



Alpha Impressions

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.

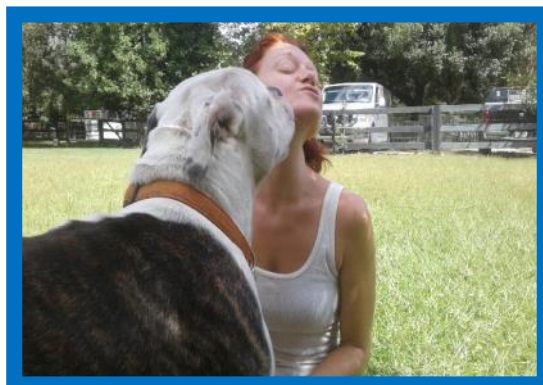
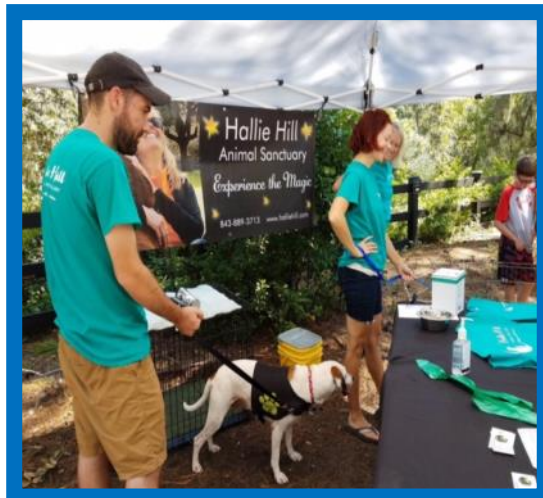
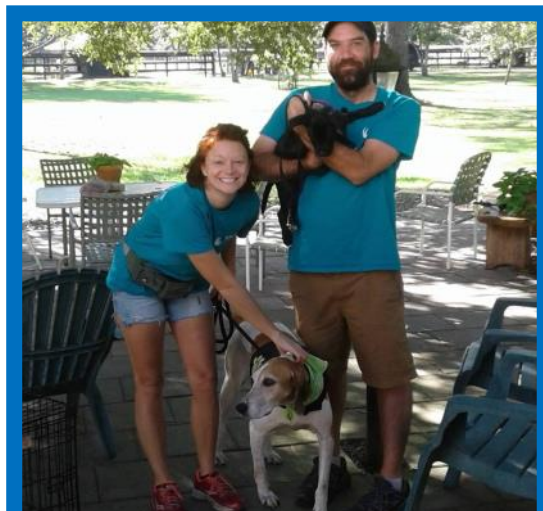
Happily, times have changed over the last few decades, and continue to change as the standard of care for pets is getting higher and higher. This trend is spreading across the nation as each generation provides more and more for their pets- even designer clothing and health insurance! While we should 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!



*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 ‘furever’ homes! We
need your help to make it happen!**

**Please send photographs and a few sen-
tences 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!



Laundry Detergent or Bleach

New or Gently Used Dog or Cat Toys

Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies

Paper Plates and Paper Towels

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

Canned Dog Food

Large Durable Balls

Office Supplies

file folders, pclips

Cinder blocks

Sidewalk Pavers

Dog treats

Bottled water for volunteers

Spray cleaner (multipurpose or Disinfectant)

Copy paper

DURABLE dog toys, like Kongs!

Trash Bags

Leaf Rakes

Dish Detergent

Dog Biscuits (Treats)

Gently used lawn chairs

‘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

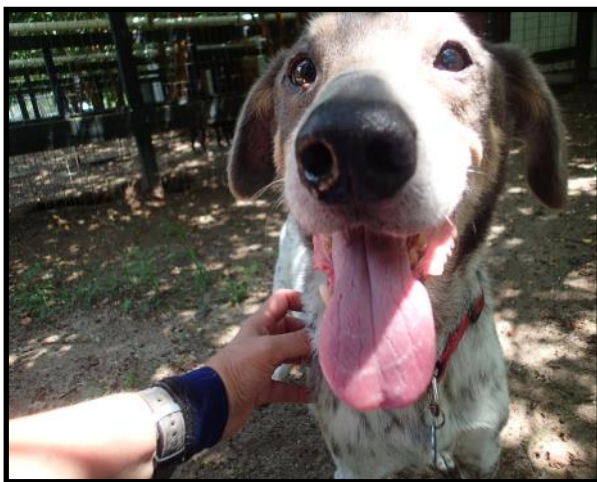
My life has been quite a journey. I spent most of my years with my owner, my dog dad, as I refer to him.

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.

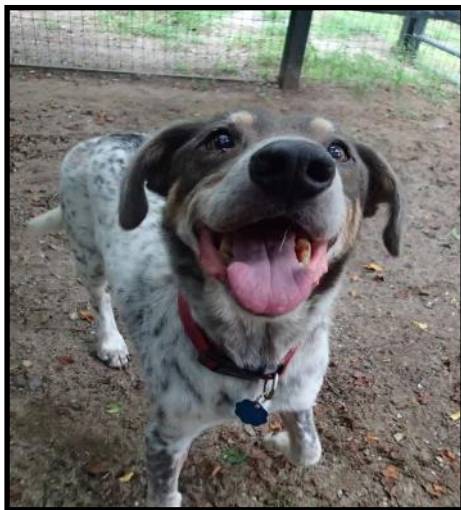
Several months ago, due to difficult 'people' issues, I found myself alone in an apartment with 3 other dogs. We dogs didn't know what to do. Nobody came for us and we were lonely and getting hungry! Well, we only waited for so long, and then my dog friend and I managed to escape! We ran and ran and 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

12/2/17



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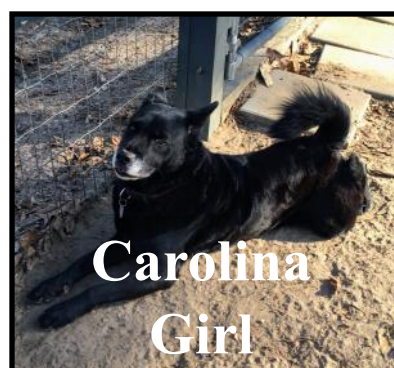
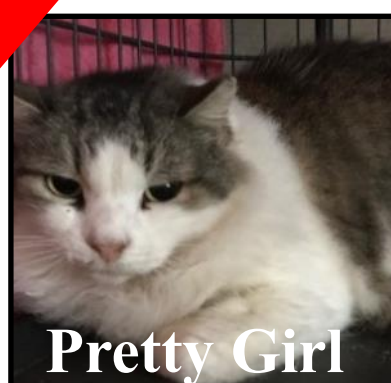
Christmas Meatball Treats! TY Dana and Daisy!!

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Welcome to Hallie Hill!





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

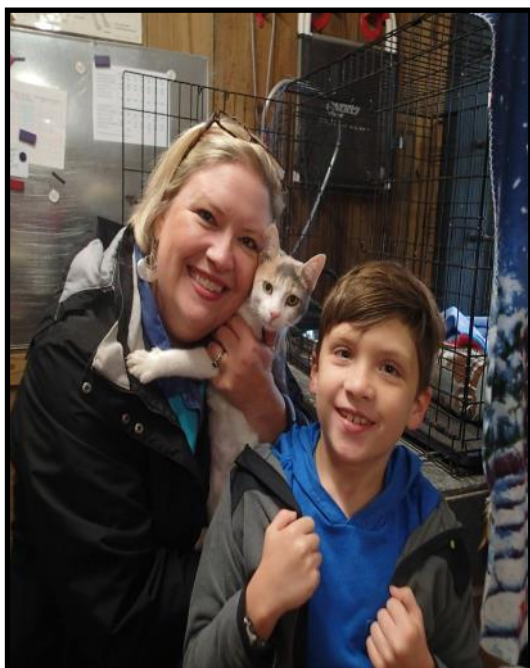
We Found Our 'Fur-Ever' Homes!



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

November,

2017

**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 LLCSS for your generous donations!



January, 2017

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

12PM

*Happy
New
Year!*

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Hallie Hill Howler are welcomed!
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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.