



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

**December, 2023**



# ***The Hallie Hill Howler***



**As 2023 draws to a close, we are already looking forward and planning for growth in 2024! Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary has been serving the local community for over 35 years, and our Board of Directors feels it is time to expand our programs and services so that we can touch the lives of even more animals, and their families, in the future!**

**Current visitors to the sanctuary will notice preparations throughout the grounds for the new construction scheduled to begin in January. Plans have been approved for an addition to the current main building that will include many upgrades and improvements, just one of which is on-site medical treatment for animals! So...stay tuned to future Howlers and to [halliehill.com](http://halliehill.com) to learn more about the exciting changes in the works for 2024 at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary!**

**Have a wonderful December enjoying the company of family and friends, and, of course, your beloved pets! Don't forget to check out our offering of holiday cards at [halliehill.com](http://halliehill.com), it's a great way to let your loved ones know you are thinking of them AND share that love with the deserving animals in our care! (See page 7)**

**Wishing you all the best in this holiday season,**

**Jennifer Middleton, CAWA, Executive Director  
Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary**



# Volunteer Spotlight

VOLUNTEER

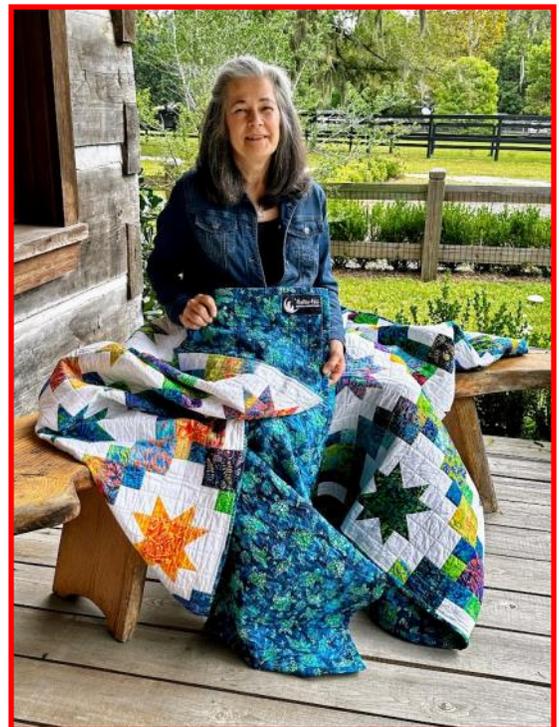
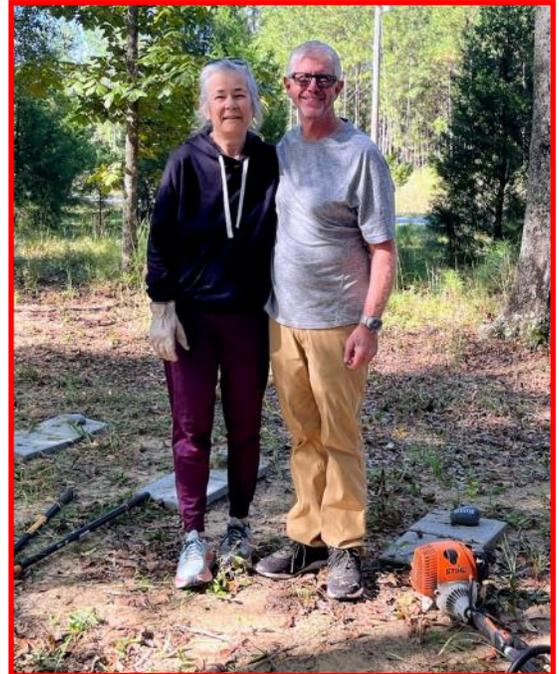
## Donna Gamble and Josh Taber

Josh Taber and Donna Gamble are a dynamic duo who have been volunteering regularly on Sundays to clean and improve Hallie Hill's beautiful cemetery, Angels' Crossing.

It is a big job to maintain Angels' Crossing! Josh and Donna do lots of the necessary maintenance like trimming trees, leveling gravestones, and fighting the weeds. They have also added small flags to embellish the walkways and sturdy handmade benches where visitors can sit, rest, and reflect as they walk the winding paths through the peaceful wooded space. Josh and Donna's generous donation of their time, energy and unique skills has beautified this incredibly special place for everyone to appreciate.

We also have Donna to thank for the annual donation of her beautiful, handmade quilts of exquisite quality which we raffle to benefit the animals at the Sanctuary. This year, the raffle of the quilts raised over \$6400 for the animals of Hallie Hill!! Amazing! We at Hallie are so grateful!

Hallie Hill is so lucky to have volunteers with these unique talents to help make the sanctuary a remarkable place for humans and animals alike. Thank you, Donna and Josh, we are blessed to have you as valued members of our Hallie Hill family!





# Holiday Volunteer "Drop In"

Join us for hot beverages, cookies,  
marshmallow roasting and  
tree decorating!

Drop In Friday December 15th  
Hallie Hill Cabin 6-8pm



**QUILT  
RAFFLE**

THE WINNERS ARE...

*Melanie Smith  
and  
Barbara Follin*



Through your generous support of our 2023 Quilt Raffle we surpassed last years total! This year you raised \$6400 for the deserving animals of Hallie Hill! Hallie thanks you VERY much and we hope that Melanie and Barbara enjoy their beautiful quilts!



# HOW MANY PVC PIPES DOES IT TAKE TO MOVE A DOGHOUSE?



FIVE! PLUS...  
2 PEOPLE,  
A TRACTOR,  
SOME INGENUITY  
AND STRONG BACKS!



# The Canine Corner



## Can Music Calm Your Dog?

- When classical music was played in an animal shelter, the dogs spent significantly more of their time quiet and resting than when other types of sounds were played, including heavy metal music, which led to increased barking
- A separate study found that when classical music was played in animal shelters, the dogs barked less and slept more; when heavy metal music was played, the dogs had more nervous shaking
- Solo piano music or piano music with simple arrangements calmed about 70% of dogs in a kennel in one study
- Harp music led to a decline in respiration rates and other visual measures of discomfort, such as restlessness and anxiety, among dogs in a veterinary hospital
- Pay attention to your dog's behavior when playing calming music to get a feeling of which type he likes best!

**[CLICK HERE TO BRING PEACE TO YOUR HOME THROUGH MUSIC!](#)**



**EDITORS NOTE:** I often transport dogs to and from media appearances, and I find using music to help calm my passengers VERY helpful! LEFT: This is LeeAnn—she was a bit nervous in the car but with the music playing, this is what happened! Now it doesn't work this well with all dogs, but when it works, you'll know it! TOP RIGHT: Music streaming services have playlists that you can access for free! It's another tool in our toolbox...give it a try!



## EMOTIONS MATTER!

A DOG'S EMOTIONS / WELL BEING NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE TRYING TO CHANGE A BEHAVIOUR

RECOGNISING / ADDRESSING THE EMOTION OFTEN BRINGS ABOUT A CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR BY ITSELF

Most behaviour is rooted in an underlying emotion

Dogs experience the same range of emotions as that of a 2 to 2½ half year old child

Dogs experience the same chemical / neurological changes in the brain that we do when in an emotional state

Emotions change the way the brain functions affecting behaviour & well being

Ignoring / punishing / suppressing / correcting an emotional response does not stop dogs from feeling that emotion

Some ways to encourage emotional well-being

- Rest / sleep / decompress - especially after a busy / stressful time
- Allow choice when appropriate / consent
- Enrichment - mental & physical - provide outlets for breed needs
- Predictable patterns / consistency / stability
- Understand / notice / listen to body language
- Create an environment where your dog feels safe / secure
- Create distance when a dog is uncomfortable / reacting
- Social connection - dogs need to spend time with their people
- Check for painful conditions / silent pain

FOCUSING ON EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH BEHAVIOUR CHANGE IS BUILT

*Dogs Disclosed*

## 5 HOLIDAY PLANTS TO KEEP AWAY FROM YOUR PETS



1. PINE NEEDLES



2. MISTLETOE



4. HOLLY



3. AMARYLLIS



5. POINTSETTIA



**Thank you for making us  
smile on 'Giving Tuesday!'**

**You helped us raise over \$35,863 to  
support our mission at Hallie Hill!**

**A special thank you to all of our matching donors!  
Because of you, our dollars will do twice as much good!**



10  
Tips to  
Pet Proof  
Your  
Christmas  
Tree

WISH THEM HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH  
HALLIE HILL  
*Holiday E-Cards*



Send a holiday e-card to let them know you're thinking about them and make a donation in their name to Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary. Several cards to choose from at [HallieHill.com](http://HallieHill.com).

*Give the Gift of Sanctuary*

AT [HALLIEHILL.COM](http://HALLIEHILL.COM)



Hallie Hill Holiday e-cards

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*Welcome to Hallie Hill!*



**Celia**



**Dash**



**Lil Dixie**



**Merlin**



**Mike**



**Nora**



**Roz**



**Smiley**



**Sully**

*Welcome to Hallie Hill!*



**Shammy**



# THANK-YOU THANK-YOU THANK-YOU

**Michael's Barkery, on Daniel Island, raised over \$1000 for Hallie Hill by selling these amazing Pupsgiving Day dog friendly meals! They even donated leftovers that were greatly appreciated by the Hallie Hill residents!**



**Sheyla Mariela Osorto Rosa, representing the Stratford High School National Honor Society, brought this amazing donation to support the pups and kits of Hallie Hill! We thank you so much for your, and your classmates, generosity!**

**Seabrook Island's "Pardon the Turkey" Tennis Fundraiser raised \$1870.00 for the deserving residents of Hallie Hill! Many, many thanks!**





# THE CAT CORNER

**Did You Know?**

Cats have a precise method of walking called "direct registering." Their hind paws fall inside the place of their forepaws which minimizes noise and visible tracks while ensuring more stable footing.

CATS ARE NOT JUST CATS THEY ARE *Sanity* THEY ARE *Happiness* THEY ARE *Teachers* *Therapists* AND BEST FRIENDS

**Poisonous Holiday Plants for Cats**

- ✗ poinsettias
- ✗ lilies
- ✗ holly
- ✗ mistletoe

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Your Cat Is **Safer** Living **Indoors**

Take these 5 steps to make your home more feline-friendly

It's toy season, for your cats, too! Read this article: *17 Genius DIY Toys Your Cat Will Love!*

**CLICK THE PICTURES TO READ THE ARTICLES!**

<p>catster</p> <p>Fascinating Facts About the Orange Tabby Cat</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>Orange Tabbies Can Develop Black Freckles: You might see an orange tabby with little black specks on its nose, lips, and other parts of the skin. This particular color scheme is prone to these adorable freckles. When the epidermal melanocytes multiply, your cat may develop spots called lentigo.</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>Orange Tabbies Are Usually Large: On top of being prone to weight gain, they're also usually a bit bigger than other cats.</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>Orange Tabbies LOVE Food: While it's cute to have a chubby cat, beware of obesity. These cats will eat until they're overweight if you let them. You have to put the brakes on any excessive snacking.</p>
<p>catster</p> <p>Pheomelanin Pigment Creates Their Color: Like humans with red hair, orange cats produce a pigment called pheomelanin. This pigment is responsible for all ginger cats and their human counterparts.</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>Most Orange Tabby Cats Are Males: A whopping 80% of all orange tabby cats are males. Why? It all comes down to chromosomes. To produce this beautiful coat color, the females need two orange genes-one from each parent-whereas males need only one. So, it's much easier to wind up with a boy.</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>All Tabbies have a Distinct Forehead Marking: Many legends come from the infamous "M" shape on the orange tabby's head. Some say that Mother Mary kissed the cat to bless them for rocking baby Jesus to sleep. Another legend says that an orange tabby killed a snake for Muhammad, who then put his mark on the cat.</p>	<p>catster</p> <p>The Orange Tabby Isn't a Particular Breed: Many breeds can have the orange tabby look, so the color isn't dependent on a specific type of cat.</p>

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*We are Happy at Home!*



Banjo (L) thanks the Steinhagen Family!



Buddy thanks Carmen Revere!



Guy thanks Abigail Miller!



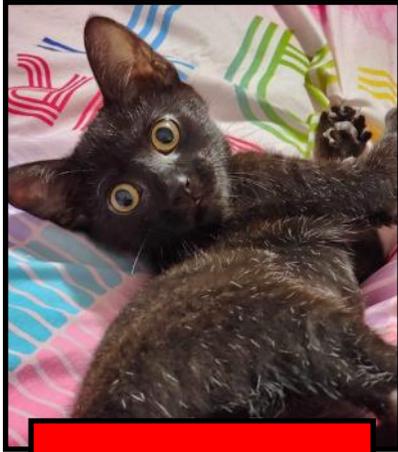
Melba thanks the Charters Family!



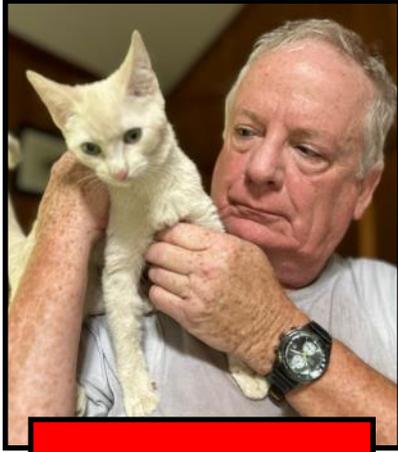
Tala thanks William Knight!



Tootsie (rear) thanks the Harvey Family!



Billy (Zero) thanks the Courtenay Family!



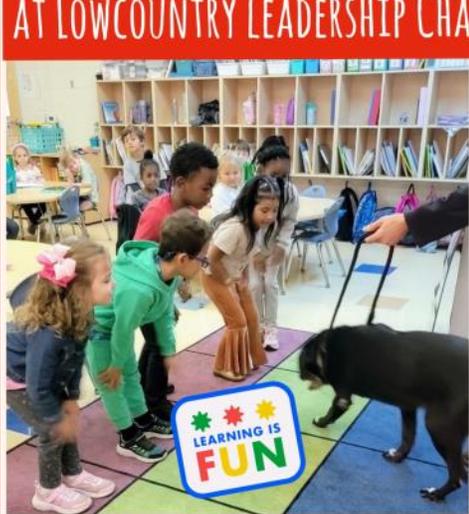
Jasmine thanks David Sinnott!



**Educating students about animal welfare is an important part of our work here at Hallie Hill...**



**LUCY VISITS THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS AT LOWCOUNTRY LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL!**



**...we believe by fostering empathy, respect, and a sense of responsibility for animals, we're helping to raise a generation of compassionate individuals who will make the world a better place for both humans and animals alike.**



THE COOPER SCHOOL - 3RD GRADE  
PERSUASIVE WRITING PROJECT



Name: Dakota Lee Smith Date: 11/20/23  
Meet Lola!



Hi my name is Lola! I am 2 years old and I look like a...  
I like to play with you and I will love to be with you.  
I am a very happy dog and I will love to be with you.  
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Name: Hayley Date: 11/20/23  
Dolly!



Hi! My name is Dolly! I am a sweet hound to have as a pet. I recommend a home with lots of space for me. I love every human and dog I meet! I would love if you gave me a forever home! And, I would love to cuddle you.

Name: Robbie Date: 11/20/23  
Stevie!



Hi, My Name is Stevie I love other dogs I love to talk to and chase squirrels and cats. I like other dogs I get along with children and human very well. I promise to love you forever. People call me the most handsome! Thank you!

Name: Ella Date: 11/20/23  
Sherlock!



I love you I think I am a little bit and I feel comfortable with you. I would love to be with you.

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HALLIE HILL WELCOMES THE LADYBUGS!



**New HHAS Merch Available!**

Wear your love of Hallie Hill for the world to see!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your Hallie Hill Merchandise!

Oooo...makes a GREAT GIFT!



# ADOPTION PUP-DATES!

## Linus



Well, two years ago today this guy came into our lives.  
Boy are we lucky! Linus is awesome!



"Hokus' results are in! I just don't see the Shih Tzu."

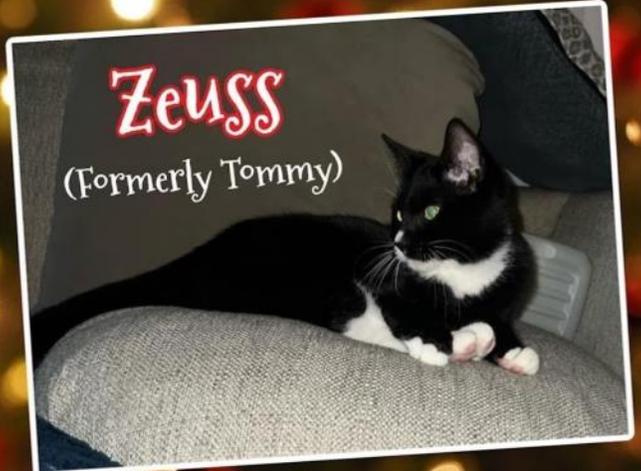
## Hokus



"Hi, just wanted to give a little update on Tommy - we renamed him Zeus. He spent time sniffing around the house when he first got here, but wasn't scared at all, he didn't hide or anything. He is by far the sweetest cat i've ever met next to Kazi (Toby, from Hallie Hill). He loves to lay on one of us or will continuously go back and forth between us. Zeuss loves to play and just instantly purrs, we love him so much and thank you for allowing us to give him a great home!"

## Zeuss

(Formerly Tommy)





Daisy



Daisy has been with us for almost a month! Enjoying this nice weather with a walk on the beach...not sure if it was her first time, but she did great.



ADOPTION PUP-DATES!

Brenda and Lee are the proud parents of Kane (adopted in May 2023)- he couldn't come on vacation with them but he is LOVED beyond measure!



Kane

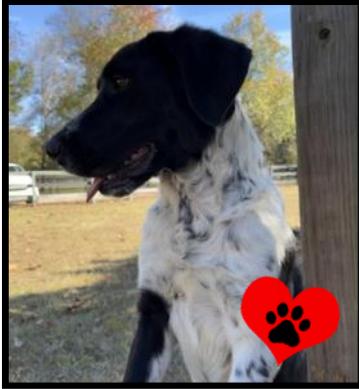
This is Gus. We adopted him on Jan 2 of this year. He was the last one left of the Doberman litter (actually he got returned because he wouldn't leave an elderly chihuahua alone 😊) and we feel so lucky to have him. He was approximately 8 weeks old when we got him so we decided his birthday is on Halloween! I would love to connect with anyone who has one of his siblings.

Gus



## December'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!



### Autumn

Autumn spent, what were to be her carefree puppy days, on a chain that eventually grew into her neck. She was taken in by a local rescue that had the chain surgically removed and cared for her as she healed both physically and mentally, before coming to our sanctuary. She is a stunning girl who has so much potential but needs a family who will understand that Autumn needs understanding and patience. She's so very sweet and has nothing but love for people but has had no experience as a cherished companion. With understanding, consistency and training, she is going to be an incredible member of a family.



### Newfie

Newfie was born at the sanctuary almost 11 years ago. She had been adopted but recently found her way back to the sanctuary and is looking for a new place to be spoiled for her senior years. Newfie is a nice medium size with a beautiful coat. She does well with other dogs and enjoys being with people - cuddling on a cold winter evening is her specialty! She is ready to be a part of another loving family and give them her heart...are you willing to give her yours?



### Smiley

This boy's name couldn't be more perfect for him! Smiley is a handsome, happy, almost three year old boy. He would love a home where he could be someone's BFF and he wouldn't even mind sharing you with another fur sibling! He loves to play but could use a little help with learning what is appropriate and what's not appropriate to play with. He's a smart guy and will learn very fast with positive reinforcement. If you come out to meet Smiley, we guarantee he will steal your heart!



### Ziggie

Ziggie is a sweet boy who was very loved by his previous guardian. He loved to cuddle up with her at bedtime and they would stay cozy all night together, ever since Ziggie was a kitten. She was elderly and unfortunately, her living situation changed, and Ziggie could not go with her. Ziggie is a very big boy, we are working on that! He was so scared when he first arrived at the sanctuary but we know he will adapt well into a new home where he can be someone's special boy once again.

*Hallie Hill  
thanks  
Crews Subaru  
for supporting  
our mission  
to change the  
future of the  
animals in  
our care!*



*How Can You Help Hallie Hill?  
Our December Wish List!...*

**Consumables we need all of the time!**

- Trash Bags
- Dry cat food
- Friskies wet cat food
- Dog treats and biscuits
- Bottled water
- Kitchen can bags
- Canned dog food
- Granulated ant poison
- Scoopable Cat Litter
- Paper Plates and Paper Towels
- Swiffer mopping cloths
- Laundry Detergent
- Multipurpose spray cleaner

*Thank you, but at this time we  
are NOT in need of  
blankets or sheets!*

Check out our [Hallie Hill Wishlist](#) on Amazon.com  
Check out our [Hallie Hill Wishlist](#) on Chewy.com



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Visit Us at [HallieHill.com](http://HallieHill.com)



Ways to Help

## Donate to the MAGIC Fund

MAGIC =

Medical And Geriatric Intensive Care

The MAGIC Fund is used to cover the many medical costs that arise at the sanctuary. New arrivals require vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries. All of the 200 animals receive monthly heart worm and flea preventative. Many animals develop orthopedic or other health problems that require surgery. Hallie Hill also has many animals that require daily medications for everything from diabetes to arthritis. Many of the senior residents need more medical interventions as they age. Your donation to this fund helps to ensure the animals get the medical attention they need to live healthy, pain-free lives.



## Venmo

Makes it EASY  
to make a donation!



Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

@HallieHill-AnimalSanctuary



## venmo

Scan QR code for payment

## HALLIE HILL Birthday E-Cards

Don't Spend Money on a Drugstore Birthday card!  
Say Happy Birthday With a Donation to Hallie Hill!



Give the Gift of Sanctuary  
AT [HALLIEHILL.COM](http://HALLIEHILL.COM)

***December Happenings at Hallie Hill!***

**Channel 2 Midday News - 12/1, 12/15, 12/29 at 11:50 AM**

**Low Country Live - 12/13 at 10:00 AM**

**Mel's Mutts - 12/12 at 6:10 AM/Good AM Charleston**

**Quintin's Close Ups' Pet of the Week - 12/20**



***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!](#)**



<p><u>Hallie</u> <u>Hill</u> <u>Animal</u> <u>Sanctuary</u> <u>Board of</u> <u>Directors</u></p>	<i>Pat Barber</i>	<i>Ann Igoe</i>
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<i>John Gratiot</i>	<i>Bill Walsh</i>	

**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.*

**Hallie Hill Staff** 

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