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Fredericksburg, Texas

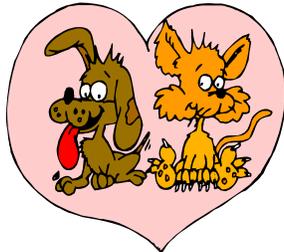
Celebrating 6 Years of Saving Lives



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We



Our Volunteers!

Love and gratitude was the theme for the Hill Country SPCA Volunteer Appreciation Party, which was held in the Cypress Room at Fredericksburg Inn and Suites on January 27th. Over eighty dedicated volunteers attended the Potluck, which also meant there was an incredible array of mouth-watering food of every variety.

Brenda Pruitt and Mary Carleton transformed the Cypress Room into a Valentine fantasy. The round tables were draped in white tablecloths anchored with centerpieces of miniature roses in pinks and reds, little stuffed cats and dogs, and garnished with Valentine confetti. Red napkins, plates, and place cards adorned with images of loving puppies and kittens completed the perfect setting.

SPCA Guardian Angels and benefactors Ed and Trudy Brune were introduced during the program. They received a standing ovation for their amazing and generous gift to the Hill Country SPCA. Ed Brune spoke about his desire to honor his wife's love of animals and the process of deciding to help the Hill Country SPCA move to a home of our own. Trudy Brune, a talented poetess for whom the new shelter will be named, read a poem she had composed after visiting with Mae, a dog in our shelter. The text of Trudy's poem is on page 2. Mrs. Brune also spoke about how much love, comfort, and joy her own pets bring to her life.

Carinthia Ramirez, another sustaining donor and long time supporter of the Hill Country SPCA, was also introduced, and likewise received a rousing ovation.

Elevation drawings and floor plans for the new shelter were on display, and brought many ooh's and aah's (see page 3). Our new home will be an especially wonderful facility built in the style of Fredericksburg architecture, and will surely set a new standard for animal care in the Hill Country. Architect John Klein was also on hand to answer questions about the new facility.

The Hill Country SPCA had lots of help making the Volunteer Appreciation Party such a phenomenal success, and would like to express deep heartfelt gratitude to the following people and businesses: **Fredericksburg Inn and Suites** donated use of the Cypress Room and all the tables and chairs, **HEB** donated the gorgeous flowers for the centerpieces, **Coleman Distributing-Coors** donated beer, **Mr. and Mrs. Finis Carleton** donated wine, and **Walmart** gave a cash donation. Please thank these merchants for their support, and please patronize their businesses.

Some very special kudos and a big 'Paws Up' go to the group of extra special volunteers that worked so hard to pull this party together and make this event spectacular. The committee was Bonnie Smith, Carolyn Ward, Mary Carleton, Catherine Engle, Brenda Pruitt, Kelly Musselman, Kelly Allen and Leigh Waller.

**SPCA Volunteers are all
Super Stars.**

**THANK YOU ALL
WE LOVE YOU**



LOVE ME

by Trudy Brune

Why can't you see
How much I need
Your love for me.

Look at my eyes
Hear my cry
Please give me a home
Don't pass me by.

Man's best friend
A gift of love
What a joy
From Heaven above.

Many furry kittens
And full grown, too
Waiting, watching, wanting
To give love to you.

When will you see
When will you hear
God is love
And love is charity.

Love me!

Party Pictures



Ready To Eat



Kellie and Friend



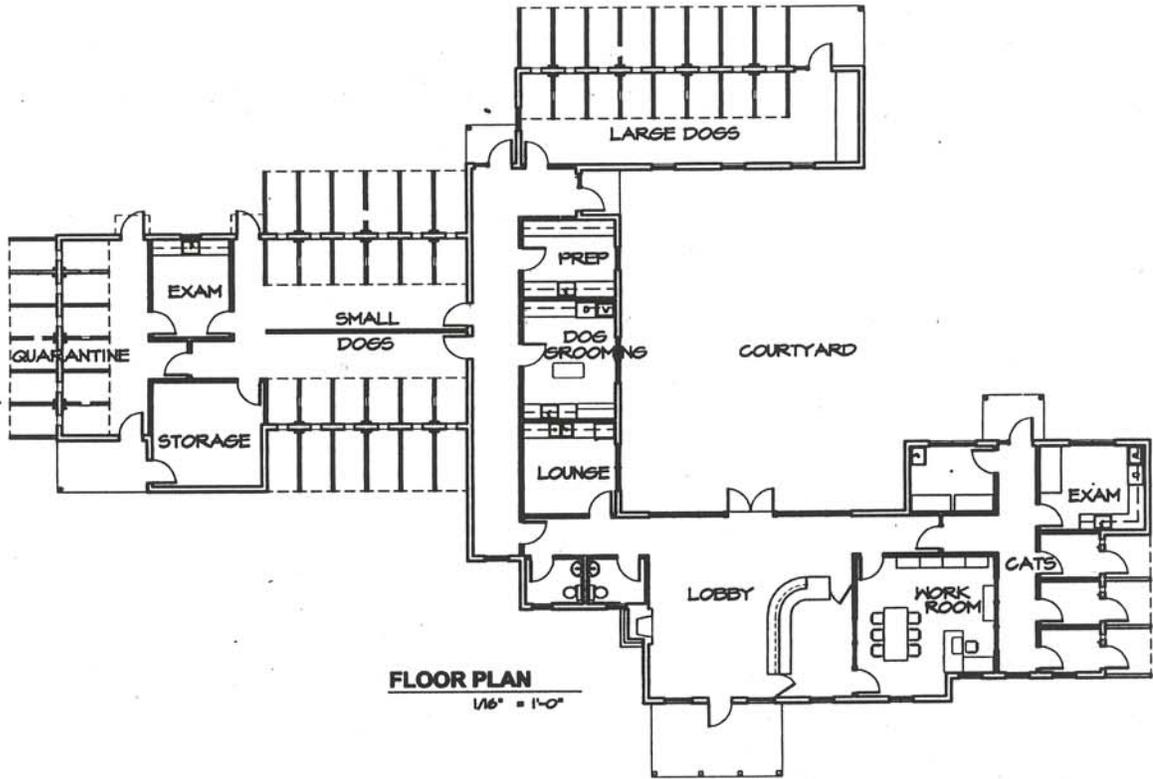
Trudy Brune reading her poem



Pretty Party Tables



Ed Brune



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Wish List

**CAT LITTER, CAT LITTER,
CAT LITTER**

Clorox bleach
Laundry detergent
Paper towels
Toilet paper

Royal blue nylon dog leashes,
6' long, 1" wide

Royal blue nylon dog and cat
collars, adjustable, all sizes

Colored copier paper

White copier paper

Cat and dog brushes

New or used rugs for dog kennels

Postage stamps

Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Parker

Lumber and HEB

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**Hill Country SPCA
Benefits From Academic
Boosters Christmas
Tree Forest**

This year the SPCA was
blessed to have two beautifully
decorated Christmas trees repre-
senting our organization in the
Weihnachten Christmas Tree For-
est. One of the SPCA trees was
sponsored by **Super 8 Motel**, and
the other was sponsored by
Hotchkiss Insurance. Both
trees were decorated with photos
of present and past shelter resi-
dents, lots of lights, sparkly tinsel
and garland.

Visitors to Marketplatz
during the Christmas festival vote
for their favorite tree in the forest
by putting purchased tokens into
collection jars by the trees. At the
end of the festival the charitable
organization the tree represents
receives one-half of the proceeds.
A silent auction for the decorated
trees earns additional money for
the charitable organizations

This year the Christmas
Tree Forest yielded \$751.75 for
the SPCA! Thanks to **Super 8
Motel** and **Hotchkiss Insurance**
for decorating those beautiful
trees for us, and thanks to all who
bought tokens.



Super 8 Motel Tree



Hotchkiss Insurance Tree

The True Spirit of Christmas

In the true spirit of holiday giving, Andy Stewart's third grade
class at Fredericksburg Elementary School saved their coins, and filled a
five gallon jug with \$307.87. These loving young people donated this
money to the SPCA last December to help support the animals in the
shelter. Shelter manager Kristie Jacoby and Angel, one of our shelter
residents, went to the school and gratefully accepted the donation. Kris-
tie and Angel wished all these kids a Happy Holiday Season from every-
one at the SPCA.

Pet Tales



Dear Hill Country SPCA,

I just thought I would write and tell you how happy Christina is with Annie. We were there yesterday and picked her up and it's been laughter every since. I believe there is a reason for everything, and now I know in my heart that Annie was waiting for Christina.

Yesterday Annie was introduced to the horses. She was fine with them until they moved to smell her and then she wanted nothing to do with them. I guess she figured they were just too big for her. After that, one of our cats was stalking Annie and Christina



ANNIE

walked over to meet her cat. Well, Annie knew right off the cat was her size and decided that she better not do anything. But our cat meowed at her and she ran. She wasn't really scared, but is cautious of everything. Annie acts like she's always been here and that this has been her home forever. And she really doesn't care what bed she gets in as long as someone is in it with her. She loves all her new toys and we also found out by playing with her that she does know a few tricks. So again, thank you so much.

Make sure you let the man that used to walk her know that Annie is doing great and is very happy.

Christina and Deborah

Dear HCSPCA,

It has been 4 years to the day (Dec. 23, 2003) since we adopted Sassafra Abigail, you remember her as Sassy, and she has not aged a bit. She acts like a puppy, chewing up toys, running all the time, and she is so curious. We have not been disappointed that we adopted her, and we are sure we never will be.



She loves to greet anyone visiting and when anyone has been asleep, too long, she makes sure to wake them up. Sassy thinks she's as big as her brother, he's 120lbs. She likes to be outside whenever he is and inside whenever he is.

We appreciate you letting her come into our lives and wish you Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
The Beasley Family

Dear SPCA,

Thank you for helping me find my new best friend, Dodger. He is really happy living at our crazy house!

Love,
Sean Majors (age 4)



More Pet Tales

Super Star Volunteer Team Shines Again

Gracie at Halloween, ready for Trick-or-Treating. She was (and still is!) an angel, of course!

Keep up the wonderful work you do! Merry Christmas to all!

The Nisbets
David, Carol,
John and
Gracie



Once again the SPCA Volunteers prove what great results teamwork will achieve by coming together to sell raffle tickets on our beautifully crafted 'Garden Pets' quilt. This team effort, led by Ann and Clarence Bryk, raised a massive \$7021.76 for the homeless animals in our area.

Most of the team were out on Main St., in every kind of weather, every weekend, selling hard in front of Bank One and Dietz Bakery. Some people also worked selling at Das Peach Haus, Paws and Claws Grand Opening, Founders Day, and July 4th events. The Pocketful of Posies Quilt Shop, The Vareins Quilt Guild, and the Hill Country Quilt Guild in Kerrville, also encouraged us to sell tickets during their special events.

A huge '**Pooches Gracias**' to the following volunteers for giving so generously of their time and love, and to the pets that came along to help their guardians sell tickets (our sales were especially strong on those days): **Kellie Allen, Ann Amoroso and Mushy, Dan Balinsky, Jane Cobb, Sandra Maule, Nancy Cook, Carolyn and Mike Benoit, Cleo Benson, Clarence and Ann Bryk, Mary Carleton and Skeeter, Melissa Cheek, Jerry Davies, Catherine Engle and Hershey, Pat Evans, Sue Eddins, Pat and Gail Gribbin, Carol Goad, Karen Haebig, Bobbie Harris, Patty Jones, Janet Jones, Lorraine Joyce, Barbara Mitzel, Gina Moss, Kelly Musselman, Betty Phillips and Cleo, Judy Rippstein, Debbie Roberts, Meredith Seilers, Grace Slate, Martha Sparks, Bonnie Smith, Sharon Smith, Carol Stead, Ariane and Phil Taetz, Sylvia Teaguns, Leigh Waller, Carolyn Ward, Gigi Williams, Dana and Margaret Zachary.** Thanks, too, to everyone who sold tickets to family, friends and co-workers.



Happy Halloween from Princess Maggie in Kerrville. Thanks for saving me. I'm sooo happy!! Maggie was formerly known as Trixie

Kudos once again to all the ladies of the Queen Bees Quilting Club for creating the 'Garden Pets' quilt for the SPCA. Your gift of time and talent is indeed priceless.

Quilt Winner Announced

Stacy Fisher of Brenham couldn't believe her ears when she answered her phone on December 6 and learned that she had won the handmade 'Garden Pets' quilt in the Hill Country SPCA raffle. "I was so excited", said Stacy, "I was yelling and jumping around. My family didn't know what had happened".

Stacy was shopping in Fredericksburg with her sister-in-law on Thanksgiving weekend when they came upon the SPCA raffle ticket sale. Stacy has been an animal lover all her life, so the volunteer ticket seller didn't have to work too hard to convince her to buy six tickets. She loved the displayed quilt, but never dreamed she would win.

Stacy, who is a speech pathologist in the Hempstead ISD, shares her home with her husband Jack, daughter Leah, son Blake, five dogs, seven cats, a miniature Paint horse, and twenty-one registered Paint horses! Among the dogs are Dina, a Mini-Yorkie who is Stacy's pride and joy, a Great White Pyrenees, who protects the livestock from coyotes, and three other mixed breed rescue dogs, which Stacy says are 'all great dogs'. Coco is a chocolate point Siamese who every year wins the title of 'Most Beautiful Cat' at the Washington

County Pet Fair. Coco and Stacy's other six cats are all rescues.

Stacy instills love and respect for animals in her children by making sure they are involved in human/animal relationship programs. Blake participates in the 4H Egg-to-Chick program every year, and both kids are heavily involved with Paint horses, each raising four project colts every year.

Congratulations, Stacy, on winning the Garden Pets quilt. Thank you for loving animals and supporting the Hill Country SPCA.

Dina is the **real dog** sitting on the quilt!



Everybody Needs A Break

And maybe you need a tax break? You can get a charitable tax deduction, and help homeless animals by donating a car, truck, or motorcycle that is no longer useful to the Hill Country SPCA

During the 4th quarter of 2003, the SPCA received \$986.93 in much needed cash from a vehicle donated to Chariots for Charity by Robert S. Harrison. Chariots for Charity will pick up, refurbish

and resell your donated vehicle, then pass the net proceeds of the sale to the SPCA. You get a tax deduction for the full amount of the value of your donated vehicle.

Everyone involved in this extraordinary gift is a winner! You get a significant tax deduction and easily dispose of your vehicle. The SPCA gains much needed cash to fund the rescue of homeless and unwanted cats and dogs.

If you have a vehicle to donate, please call Chariots for Charity at 830.990.8866 for details.

HCSPCA Hours of Operation

Mon.-Fri. 9 AM—12 Noon and
1 PM—3 PM.

Sat. 9 AM—12 Noon.

Sun. Closed.

Also open by appointment.

For more information, please contact the HCSPCA Shelter Manager at (830) 990-9085

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1462, Fredericksburg, TX 78624 We are located at 2295 Highway 16 South (behind the Hill Country Vet Clinic)

Email: hcsPCA@kTC.com
See animals for adoption on our website

'The Future' Lies Ahead

Everyone associated with the SPCA is elated and excited about the prospect of our gorgeous new shelter and office facility. When we finally move in, the Hill Country SPCA will be able to help many more animals into safe and loving second chance homes.

The new facility will increase our capacity greatly, but it will also increase our operating expenses proportionately. It is hard at times to remember that while we have huge animal related expenses, we also have the same expenses as any typical enterprise, even though we are a non-profit entity. Providing proper care for the animals entrusted to us is an expensive proposition.

We have made much progress in the last six years of our existence. And we could not have done so without you, our loyal and generous supporters. As we look ahead with excitement to our new facility, we also see that our most daunting challenges lie ahead of us, and we are hopeful that we may rely on your continued financial support.

As you prepare your charitable giving plan for 2004, please keep the Hill Country SPCA at the top of the list. Remember that you may designate your gift for any purpose; operating fund, building fund, spay/neuter fund, or any purpose imaginable that will make life better for unwanted animals in Gillespie and surrounding counties.

Whatever you choose to give to the Hill Country SPCA, please know that we continue to be humbly grateful for your continued support.

“Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man”.

*-Arthur Schopenhauer
German Philosopher*

Hill Country SPCA 4th Quarter 2003 Expenses

Advertising/PR	663.23
Animal Related Expense	4,516.28
Bank Charges	175.03
Building Repair/Maint.	278.19
Computer Expense	78.52
Insurance	2,080.00
Janitorial Supplies	586.31
Management Fees	233.52
Miscellaneous	925.00
Office Supplies	112.80
Payroll Expense	11,289.20
Payroll Taxes	863.63
Postage/Mail	167.39
Rent	3600.00
Spay/Neuter	1026.01
Telephone Expense	299.31
Veterinary Expense	1,880.51
Total Expense	28,774.93

**Q4 2003 ADOPTION
STATISTICS
51 DOGS 41 CATS
92 PETS IN NEW
HOMES !!**

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The Hill Country SPCA Mission Statement

Because every single animal has value, the 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 for homeless and unwanted animals

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SPCA

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