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This issue of PawPrints is dedicated to Brenda Pruitt, who passed away on Friday, April 7.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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Did you know that the Hill Country SPCA ...

- Receives no funds from the city or county?
- Finds loving homes for more than 200 dogs and cats each year?

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We've Come a Long Way

From the parking lot at Wal-Mart (now Sutherland's) on 290E to the new Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA facility is a physical distance of only a few miles. But the two locations are light years apart in terms of the growth and maturing of the Hill Country SPCA operations. As we look ahead to new opportunities and challenges in providing for unwanted animals in the Fredericksburg area, let's look back on where we've been...

In 1997, Leigh Rogal Waller was finding that family and friends avoided her and that her humane society contacts were not returning her phone calls - she had rescued and found homes for so many abandoned dogs and cats and their litters that people she knew couldn't provide homes for any more. The straw that broke the camel's back, however, came when she confronted a man dumping a litter of kittens near her home. After refusing to let him take the kittens away (presumably to be killed), she

tried to press charges against him under the state law prohibiting animal abandonment and was told that nothing could be done!

Refusing to believe that nothing could be done to protect unwanted animals in Gillespie County, she contacted a number of people who also had been rescuing and finding homes for dogs and cats that had been dumped on country roads. This group began the process of establishing an organization to protect unwanted (See *A Long Way*, page 2)

Aye and Begorrah...

Paddy's Party on March 17 was a great success. Approximately 80 people filled the Trudy Brune HCSPCA facility with laughter and conversation. Four leaf clovers were everywhere, and several HCSPCA "alumni" attended with their owners.

Veggies and munchies were served, along with deli trays, Irish soda bread, wine, and, of course, green beer. The more than 50 items on the silent auction tables kept people circulating.

At the end of the night, more than \$3600 had been raised for operating expenses. Look for a repeat performance next year.

First Annual Dog Trot

Saturday May 20 dawned cool and breezy, a perfect morning for our first annual Dog Trot. More than 100 people and 45 dogs showed up to do the 1K trot or the 5K run.

The top finishers in the 5K event were: Men's - Anibal Sanchez, Zuck Moon, and Jaime Vega; Women's - Brandyn Quay, Shelley Miles, and Jamie Sparks; and Kids - Steven Lamorie, Trevor Mansfield, and Jordan Moody. Daisy Martyn's Chico was the first dog adopted from the shelter to complete the 5K course, and for the 1K course Hanna Grotte and Major.

A wonderful time was had by all!

(See pictures on page 4)

**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

**Hill Country SPCA
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A Long Way (continued)

companion animals, and on October 9, 1997, the Texas Secretary of State granted a charter for The Hill Country Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. On November 6, 1997 approximately 75 people attended a launch meeting at The Brewery. A number of donations were made, including the organization’s first check for \$1000, and the HCSPCA was on its way.

During the early months, Cheri Cudé provided space for an office in the back room of her store on Main St., *The Best of Texas*, and dogs and cats were kept in foster homes around the area. Jerry Davies housed dogs in a horse barn at her ranch, and Kellie Allen kept more dogs at a barn behind her boarding facility. Susan Fritz housed cats in one of her boarding kennels. On Saturday mornings, the animals were transported to Wal-Mart, where an adoption center was set up under the big tree in the parking lot. Many animals met loving new families under this tree, and others, whose families could no longer keep them, were evaluated and taken in by the HCSPCA volunteers.

Looking back on this time, Leigh Rogal Waller and Kellie Allen remember how exhausting it was to collect the animals from the scattered facilities, load them and their carriers, pens and “hound surrounds” into vehicles and onto trailers, get everything out to Wal-Mart, and set up under the tree. Then, at the end of the day, the process was reversed, and the animals and their gear were returned to their foster homes. But the volunteers’ pleasure at placing an animal in a new, loving home made the effort worthwhile, and finding new homes for several animals on the same day made them positively euphoric.

After a while, however, the effort required to operate this way became too much. In July, 1998, Steve Shepherd leased the old boarding building belonging to Laird Laurence for a year for the benefit of the HCSPCA, and the first shelter was established.

Though hard work was still required, having a shelter eased the effort to evaluate, take in,

care for, and find new homes for unwanted animals. The first shelter manager was hired soon after the move into the Laird Laurence facility. The low cost spay/neuter program was established, and more volunteers became involved. The Hill Country SPCA participated in parades and other community events and soon became recognized as a community resource. The HCSPCA took a giant step forward.

From Day One, it was the dream of the HCSPCA organizers and volunteers to build their own shelter facility. Seed money donated by Carinthia Ramirez was used to purchase property on Tivydale Road and to establish a building fund. Fund raising for both operating and building funds proved to be a Herculean task, however, and the building program stagnated.

In 2003, in the first in a series of what Trudy calls “divine appointments,” Ed and Trudy Brune approached the HCSPCA Board of Directors with an offer to underwrite a new shelter facility to be named after Trudy in recognition of her life-long love of animals. Finding and purchasing the property on Highway 16 was another “divine appointment” since it was “the best location in town,” and not even on the market at the time. A third “divine appointment” resulted in John Klein of Stehling Klein Thomas Architects designing the new shelter facility, and a fourth resulted in Daniel Jenschke of Daniel Jenschke Builders agreeing to build the new facility.

Construction on the new building began in 2004, the animals and staff moved into their new space in late September 2005, and the grand opening was held in January 2006 (See articles in the Fall 2005 and Winter 2006 *PawPrints*.) Do we have challenges ahead? You bet! But the Hill Country SPCA truly has come a long way.

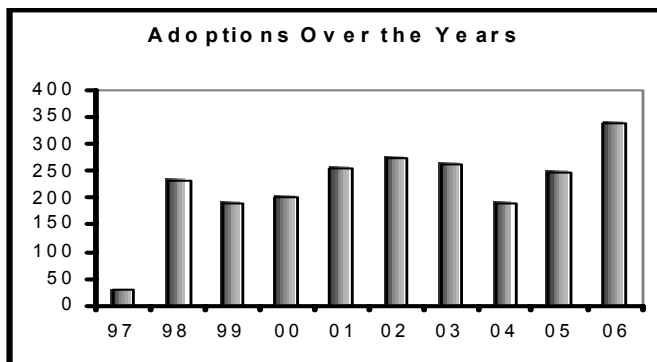
“And they said an SPCA would never make it in this town...”

Signers of the HCSPCA Charter

- Kellie Allen**
 - Cherie Cudé**
 - Linda Crow**
 - Kim Herndon**
 - Helen McDonald**
 - Pat O'Neil**
 - Melinda Padgett**
 - David Ross**
 - Brent Waldoch**
 - Bill Waller**
 - Leigh Rogal Waller**
- Thanks for your vision!*

Adoptions Up

Over the years, the Hill Country SPCA has been able to find adoptive homes for more than 200 companion animals a year. Since the move into the new Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA facility, the adoption rate has increased, and it is estimated that approximately 350 animals will find new homes in 2006.



Adoption Statistics

	Prior Facility		New Facility
Oct'04	11	Oct'05	34
Nov'04	09	Nov'05	19
Dec'04	23	Dec'05	25
Jan'05	21	Jan'06	26
Feb'05	20	Feb'06	37
Mar'05	20	Mar'06	35
Apr'05	18	Apr'06	23

Hill Country SPCA Year To Date Expenses

Advertising/PR Exp	830.00
Computer Exp	673.00
Bank/Credit Card Charges	304.00
Insurance	1,125.00
Telephone Exp	1,138.00
Dues and Subscriptions	159.00
Janitorial/Cleaning Sup.	782.00
Office Supplies	1,565.00
Repairs and Maint.	652.00
Utilities	3,069.00
Contract Labor	125.00
Payroll Expenses	35,498.00
Payroll Taxes	5,137.00
Professional Fees	0.00
Spay/Neuter	4,442.00
Animal Related Exp	5,528.00
Veterinary	4,504.00
Year To Date Expenses	65,531.00

A Charitable Chariot

Long-time residents of Fredericksburg, Olivia and Fred Royer recently donated their '93 Oldsmobile to the *Chariots for Charity* program, designating the HCSPCA as the recipient charity. They purchased the car new and had owned it for more than 13 years, and Olivia admits to having a lump in her throat when she had to let it go.



Olivia and Fred Royer with Shelter Director, Kristie Jacoby

An animal lover all her life, Olivia has rescued several strays over the years, including Midnight the cat, whom she nursed back to health after finding him hurt and bleeding in her back yard many years ago. So it was natural for her, when she and Fred had decided to donate the car to charity, to want the Hill Country SPCA to be the beneficiary.

Olivia says she wanted the money to go to the HCSPCA because "you do such good work and take such good care of the dogs and cats." The proceeds of the Royers' generous gift, more than \$1600, is greatly appreciated and will help us provide for the animals in our care. The Royers have also purchased a paver in memory of their many beloved pets. Donating a vehicle to the *Chariots for*

Charity program is easy. Simply contact or take the vehicle to G.L. Griffin Enterprises, Inc. at 40 Nixon Road. They will repair the vehicle, if needed, and resell it. When the vehicle is sold, they deduct the cost of the repairs, a 10% commission on the sale price, and a document fee and then send the balance to the HCSPCA. They send deduction documentation to the donor for tax purposes, and the HCSPCA sends the donor a receipt for the net amount of the donation. This is a win/win arrangement for everyone involved.

Wish List

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

Dog Trot Highlights



**Hanna & Major
Heading for the finish line!**

Hill Country S.P.C.A.
Dog Trot 5K
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



And They're Off!



Puppy Love



Lily & Jordan Daisy & Chico

Photos by Cathy Collier



No Walking For Me!

Pet Tales: To Keep Ya Waggin'

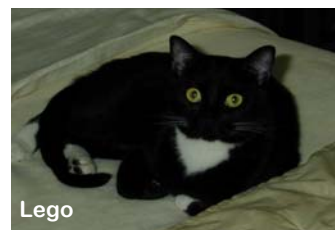
Hi everyone-We are home and **Tater** is great. He and Josie are doing great. He has enjoyed all the toys in the basket. They are now spread all over our den. Thanks for EVERYTHING!!



Athena (formerly Hartley) and Isis, both play very good together and like to chase Roxy the cat.



Muffie (formerly Shirley Temple) with her new friend, Charlie (female), they have become great friends and run down to the mailbox together.



Lego went on the big adventure with Star and now lives in NJ.

Star, formerly Maggie, now lives in a motor home traveling the United States. She is in NJ now and will visit the following states MI, MN, ND, MT, ID, WA, OR, CA and spend the winter in AZ. She may be back in Fredericksburg next spring.

Please Send Your Happy Tales and Pictures to
P.O. Box 1462 Fbg, Tx 78624 or Email: hscpca@ktc.com

Hill Country SPCA Bulletin Board



Please patronize the businesses that contributed to the success of Paddy's Party and the Dog Trot.

August E's	James Avery
Bejas Grill & Cantina	Kellies Doggie Country Resort
Bell Mountain Tasting Room	KFAN Texas Rebel Radio
Blue Ribbon Company	KNAF AM/FM Radio
Circle E Candles	One Der Bar
Class A Rentals and Sales	Ozarka
Coleman Distributing	Party Affair
Cowboy Eclectic	Paws and Claws
Creative Awards	Pet Supplies Plus
Dogologie	Press Corps
Fischer and Weiser	Rather Sweet
Fredericksburg Brewery	Remember Me, Too
Friendship Veterinary Center	Stagecoach Theater
Grasshopper and Wild Honey	Texas Vineyards and Beyond
H-E-B	Texian Leather Goods
Health Keepers	The Back Porch
Hen Feathers	The Peach Basket
Hill Country Pump	Triple L Farms and Trading Post
Hill Country Veterinary Clinic	Wal-Mart
Hill Pride Ice	Wildseed Farms
Jabberwocky	



A Pat on the Head and a Tummy Rub to the individuals who donated items for Paddy's Party Silent Auction and the Dog Trot!

Ann Williams	Lauren Bade
Bob Fletcher	Leigh Waller
Debbie Roberts	Mary Carleton
Donna Roche	Mary Gardner
Fred & Gloria Soto	Nancy Cook
Gail & Pat Gribbin	Pam & Dan Emerson
Gina Moss	Robin Beasley
Hunter Scott	Tom and Kay Enloe
Kellie Allen	Trudy Brune



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to provide TLC to our animals and admin support to our staff.

We also need help with yard maintenance and gardening.

We'd like to start/restart a humane education program for FBG kids, perhaps targeting scout troops or other small groups of children.

We'd also like to improve the lives of nursing home residents with animal visits.

If any of these ideas pique your interest, contact us at 990-9085 or hcspca@kctc.com



Wish List Notes

- We can no longer use blankets, tablecloths, and other fabric items. Our main need is towels and rugs.
- We go through 6 30-lb bags of kitty litter a week!
- The washing machines are always running. On the average, we use 4 big jugs of HE (High Efficiency) laundry detergent each month.
- We provide a collar and leash for each dog that is adopted.



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.



Brenda Pruitt passed away Friday, April 7, 2006. A former shelter manager and long time volunteer at the Hill Country SPCA, Brenda did anything and everything she could to help the animals in our care. She was very dedicated and knew just what to do and how to do it. She was a true friend, and we will miss her greatly. We hope that all the animals she had ever loved were on hand to meet her at The Rainbow Bridge.



Donations Made In Loving Memory



In memory of
Tim Cobb
James, Ros & Deanie
Haertlein

In memory of
Jack Crotty
Bill & Cheryll Carter
Rothermel

In memory of
Myra Kidd
Dave White
Eleanor Russell
James & Carol Spillar
Phil & Joyce Miller
Thomas & Patty
Johnson

In memory of
Gertie Faubion
George (Mac)
McDonald

In memory of
Samantha
Carinthia Ramirez
Staff HCSPCA

In memory of
Joseph Neu
Alice Cox

In memory of
Rocky
Barbara Scherer

In memory of
Jimmy Boyd
Tracy Feuge

In memory of
Jane Strickland
Brad & Brance Lewis

In memory of
Harold Osburn
Bill & Cheryll Carter
Rothermel

In memory of
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In memory of
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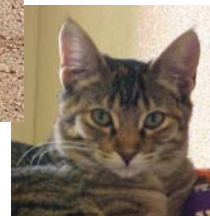
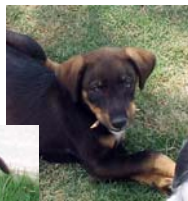
In memory of
Priscilla
Barry & Joanne
Cheshier

In memory of
Puddler
Elizabeth & Voy
Althaus

In memory of
Tucker
Kristina Keck

In memory of
Hope Marissa Haun
Glenda Fritz
Carinthia Ramirez
Kristie Jacoby

In memory of
Opal Mall
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JERSEY

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Thank You !!**