



# PAWPRINTS



The Newsletter of the Hill Country SPCA

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## SPCA Shelter Hours of Operation

Mon thru Fri  
10:00 am-6:00 pm

Saturday  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday  
Closed

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*We engrave pet tags while you wait!*



(left) Our lobby cat "Greydon" (aka Sasquatch, who FYI, is also available for adoption) gave the children a particularly warm SPCA welcome when he came to lie down in the middle of the group. Everyone got to greet and pet him.

The kids got to see where the cats and dogs eat and sleep, as well as where we bathe and groom

## A Head Start on Pet Care

Fredericksburg Head Start program students visited Hill Country SPCA in January. Their class was studying pet care and feeding and they wanted to visit us and see how we care for and feed the cats and dogs here.

our dogs, where we care for our sick animals, and where the dogs get their exercise in the play yard.

As much as they tried, no one went home with a puppy. Well, not this time anyway.

## One Doggone Happy Family

We received a letter and photo from Rhonda Wheeler and her family with an update on her adopted pet family. She adopted Trevi from the Hill Country SPCA animal shelter in November of 2012. Rhonda says, "Trevi is smart, learns quickly and she's very sweet. She is adjusting to her new home and her new extended family really well." She took a photo of the pet family on New Years Eve. In the photo are her two dogs (adopted from HCSPCA) Trevi (middle) and Trevi's brother Toby (far right), her daughter's Corgi, her son's Golden Retriever, her mother's two dachshunds and her sister's two dachshunds. All but one of these wonderful pets, are rescued dogs. Thank you Wheeler family for giving them a wonderful life.



# We Can't Do This Without You

## Wish List

We are always in need of supplies for animal and facility care. The following are some of our current needs:

cat beds/baskets  
scratching posts  
cat scratchers  
copy paper  
kitty litter  
(he) laundry detergent

Kuranda Dog beds  
Kuranda Cat beds  
paper towels  
postage stamps  
used towels/blankets



Can you spare an hour or two a week to help out? Would you be interested in boarding a cat or dog while it awaits its forever home?

We are in need of volunteers and foster care homes.

We have recently made amendments to our volunteer policy and are no longer able to accommodate children under the age of 14. This was not true in the past,

however, due to the nature of liability in working with animals it was necessary for us to revise our policy. Children ages 14 and 15 can volunteer, when accompanied by a parent on-site.

We have needs in animal care, dog walking, office duties, reception desk, special events, facility cleaning, cat and dog TLC.

Please stop in and fill out a HCSPCA Volunteer Application. Forms are also available online. It's because of people like you sharing your time and talents, we can continue do what we do. Thank you.

### HCSPCA Thrift Store

3025 S Hwy 16  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Monday, Closed  
Tues—Sat 10-4  
Sunday, Closed

**830-997-5700**

## Dream List

dog scale  
garden tools  
reception computer

## 2012 Stats

Cat Adoptions = 50  
Dog Adoptions = 123  
Total = 173  
  
Cat Spay/Neuter = 97  
Dog Spay/Neuter = 110  
Total = 207

## Mission Statement

Because every single animal has value, Hill Country SPCA is dedicated to:

*Preventing cruelty and neglect of domesticated animals in the Texas Hill Country; Reducing the number of homeless and unwanted companion animals; Eliminating euthanasia of unwanted animals; Fostering responsible pet ownership; Providing shelter and placement services.*

## Trudy's Treasures (Resale Store)

If you have not visited our Hill Country SPCA Resale Store lately you are in for a very pleasant surprise. Our new management team, working diligently since October has turned the store into "the place to shop for treasures in the Hill Country."

Much of our recent growth explains store manager, Phyllis Whittington is due to an increase in the quantity and quality of items being donated. When our donors see first hand how very much they are appreciated and how nicely displayed their donations become, they know they can trust us to turn their donation into a profit befitting the Hill Country animals and community. We recognize and take very seriously the faith our donors have placed in us. Also I think that more and more the community is becoming aware of the positive impact the HCSPCA shelter has on all of Gillespie and the surrounding counties, says Whittington.

Our fashion-conscious shoppers find racks of quality clothing organized by color and size, as well as surprisingly new, seldom-worn clothes. "People today take pride in being individual and unique, in setting trends vs. following them, and with so much sameness at malls, one way to achieve this kind of originality is by buying

retro and vintage items that are no longer in production," says Whittington.

Not long ago, certain shoppers would have been embarrassed to admit they shop in thrift stores. Now, they're bragging about finding their treasures at our store. When you think about it, this is quite remarkable!

The store is also filled with unique items which makes the shopping fun. Frequently staff over hears, "oh my grandmother had one of these." Memories are certainly recalled and more than a tear or two has been shed here in the store, says Whittington.

Recently we received a 1940's pink Westinghouse toaster. I had no more than placed it on our table, gave it one more admiring glance and turned around when screams broke out. There at the table were three well dressed strangers fighting over the toaster. I didn't think about how I was going to resolve this "situation", said Whittington with a laugh, I just thought to myself, I knew I priced that toaster to low."

**Stop in or give us a call:**

**830-997-5700**

**3025 South Hwy 16, Fredericksburg**

# How Do I Love Thee... Let Me Count The Ways



There are many ways to show your love, commitment, and honor for the pets and Hill Country SPCA. If you are interested in making a contribution, the following are a few of the ways you can make a difference:

1. **Household Items** donations, such as: gently used furnishings, decorations, clothing, and other items are always welcomed at our Resale Store. Drop offs welcome during business hours.
2. **Wish List** items (listed on page 2) are things we need and use regularly at the shelter. Our wish list is noted in each newsletter, can be viewed in our office anytime, and will soon be available our website. We accept any of these items in our office, during regular business hours.
3. **Dream List** items (listed on page 2) are generally items that are a one-time purchase and typically of higher value than our daily supply items. Our Dream List is noted in each newsletter and a copy can be obtained from our office. Newsletters are always available in the office and online at [www.hillcountryspca.com](http://www.hillcountryspca.com). If you are interested

in donating something from our Dream List you can contact us for more information, 830-990-9085.

4. **Guardian Angel Sponsorships** are available for dog and cat kennels. Sponsor a kennel for one, three, six months or one year. We will place a personalized certificate on a kennel or cat room as you designate with the dates of your generous sponsorship and you will also receive a bumper sticker showing you are a Hill Country SPCA Guardian Angel. Please contact our office for more information and to sign up.

\$50—1 month; \$140—3 months;  
\$275—6 months; \$550—1 year

5. **Brick Pavers** are a carved-in-stone tribute "in Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one. Pavers are carefully placed within the walkway of our center courtyard. All who visit and walk through our courtyard reflect over the tributes to loved ones honored there. If you are interested, contact our office for details and/or to place your order, 830 990 9085:

\$75, 4x8 brick paver with your personalized message  
\$175, 6x12" brick paver with your personalized message

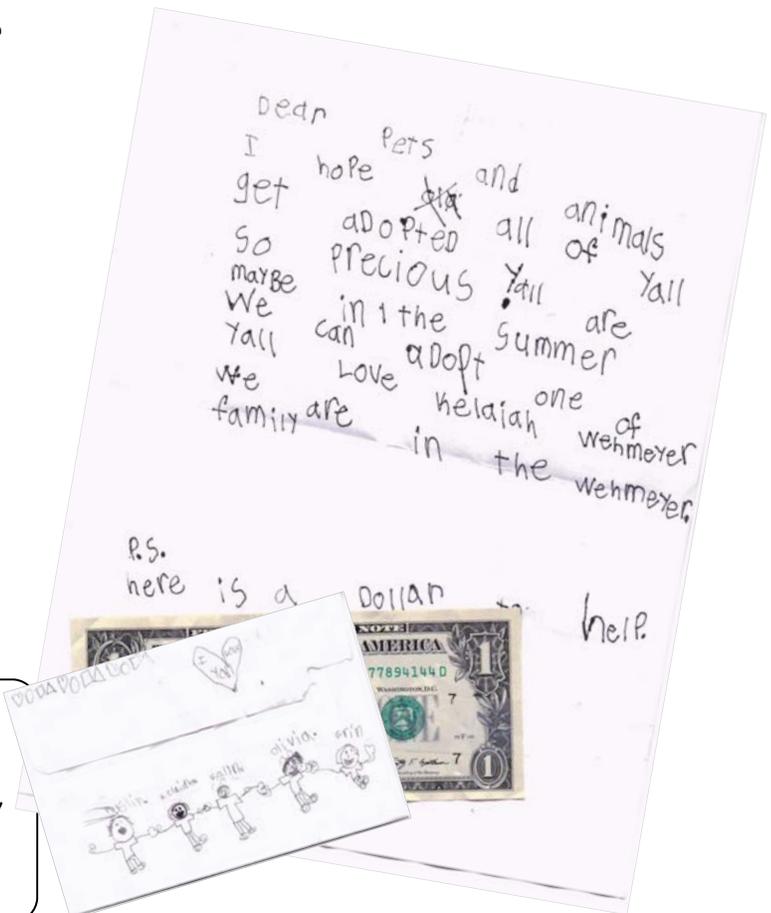
6. **Monetary Donations** of any amount are always welcomed and can be mailed, dropped off, and even made online, at [www.hillcountryspca.com](http://www.hillcountryspca.com)

## AniMail ▶▶▶

We received this darling letter from six-year-old Kelaiah Wehmeyer, who, according to her parents, wrote this letter after seeing a commercial on television for the SPCA. She felt so compelled to help. She told her parents she wanted to help the animals with her own money.

Her parents brought her to visit us at the Hill Country SPCA and upon their arrival, Kelaiah proceeded to offer up four more of her own dollars.

Thank you Kelaiah.



Get your HCSPCA news by email! Just call or email us with your request and we will email you the link when the latest news is available online!  
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*because every animal has value*



***YES!*** *I want to donate to help with care and feeding of pets  
waiting for their forever home.*

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please accept my tax deductible donation to the Hill Country SPCA,  
in the amount of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$75    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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