



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

# The Hallie Hill Howler

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*Meet our Board of Directors:*

*John Gratiot*



When Kathy and I moved to Charleston from Vermont in 2010, we had a Golden Retriever who made the trip with us. When Kathy's mom passed away, we adopted her Jack Russell Terrier. We both have always had dogs, and sometimes cats, in our lives, and today is no different. While in Vermont Kathy had spent many years on the Board of a local Humane Society in our hometown, so when we moved south it was natural for her to look for another opportunity to support the cause for animal welfare!

In about 2013 Kathy started volunteering at Hallie Hill and loved spending time with all the dogs there. She encouraged me to join her in volunteering, but I found that my time on the golf course was more important. However, I did fall in love with Hallie Hill, the beautiful setting with so much room for the resident animals, and of course Jennifer, Miss Helen, and all the volunteers. When we lost our Jack to old age, we immediately turned to Hallie Hill to find a new addition to our family. Jennifer encouraged Kathy to take a look at Latte, a wonderful three-legged Staffy mix who had recently arrived with her sister Chai. We introduced Latte to our

Golden and they got along wonderfully, and so our family was whole again. Well, that adoption resulted in my reconsidering becoming a part of Hallie Hill. It was at this same time that the board was looking for new members, and when I was asked to join, I assumed it was in part because of my background in facilities management, plus our interest in dogs.

We now have another rescue named Luna who was one of a litter of nine pups that Hallie Hill saved in the spring of 2017. The interesting thing about Luna was that while she looked a bit like a Black Lab, when we did a DNA test on her we discovered she is a true 'Heinz 57'!

I have really enjoyed being on the Board of Hallie Hill and watching the growth of our following in the Charleston tri-county area. The things that excite me about Hallie Hill are many! The incredible facility where we can give our dogs and cats such wonderful space to live and play out their time for as long as they are with us; knowing that we never give up trying to help all the dogs and cats become adoptable; and knowing that those who cannot make that transition have a 'fur-ever' home. That is the best one of all! It is such a good feeling to know that all of us associated with Hallie Hill play an important role in making this part of South Carolina a no-kill zone for our canine and feline friends.

On a personal note, a shout out to Leigh Wechter for the two beautiful pottery bowls she made that Kathy recently purchased in the Hearts for Hounds Online Auction! We thank Leigh for her contributions to Hallie Hill. *Editors note: See page 3 for the results of our Hearts for Hounds Auction!*

# Volunteer Spotlight

## Pat Hassenfuss

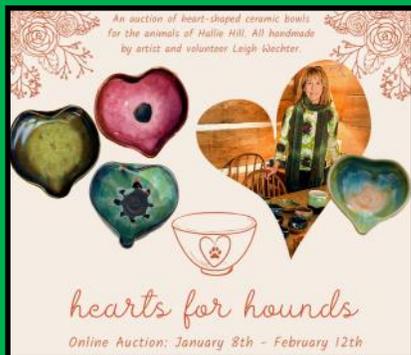


A warm welcome to new volunteer Pat Hassenfuss. She moved to Charleston in 2016 from Massachusetts. Pat has five children who have six dogs and 8 cats between them! All of them are rescues (the dogs and cats, not the children!) She currently works in labor and delivery at MUSC. Pat is an animal lover. She volunteers at CATR as well as at Hallie Hill. Pat enjoys enriching the cats as well as the dogs. We greatly appreciate her and all she does for Hallie Hill!



**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!**  
Hours to visit Hallie Hill:  
12:00 PM—3:30PM  
Sunday, Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
Don't forget to schedule your visit at  
[signup.com](http://signup.com)

## Hearts for Hounds was a HUGE Success! Thank you Leigh Wechter!



Thanks to your generosity, the Hearts for Hounds Auction brought in \$3143.00 to benefit the animals of Hallie Hill! Thanks to ALL the bidders, especially the winners!



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## *What does an Animal Care Giver at Hallie Hill do?*

*By: Jennifer Middleton, Executive Director*

When animals first arrive, Animal Care Givers (ACGs) get busy making the animal comfortable and healthy. Sometimes the new intake need a bath to remove fleas, dewormer to remove parasites, or grooming to remove uncomfortable matts in his/her fur. All animals need to be weighed and have their vaccinations brought up to date. Many dogs and cats arrive with no prior veterinary care. Others may have vet records to be transferred and checked. Upon arrival, the dogs receive a Bordetella (kennel cough) and a distemper/parvo vaccine. Cats receive a FVRCP which is kind of like the feline equivalent to a distemper/parvo vaccine. The ACG will check the new arrival for a microchip and insert one if needed.

Next each dog (without a recent veterinary exam) has blood drawn to be tested for heart worms. And each cat has blood drawn to be tested for feline leukemia (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). The results of the tests are recorded in each animal's file. Drawing blood from the animals is usually a two person job and on rare occasions the animal may need to be sedated at the veterinarian's office for this simple procedure. ACGs also get fecal samples on animals to test for parasites.

Each animal is then scheduled to see the vet to be spayed/neutered and receive a rabies vaccine if needed. Any other concerns such as skin irritations, masses, lameness, eye or ear infections are also addressed at that time. Sometimes follow up visits at the specialty veterinarian are needed.

On a day-to-day basis at the sanctuary, the ACGs arrive early in the morning to feed the animals. They start with the animals in the bunkhouse preparing and distributing meals and any medications listed for specific animals on the medication log. A few water bowls that do not fill automatically are topped off and then it is off to the barn. Food and medication is distributed as quickly and efficiently as possible as the anticipation of breakfast creates anxiety among the dogs.

Once everyone in the barn is fed, the golf cart is loaded with dry food, canned food for medications, a few special meals for those with allergies and other special needs. Then the ACG drives the cart around to the outside enclosures delivering food to each dog and medications to those who need it. Each day we use over 40 pounds of high quality dog food and several cans of soft food.

Once breakfast is over, the feed cart is unloaded and the ACG is off to start other daily tasks, such as laundry, washing dirty food bowls, cleaning the bunkhouse, tack room and more.

There are usually a few small animals at HH. Currently, we have 2 rabbits that ACGs provide excellent care for by feeding, cleaning their cages, and grooming.

Most days we are blessed with a hard-working crew of volunteers who serve as ACGs for the cats. They feed, clean litter boxes, clean water bowls and fountains, sweep floors, wipe down counters, change bedding, and most importantly give the cats affection. The staff will oversee that the catteries are cared for and the supplies are restocked. Then an ACG will drive out to attend to the feral cat population located just outside the main yard. This population of about thirty felines receive fresh water and food each day and they have a few litter boxes that must be cleaned.

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ACGs are often on hand to put away purchased supplies as well as donations.

Another daily task of an ACG is mucking. Many volunteers have taken on this vital ACG role as they visit with the dogs. Each cat enclosure has an outside area that an ACG mucks weekly. Cleaning the solid waste makes the enclosure more sanitary and the large enclosures require a lot of walking! The small enclosures (like those behind the barn are attended to everyday.)

Introducing dogs to others is a job that takes more than one ACG at a time. Much thought and consideration is put into decisions on where to place dogs/cats. With dogs, ACGs consider their disposition and how it will blend with any potential partners. They must think about if the dog will dig, climb, run the fence or be food aggressive when choosing their placement.

Grooming is a task that keeps ACGs busy in any spare time. Trimming nails on 150 dogs is a constant challenge- especially since most of our animals do not appreciate pedicures. There are a few long-haired dogs and cats that require brushing and occasional de-matting. There are a few dogs with skin issues who require periodic medicated baths, especially during the summer. ACGs also work to clean and medicate many dirty or infected ears.

In the afternoon, an ACG (sometimes a volunteer) will use a scrub brush with a long handle to walk to every dog enclosure to flush out each water bowl and ensure that it automatically refills with fresh water. At this time they also give out a treat to any well mannered dog greeting them at the fence. This task not only ensures the dogs have fresh, clean water, but allows us to check the location of each resident (sometimes they dig or climb into a neighbor's yard) and the health of everyone. ACGs will make a note of any dog who does not have an appetite or presents some physical problem such as lameness.

As evening progresses, an ACG will start the feeding and the distribution of evening medications. In the winter, heat lamps will be turned on to give the residents a source of heat on cold nights. The dogs who will allow it, are fitted with jackets on very cold nights.

Being an ACG at the sanctuary is a job that never ends. No matter how hard or fast they work, there is ALWAYS more to do. They could finish mopping the bunkhouse, leave 30 minutes to sweep barn stalls and find that several small dogs had accidents all through the house they just cleaned. They work tirelessly and manage to have a cheerful attitude throughout the day. The ACGs at Hallie Hill are able to prioritize and are always flexible. The animals are blessed to have Daisy McKenzie, Daniela Schneider, Josh Taber and

the many volunteers who have stepped up as ACGs at the sanctuary. It would not be such an incredible organization without their dedication!



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Eat, Drink and Rescue  
Smokey Oak Taproom  
2.20.21

Thank you Low Country Dog Magazine for inviting us to participate in this fun day! Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped and a big thanks to our stars of the day - Moultrie, Bob and Ilene! They were fantastic ambassadors Hallie Hill and Bob even found his 'fur-ever' home —HURRAY!

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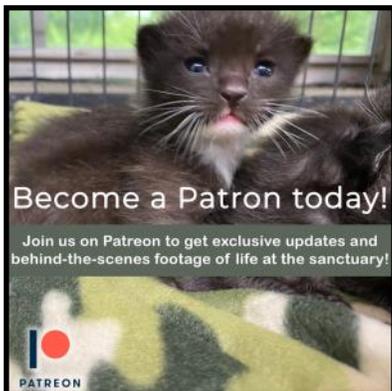
## 3/15 is National Napping Day!



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Spend some time with these beautiful pictures, and you'll feel your blood pressure lower! I bet we all wish we could go to sleep this easily, anywhere at anytime!

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## What kind of things will be shared?

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



## So what are you waiting for??

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## March Happenings at Hallie Hill!

**Channel 2 Midday News - 3/4/21 11AM**

**Low Country Live - 3/10/21 10AM**

**Daylight Savings Time - 3/14/21 12 AM**

**Channel 2 Midday News - 3/18/21 11AM**

**First Day of Spring - 3/20/21**

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Every Act of Kindness Means So Much!  
Thank you Seniors from Porter-Gaud!



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## Canine Cabin/Cat Condo Sponsorship

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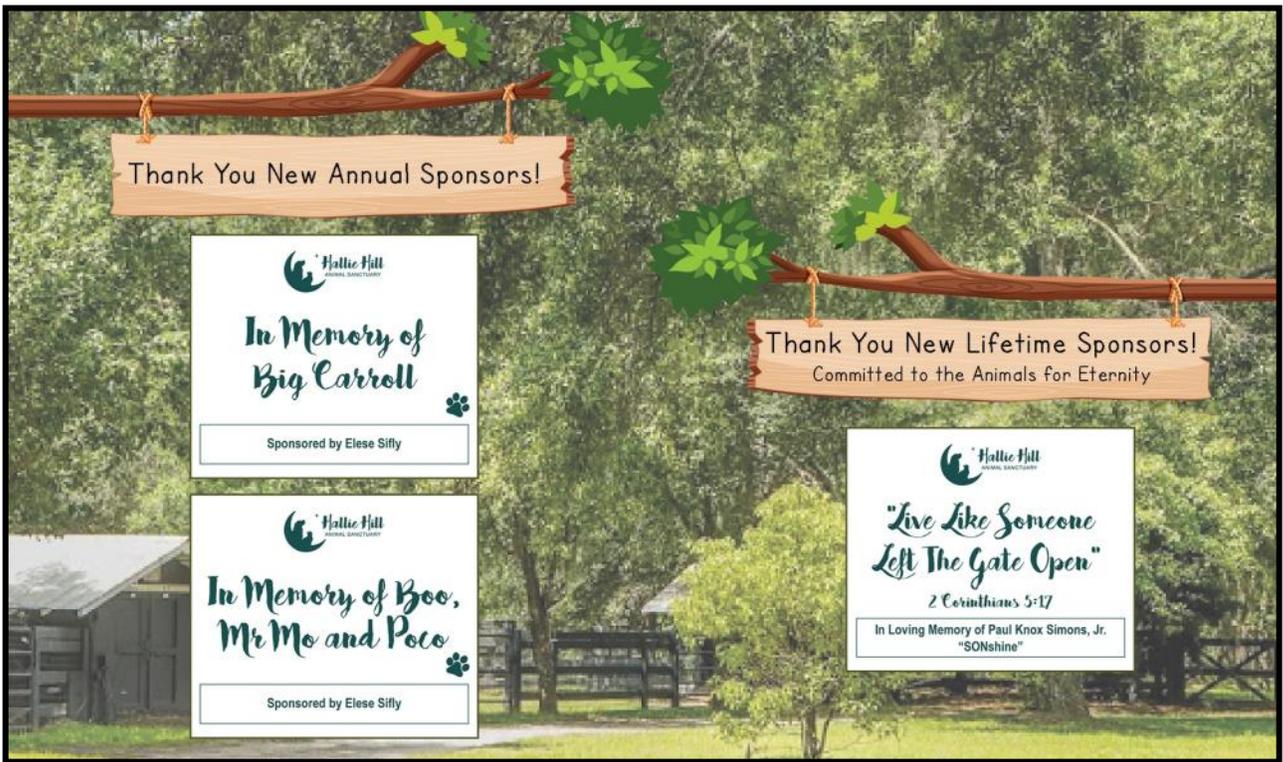
*All of our animal friends deserve a warm, comfortable place to "rest their paws."*

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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"Live Like Someone  
Left The Gate Open"

2 Corinthians 5:17  
In Loving Memory of Paul Knox Simons, Jr.  
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In Memory of Boo,  
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## March'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!



### Sis

Sis is a playful 5 year old pup with lots of personality! She is not a fan of being in hectic new places, but will get really comfortable once she settles into your home. As a matter of fact, she would love to live with another dog! She could use some work with walking on a leash, but she would love to keep learning! Sis would make your family absolutely complete!



### Samantha

Samantha is an 8 year old Staffie mix with a lovable smile. She's very intelligent, loves to fetch balls and is a skilled swimmer. She is great indoors and loves to sleep in a bed. Samantha would be a very loyal, loving companion but she does not want to share you with any small children or other pets!



### Sage

Sage is a sweet natured senior, 12 years young, who would love to find a quiet home to snuggle up in! She can be nervous in new environments, but gets along well with other dogs, and is just a kind soul! Look at that sweet face! Are you able to share your home with this gentle pup? You will not regret taking a chance on this beautiful girl.



### Spiderman

Looking for a kitty that REALLY needs you? Spiderman is your guy! Sometimes animals just do not thrive in our communal environment, and Spiderman is one of those kitties! He is healthy, but gets more stressed than he should in our cattery. Spider Man is just 3 years old and does great with both cats and dogs! He may take a moment to warm up, but when he does, you will be totally smitten!

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## We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!



Hattie thanks the  
Lutzen Family!



Bella thanks the  
Doyle Family!



Muenster thanks the  
Rathgeber Family!



Marie thanks the  
Modlin Family!



Swiss thanks the  
Wilson Family!



Bullet thanks the  
LaFumee Family!



Harley thanks the  
Riley Family!



Alley and Casper (now Ellie  
and Cora) thank the  
Zicarelli Family!



Cheddar thanks the  
Hughes Family!

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Asiago thanks  
the Serra Family!



Mallory thanks the  
Carrier Family!



Earl thanks the  
Holmes Family!



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



Many thanks to Katy Roberts,  
of Katy Roberts Media, for  
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wonderful video!  
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*Welcome to Hallie Hill!*



Dasher



Saucey



Penny



Randy

*WE CAN'T CHANGE  
YOUR PAST,  
BUT WE WILL  
REWRITE  
YOUR FUTURE!*



Pate



Smudge



Krista



Krispin

***How Can You Help?  
Our March Wish List!***

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**Trash Bags**

**Laundry Detergent**

**Scoopable Cat Litter**

**Granulated Ant Poison**

**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**

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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.*