





Alpha Impressions

By: Jennifer Middleton

This month I want to share the story of one special little girl at the Sanctuary. Last August I was called to a home because the owner had 2 litters of puppies and many of them were dying. One momma dog (a very

confident white and brindle pit) ran around 'off leash' and lived in the house. The other momma dog was tied to a chain in the back yard. The owner had taken the puppies away from the "outside momma" because she said the mother was killing them. When I examined the puppies, it was easy to see they all had a heavy burden of intestinal parasites. All but two puppies from the momma on the chain had passed away, and the 2 remaining were so anemic they would not have made it another day without veterinary care. The owner agreed to surrender the two sick puppies to Hallie Hill but did not want to give up the other puppies (they could be sold). She did not want to spay the momma dog that lived inside. But she readily sur-



rendered the "outside momma." It was evident there was no bond between the woman and this nondescript black pit bull mix that cowered as low as possible - flattening herself like a pancake when someone approached.



I can't remember what her original name was- I know it had something to do with the color of her fur, maybe Shadow, Coal, or something similar. This little girl was only about 3 years old and had lived her life on a chain in her owner's back yard. She had had very little interaction with humans, and no veterinary care. It was easy to see she had delivered several litters of puppies and probably did the best she could in her circumstances. The ride to the sanctuary was frightening for her and it made me a little sad that the owner had shown such preference to the other momma pit bull, while this little girl was not favored at all.

After less than a day, I gave her the name Surcee. "Surcee" is a southern term that has been passed down for generations. The definition of a surcee is a thoughtful and unexpected gift. I decided she was more special than her previous owner knew. She has been gaining confidence at the sanctuary this past 6 months and would love to live in a home of her own. Her kennelmate, Denny, has taught her that people are pretty awesome, and it is safe to approach them. She is still shy, so new people must be patient to earn her trust.

It makes me happy that she no longer lives on a chain forced to have litters of puppies every year. She can relax and be cherished for the special girl she is. I know the right adopter will choose her, and once they receive that thoughtful gift named Surcee, they will love her forever!



### Volunteer<br/>SPOTLIGHT:

### Thank You to ALL Volunteers!



Your work on enrichment keeps our dogs and cats happy and healthy. You all make such a significant impact in the quality of their lives!

Playtime with other dogs or cats, and time spent with humans, are the highest value enrichment experiences you can give. Volunteers make our animals more adoptable by teaching them so many things. With many of our residents, earning their trust is sometimes the hardest thing of all, but after you earn it, so many other opportunities present themselves!

We can teach basic commands such as "sit and stay", walking on a leash, and the importance of keeping all four paws on the ground! Gratefully, our enclosures have ample room to practice leash walking, fetching balls, coming when called, etc. I encourage you to challenge the dogs with different experiences. Nose work, is a fun activity to try. I'll be happy to show you how it works.

Cats also benefit from your interaction so please spend some quality time with them! Many are shy and will need some time to enjoy human companionship.

Above all, please be safe, and remember to check that the gates are securely closed!! Buddy up! Enrichment is so much easier with two people if there are multiple animals that want your attention. Take the focus off the treats. Human touch, and the love that comes with it, is much more important!

Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary is very appreciative of our volunteers. You make an important difference in the lives of our very special animals!





March,



- . Volunteer!
- **Donate to the MAGIC Fund** (Medical and Geriatric Intensive Care) by check or online at www.halliehill.com. PLEASE!!
- Support our fundraising events!! See the calendar for details! Have some FUN!
- Check out our Hallie Hill Wishlist on Amazon.com
- Consumables we need <u>all</u> of the time!

**Laundry Detergent or Bleach** 

Trash Bags

**Disinfecting Wipes or Cleaning Supplies** 

**Paper Plates and Paper Towels** 

Gently used lawn chairs

**Office Supplies** 

**Garden Hoses** 

**Bottled water for volunteers** 

Cinder blocks

**Canned Dog Food** 

**Leaf Rakes** 

Friskies wet cat food

Dry cat food

**Sidewalk Pavers** 

**Shakable Ant Poison** 

# The Hallie Hill Howler

March, 2018



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### March,

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### 100th Day Project at Sangaree Elementary School!

















A BIG thank you to Mrs. Ford and her wonderful students for making Hallie Hill the beneficiary of your 100 Day Project!

Our cats and dogs say 'Woof' and 'Meow' - that means 'Thank-you very much'

in canine and feline!

Hershey (and Ms. Middleton) had a wonderful time visiting your classroom!

Thanks for caring about our shelter animals!

March.

A special thank you to Helena Fox Fine Art, Miller Mae Designs and Edmunds Oast Exchange for supporting Hallie Hill! The Jewelry Trunk Show was held on February 4th, complete with beautiful art, jewelry, and champagne cocktails with a portion of the proceeds being donated to support our deserving animals at Hallie Hill! Thank-you!

### HELENA FOX FINE ART









### Hallie Hill Window Decals Show your love for HHAS!

Small Decal
\$5.00
See Dana
ASAP!!



### March. 2018

### We Found Our Fur-ever Home!



Nexie, with her new owner, **Louise Weld!** Thank you Louise! You look good together!



Moses, with his new owner, B.T. Marking. Thank you so much, take care of each other!







Dixie, with her new owner, Lea Dean! Thanks and have fun you two!



Teddy Bear at home with his new family! Thank you Lisa Rovick! Take good care of one another!



Xenon, now Bentley, with his new family! Thank you Susan Markham—have a happy life Bentley!



Tommy, with his new owner, Cynthia Hoffman! Thank you so much! Have fun Tommy.



Shadow has a new home with Cecilia Bergin! Thank you Cecelia, we know Shadow will be happy with you!



### "Experience an Awesome Day for a Pawsome Cause!"

The event is an 18 hole scramble with a cart.

It includes lunch, tee gifts, range balls, oncourse contests and awards!

The Links at Stono Ferry March 23rd, 2018

Lunch at 11am and Shotgun Start at 12pm

Register online www.halliehill.com



February,

### 'Adorable Adoptables' for March!



### Gus

Sweet Gus is only 5 months old and wants to grow up in a home all his own! He is very relaxed with people, seeks attention and LOVES to play! He has distinct tabby markings, and a gentle tabby personality to match!



### **Max**

Max is ready to be your BFF! (Best Friend Forever!) He is 6 years old, housetrained, loves to play fetch and is good with other dogs! Max is energetic but not too rough. He'll win your heart!



### Hampton

Hampton is a 7 year old beauty! He is very gentle with an elegant grey and white long haired coat. He is accepting of other cats and would love a chance to warm your lap while you read or watch TV! Come meet him!



### **Chai**

Our girl Chai is muscular and energetic, loves to fetch and would get you in shape as well! She has a sweet disposition with people, but is best as an only dog in a cat free household! How can you resist that face!?

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February, 2018



Saturday, April 7th, 2018 This is a peer to peer fundraiser! Donate to sponsor a runner raising \$\$\$ for the dogs and cats of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary! Join a team to help spread the word to raise more funds for our wonderful cause!

> Please Share The LOVE!

### So Coated Wheaten Terrier Hallie

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In Honor of St. Patrick's Day, Meet the Irish Dog Breeds!



Kerry Beagle





**Irish** Red and White Setter







**Irish** Setter

**Irish** Wolf hound





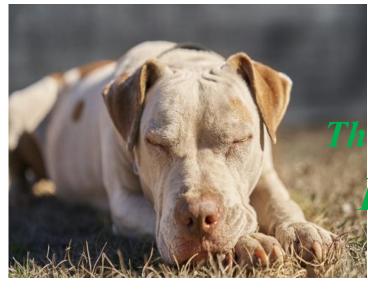
**Irish** Water **Spaniel** 







Glen of **Imaal Terrier** 



March's Feature Article:

### The Photography of Ryan Talbot

We are pleased to feature the work of Ryan Talbot in the Howler this month! Ryan has been methodically photographing all of the dogs at Hallie Hill, and has graciously allowed us to them to use to pursue adoptions and in the media!

Born and raised in Manchester, NH, Ryan Talbot moved to Charleston, South Carolina because he knew just how dog friendly the low country would be! Ryan formerly worked as a broadcast engineer in television for 18 years before deciding to change careers and become a Charleston-based pet photographer. Ryan's love for animals, especially dogs, runs deep and it shows through his volunteer work with Hallie Hill.

"My very first client I had here in Charleston recommended I check out Hallie Hill because I was looking to volunteer at a shelter to take dog portraits. My goal was to increase dog adoption rates through better photography and selfishly play with fur babies. When I pulled into Hallie Hill I was amazed at the beauty, design and careful consideration that obviously went into the build of this facility. The amount of room each dog had to run and play outside literally blew my mind. I'd never seen a place like this and I knew nothing was going to stop me from helping Hallie Hill out in my own way."

Here is a link to all of the beautiful portraits Ryan has taken of the Hallie Dogs - https://client.ryantalbot.net/halliehilldogs

Ryan enjoys the company of dogs so much that he also works with the dog walking companies Wag and Rover is his spare time.

If you want a pet portrait from someone who lives and breathes dogs, then Ryan is the only choice. He is located on Johns Island and will travel anywhere in South Carolina to take portraits of your furry friends. Check out his website at RyanTalbot.net and book a session today!

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Thank-you Ryan!

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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.

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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.