



# PAWPRINTS

The Newsletter of the Hill Country SPCA



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Hill Country SPCA Annual Meeting  
Monday, April 10th  
6:00 PM  
CTEC Building  
Meeting Room  
386 Friendship Lane  
Fredericksburg

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"Instead of being neutered, why can't I take a vow of celibacy?"

Toiko

[www.hillcountryspca.com](http://www.hillcountryspca.com)

## Animal Lovers Out In Numbers For Our Grand Opening Celebration

On Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the Grand Opening of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA Facility.

Many, many volunteer and staff hours went into preparing the shelter and grounds for the festivities. There were pictures and mirrors to be hung, light fixtures to be installed, furniture to be purchased and placed, and windows to be washed, to say nothing of the grass that had to be mowed and edged. The HCSPCA staff arrived early the morning of the grand opening so that they could care for the animals and

then give the shelter a final cleaning. Decorations and set up for open house were done by Party Affairs, and HCSPCA volunteers provided more than 80 dozen cookies. The entire shelter sparkled.

Nearly 350 supporters from the community joined us for the ribbon cutting ceremony and the open house that followed. The sun was shining as the ceremonial ribbon was cut, and the Trudy Brune Facility was officially open." It was truly a day to remember.

## Come Join The Fun! 2981 Highway 16 South

*Wear Green!  
Drink Green!  
Bring Your Green!*



## Paddy's Party

Benefiting the HCSPCA

Friday March 17th  
6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Silent Auction  
Irish Music  
Green Beer  
Wine & Cheese  
Munchies and More

*\$15.00  
Donation  
At The Door*



**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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Fredericksburg, TX

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**Adoption Process At The Hill Country SPCA**

The adoption process at the Hill Country SPCA is best described as a match making process, trying to find the best pet for the potential adopters and the best home for the animal being considered.

**Part 1: The Pet**

The adoption process starts for the pet when a person, wanting to give up a dog or cat for adoption, calls the shelter. The first thing that happens is that an appointment is made for an adoption evaluation.

The purposes of the evaluation are to ensure that the pet is adoptable, to determine what type of home would be best for it, and to estimate how easy or hard it will be to find an adoptive home. Evaluations are performed by Kristie Jacoby, shelter manager, or some other qualified individual.

The evaluator assesses the temperament and personality of the dog or cat and judges its overall health. The evaluator also talks to the current owner about the pet's age, health history, behavior characteristics, and why it is being given up for adoption.

The usual result of an adoptability evaluation is the addition of the dog or cat to the shelter's waiting list. Occasionally, an animal is deemed unadoptable - for example, a dog that is vicious or not approachable by strangers - and will not be placed on the waiting list.

The length of time an animal spends on the waiting list depends on its age, sex, color, and temperament, as well as on the mix of other dogs or cats currently at the shelter awaiting adoption. Because they never know what type of pet the next potential adopter will be looking for, the Hill Country SPCA staff tries to have a variety of animals available at all times. Similar animals remain on the waiting list until a home is found for the one already in the shelter.

When a dog or cat is selected from the waiting list and brought into the shelter, it spends its first ten days in quarantine. Quarantine not only prevents the introduction of infectious conditions into the shelter but also provides the staff with the opportunity to closely observe and get to know the animal. Once the quarantine period is over, the animal is moved into regular shelter quarters and is available for adoption.

**Part 2. The Adoptive Family**

When an individual or a family that is interested in adopting a pet comes to the shelter, the matchmaking process begins. The shelter staff will first help them clarify what type of pet they are seeking.

The staff member then shows the individual or family around the shelter and points out various dogs or cats that seem to meet their situation, letting them react to the animals and ask questions about them.

The staff member will describe the animals' backgrounds and personalities. Because dogs come to the shelter with more "baggage" than cats - typically lack of attention or abuse - each dog's issues and weaknesses will also be discussed to make sure the potential adopters can cope with them.

If the potential adopters find an animal they are genuinely interested in, they will fill out an adoption application and have a chance to get better acquainted with the animal, in the staff lounge, for example, or in the Truchard Memory Garden. Staff members will observe the interactions to try to determine if this family would provide the right home for this animal and if this animal is right for this family. The overall objective is to find homes for the shelter animals, but not at the expense of human or pet happiness

When everything "clicks," the result is a happy family, going home with a new pet that is purring or wagging its tail. Of course, sometimes the match doesn't work out, and a pet is returned. But usually, the adoptive families are able to help their new pets overcome past hardships and adjust to new, loving homes.



**Robert**

# Letter From The President

February 2006

Dear Melinda and Bo,

*On behalf of the community and the companion animals of Gillespie County, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and supporters of the Hill Country SPCA would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your years of devotion to and indefatigable support of the principle that every single animal has value.*

*From those long ago days when the steering committee was formed to establish our organization to the recent dedication of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA Facility, you two have been a force in the animal welfare community. Melinda, your ability to conceive and organize many, many successful fund raising events - the most recent being last year's Variety Show - netted untold thousands of dollars for the Hill Country SPCA and the animals in its care. Your vision for the new shelter facility and your willingness to invest your time and energy in research and discovery and design resulted in a world class facility. But that vision would not have become the reality it is today, Bo, without your real estate expertise and the hundreds of hours you volunteered in acquiring the property, obtaining the necessary permits, and coordinating the many activities necessary to actually construct the building. Your joint efforts and abilities truly were key to the successful completion of this massive project.*

*Your years of love and devotion to animals and the Hill Country SPCA are an inspiration to us all, and your contributions will be sorely missed. But you can rest assured that everyone involved will follow your dream and continue to put the animals first.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kellie Allen, President  
Hill Country SPCA*

## Hill Country SPCA Year To Date Expenses

Advertising/PR Exp	68.00
Computer Exp	125.00
Bank/Credit Card Charges	83.00
Insurance	1,125.00
Telephone Exp	449.00
Dues and Subscriptions	159.00
Janitorial/Cleaning Sup.	574.00
Office Supplies	315.00
Repairs and Maint.	415.00
Utilities	958.00
Contract Labor	125.00
Payroll Expenses	12,592.00
Payroll Taxes	2,803.00
Professional Fees	0.00
Spay/Neuter	596.00
Animal Related Exp	1,837.00
Veterinary	1,973.00
<b>Year To Date Expenses</b>	<b>24,197.00</b>

## Year To Date Animal Statistics

Dogs Adopted  
36

Cats Adopted  
16

Free Spay/Neuter Clinic  
150

## Wish List

- ♥ Bleach
- ♥ Kitty Litter
- ♥ Collars and Leashes
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ New or Used Rugs, Towels and Blankets
- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Printer Paper
- ♥ Volunteers!!! (Educational Interest, and Motivated Committee Chairs Needed)

# PET TALES: TO KEEP YA WAGGIN



Its just me Idabit A Dog



Stimpy, happy, healthy and truly loved.



Now this is the life, Briar on his thrown.



Grayson also known as devil cat while in the shelter has found a family to love and they love him, and they say he's an ANGEL.



Now that's a centerfold... Remember me? Katalina



Please Send Us Your Happy Stories with a Cute Picture  
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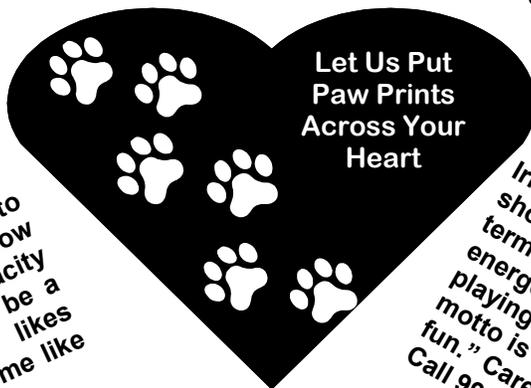


Layla with her friend Mr. Monkey, she has found the family of her dreams

**Hunky Guy Looking For Special Friend**  
Single, red-haired, brown eyed male looking for loving partner. I'm the strong silent type but am really just a teddy bear at heart. The truth is, I don't much like cats. But I like long walks and outside activities, and I'll keep you safe and warm.  
Call 990-9085, ask for Robert

## Fredericksburg's Most Eligible Singles

**Type A Guy Looking for...**  
I'm an energetic, athletic ball player. I love being active and have a hard time sitting still. Anything outdoorsy suites me well. But I feel that something - or rather someone - is missing in my life. Are you that someone?  
Call 990-9085, ask for Tater



Let Us Put Paw Prints Across Your Heart

**Party Girl Looking to Connect**  
I'm a friendly, fun girl who likes to play. A bit of a tease, if you know what I mean, but I have the capacity for true love. My ideal would be a high energy person who likes games but who would treat me like the queen I am.  
Call 990-9085, ask for Koshi

**Country Girl Looking for Soul Mate**  
Irresistible brown eyed female with short dirty blond hair seeks long term relationship. I am athletic and energetic and like long walks and playing ball. All the boys love me. My motto is "Life's too short not to have fun." Care to join me??  
Call 990-9085, ask for Roxie

See all of our Singles at [www.hillcountryspca.com](http://www.hillcountryspca.com)

# Adopting A Purebred Dog or Cat



Otis

Finding the dog or cat of your dreams is not that hard. Many prospective pet owners simply want a dog or a cat, but if your dream is a purebred dog or cat, take heart. It is not necessary to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars to get the pet of your dreams.

Between 20 and 30 percent of dogs in shelters nationwide are purebred. (The number for cats is much lower because it is estimated that only 6% of owned cats in the US are purebred.) According to Kristie Jacoby, Hill Country SPCA shelter manager, 31% of the dogs that came into the shelter this past year were purebred. And, she says, she has placed dozens of purebred dog and cats over the past year.



Cindy

Smokey, a year old female Weimaraner, found a loving home right here in Fredericksburg with a couple who has owned Weimaraners for years. Dexter, an exuberant 14-month old Great Dane, went to live in Austin with a young woman whose husband is serving in the Middle East. Music, a Boxer, was adopted by a local family that had a Boxer buddy waiting at home for her.

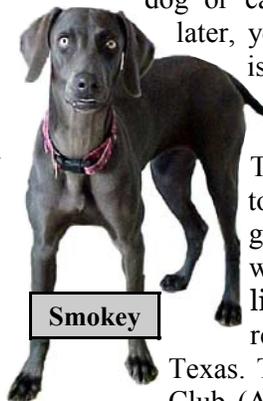


Dexter

Purebred cats also found adoptive homes. Dutchess, a Persian, went to live in Austin. Maine Coon cats, Divine and Wayne, found loving homes in the local

area, as did Auto, a beautiful Russian Blue.

Here at the Hill Country SPCA, if we don't have a purebred dog or cat in the shelter or on the waiting list that you are interested in, we will be happy to put you on our Purebred Wish List. In the meantime, if you want to adopt a purebred dog or cat sooner rather than later, you can research what is available through breed rescue groups.



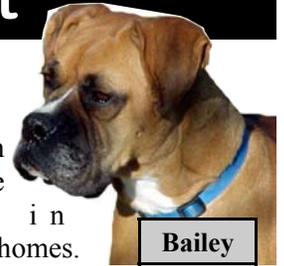
Smokey

There are several ways to find a breed rescue group. On the Internet, [www.Petfinder.com](http://www.Petfinder.com) lists 14 dog breed rescue groups here in Texas. The American Kennel Club (AKC) publishes on its web site, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), a list of national breed club rescue coordinators who can put you in touch with a rescue group in our area. Alternatively, Project BREED (Breed Rescue Efforts and Education) publishes a directory listing hundreds of breed groups and the services they offer. (Contact Project BREED, P.O. Box 15888, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.) The Cat Fanciers of America (CFA) encourages all cat lovers to explore their rescue web site, [www.cfapurebredrescue.org](http://www.cfapurebredrescue.org), to learn about purebred rescue efforts.



Ms Cleo

If you're searching for a purebred dog, locating a rescue group is just the first step. "Rescue groups are not selling dogs," emphasizes Linda Reider, president of the Michigan Purebred Dog Rescue Alliance, "They have a vested



Bailey

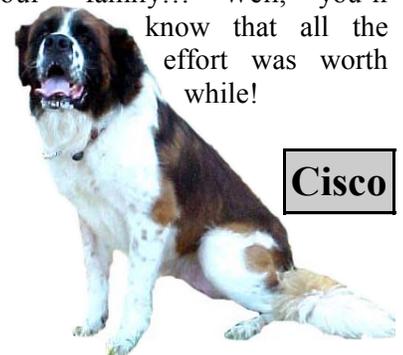
interest in placing the dogs in permanent homes.

Expect a rescue group to ask you questions about your lifestyle and to require that dogs be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Many also require a home visit and/or a fenced area for the dog. Finally, expect to pay a fee - purebred rescue is an expensive proposition. In part, the fee will help reimburse the organization for vaccinations, heartworm testing, teeth cleaning, grooming and other medical care that the dog has received.



Dutchess

Researching various breeds to find those that meet your wants and needs can be a lot of work and take a lot of time. And, if you're not lucky enough to find the purebred dog or cat of your dreams at the shelter, web searches and rescue group interviews can take still more time and effort. But when that perfect new purebred pet joins your family... Well, you'll know that all the effort was worth while!



Cisco





**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.**



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In memory of  
Marilyn Bell's  
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Girls

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Mr. Miles  
Betty Bumgarner

In memory of  
Van  
Donna Schloss

In memory of  
Gizie Marie & Big  
Eddie  
Dina Sunden

In memory of  
Bryan Bailey  
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In memory of  
Lucile Brockman  
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In memory of  
Snowball  
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In memory of  
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Mary Roarick



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Cynthia Burnside's Birthday  
Julie Roseberry

In honor of  
Carol Schweers & John Schluter  
Emily Schluter

In honor of  
Dr. Pat O'Neal and Staff  
Barry and Joanne Cheshier



In honor of  
Charles & Janalu  
Christie Parchman



In honor of  
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I found a home but my friends still need one!!!



**FRENCHIE**



**OSO**



**MARGAUX**



**MARCUS**



**KOSHI**

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Thank You !!**