and Sue Winder

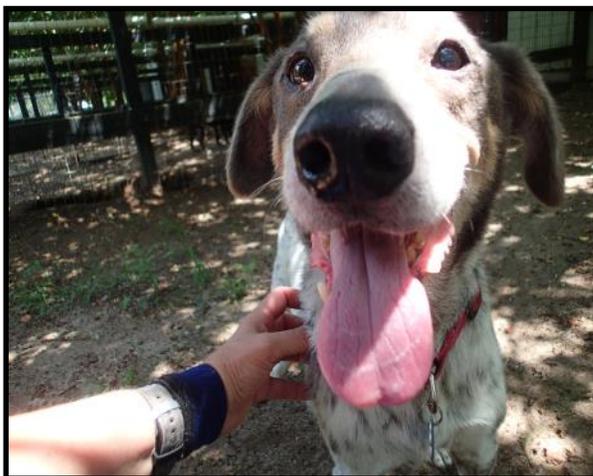
My life has been quite a journey. I spent most of my years with my owner, my dog dad, as I refer to him.

Arriving in my home as a puppy, the name "Levi" was chosen. My name means, "attached" and I sure have been true to my name. My dad and I spent many years together happily enjoying each other's company. Those 14 years were adventurous and exciting.

What a great time I had with him, but unbeknownst to me, things were about to change.

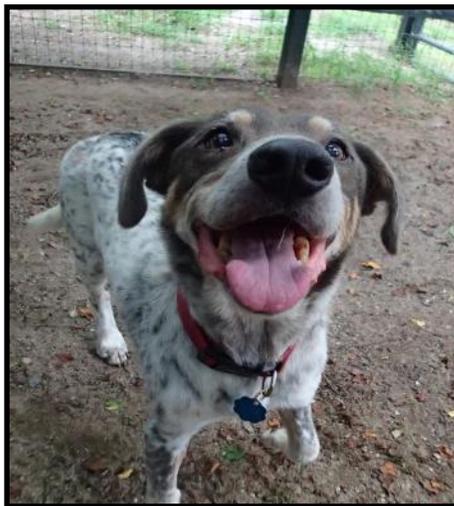
Several months ago, due to difficult 'people' issues, I found myself alone in an apartment with 3 other dogs. We dogs didn't know what to do. Nobody came for us and we were lonely and getting hungry! Well, we only waited for so long, and then my dog friend and I managed to escape! We ran and ran and ran, not knowing where we were going, but trying to find food, water and shelter. This was really hard on my old bones and muscles. We ran the streets hoping to be reunited with our dog dad again. We split up one day to try and cover more ground searching for him. But I didn't get very far. A few people saw me running around, dirty and thin, limping, and huffing and puffing to catch my breath. They were concerned for my safety, so they lassoed me and took me to the animal shelter. At the shelter, they attended to my needs and gave me a warm place to lay my head, finally.

I think I slept for days. I felt so worn out. One day I heard them talking. They didn't think anyone would come for me or adopt me. I was too old and frail to be considered suitable for a new home! They said my only chance was if Hallie Hill agreed to take me in. PANIC flooded me, but there was nothing I could do. My fate was in the hands of another. I paced and gulped air as people at the shelter moved around, talked on the phone, and took dogs out to the adoption floor. There were happy cheers and clapping of hands as one dog after another



was adopted. But what about me, I thought, as I remembered back to my early days when I was so loved. I still have love to give! Please, please don't count me out because of a few stiff joints and my advancing age! I held my breath as I heard they talked to Hallie Hill.....

OH BOY! GREAT Relief filled my chest and I sighed. My heart soared! Hallie Hill would accept me! Arrangements were made immediately to get me transported as soon as possible. What was this place,....Hallie Hill? I was about to find out!



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As the van climbed the rustic driveway of Hallie Hill, I was immediately filled with a new hope. And as the door slid open I saw before me luxurious thick green grass going as far as the eye could see. Dogs were everywhere running and playing. Was I in Doggy Heaven? No, but as close to it as we can get here on earth. The scents of dogs everywhere overloaded my



nostrils! I sniffed wildly and inhaled deeply. Friendly people were coming my way, smiling and telling me how handsome I was! They did not care that I was old, in fact they were even happy about it. Reveling in all the attention, I began to strut about. I was home! So, the summer of 2017 was great! I became a “Barn Dog” The most prestigious title a dog could attain. We all ran the grounds together and visited the dogs in large enclosures. I made many friends, both dog and human. My life was good. Heck, I even had a few people inquire about adopting me!

Then a few weeks ago, my dog dad located me! I couldn’t believe my good fortune! His wife had seen a photo of me in the newspaper with my picture, and a glowing ad depicting my good nature and adoptability. “I found Levi!,” she said excitedly! Dad grabbed the paper and there I was. Yes, he was sure that photo was his very own dog Levi, 15 years of age, that he lost months ago! He had searched and searched calling every shelter in the area to find me. I was miles and miles away from my original home. It is miraculous that they saw that ad in the newspaper. Have you ever seen those ads? The photo is teeny tiny! My dad made arrangements to come pick me up the very next day.

Need I say more? Of course, this story ends happily. Ecstatic hugs, tears of joy, and high fives all around filled that next day. Then, it was time to leave, I looked out the window as we drove away from my new friends and they waved goodbye. What a wonderful stay I had there, in the care of people who loved me unconditionally.

I am home now, ready to live out the rest of my years with my dad. I have a big farm and many acres to re-explore and dog friends to meet again.

As I lay down that night I looked back on these past months and thought, if not for you, Hallie Hill, my life would have ended! Thank you, Thank you, for saving my life!

Much love and appreciation,

Levi



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Santa Paws at Magnolia Plantation

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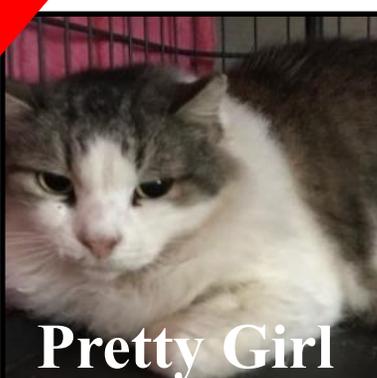


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Christmas Meatball Treats! TY Dana and Daisy!!

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Welcome to Hallie Hill!



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*Get your LCD 2018 Calendar!
Available now at Hallie Hill!
ALL proceeds benefit Hallie Hill.*

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR SENIOR PET HAPPY & HEALTHY

- 1 FOOD = FUEL**
Pick the right food for your aging pet and feed the correct amount. Choose food that is specially formulated for older pets.
- 2 KEEP 'EM ACTIVE**
Pets lacking adequate physical activity can lose muscle mass and cognitive function much faster than active pets. Set a target activity schedule with your veterinarian.
- 3 BE A "WATCH DOG"**
No one knows your pet like you do! Keep an eye out for sudden changes in your pet's appearance, activity level or behavior.
- 4 REGULAR CHECK-UPS**
Regular veterinary exams are critical for early detection of problems. Visit every six months or as advised by your veterinarian.
- 5 KNOW THE SIGNS**
These symptoms may indicate a larger problem:
 - Changes in urination
 - Sudden increase or decrease in weight or appetite
 - Weakness or abrupt change in activity level
 - Sore mouth, vomiting or excessive coughing
 - Lameness or limping
 - Hair loss or change in quality of coat



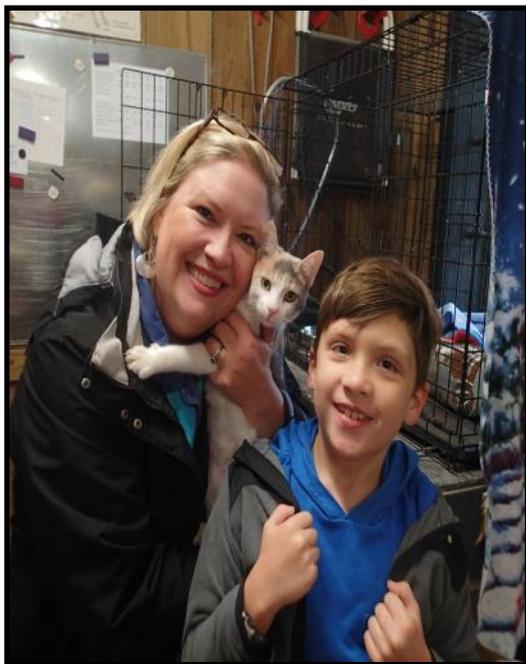

We Found Our 'Fur-Ever' Homes!



Tara and Meryl and Jay Weiss



Conor (Gizmo) and Shirley Gamble Cordis



*Sasha and Amy Dabbs
and her son, Jack!!*



Cha-Chi and Neltie Linker

**Thank you for finding room
in your home, and in your heart!**

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**Thank you
Boy Scout
Troop 484!
Your
donations
are very
appreciated!**



**Volunteer
Chili Luncheon!
12/19/17**



**Thank you
Diane Lais and
Stephen Graham!!**



It was delicious!!



Thank you Madison K. and Kat D., for organizing a donation drive at Low Country Leadership Charter School to benefit Hallie Hill!

Woof, Woof and Meee-owww! That means ‘Thank you very much’ to everyone at LLCS for your generous donations!



Mini Turkey Loaf Muffins: A Healthy & Delicious Dog Treat

This is a delicious, nutritious, and festive treat that both you and your canine companion will love sharing! It's made from five gluten-free, grain-free, and all-natural ingredients. Plus, they're super simple to whip up—just a few minutes of prep. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1. - Coconut oil, to grease tins
2. - 1 pound lean ground turkey (I use 99% lean)
3. - 1/2 cup pure pumpkin puree
4. - 1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots
5. - 1/2 cup almond flour
6. - 1 large egg

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease 2 mini-muffin tins with coconut oil.
3. Put all ingredients in a mixing bowl and combine. This combination is easy to mix with a fork, but you can use your hands to speed up the process.
4. Spoon turkey mixture into muffin tins. Lightly pack.
5. Bake for 20 minutes.
6. Remove from oven and let completely cool before serving to your dog.

Notes

1. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.



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Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

January 2nd, 2018

National Pet Safety Day

January 10th, 2018

Low Country Live

10AM

January 11th, 2018

Channel 4 News

12PM

January 13th, 2018

Eat Drink and Rescue

Smoky Oak Taproom

1-4 PM

January 14th, 2018

National Dress Up Your

Pet Day

January 25th, 2018

Channel 4 News

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*Happy
New
Year!*



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Facebook Page URL - <https://www.facebook.com/HomeForThoseInNeed/>

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.