



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

The Hallie Hill Howler

Your Dog is 'Talking' to You, Are You Listening?

One of my favorite things to do at the sanctuary is to meet and get to know our potential adopters. Some are seasoned dog guardians, others are adding to 'their pack' and some are first time pet parents. No matter what the situation, everyone is equally excited to be welcoming a new dog into their homes and into their hearts. We work together to find the very best fit for their lifestyle and for their family. Nothing makes me happier than to see it all come together and to confidently send one of our loved residents home.

It's so exciting to prepare for your new dog's homecoming. So much to think about and to buy. A cozy new bed, a crate, a collar, leash and properly fitted harness, nutritious food, toys, just to name a few. There's something else you can do to prepare, something that will strengthen your relationship and make both of you happy. Learn to listen to what your dog is saying! Yup, your dog is talking to you, all the time. Don't you feel better when you're understood? So will your dog. If you learn to read your dog's body language and what they are communicating by their actions, it will change the way you interact with them, let you know what they are feeling and it may prevent something unfavorable from happening.

When a dog wags its tail it's happy, right? Yes, sometimes, but not always. Tail position and movement, or lack of, can tell you if a dog is happy, curious, being submissive, agitated or signaling aggression. Dogs communicate to us that they are feeling anxious or stressed by yawning (out of the context of sleep), lifting a paw, licking their lips (without food being involved), panting, excessive shedding (have you noticed how much your dog sheds at the vet?), turning their head, the list goes on! Growling is a form of communication that you never want to punish. A growl is telling you that your dog is uncomfortable and wants you (or something) to stop or he may have to take things further.

Just from these few examples you can see how much your dog has to say! Situations just don't happen out of the blue, your dog is giving you a heads up. You owe it to them to learn their language, advocate for them and to always have their back. Your bond will be that much stronger!

-Michele Griffin, Assistant Director HHAS, CPDT-KA

Michele recommends these additional resources:

Books: Doggie Language by Lili Chin or On Talking Terms with Dogs by Turid Rugaas Website: www.drmartybecker.com or email Michele at adoptions@halliehill.com for additional suggestions!!



Volunteer Spotlight

Dealing with Grief in Animal Welfare



As the director of Hallie Hill, one of the most difficult parts of my job is making end-of-life decisions. My first year at the sanctuary, I fell in love with a white lab mix named Timmy. His photograph is hanging in the bunkhouse. He was an absolute joy to be around. 'Best dog ever' could easily describe him. As he aged, he developed joint issues as well as congestive heart failure. I was so upset when we agreed

that it was time to let him go, that I questioned whether I had the mettle to handle this job. Could I continue working with so many seniors knowing that as they age, and their care becomes more intensive, they would become even more enmeshed in my heart? I had to realize that we are here for them. Our job is to love them and then have the strength to accept the pain of eventually letting them go. We say we can't change an animal's past. We don't know what they endured before arriving at the sanctuary, but we want to ensure that each animal experiences love and compassion in their time here at Hallie Hill.

Anyone who has worked in animal welfare at a shelter has faced the heartbreak of having to say goodbye to the animals that pass through. Assistant Director, Michele Griffin, could tell you heart wrenching stories of her time at open intake shelters. She has my utmost respect for handling what she experienced with such grace and strength. Here at Hallie Hill we are extremely lucky that we are not faced with having to euthanize healthy animals. We only euthanize animals who do not have a good quality of life. The staff discusses physical and behavioral changes and we try to determine if the animal is having more good days than bad. We confer with our vets to determine if the time has come. Life is precious, so we don't want to cheat any animal out of even one good day, but we also don't want to allow any of our residents to suffer.

I have to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and volunteers for opening their hearts to the residents of HH and making sure they experience love. Sometimes we share tears of joy when they are adopted and sometimes, we experience grief after their passing. It should remind us to treasure each moment we have with the very special animals that reside here at the sanctuary.

-Jennifer Middleton, Executive Director, HHAS

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LAST CHANCE TO DONATE! SUPPORT OUR DESERVING ANIMALS!

The Cooper River Bridge Run is tomorrow, April 2nd!!
This is your LAST CHANCE to show your love to our runners and the dogs and cats of Hallie Hill!
Go to Halliehill.com and donate now!



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Many thanks to John and Judith Byrnes For allowing Hallie Hill to be a sponsor of this exciting event! We are seeking ARTIST VENDORS for this event, especially those whose work includes animals! Please apply today at https://www.halliehill.com/aaa-artistapp/

HALLIE HILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY PRESENTS



Sunday, May 15th, 10am - 2pm

Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing 1500 Old Towne Rd, Charleston, SC 29407

Featuring a classic car show, silent art auction, food trucks, adorable adoptable dogs... and more!

Proceeds benefit the animals of Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary!

To learn more and to register a classic automobile in the show, please go to halliehill.com/aaa









on one road trip with Buddy Junior and she's a very good traveler. She seems happy with us and we love her very much!"









nber little "Baby?" She was fo d was brought to the sanctuary. She had horrible and was covered with scabs. The couple w to Virginia. They decided they wanted to ot Baby and had vacationing friends pick her up

to bring her "home." Baby, now Charlie, is doing great and has somed into a beautiful girl! Her adopters, Rob











Thank You Summerville Pet Supermarket!

Hallie Hill is so appreciative of your donations!

The 'Feel the Love' Event held by the Summerville Pet Supermarket raised \$718.60 and 633 cans of food for the cats and dogs of Hallie Hill!







Hallie Hill animal Sanctuary \$7/8.60 633 cans total in DONATIONS









Hallie Hill believes in the Five Freedoms

Freedom from hunger and thirst

by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor

Freedom from discomfort

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

Freedom from pain, injury or disease

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment

Freedom to express normal behavior

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind

Freedom from fear and distress

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering

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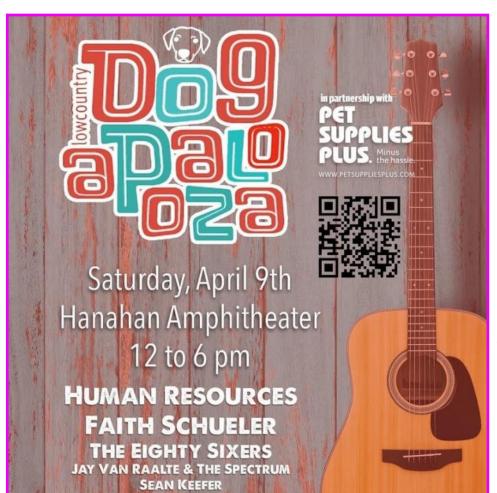
Hallie Hill
(TY Michele Griffin!)
shared this
wonderful
information at
Kids Club Live!
Approaching all
dogs safely is an
important skill
for children (and
adults) to learn!











Hallie Hill invites you to join us for the best music event happening in April!

Come listen to the great live music and visit with adoptable dogs! It's a WIN-WIN!

See you there!

Join Hallie Hill at Firefly Distillery

Saturday, April 16th
for the monthly
Adopt and Shop Event!
Food, Libations,
Dogs and Music!
It will be a fun afternoon!



ADOPT AND SHOP AT FIREFLY DISTILLERY EVERY MONTH

Join us for another year of Adopt and Shop celebrations on the third Saturday of every month from 12-4pm! In partnership with local dog rescues Southern Tails for Precious Paws, Carolina Coonhound, Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary and Libby & Mace's Place, this event features adoptable dogs and of course plenty of Firefly Spirits!

Enjoy Firefly cocktails and food truck bites out on our large Front Porch or pick up your favorite spirits in our Tasting Room! All four legged friends are welcome outside and on leash.



April Happenings at Hallie Hill!

Cooper River Bridge Run - 4/2 (<u>DONATE NOW!</u>)
Dogapalooza! - 4/9, Hanahan Amphitheater, 12-6PM
Low Country Live - 4/13 at 10:00 AM
Adopt and Shop at Firefly Distillery - 4/16, 12-4PM
Channel 2 Midday News - 4/8 and 4/22 at 11:00 AM

SAVE THESE DATES:

Animals, Art and Automobiles - May 15th, Founders Hall Putting for Paws - June 13th, The Links at Stono Ferry





Go to halliehill.com for more information and to reserve your foursome!

This event sells out every year!

Welcome to Hallie Hill!







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HAPPINESS IS



... being loved by your cat.



April's Adorable Adoptables!

Go to halliehill.com and fill out an application to come out to HHAS to meet these wonderful animals!



We have Guinea Pigs!

These 4 guys (yes, they are all boys, less than a year old) are looking for their forever homes! Named after the 4 Musketeers, they are ready to be a loving companion to your family! GP's are social creatures, so it would be good to adopt one, better for them to take a pair! Typically gentle, they love to cuddle and spend time in your lap—a good beginning pet for children. Come meet our gentlemen—you'll fall in love.



Hank

Hank is an 8 year old gentleman who has learned to be great with other dogs. He is a hound—just look at those beautiful ears...they are like touching velvet! He would be a great companion dog, for you or another dog who needs a friend that look like him/her! Hank is pretty chill - he would love to help bring some hound dog calm into your life! Come out and meet Hank - vou need each other!



Hippy

This beautiful brown and white girl is just a year old and a real sweetheart! A Pitbull mix, Hippy is a great size—a very solid, compact 35 pounds - we call her a 'Pocket Pittie' (ok, a big pocket)! She would do well with an active family who will love her and teach her the ropes of how to be a great pet! She is SO ready to meet you—come on out and visit with her! You wont be able to resist that face!



Puppies, Puppies, Puppies!

Oh, the joy of a puppy! We have 8 puppies, 11 weeks old, who are ready to bring so much love into your home! These beauties are Pitbull/hound mixes—3 boys and 5 girls waiting for you at the Sanctuary. All have been spayed or neutered and are receiving their vaccines. Full disclosure, puppies are hard work, but your reward for being a responsible pet parent is a committed, loving friend for life!

Why Your Dog Needs a Lick Mat!

Proud Dog Mom https://www.prouddogmom.com/dog-lick-mat/

Looking for ways to entertain your pooch while taking Zoom meetings? Or maybe you're in search of a healthy stress-relieving outlet for those times your pup seems a little on edge. Either way, I've got just the thing: A lick mat!

What is a Lick Mat?



A lick mat is exactly what it sounds like: It's a flexible mat made from food-grade rubber that features shallow ridges and grooves. Using a butter knife, the back of a spoon, or even your fingers, you fill the grooves with soft/pureed food. The unique design encourages dogs to lick, lick, and lick some more ... until every ounce of goodness has vanished from their mat. (Versus taking big bites and quickly gobbling the snack).

Top Benefits of Lick Mats

Stress Relief: Licking is a comforting and soothing action for dogs. As they lick, endorphins are released, promoting an overall happy and calm feeling. So, if your dog gets overwhelmed during bath time, nail trims, or even thunderstorms, the lick mat can provide a delicious distraction.

Mental Stimulation: Beat boredom with a fun *(and tasty)* game! While the concept of licking food off a mat may seem simple, it will get your dog's brain working to figure out how to lick the mat clean. Think of it as a doggy puzzle.

Slows Down Eating: Is your pooch a food gobbler? While most dogs are food motivated, scarfing down meals too quickly can be quite dangerous. *(Find out more about speed eating problems HERE)*. If your dog chows down on soft food, a lick mat is a great way to naturally slow them down.

Benefits Digestion: The act of licking helps increase saliva production. And, guess what? Increased saliva production can also aid digestion, as it contains beneficial enzymes.

Oral Health: The grooves and soft bristles on a lick mat scrape against your dog's teeth, gums, and tongue, helping to clean and remove particles/bacteria. (Of course, when it comes to oral health, nothing beats brushing)



How Can You Help? Our April Wish List!

Consumables we need <u>all</u> of the time!

Trash Bags

Dry cat food

Friskies wet cat food

Dog treats and biscuits

Bottled water

Kitchen can bags



Copy Paper
Scoopable Cat Litter
Paper Plates and Paper Towels

Swiffer Wet Jet cleaning pads

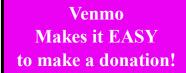
Laundry Detergent

Multipurpose spray cleaner

Check out our <u>Hallie Hill Wishlist</u> on Amazon.com Check out our <u>Hallie Hill Wishlist</u> on Chewy.com Come out and see us at our community events!











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We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!



Atlas thanks Lauren Faulkenberry



Arlo thanks **Shawn Griffin**



Benny thanks Kim Harris



Duffy thanks MeeMee Williams



Homer thanks **Robertson Family**



Bernadine Otterbein



Janet Boggs



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We Found Our Fur-ever Homes!!









Hallie Hill wishes you Happy Easter, Happy Passover and Happy **Springtime Everything!**



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!

Click here to view the video and enjoy!







Did you know that you could be generating donations for Hallie Hill while you shop on Amazon! Just go to Smile.Amazon.com, choose Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary as you



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Mission Statement

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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.