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MORE

Alpha Impressions Hello Friends of Hallie Hill,

It is with great excitement that I write this first letter for "Alpha Impressions". Although HHAS was started in 1983, a newsletter was not started until 2013. At its beginning, the newsletter went out quarterly to less than 50 people which included the Board of Directors and a few other people in the community. It is exciting to announce that we will now be sending out our newsletter monthly and have over 545 subscribers! This is a wonderful indicator that Hallie Hill is touching the lives of more people, and therefore helping more animals. In this issue, you will notice many exciting changes, thanks to our wonderful new editor, Lynn Rosato! The new format, with much more content, is sure to keep everyone well informed of the activities at Hallie Hill. Things to look forward to in each issue are a review of recent adoptions, a list of new arrivals, a volunteer spotlight, upcoming events, needed items, and much more!

I hope you enjoy this issue and will encourage friends to follow us on Facebook (search for the page Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary) or check out our website at <u>www.halliehill.com</u>. While visiting the website, be sure to sign up to receive the monthly publication of the Hallie Hill Howler!

Yours Truly, Jennifer Middleton Executive Director

Volunteer of the Month:

aniela found Hallie Hill Animal a little of a year ago, and jumped right ed from her endless energy and passion-She has a soft spot for convalescing and older dogs. Her quick wit

Daniela

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keeps us laughing during the day and again later when we share her antics with our families. The conversations usually start like this: "You won't believe what Daniela did (or said) today!' It's not unusual for this volunteer to start her morning visiting or walking dogs and end it by filling a massive hole or some other strenuous job. She is a fitness guru and Hallie Hill often benefits from sponsorships of Daniela in various athletic events. She is running in the Cooper River Bridge Run on April 1st to raise awareness and solicit donations For Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary!! (Stay tuned to next months Howler to see how much she raised!) Daniela recently planned a hugely successful event to introduce Hallie Hill to the homeowners of the Stono Ferry com-



munity. We were met with enthusiasm and have received many donations and several new volunteers as a result of that fun afternoon!

Daniela and Michelle share their home with 3 fur babies, Phoenix (12), Lucy (11), and Sophie (10). Luckily, her job as a Physical Therapist has flexible hours so she manages to make plenty of time to spend at Hallie Hill. We are so grateful of all the time and love she gives to our residents, staff, and volunteers!

DID YOU KNOW?.....

If You Foster a Cat, You Can Claim it on your Taxes!

By. **Brooke Arnold** of the Catington Post

In a groundbreaking victory for animal rescuers around the country, one California animal foster fought the Internal Revenue Service in court – and won! As a result of <u>Van Dusen v.</u> <u>Commissioner</u>, 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 a specific area of your home is only used for the care of the animals and nothing else.

In addition to animal rescue, these tax laws apply to all volunteer expenses related to charitable work for an approved organization.

If you foster a cat (and this includes dogs, too) make sure to save any and all receipts, and, if expenses add up to over \$250 for the year, obtain a letter from the charitable organization that confirms your volunteer or foster status.

The <u>Humane Society has said</u> that their volunteers spend, on average, between \$2,000 and \$15,000 each year on out-of-pocket expenses related to fostering animals. There are currently more than 1.5 million charitable organizations recognized by the IRS, with volunteers spending millions of dollars out of pocket to support them. Finally, those volunteers have an opportunity to be rewarded for their generosity and kindness.

Fiona would LOVE to be your tax deduction!

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Hallie Hill Comes to the Rescue!

A recent hoarding case in Orangeburg County brought 64 animals into the local shelter. HHAS was happy to accept 4 feral cats. The cats suffered eye injuries due to the high ammonia content in the house they were in; it was full of feces and soaked with urine. The cats came to us as Cat # 10, Cat #13, Cat #30 and Cat #46. We will try to give them names that better match their personalities once we get to know them. Stay tuned!!

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So, what is a 'feral cat'?

The word "feral" is used to define a cat that lives outdoors and it essentially does not belong to anyone. Ferals are most often found living outdoors in groups known as colonies. The cats in a colony share a common food source and territory.

Feral cats are the result of a domestic cat being abandoned or lost and left to fend for itself. The offspring of the domestic (now considered feral) cat are usually never handled by people and become terrified. Many times, when approached by people, they will hiss out of fright. Given the chance, they will run away and hide. This is misunderstood as being vicious, but that is not true. Almost all feral cats that are trapped will cower to the back of the trap and shake from fright.

Here's what you've been waiting for!... April's 'Adorable Adoptables'!!



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Louie is a handsome 7 year old Shepherd mix. He is nervous with new people and surroundings, but will love his human once he gets to know them. He has the most soulful eyes and his fur is soft as velvet.

Ivan is a good looking fellow and he knows it. He loves to show affection and bump his head against you to get your attention. This 9 years old domestic longhair enjoyed most of his life inside a home- and would like to have that opportunity again!





Ginger is a 5 year old Shepherd mixed with maybe Basset Hound. She is a short, blond, beauty with a loving personality. She is a bit shy in new surroundings but warms up quickly. Energy abounds with this little lady!

Otis is a handsome hound that was found by a roadway construction crew. He is seven years old and being treated for heart worms. He is sweet and friendly to people and other dogs. His floppy ears were torn by brambles and possibly other dogs during his hard life as a hunting dog before coming to Hallie Hill. He wants the rest of his life to be one of rest and relaxation.





Peanut Butter Dog Bone Treats!!

Ingredients

- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- 2 cups whole wheat flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/2 cup old fashioned oats
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

Special equipment: Bone-shape cookie cutter

Directions:

Place an oven rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 375 degrees F. Spray a heavy baking sheet with vegetable oil cooking spray or line with a silicon baking mat. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, oats and baking powder.

Stir in the broth and peanut butter until the mixture forms a crumbly dough. Press the dough together to form a ball.

On a lightly floured work surface, knead the dough for 30 seconds until smooth. Roll out the dough into a 10-inch circle, about 1/2-inch thick.

Using a bone-shape cookie cutter, cut out bones and place on the prepared baking sheet (any scraps of dough can be formed into a ball and re-rolled).

Sprinkle with the Parmesan. Bake until light golden, 20 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

Recipe courtesy of Giada De Laurentiis

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We Found Our Fur-Ever Homes!!





Rae Ann Leimbach, many thanks!



Wendy Sweigart, Thank you!



Thank you **Bill and Laurie Jackson**



Thank you April Kirkland!



Many thanks James Rowe!



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Name That Dog!

WORD LIST:

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BELLA	FIONA	JUSTICEJOE	SADA
BERNARD	GRACIE	KAYLEE	SHIRLEYTEMPLE
CHAI	GRIEG	MARVIN	TATER
CHAR	GUNNER	MINNIE	TUCK
COAL	HERBERT	MOZART	TWINKIE
CUPID	HOSS	PRISCILLA	
ELLIE	IVAN	PUCCINI	

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Low Country Live! 3/8/17



Jennifer Middleton, Erin Kinzle and ROXY!

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- lower blood pressure
- less likely to get heart disease
- heart attack survivors with pets live longer



Babies raised in families with family pets are less likely to have allergies and asthma.

fewer colds and ear infections



Pets help people with social interactions.

Petting a dog or cat releases a stress reducing hormone.



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It is always a good time to learn something new!



"People with pets are generally happier, more trusting, and less lonely than those who don't have pets. They also visit the doctor less often for minor problems." -webMD 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter	17	18	19 Poplar Grove Meet and Greet 6PM	20	21	22
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30 National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day!!						

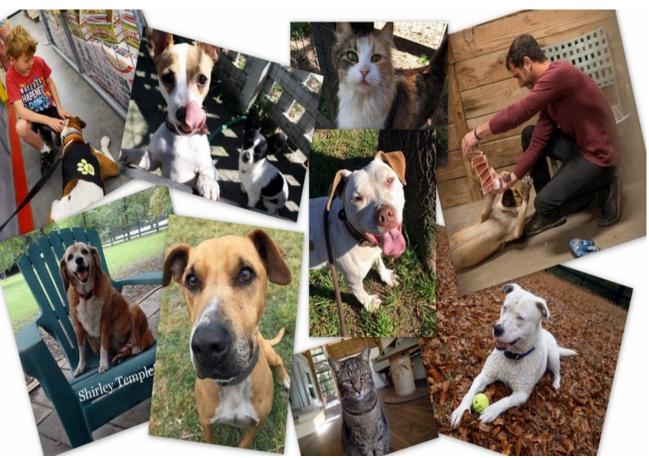
Watch for Hallie Hill's very own Google Calendar, coming soon! You can subscribe, and never miss another Hallie Hill Happening!

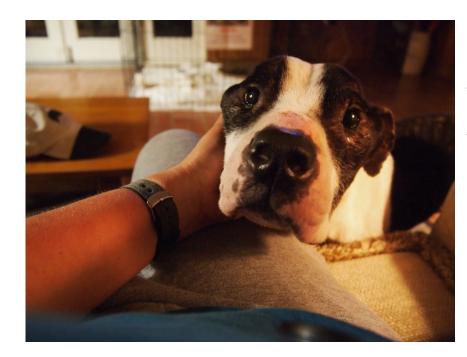


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A few somethings for you to love!





Sweet Hoss, We think of you and miss you every day!

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How Can you Help?? It's EASY!

• Volunteer!

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- Donate to the MAGIC Fund (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care) by check or online. Feel the Magic!
- Interesting Sponsorship opportunities coming SOON!
- Check out our <u>Hallie Hill Wishlist</u> on Amazon.com
- Participate in the igive.com Program www.igive.com—you gotta shop anyway!
- Consumables we need <u>all</u> of the time!

Laundry Detergent or Bleach New or Gently Used Collars or Leashes Dog Shampoo or Baby Shampoo New or Gently Used Dog or Cat Toys Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies Paper Plates and Paper Towels Friskies Cat Food Potty Pads

Canned dog food Dog treats Bottled water for volunteers Spray cleaner (multipurpose or Disinfectant) Copy paper





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Spending time with a pet is jone of many ways to stay fit! A big "thank-you" is barked out to the Fitness and Lifestyle Initiative of Trident Technical College! They organized a food drive for our animals!

Dylan Keim and Edwing Gutierrez of the club delivered the collected food and took a quick tour of the facility.

We are so appreciative of your efforts! Thank you!

Alumni News



Lucy came to visit on Presidents Day with her new family! She is loving life! Great to see you girl. Glad you don't miss us!



HI Hallie Hill!

I Just wanted to let you know how wonderful Sammie (formerly Bambi) is doing. She is still the sweetest girl ever and is loving having a new sister (who is also rescue). There are a few pictures attached. Thanks again for matching us with the perfect fur baby!

Best, Shannon

RINGO By Sue Winder

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Clank. Clank. Clank.....the chain yanked me back again and again. Here I sit, day after day attached to my meager dog house. I rush to the end of the chain every day with the hope that maybe it will break open or perhaps I can wriggle it free. I sit and stare at the house hoping to see a face appear. I wait patiently for someone to come visit but no one comes. I let out a whimper of despair. I lay down in the dirt and a puff of dust escapes from beneath me. I lay my head down. When will they come? Did they forget my dinner? Did they forget to fill my bowl with fresh water? Is anybody in there? My eyes close as I imagine a better life: a life where I am showered with love, affection, play time, good food and proper housing. It is freezing outside and all I have is some plywood slapped together. As the wind whistles

through the cracks, I go inside to get out of the cold and rain-but I am shivering. There are no blankets or hay or anything, just a dirt floor. I hope it gets warmer today. Perhaps today is the day I break free.

Today once again, I run in a circle outside and around my doghouse. Sometimes my chain gets caught and I am trapped in one spot for a long time. Surely someone will notice my predicament! Then a car pulls into the driveway. I see a lady with a very kind face get out. She is headed for the house, but then sees my predicament, hurries over to release me, and gives me some loving pats as she checks out my abhorrent situation. She speaks nicely to me and I see the tears well up in her eyes. She reluctantly gets up and goes to the house. Later on, I see her leaving, and she has a very strong look of determination. Perhaps she will visit me again. She does. She comes back again and again, each time stopping to see me and speaking sweetly to me. Then one day it was bitterly cold. I shivered inside my doghouse, my water bowl frozen, and I peer outside looking for someone to help. Here she comes! My lady friend! She has a bale of hay with her. I jump up and down when I see her. She brings the hay over and fills my doghouse with it. She promises me she will be back soon. I sure hope so.

I am so bored and tired of running in circles and trying to break free. I whine and cry for someone to come. Nobody comes, but they yell outside for me to shut up. I am still a very young boy, only about 2yrs old. I need exercise! I need to run! I need to be loved! Whatever can I do? Will my entire lifetime be at the end of a chain? Wait....here comes my lady again and she has a huge smile on her face! She carries a leash and new collar with her and....she is coming to get me! She gently slips the collar over my head as I cover her with kisses. The leash is snapped onto the collar and off we trot to her car! She is rescuing me! This day will begin my new life.

AND NOW....



We arrive at Hallie Hill. I am overwhelmed! They love me! I am given a large stall to roam around in and a warmed bowl of food. My doghouse is filled with blankets and hay. It is so deep and luxurious I as I sink into comfort I have never known. Finally, I am home. I start to relax and enjoy myself. They call me Ringo and speak softly and sweetly to me. They make an appointment at the vet for a checkup. I am mighty thin, so I need to beef up, and they assure me they will be happy to supply me with lots of healthy food. I sigh. I lay down in the fresh smelling hay and relax. I watch with interest all the activity all around me. It is a busy place with all kinds of dogs everywhere. It is an unbelievably

happy place with smiling dogs and joyful people. Wow. I made it to Hallie Hill. What a miracle. Soon after I find myself in an outside pen where I can run to my heart's content. I run and run til my tongue hangs out. I get a roommate named Miracle. She is a little shy but we get along well. So, my life here is great but now that I am healthy they have another plan for me! We start searching for a new forever home! Because so many people are looking for young dogs, we figure it's a cinch that I will get adopted quickly. I have the cutest face, somewhat like a boxer. Over the months, we have several folks interested in me. But sadly they all fell through. They all picked another dog. I am happy for that dog, but what about me? I know after my sad beginning, I could make a family very happy. I would love them forever. So, I wait and watch once again. Where is my new family? Where is my new person? I am a wonderful boy with a delightful spirit. I like to run and lay and am very affectionate. I will cover you with kisses! I play with my friend,

Miracle, but truly long for a person/family of my own. I know you are out there somewhere! Would you please plan to come meet me? I know you will "Fall in Love"! I am a friendly medium sized dog about 45lbs, marked handsomely with mostly fawn coloring and splashes of white. My face is a perfect fawn mask with a white lightning stripe that goes from my head and joins with my muzzle. I am stunningly attractive. I can run like the wind and am walking better on a leash thanks to all the volunteers who make time for me. PLEASE. Look at how adorable I am! How can you resist? Pick up your phone right now and make an appointment to come see me! Please call Hallie Hill (843) 889-3713 or (843) 200-4120. I am watching. I am waiting.



Love, RINGO

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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.