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The Newsletter of the Hill Country SPCA

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Moving Ahead in 2005!!!

Our new shelter building is a dream coming true—and will be a magnificent gift to the entire community. We will never be able to thank Trudy and Ed Brune, Dian Stai, Carinthia Ramirez, Lee and Jim Truchard, Dian Graves Owen Foundation, Deborah Carson, and all our generous contributors enough!

The HCSPCA building project is progressing at a fast pace as the weather permits. The roof is completed, the windows installed, the siding is up, and some exterior walls painted.

The 24 dog kennels are close to completion. Glass doors enabling easy viewing of the animals have been installed in the cat rooms that house up to 30 residents. Both the kennels and the cat rooms allow easy outdoor access so the animals can enjoy fresh air and



Trudy and Ed Brune

sunshine, prime design considerations for the shelter.

Other special shelter features include appropriate quarantine areas for both cats and dogs. Every effort is being made to physically separate the quarantine animals from the general population in order to prevent the spread of disease. New arrivals will go directly to quarantine areas without coming into contact with the current residents of the shelter.

In order to keep the cats from being frightened by the barking of dogs, the cat and dog areas are at opposite ends of the building. The cat areas also have large windows and secure open-air porches; these features help to make the shelter environment as “stress-free” as possible.

Many “people-friendly” features are built-in as well, including a large lobby, a workroom/office area, and a visitation/adoption room. The grounds surrounding the shelter will be developed into a park-like setting for all to enjoy!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the *NEW Trudy Brune - Hill Country SPCA*, especially all of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers. We invite new volunteers to please give us a call at 830-990-9085 and join our mission to help our animal friends and community!



City Council Candidate

Tom Musselman

Tom Musselman has announced he is running as a candidate for City Council in Fredericksburg this spring. Ann Brey, current city councilwoman and HCSPCA supporter, will be stepping down and supports Tom for the seat.

Tom is an animal lover, as is his wife, Kelly, a long-time volunteer and supporter of the HCSPCA. They share their home with six cats, all homeless strays that they have adopted over the years.

"I believe in responsible pet ownership," says Tom. "I will work with the city and its citizens in making Fredericksburg an animal friendly place to live."

Tom believes that the heart of animal control lies with the spaying and neutering of pets and with education of their owners. He hopes that more low or no cost spay neuter clinics, such as the one's the HCSPCA offers, will become available to citizens to cut down on pet overpopulation.

"The ultimate goal of any effective spay/neuter campaign is to put the "pound" out of business," says Tom. "In the meantime the city animal control facility should be as humane and hospitable as possible to the animals that are housed there."

Tom also feels that pet licensing is important as it is an invaluable way for the city to return lost and strayed pets back to their owners.

For more information on Tom Musselman's campaign, **Pride.Preservation.Progress**, please visit his website tommusselman.com or email him at tommusselman@gmail.com with any questions or comments.



The Fredericksburg city council election will be held May 7 and early voting begins April 20. Please get out and vote.

Long Time Volunteers Taking a Break after Years of Service to the Hill Country SPCA

Bonnie Smith and Shirley Brintle have been coming to the HCSPCA since its inception in 1997 before we even had a building to call home. They have put in many long hours, including weekends and most holidays so that the shelter employees could have a break.

They have seen the shelter thru good and bad times, helped with everything from fundraising to dog walking, and even the other stuff like scooping litter boxes that is not as much fun.

Bonnie and Shirley have both adopted pets from the shelter and given them loving homes. Bonnie served on our Board of Directors. Bonnie and Shirley are currently active in the community, with the Pedernales Animal Welfare Society, who intend to provide "affordable spay/neuter services, promote education on responsible pet ownership, and partner with the city, on local animal control issues." Bonnie is also helping the homeless cats at Lady Bird Johnson Park. We will miss you both greatly,



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and would like to thank both of you for all of your hard work and wish you well in your new endeavors.

I would personally like to thank Bonnie for showing me the ropes when I first started working at the shelter, **THANK YOU!!!**

Kristie Jacoby

- Wish List**
- Cat Litter, Cat Litter, Cat Litter
 - Paper Towels
 - Clorox Bleach
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Royal Blue Nylon Leashes
 - Royal Blue Nylon Dog and Cat Collars, Adjustable, All Sizes
 - White and Color Copier Paper
 - New or Used Rugs for Dog Kennels
 - Postage Stamps
 - Gift Cards for Wal-Mart, Parker Lumber and HEB
- VOLUNTEERS!!!**

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Click, Click, Click!!! Attention shutterbugs...Here is your opportunity to enter our "no holds-barred" pet photo contest. Send us your "best shot" at least one animal must be in the shot. You can make us laugh, tug at our hearts, or impress us with your pet's own natural beauty. If you are one of the lucky individuals who look like your pet, send us your mug shots to prove it.

Entry fee is \$5.00 per photo (unless you choose to send more.) You may enter as many photos as you like. Yes this fee is just another way of collecting funds to keep our doors open. You may send us printed digital or hard copy photos. Winners will be chosen in the following categories:

- * Best Photo
 - Dog
 - Cat
- * Best Photo
 - Other Pet (horse, snake, hamster, etc.)



Gift baskets full of surprises will be awarded to the winning photos.

Entries accepted until April 30, 2005. Photos will be used in future advertising and publications by the HCSPCA. Permission to use photos in this manner is implied upon entry

Good luck and many thanks in advance for entering.

Send entries to:
 Pet Photo Contest c/o HCSPCA
 P.O. Box 1462
 Fredericksburg, TX 78624



Name: _____ Name of Pet: _____
 Phone: _____ Entry fee: \$ _____

Please put your name, phone number and pets name on the back of each photo.
PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED SO DON'T SEND US YOUR ONLY COPY!!!

Katilina and Hubble Go To School



A well-behaved, obedience-trained dog is a pleasure to own because he can go virtually anywhere without being a risk or nuisance to others. A dog that exhibits appropriate behavior in a crowd, good manners around visitors, is reliable around children and who doesn't threaten other dogs or passers-by is a joy to have in one's daily life. Dog obedience training truly benefits everyone - you can relax and concentrate on having a happy and enjoyable time with your canine best friend instead of feeling stressed, annoyed and frustrated by your companion animal. Now that Katilina and Hubble have been to school, they are ready to be adopted by beloved families of their very own.

Thanks to Chris Harris for providing training for Katilina and Hubble - their canine manners are greatly improved! And mountains of thanks also go to Yvonne Gerhardt, professional dog trainer and behaviorist, who offers "FREE" basic obedience classes for all dogs adopted from the Hill Country Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals!

Recently two of our longtime residents Katilina (1 year resident) and Hubble (8 month resident) spent some time away from the shelter with Melinda Padgett, President of the HCSPCA Board of Directors and Chris Harris, one of our local HCSPCA-friendly professional dog trainers/animal behaviorists. Both Katilina and Hubble are very energetic and outgoing, and they needed to brush up on their canine manners.

Katilina is a Lab/Border Collie mix. Like most young Lab mixes, she was full of mischief. She greeted people by leaping on them to display her affection, and she was fond of pulling on the leash when she was taken for her walks. Katilina's intention of displaying her affection for people by leaping on them was annoying, and her habit of pulling mightily on the leash during her walks was frustrating to her walkers. Chris pro-

vided personalized training that proved beneficial to Katilina.

Training helps to establish communication between people and their dogs. When a dog's behavior is frustrating, someone must teach the dog what is acceptable behavior and what is not. A dog that hasn't been given any instructions, training or boundaries can't possibly know what you expect of him. Training helps to develop a relationship with a dog that is filled with understanding, love and respect.

Hubble is a Red Heeler mix - he has a desire to be everyone's best friend. Hubble's eyes light up when people approach him. He has an outstandingly gentle temperament and he is highly compatible with other dogs. With only six lessons under his belt he already has the ability to follow basic commands: "sit", "stay" and "come". Good Dog, Hubble!!!

Don't Forget We Have
ID Tags for only \$7.00



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PADDY'S STORY



This is Paddy. She is a Chihuahua mix, she is a tiny 12 pounds. She was hurled out of the window of a speeding truck onto an asphalt street. Caring local residents saw the incident and picked up a bleeding, badly injured "Paddy" and took her to a veterinarian for treatment. Five weeks later, she was healing from her physical injuries; however, the people who rescued her felt they would not be able to care for Paddy's emotional wounds and requested help from the Hill Country SPCA.

The Hill Country SPCA is a private, non-profit, "no-kill" shelter that gen-

erally accepts only healthy and very emotionally stable animals. This policy facilitates the shelter's goal of continually placing as many surrendered or homeless animals into good homes as soon as possible. Paddy definitely was not emotionally stable, but an exception to the policy of accepting only "well-adjusted" dogs was made because she had SURVIVED such extreme abuse.

Paddy's behavior quickly revealed to shelter workers that she had been the victim of cruelty for quite some time. When she first arrived at the shelter she shook violently when anyone approached her and crouched in the corner of her kennel. Her fear was so great that she sometimes lost control of her bowels from sheer terror of an approaching person. She has been under the guardianship of the Hill Country SPCA for months now and she is slowly becoming less fearful. Amazingly, Paddy has maintained a sweet nature and shows no aggressive tendencies. It is wonderful to watch Paddy joyfully playing with the other dogs at the shelter.

Everyone at the HCSPCA is so grateful Paddy found her way out of a horrible, abusive situation and into

sheltered care. She now receives special attention from volunteers and staff. She is learning that "human touch" does not have to hurt.

Would you like to help us take care of Paddy or help us with the expenses connected with Paddy's extended stay at the Hill Country SPCA? Any amount of your time or any donation is greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, just write "For Paddy" on your check and it will be directed toward her care and toward the care of other "extended stay" animals. If you would like to adopt Paddy into your home please call 830-990-9085.

If you would like to stay informed as to how you can help support legislation that promotes the humane treatment of animals contact: The Texas Humane Legislation Network at 1-888-548-6263 or P.O. Box 685283, Austin, Texas 78768-5283, or visit their web-site at www.thln.com Paddy thanks you for caring about the plight of abused animals.

**"Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace."
—Dr. Albert Schweitzer**

DID YOU KNOW?

Each day 10,000 humans are born in the U.S. – and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, millions of healthy, loving cats, dogs, kittens and puppies face early deaths as a form of animal control. Others are left to fend for themselves against automobiles, the elements, animals and cruel humans. What can you do to stop the suffering? Spay and neuter your pets! Tell a friend or neighbor, about spay/neuter. And remember please: "Don't Breed, Don't Buy –ADOPT!"

HILL COUNTRY SPCA PROVIDED 540 FREE STERILIZATIONS IN 2004!!!

How are things going at the shelter you ask?

Still in need of a home

Hubble and Beavis are two of our extended stay animals.
Can you give them a home?



Hubble

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Beavis

Adoption Statistics from Last quarter 2004

Animals coming into the shelter
53

Animals adopted from the shelter
46

Animals returned to their owners
11

730
Animals where spay/neutered by HCSPCA in 2004

Success of last years Spay/Neuter Clinic



Never before has the Fredericksburg community utilized the Hill Country SPCA's free spay/neuter clinics in such great numbers. We are happy to announce that the HCSPCA provided 540 free spay/neuter services in 2004 to the pets of local residences. The money to pay for these spay/neuters was donated by two local donors and a grant from a private foundation. Thanks to these donors the HCSPCA was able to help throughout the year. If only two of these animals had been allowed to breed uncontrolled for 5 years their offspring would add up to 12,680 animals --- that is more animals than the entire hu-

man population of Fredericksburg. Spay/neuter is the only way to help decrease the number of animals who end up in the shelter system. If you or someone you know is in need, please have them contact the shelter. Remember even one less litter makes a difference. If you would like to donate to our spay/neuter fund or you would like to have your animal sterilized, please contact the shelter at 830-997-9085. Also, please show your support for those local veterinarians who help the HCSPCA: **Compassionate Care Veterinary Hospital, Friendship Veterinary Center, Fredericksburg Veterinary Hospital, and Hill Country Veterinary Clinic.**

PLEASE DON'T BREED, DON'T BUY, PLEASE ADOPT!!!!

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



PET TALES: TO KEEP YA WAGGIN

Dear Hill Country SPCA,

My name is Tia and a little more than a year ago my mother adopted a dog for me. To be exact, she adopted a 7 year old female cocker spaniel named Brandy (now Graci Lu). I just wanted to thank ya'll for providing me with the best pet I've ever had! We discovered Gracie came to us with epilepsy, but is now under control with medicine.

I love her so much and she's now my spoiled little princess who sleeps in my bed every night!

Thank you and may
God bless you!
Tia



Sugar's adventures

My trusty dog companion Sugar, is a red chihuahua mix. She was about a year old when we adopted her, and she is almost seven years old now. She is forever looking for a new adventure, often bicycling with my husband, and taking long walks with me. She was born to have fun.

Janise Van Jassel

Please Send Us Your Happy Stories with a Cute Picture

A Poem For Tippie

I explained to St. Peter
I'd rather stay here
Outside the pearly gate
I won't be a nuisance
I won't even bark
I'll be very patient and wait.
I'll be here, chewing on
a celestial bone
No matter how long you
may be
I'd miss you so much,
if I went in alone
It wouldn't be Heaven for
me.
Author Unknown

In Loving Memory of Tippie
George and Inga Bell

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you

Tootsie's story:

Hi Everybody! My name is Tootsie. I am a Boston Terrier and I am almost two years old. I have a nice Mom and a best friend named Benson, and two cat friends who live with me. It sure is fun to chase the cats. I wasn't always this happy. When I was a baby, I lived with a mean man who made me sleep out in the cold, with no dog house. He never played with me or hugged and kissed me like my new mom does. Actually, he yelled at me alot and sometimes hit me. One day a very nice lady rescued, me and took me to the Hill Country SPCA. I was very scared, but everybody was so nice to me! I got a bath and lots of food, I even got toys! One day, my shelter mom Kristie, told me I was going on a trip to San Antonio. I was a little scared in the car, but it was kinda fun! When we got to San Antonio, we went straight to my new home. That's where I met my new mom and all my new friends. I have a big backyard to run in, and my VERY OWN toy box full of toys! At night I sleep with my mom and Benson, and my



mom doesn't even mind that I steal all the covers! The best part of all is that my shelter mom Kristie, and my new mom are best friends! Now she is my Aunt Kristie and I get to see her and my cousin Kalea all the time! It makes me a little sad that I had to leave all my shelter friends behind, but I know that Aunt Kristie will find them all good homes like mine. Thank You Everyone!!!

-Tootsie



Thank You!!!

Special "Thank-Yous", Hugs and Kudos go to **Janis Berry** for her exceptional financial record keeping on behalf of the Hill Country Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals!!!! Janis, we appreciate you!!!

Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers

Its Garage Sale Time Again



Colossal Garage Sale Time Again



When:

Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th

Where:

Garage Sale will be held at Kellie Allen's again: 59 Segner Rd. take Hwy 16 N to Lower Crabapple go 2.6 miles take a right onto Segner Rd.

How:

Kellie is collecting sale items, and can be reached at 830-990-0051 (please leave a message and she will get back to you)

For those of you who would like to volunteer please contact the shelter at 830-990-9085 or you can give Kellie a call at 830-990-0051

What:

Don't miss out on the "pick of the litter", we will have some great bargains that range from antiques to junktiques. You never know what you may find.

Why:

All proceeds benefit the homeless animals of the Hill Country.

Hill Country SPCA 4th Quarter 2004 Expenses	
Advertising/PR Exp	502.76
Computer Exp	52.44
Bank Charges	150.85
Insurance	510.00
Telephone Exp	421.51
Dues and Subscriptions	59.00
Janitorial/Cleaning Sup.	140.00
Office Supplies	393.07
Repairs and Maint.	196.30
Contract Labor	500.50
Payroll Expenses	13758.59
Payroll Taxes	1052.53
Professional Fees	600.00
Rent	3600.00
Spay/Neuter	1655.00
Animal Related Exp	1103.57
Veterinary	1318.18
Total Q4 Expenses	26,014.30

HCSPCA Hours of Operation
Mon.-Fri. 9AM—12 Noon and 1 PM—3PM.
Sat. 9AM—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@ktp.com Web: www.hillcountryspca.com
See animals ready for adoption on our website

Donations Made In Loving Memory



**They are gone from our sight... but never our memory.
Gone from our hearing... but never our hearts.
Gone from our touch... but their presence is felt,
and the love that they gave us never departs.**



In memory of
Adam
Bo and Melinda
Padgett

In memory of
Dixie
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne
Cotton

In memory of
Clinton Burrer
Mrs. Chester
McDougall

In memory of
Connie Cameron's
Father
Cheryll Carter

In memory of
Delores Crow
Laura Bowman
Mr. & Mrs. William
Leach
Daniel & Lucy Pehl
Debra & David
Campbell
Robert & Diana
Hrabovsky
Nancy Maygaren

In memory of
Stoli
Joan P. Harris

In memory of
Molly
Jean S. Meador

In memory of
Agnes Kuehler
Mac McDonald

In memory of
Ben
Dian Graves Stai

In memory of
Claud Dungan
Patty Jordan

In memory of
Donald A. Cameron
Ann Baker

In memory of
Taco
Ronnie & Patricia
McCready

In memory of
Shadow the Cat
Carinthia Ramirez

In memory of
Dr. Craig Bade
Cheryll Carter

In memory of
Eugene Pendleberry
Cleo Benson

In memory of
Montie Goad
Barbara Calfee

In memory of
Jack Hughes
Mary Ann Petty

In memory of
Memphis
Sam Lanham

In memory of
Jasmin
Robin Welborn
Sesco

In memory of
Thelma Cree
Cheryll Carter

In memory of
Emma Petri
Mac McDonald

In memory of
Jomo the Cat
Bob Gates

In memory of
Her Mother
Jane Atwell

In memory of
Orval Grosenbacher
Linda Lucksinger

In memory of
Patsy and Dotty
Cynthia Brooks

In memory of
Ray Jones
Mac McDonald
Paul Wallendorf

In memory of
Rosy
Bill & Sandra
Gilliland

In memory of
Ruth Sterkel
John Craven
Susie Craen Stowlow

In memory of
Victor Neuhaus
Carter
Cheryll Carter

In memory of
Harry
(Ann Brey's Cat)
Cheryll Carter

In memory of
Calalily & Grunt
Kristie & Kalea
Jacoby

In memory of
Mrs. Andrew Ida
Miller
Dorothy & Allen
Mauldin
Mac McDonald
William E. Shelton

Honorariums

In honor of
Mr. & Mrs. John Pipkin
Buddy Shurtleff

In honor of
Carol Goad
Barbara Calfee

In honor of
Gail Dabler
Doug & Jolene Gagnon

In honor of
Dr. Pat O'Neil &
Pedernales Vet Center
Barry & Joanne
Cheshier

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SLACK



BEAVIS



LEGO



KATILINA

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___ \$15 ___ \$20 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ other \$ ___

Name: _____

Address: _____



**Please Mail to: HCSPCA P.O. Box 1462 Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Thank You !!**