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A DREAM COME TRUE!



The New Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA Facility Opens

September 29, 2005 was a momentous day for the Hill Country SPCA. On that day, the staff and animals moved from the rental facility behind the Hill Country Veterinary Clinic into the new Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA, located at 2981 State Highway 16 South.

The exterior of the new 6000 square foot shelter was designed to fit in with the traditional look of our Fredericksburg community. Its proportions and standing seam metal roof are reminiscent of typical Hill Country buildings from a century ago. And, like many of those old buildings, its heart is a stone structure complete with divided light windows and an inviting front porch. The "stucco" wings that flank the stone core bring to mind the way these old buildings grew and expanded over time as more space was needed.

While the shelter's exterior evokes tradition and history, its interior is a light and airy state of the art animal shelter facility that is anything but traditional and historical. Built around a central courtyard, the shelter provides quality space for its residents and those who care for them. Its many windows provide natural light not only in the staff areas but also in the dog and cat areas. The staff areas were all designed with dual purposes in mind. The employee lounge doubles as a meet'n'greet area where a potential adoptive family can get to know a shelter animal, the office doubles as a meeting or training room, and the central courtyard - the Truchard Memory Garden - provides space for memorial and honorarium pavers as well another enclosed play or meet'n'greet area for the dogs. High ceilings in the reception and kennel areas serve to reduce sound levels and provide better air circulation, and housing cats and dogs in physically and acoustically separate wings on either side of the central reception area reduces each species' tension levels.

In the dog wing, space is provided for twelve small dogs that is completely separate from that provided for the seven large dogs. No longer are the small dogs subjected to the big dogs' intimidating bass woofs and growls! All of the dogs have the benefit of climate controlled indoor runs which connect with outdoor runs where, weather permitting, they can enjoy fresh air and sunshine. The separate quarantine



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kennel has six runs where new arrivals spend 10 days to ensure they are healthy before they are moved into the regular kennel space. The dog wing also has dedicated laundry and food prep rooms as well as a grooming room complete with raised tub. Two fenced outdoor exercise areas provide space for the dogs to romp and run and play, while Boos Lane provides a peaceful venue for walks and doggie outings.

In the cat wing, three secure indoor/outdoor rooms can house a total of 25-30 cats. In each room is a "Kitty Skyscraper," an adjustable multi-level structure which allows the room's resident cats to jump and climb and live in three dimensions. The Kitty Skyscrapers are easy to clean and move around. They can be put in front of an exterior window so the cats can survey their domain or by an interior window so they can watch the cats in the adjacent room. Outdoors is a post for scratching and climbing. The cat wing also has its own isolation room with 16 quarantine cages for new arrivals as well as its own laundry and food prep rooms.

The new shelter marks the culmination of several long years of fund raising, planning, design, and construction and sets a new standard for animal care. Already, delegations from the Universal City community have made several trips to the Trudy Brune building to learn and gather ideas and recommendations. As one council member said, "We had to see the new HCSPCA shelter in Fredericksburg before we make any decisions for our new shelter." With its many innovations and its ability to meet the needs of its residents, the new shelter embodies the core values of the Hill Country SPCA organization - the love of companion animals and the belief that every single animal has value.

Patty Finds a New Life

In our last newsletter, we told the story of "Paddy", a little female Chihuahua mix who was seen by local residents being hurled out of a window of a speeding truck. Paddy was badly injured from this horrible incident of cruelty. After Paddy's physical injuries healed, her behavior quickly made it apparent that she had been the victim of abuse for a long time. She had a deep and tremendous fear of people. For nearly two years HCSPCA gave her very special care and attention, and she made some progress, but she still had many fear based emotional problems that literally made her shake much of the time. Paddy learned to enjoy being outside and she loved to play with the other dogs, but whenever an unfamiliar person approach her, she shook with fear.

The good news is that Paddy, now name Patty, found a very special loving home in October 2005 with Hunter and Pauline Scott. Hunter Scott tells us that even though her journey continues to be difficult she is making progress in overcoming the terrors that overwhelm her. However, she still has a long way to go. Hunter states: "I did not expect our journey to Patty becoming a happy dog to be an easy one, but I kind of expected it to be more or less along a straight path. How wrong I was!"



We have taken Patty to an animal behaviorist, Lee Mannix in Austin, and he has given us some great advice regarding how to handle her and how to help her overcome her fears.

We are very hopeful that one day she will be able to trust that we will never harm her.

We extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who donated to Patty's "special care fund" while she was at the Hill Country SPCA.

Love Will Conquer All!!!

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends of the Animals,

It is with great joy that I am able to report to you that the new Trudy Brune Building for the Hill Country SPCA is complete and our beloved animals are now comfortably settled in their amazing new shelter home. There are many, many people to thank for this astounding accomplishment. First, I would like to thank Trudy and Ed Brune whose incredible generosity enabled us to purchase the property they selected and build our beautiful new shelter. It is with pleasure and gratitude that the new building is named in honor of Trudy Brune.

Heartfelt thanks go to Carinthia Ramirez who was the first person to contribute to our building fund, and I honor the extraordinary contributions of Lee and Jim Truchard, Deborah Carson, Dian Stai, the Dian Graves Owen Foundation, Carol Ann Shepherd and the late Steve Shepherd for their significant building fund support. I also give heartfelt thanks to all our contributors for each and every penny donated and to those contributors who request that they remain anonymous.

I extend mountains of gratitude to everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of the Hill Country SPCA. Please know that we treasure every donation, every act of kindness toward the animals and every volunteer who donates precious time to the many projects that benefit our animals. Special appreciation goes to the many, many people who have been involved with the shelter from our humble beginnings in 1997, and I honor their long term commitment to helping our companion animal friends who cannot help themselves.

I give credit and special acknowledgement to Bo Padgett, who serves as a member of the Board of Directors, for his donation of hundreds of hours of pro-bono research and work in procuring the property.

I am grateful for the contributions of each member of our Board of Directors which includes: Kellie Allen, Vice President; Donna Roche, Secretary; Karen Weinheimer, Treasurer; Trudy Brune, Director; John Klein, Director; Bo Padgett, Director; Chris Ward, Director and former board members, Bobbye Harris and Byron Donzis.

I also acknowledge our compassionate, dedicated and hard working shelter staff: Kristie Jacoby, Shelter Manager, and staff members: Adam Haun, Misty Bailey, Melissa McDonald, and Amanda Oehler. Special recognition belongs to Janis Berry, our extraordinary volunteer accountant. And, of course, our building would not exist without the talents and generosity of our architect, John Klein, and our general contractor/builder, Daniel Jenschke. I am grateful to John Webber, for his generosity and the development of our beautiful landscape.

And last, but certainly not least, I extend a special thank you to my family for their unwavering support of my efforts to help the animals and for their significant monetary contributions to the Hill Country SPCA.

Dreams and miracles do come true! The building of this shelter was the dream of countless animal lovers who live in our community and many supporters from across the United States. Our dream of a state of the art shelter facility has become a reality thanks to all our supporters, volunteers, and our very special angels, Ed and Trudy Brune! *Thank You to everyone* for caring about the plight of homeless animals and for supporting the work of the Hill Country SPCA.

Very Best Regards to All,
Melinda Padgett, President
Hill Country SPCA





December 2005

Dear Santa,

I have been VERY, VERY good this year. I have found loving adoptive homes for 141 dogs and 82 cats since January 1, 2005. I am now providing shelter and care for 26 dogs and 20 cats. Could you PLEASE send me lots, and lots of wonderful people to adopt my beautiful furry friends?

Until homes are found, could you help me care for these animals? Could you bring me Kitty Litter, Kitty Litter, Kitty Litter (I really need Kitty Litter), Paper Towels, Bleach and Laundry Detergent ("he" type detergent only please)? I really need these things to help care for my sometimes messy puppies and kitties.

I could also use: White and Colored Copier Paper, new or used Rugs, Blankets, Towels, Postage Stamps and, of course, we really need a Grant Writer \$\$\$ and lots of Volunteers.

Please, Santa, can you help me?

Thank you so much!
Your Hill Country SPCA



P.S. All the animals said to send you their love!

How are things going at the shelter you ask?

Still in need of a home

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



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Ying

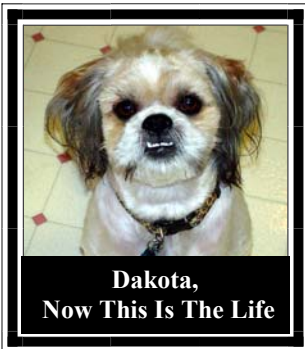
Adoption Statistics from 2005 to date

Dogs adopted from the shelter
141

Cats adopted from the shelter
82

686
Animals spay and neutered by
HCSPCA

PET TALES: TO KEEP YA WAGGIN



Dakota,
Now This Is The Life



Sassy &
Buddy



Layla With Her New
Dad

Please Send Us Your Happy
Stories
with a Cute Picture



Booker Living Large



Doc and Friends Hanging Out

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

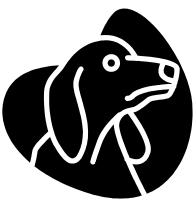
"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich."—Louis Sabin

Funding the Hill Country SPCA



We are blessed to have a wonderful new debt free shelter property and facility, but we do need regular income to keep the operation functioning. Now that we have moved into our great new 6,000 square foot facility our operating expenses, of course, have increased significantly. Fortunately our adoption rate has also increased dramatically.

You may wonder where the money to operate our “no-kill” shelter comes from? First of all, the money does not come from your tax dollars. The money does come from several sources; including grants from foundations, private donations and corporate donations. Most grants however are “project specific” and cannot be used for general operating expenses. Some of the corporate and private donations are also “project specific” and are designated for uses such as the spay/neuter program.



Additionally, we receive funds from adoption fees, donation canisters located in over 60 local businesses, and currently, the sale of engraved brick pavers memorializing or honoring special friends, family members or companion animals, (please see page 3 for more information regarding purchasing our beautiful pavers). We receive funds from cars and boats being donated in our name to Chariots for Charity. We receive donations from our supportive community, as well as from various types of fundraisers: like garages sales, quilt raffles, and silent auctions, and we even held a variety show in June of 2005.

These funds are used to provide veterinary services, food, and shelter, for the animals. And of course funds are used to pay utilities, employee payroll, insurance, and maintenance.

We need your donation of love, time, skills, and money to continue the ceaseless work of caring for the homeless animals in our community while we find them new loving homes.



The Hill Country SPCA is a 501 (C) (3) organization, so your “in-kind” and cash donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS. Your donation of time can help the animals and help our budget by allowing paid staff members to pursue other duties.

Every donation, no matter the kind or size, will help us save more animal lives. Once an animal enters our shelter, they are safe, we keep them and give them lots of tender loving care until we can find them a home of their very own. Please consider all the ways you can make a loving contribution: a regular cash gift, in-kind donations and/or the gift of your time as a volunteer. If only 150 people donated \$1,000.00 per year, we would have the majority of our annual operational budget covered for the new year! Please give whatever you can, we are grateful for every penny and tremendously thankful for however you choose to help us!

We wish you a joy filled and peaceful holiday season!



Volunteering at the New Hill Country SPCA

There are many more volunteer opportunities and needs now that we are in our wonderful new facility. With twice the number of animals to care for, we have twice the need for volunteers to help us with grooming and bathing, dog obedience and behavior sessions, transportation of animals and providing much needed regular human contact and TLC. Volunteers are needed to work at the front desk, answer the telephone and direct calls, maintain the telephone log and greet the public. Clerical support is also needed to file and manage correspondence, maintain records and perform additional administrative tasks. Volunteer public relations help is needed to prepare newspaper ads and press releases, to develop the newsletter and to perform radio spots. We will also need help with gardening and yard maintenance. The Hill Country SPCA holds several fundraisers each year and



Daisy

we always need new fundraising ideas and volunteers to help with the events. You can volunteer as much or as little as you like – every hour is a benefit to the animals and staff of the HCSPCA.

To volunteer, contact Kellie Allen at 830-990-0051, Kristie Jacoby at 830-990-9085 or email us at hcspca@ktc.com. Whatever your special skills, we can use your help now!

Hill Country SPCA 2005 Year To Date Expenses	
Advertising/PR Exp	878.70
Computer Exp	599.33
Bank/Credit Card Charges	531.78
Insurance	3,717.00
Telephone Exp	1,411.22
Dues and Subscriptions	190.00
Janitorial/Cleaning Sup.	1,027.03
Office Supplies	1,135.86
Repairs and Maint.	214.92
Contract Labor	227.50
Payroll Expenses	57,646.71
Payroll Taxes	4,409.98
Professional Fees	365.00
Rent	10,883.27
Spay/Neuter	13,476.10
Animal Related Exp	9,063.62
Veterinary	7,484.14
2005 to date Expenses	113,262.16

HCSPCA Hours of Operation

Mon.-Fri. 10AM—6PM.
Sat. 10AM—4PM.
Sun. Closed

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

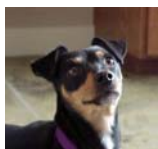
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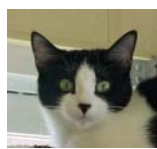
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See animals ready for adoption on our website

Honorariums



In honor of
Memorial-to Kelly Musselman's Youth
Greg & Mary Ellen Alexander



In honor of
Miss Punkin's Birthday
Barry & Joanne Cheshier

In honor of
Sherry's Sister's Birthday
Bobby & Sherry Zahn





**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.**

Donations Made In Loving Memory

In memory of
Carlton Gammons

Bo & Melinda
Padgett

In memory of
Hazy

Tom & Lane
Hutchins

In memory of
Rosy

Gina Moss RMT

In memory of
Max

Barbara & James
McCready

In memory of
Dorothy & Francis
Stehling

Douglas & Carolyn
Seelig

In memory of
Orval Grosenbacher

Linda Lucksinger

In memory of
Karen Haebig

John Haebig

In memory of
Zoe

Carol Feuge

In memory of
Charlie Beckham

T.M. & Joy Edwards

In memory of
Vernell Maenius

Imogene Watts

In memory of
Lester Fulcher

Ida Jo Light

In memory of
Stoli

Bo & Melinda
Padgett

In memory of
Caesar

Bo & Melinda
Padgett

In memory of
Highway

Bo & Melinda
Padgett

In memory of
Roscoe

James & Barbara
Grote

In memory of
Mr. Edgar Meyer's
Pet

Bill & Beverly
Harrell

In memory of
Nakita Sasha
Fernandez

Joseph & Barbara
Lorimier III

In memory of
Beverly Williams

Stanley Victor Jr.

In memory of
Cheryl Watson
Edwardyne Bell



In memory of
Steve Shepherd

Jack & Diana Gotcher
Carinthia Ramirez

Kelly & Tom
Musselman

Dickey Marsha
Bill & Leigh Waller
Preston Moore

Kay & Howard
Dunbar

Ray & Betty
Tschirhart

Richard & Barbara
Kane

Jeannie Jackson
Leonard & Sylvia
Claus

Janiece Byrd
Bill & Cheryl Carter
Rothermel

Kay & Allen Daigle

In memory of
Roger Goecks

Donald Nunn
Conrad Farnhof
Robert & Jean Hooper
Fbg. EMS 1st
Responders

In memory of
Dale Holly

Joe & Doris Barrientes
Pam Jenkins
Cindy Maple
Denis & Stan Easley

In memory of
Delores Crow

Robert & Diana
Hrabovsky
Mr. & Mrs. William
Leach
Kevin & Gaye Lynn
Huddleston

In memory of
Sara Higgins

Joe & Mary Sam York
Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Abbott

In memory of
Jean Wieser

Yvonne Fox
Julia Fischer

In memory of
Rascal (Mr. & Mrs
Heinerns Pet)

Bill & Beverly Harrell

In memory of
Lil White Poodle Dog

Bill & Cheryl Carter
Rothermel

In memory of
Connie Cameron's
Mother, Carol

Bill & Cheryl Carter
Rothermel

In memory of
Janie O'Neal

Ida Jo Light
Emma Jean & Ernest
Betts
Marybel Slagle

In memory of
Edgar Keese

Jan & Roy Beckmann

In memory of
David Eugene Reynolds
Walton & Betty Grinke



In memory of
Teresa Beard

Jack & Diana
Gotcher

In memory of
Donna Stumpmeyer

Vernon Wentz
Patricia Irwin

In memory of
Ray Jones

Mac McDonald
Paul Wallendorf

In memory of
Pat Annis

Frances Gibson
Melanie Annis

In memory of
Rosemary Kaderli

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry
Hohenberger
Betty Lytle

In memory of
Evelyne Harrison

Cleo Benson

In memory of
Gina

Marilyn Mathison

In memory of
Betty Barrett

Cleo Benson

In memory of
Julia Grona

Dorothy Klutz

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Francis J. LeBlanc

Mary Kuchenbauer

In memory of
Ben

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I found a home but my friends still need one!!!



ADISON



MARGAUX



ASTRAEA



MIRABELLA



JACK

YES! I am happy to help unwanted and homeless animals on their way to a happier life. Please accept my tax deductible donation to the HCSPCA in the amount of

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

Name: _____

Address: _____



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