



**We can't change  
their past,  
But we can  
rewrite their future.**

# The Hallie Hill Howler

**OCTOBER IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH!**

**October, 2020**



*Meet our Board of Directors:*

## Pat Barber



Pat, and his wife Becky, met at the University of South Carolina and have been married for 33 years. They live on Folly Beach and have 3 sons, Taylor (28), Brandon (25) and Bowen (13). The latest addition to the family is a 3-year-old Terrier name 'Spike'!



Pat was 4 years old when his first pet joined the family. 'Duchess' wandered into one of Pat's siblings high school classrooms and soon thereafter became a part of the Barber family! "She was with us for the next 16 years. At a young age I learned how special the relationship between a pet and a family could be!"

As the owner of the Links at Stono Ferry Golf Course, Pat is excited to host this year's golf fundraiser for Hallie Hill. (postponed until 5/3/21) "I feel honored to be a part of Hallie Hill. It is amazing to see all the good work being done from Helen Bradham's vision. I admire how she saw a need and acted. I want to do my part to continue that vision."

# Volunteer Spotlight

VOLUNTEER

## Katherine and Chris Watts

If you are ever out volunteering and wonder where Katherine and Chris Watts may be, you won't have to look much further than Smokey's enclosure!

They fell in love with him at their Volunteer Orientation and look forward to their visit each Sunday they come out. They love ALL the dogs at HH, but some are very near and dear to their hearts. They found HH when they came to donate Jack's



prized possessions when he passed at the age of 15. They instantly fell in love with Hallie Hill. "There is no place better!!"

Katherine is an HR Coordinator for Hendrick Automotive Group, and Chris is an installer for Johnson Controls. Their favorite time is spent with family and their furry kid, Lyla, and volunteering their free time loving all the dogs at Hallie Hill. We are so fortunate to have the Watts' as part of our Hallie Hill family!!!

# Maintaining Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary!

By Jennifer Middleton, Director, HHAS

New visitors to Hallie Hill are always impressed with the beautiful grounds and facility. The Sanctuary is over 37 acres of grassy enclosures with 6 main structures and 46 smaller buildings - that is what it takes to provide a comfortable safe haven for 150 dogs, 50 domestic cats and a colony of feral cats! Everyone knows that our small staff feeds, cleans up after, and medicates the over 200 animals that reside here. What is not easy to see, is the work that continually goes on to maintain the sanctuary itself for these deserving animals!



Keeping the grass cut seems deceptively simple, but in the summer our staff can mow over 3 hours every day and then need to start over again as soon as they finish! And if that wasn't enough, there is even more to the grounds maintenance! Weed trimming miles of fence line, pruning trees and shrubs, fertilizing, watering, raking leaves, picking up fallen branches, filling holes, pest control and more.

All the structures require annual pressure washing of the roofs and regular painting. The "in between" times require removal of cobwebs and the sweeping of porches.

Each doghouse and cattery has a water line that runs to an automatic watering bowl. Those bowls malfunction or rust and need replacement over time. The buried water lines often spring leaks and need to be repaired.



The main structures have their own maintenance challenges, from heating and air conditioning breaking to plumbing and electrical issues. Our buildings have the same plethora of problems a regular house experiences such as broken washing machines and water heaters, other appliances acting up, doors swelling, pest control, etc.

In this challenging SC environment wire rusts and wood rots, so long stretches of fence line and sections of the cattery need to be repaired or replaced. Gates to the many enclosures always seem to need repaired.



Lastly, there is repair and maintenance of the 2 tractors, 3 golf carts, 2 mowers, weed trimmer, chainsaw, transport van and other equipment used regularly around the Sanctuary.

So, providing our animals with sanctuary is more than just direct animal care, but also maintaining a beautiful place for them to call home! Not only do we have an incredible staff and volunteers to thank for doing this demanding work, but donors to thank for footing the bills!

Please understand, it is not our intention to complain about the tremendous amount of maintenance required to make Hallie Hill safe and functional for our animals. Instead, we are incredibly grateful for the verdant land, cozy homes, the pond, the exercise areas, the wonderful shade trees, and, most of all, your help that makes it all possible! We wanted you to know how much more your support of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary does, in addition to direct animal care. Hallie Hill thanks you!

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A Field Trip to Hallie Hill!



HH welcomed Dawn and Stephanie (moms), Bethany, George, Gage and Ryder! The students learned about the Sanctuary and how to approach a dog you don't know! They are our Animal Advocates of the future!! Thanks for coming!



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We wish ALL of our students a happy and productive school year!

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**December 1st-5th only!**  
**Mark your Calendar!**

**Take your fur babies  
for portraits and  
support Hallie Hill!**

Click [HERE](#) for more  
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fundraiser with  
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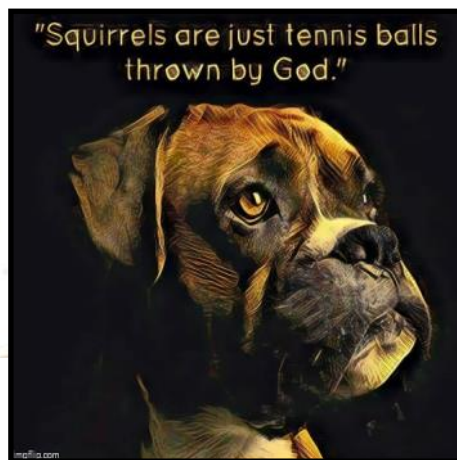
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## HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

Keeping pooch and puss safe this holiday

### DÉCOR = DANGER



**To you it's a fun decoration. To them it's a chew toy.**

From glow sticks to spooky candles to illuminated light shows, re-creating your house as a haunted castle is half the fun of Halloween. But all those delightful details pose a real peril to your pet. Cats & dogs are naturally curious. So when it comes to potentially hazardous décor—especially that involving open flame or electric wires—make sure pets can't get at it.

### BEWARE TOXIC TREATS!



**Keep candy out of reach.**

Don't let your sweet tooth put your pet in danger. While it is well known that all forms of chocolate can be lethal to dogs and cats, other ingredients in many typical Halloween candies (e.g., the artificial sweetener Xylitol) can cause anything from digestive upset to liver failure to death. If you suddenly notice signs of distress in your animal, such as bloody stools or vomiting, call your vet!

### FEAR FACTOR



**Consider your costume.**

Dogs (and, to some extent, cats) rely on their acute sense of smell and hearing to recognize their owner. But visually they know you by your face as well. If you like to dress up for Halloween, try not to change your appearance to such an extent that it triggers anxiety in your pet, a "flight or fight" response, or even aggression.

### LEASH OR CRATE?



**Speaking of fear...**

With the steady stream of trick-or-treaters knocking at the door and the cacophony of unfamiliar noises indoors and out, it can make for a very disorienting and even frightening experience for any animal. Your best bet, then, might be to keep your dog or cat confined in a crate or back room of the house, away from all disturbing stimuli, until the chaos has died down. If you must take your dog outside for a walk, keep him on a short leash, and steer clear of costumed kids. In short, when it comes to Halloween, it's okay to be a pet party pooper.

### WHERE'S FIDO?



**Keep all pet I.D.s up to date.**

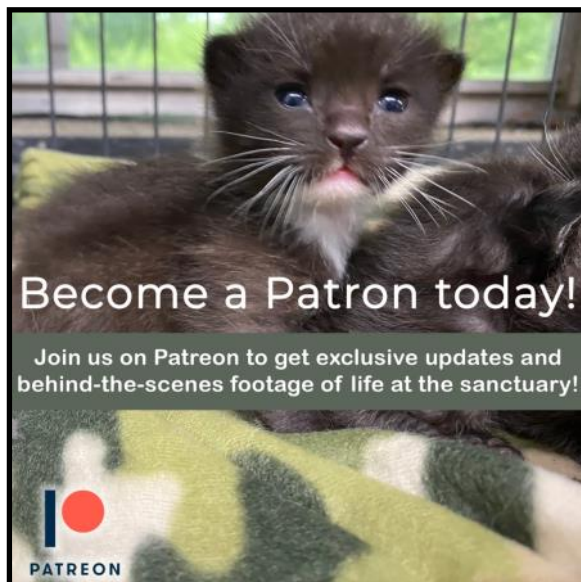
Use this holiday as a yearly reminder to check that name, address, and other identifying info about your dog or cat are current. Should your pet get spooked by all the festivities and somehow escape from the house, you'll know there's a good chance he will be returned safe and sound. (See our wide selection of pet I.D. tags and tag accessories at [www.ketchummfg.com](http://www.ketchummfg.com).)



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*Become a  
Patron of  
Hallie Hill  
Today!!*

## 🐾 What is Patreon?

**Patreon is a place where we share exclusive content with our community in exchange for a monthly donation.**

## 🐾 What kind of things will be shared?



Behind-the-scenes photos and videos, including:

- Daily life at the sanctuary
- Vet visits
- Profiles of new animals
- Interviews with staff
- Stories of some of our animal residents

## 🐾 What about the higher membership levels?

*(Please see membership levels on our Patreon to see what is included in each membership)*

- Ability to vote on new animal names
- Hallie Hill bumper sticker
- Personalized holiday card
- Private tour of the sanctuary
- Invitation to an exclusive annual reception at the sanctuary

**So what are you waiting for??**

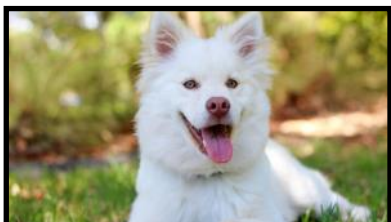
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# Understanding Dog Body Language

Dogs may not speak our language, but they're great communicators. From ear position to how fast their tails wag, the way dogs carry themselves says a lot about how they're feeling. Read on as we decode popular dog body language.

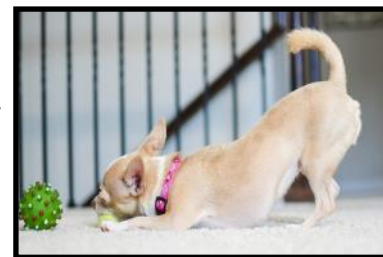
## Content & Happy



Happy dogs give off a generally friendly vibe. With bright eyes and a slightly open mouth, a dog's face will appear relaxed and his body at ease. His tail may rest slightly lower than his spine or carried right above the spine. A tail in this mid position indicates that Fido is calm – he's interested but relaxed. For those really happy moments, Fido may start wagging his tail quickly and vigorously, even making his hips and butt wiggle.

## Playful

Have you ever seen a dog bow? I'm talking about when a pup stretches his front legs out and leans down on his elbows, bringing his chest low to the ground with his booty up in the air. This is called a Play Bow and when you see a dog in this position, consider it an invitation to play. Dogs will go into this position when they're feeling playful toward a person or another canine kid. Usually, playful body language is coupled with tall ears, bright eyes, a slightly opened mouth (*as if he's smiling*), and a rapidly wagging tail!



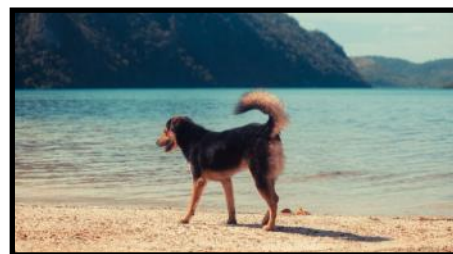
## Excited



With wide eyes and a tongue hanging out, excited dogs may get a burst of energy when they bark, jump up, run, and/or spin around. *Hello, zoomies!* Sometimes excited dogs even whine. Your dog may also “excited whine” when you first get home as a way of saying, “WOOHOO – MOM'S HOME!” Or, he may start whining when he sees you bust out the leash because that means a walk is in his near future.

## Confident

A confident dog stands tall with his head held high and ears perked up. His tail is raised above his spine and may gently sway from side to side.



Read more about a dog's body language [HERE](#). Learn how to recognize when a dog is submissive, anxious, fearful or aggressive! Knowing how to read our dog's body language is an important skill we should all have! Thanks to Proud Dog Mom for a great article!

**NEXT MONTH: Read about how YOUR behavior affects your DOG!!**



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Lowcountry Dog Adoption Event  
at Magnolia Plantation, 9/27/20



## Canine Cabin/Cat Condo Sponsorship

Benefitting Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary



*All of our animal friends deserve a warm, comfortable place to "rest their paws."*

Hallie Hill's Canine Cabin or Cat Condo sponsorship program provides a great opportunity for individuals, families, private organizations, and businesses to directly support the animals we care for daily.

As a sponsor, your name will be proudly displayed on the front of the cabin and included prominently on our website and in our newsletter.

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Sponsor a canine cabin or cat condo in the name of that special person...it will fit PERFECTLY!

Thank you  
To our  
new cabin  
sponsorships...



# Maggie's Place



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# NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY IS 10/16!

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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### HALLIE HILL HAS A FERAL COLONY!

Hallie Hill's feral colony currently has 27 members and they reside in the shelter and woods behind the cabin! All were vetted, spayed, neutered and vaccinated upon arrival to assure a healthy colony that will no longer contribute to overpopulation! Quality food and shelter are provided year round...Josh has even built a spiral staircase for them so that they can access the high spots they love so much! A few of the cats are more trusting of humans and you MAY see them, but most prefer their own company! As they trust Daisy, (aka: food source) she is able to be sure all is well with the colony on a regular basis. Hallie is happy to respect their independent personalities and provide these beautiful cats with the 'sanctuary' they deserve.



## What does a cat being 'feral' really mean?

A "feral" cat is unsocialized and tends to be fearful of people and keep a distance. Ferals are most often found living outdoors in groups known as colonies. The cats in a colony share a common food source. Most feral colonies originate from unneutered stray cats. Ferals, as well as strays, are increasingly referred to as "community cats" or "free-roaming cats."

While they live outside human homes and exhibit wild behavior, feral cats are not wildlife. The vast majority rely on some form of human-based food source for their sustenance, whether it's a caretaker who feeds daily, a dumpster behind a supermarket or scraps left on fishing docks. Very few subsist on hunting alone.

"Feral" is a behavioral characteristic, not a biological one. As a result, the same cat can be feral and not feral at different points in her life. An outdoor kitten may be born feral, then be taken indoors, socialized and adopted out as a friendly pet. Or an adult cat may be a gregarious pet for years then become lost and, after a few months of living on his own, start to act unsocialized. In addition, feral is not a black or white quality, but different cats will be feral to different degrees. Just how 'feral' a cat is will depend primarily on four factors:

**Age** - kittens less than eight weeks old, even though born to a feral mother, can usually be socialized within a matter of days. Beyond that age, socialization becomes a longer and more uncertain process with each passing week. After reaching four months old, a kitten will likely retain some typical feral characteristics for the rest of his life, such as fear of strangers or change. A fully adult feral cat may require years to socialize, if they ever do.

**Number of feral generations** - the more distance, in terms of generations, that separate a cat born outdoors from her original stray, once-socialized ancestor, the wilder that cat will be. In other words, feral behavior will tend to increase with each successive feral generation.

**Amount of human contact** - cats who regularly interact with people are more likely to show at least some signs of socialization than cats who have little or no contact.

**Individual personality** - cats, like all animals, are individuals with their own personalities. Some ferals are naturally friendly and will warm up to people quickly. Many colony caretakers have also observed that some ferals, after being spayed or neutered, begin to behave more like pets.

If a cat is truly feral to a significant degree, then the most compassionate choice may be to allow him to live outdoors with his colony mates. Trying to force him to exist indoors as a pet, or even worse in a cage, may be harmful to his psyche. Trap-Neuter-Return respects a feral cat's inner needs. By neutering the cats and providing food and shelter, a caretaker plays a role most supportive of ferals, giving them the opportunity to live among their own, be free and answer to their own unique natures.

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# October's Adorable Adoptables!

Go to [halliehill.com](http://halliehill.com) and fill out an application to come out to HHAS to meet these wonderful animals!



## Socks

I bet you can guess how this sweet kitty got her name...even though she's hiding them in the picture! Socks is 10 years old and is sweet as can be! This social kitty is very friendly, is good with other cats and would love a place to call home.

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## Gizmo

Gizmo, at only 2 years old is one of our youngest dogs at the Sanctuary! He is a hound mix with lots of love to give. Gizmo is house-trained but will need a fenced back yard. He is fearful of new people, but great with his family. He is very active and likes to play with other dogs—he'd be a great playmate for an only dog!



## Harriet

Harriet, at 11 years old, is a beautiful senior gal. She is a Staffie mix with adoring eyes. She came to the sanctuary with a broken pelvis and nerve damage so she is "special needs", but can move around independently. She should be the only dog in the home – but with affection from this sweet girl, you won't need another! A favorite with volunteers, we would love to see her adored in a fur-ever home!



## Rhonda

Rhonda (8 years old) came to HH in 2016 from a hoarding facility in upstate SC. She was covered in scars from fights with other dogs. She was heartworm positive, but is now negative! Rhonda can be with other dogs for play, but we do not leave her unattended. She is athletic and had to have a knee surgery shortly after arriving at HH. She likes to bury her toys, but also thinks playing with them is pretty great as well. Let Rhonda show you her spunky personality and how sweet she is!



## ANNOUNCING OUR THIRD ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE!

*THIS BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE QUILT COULD BE YOURS !*

This expertly stitched quilt is the ‘Night Sky’ pattern using beautiful, coastal shades inspired by the Lowcountry!

**Winner will be chosen at noon on Monday, December 14th!**

This gorgeous quilt would make a wonderful Christmas or holiday gift!

**[TICKETS HERE: \\$5 EACH, OR 5 FOR \\$20](#)**

### About the Artist: DONNA GAMBLE

“Like many people from the Northeast, it only took one trip here to the Lowcountry of South Carolina to become hooked! Our family consists of three rescues, a bloodhound mix, a blue tick coonhound and our newest member from Hallie Hill, a Staffordshire Terrier named Chico! All three have unique personalities and are a tight pack that keep track of each other. We are strong advocates of dog safety and wellness and letting them shine in their own light! Our Bloodhound does search and rescue work, our blue tick joins in the search and rescue training, as does our Terrier but his passion is swimming in the Atlantic (equipped with his life jacket). I have tremendous admiration for the volunteers’ devotion and good works that make Hallie Hill a success, and wanted to contribute.” Hallie Hill thanks Donna for the *beautiful* quilt and her devotion to Hallie Hill!



## October

### Happenings at Hallie Hill!

October 1, 15 and 29—Ch. 2 Midday News / 11AM

Tuesday, October 20th—Low Country Live / 10AM

Thursday, October 22nd—FOX 24 / 12:30 and 11:00 PM

October 31st—HALLOWEEN!

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**THIS is Hallie Hill!....**



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!

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video and enjoy!](#)**



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Just mention Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary when  
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## We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!



**Cricket thanks the Cooper Family!**



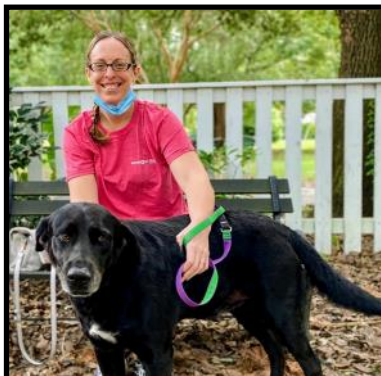
**Red (Dave) thanks the Arias Family**



**Lilly also thanks the Arias Family!**



**Django thanks the Prewitt Family!**



**George thanks the Siepel Family!**



**Lila thanks the Rogers Family!**



**Queso also thanks the Rogers Family!**



**Miss Piggy (Montana) thanks the Parker Family!**



**Parmesan thanks the Van Vliet Family!**

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Sunshine thanks the Wike Family!

**ADOPTED DOGS** take 3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to start to know your routine and 3 months to start to feel at home.

They're all good dogs. Give them a chance.



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**Welcome to Hallie Hill!**



**Autumn**



**Chester**

**Scarlett**



**Meatball**

**Meatloaf**



**Percy**

**Willa**



**Phoebe  
(named by a  
Patreon  
member!)**



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**Nike**



**Liam**

**Maple**



**Frankie**

**Honey**



**Pumpkin**

**Daisy**



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## How Can You Help? Our October Wish List!

**PLEASE Donate to the MAGIC Fund (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care), sponsor a Cat Condo or Canine Cabin, become an Hallie Hill Patron or buy some Quilt Raffle tickets!**

- Go to this direct link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0731341> and click 'start shopping' for all of your Amazon purchases to support Hallie Hill !
- Check out our Hallie Hill Wishlist on amazon.com
- Consumables we need all of the time!

Trash Bags

Scoopable Cat Litter

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

Dog treats and biscuits

**Paper Plates** and Paper Towels

Swiffer Wet Jet cleaning pads

Bottled water for volunteers

**Ink for our Epson Workforce 3720 Printer**

Laundry Detergent

Granulated Ant Poison





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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.*