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### Save the Date!!!

October 20, 2007

Hill Country SPCA

10th Anniversary  
"Animal House"  
Extravaganza

Celebrating 10 years of  
helping animals in the  
Texas Hill Country

### Calendar

May 19 2nd Annual  
Dog Trot

Oct 20 10th Anniversary  
and 21 Weekend

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## Dog Trot's a-Comin'

The Second Annual Hill Country SPCA Dog Trot Fun Run and Walk will take place Saturday, May 19th, 2007. The 5K Fun Run will start at 9:00 AM, and the 1K Fun Run/Walk will follow at 9:15 AM. The route for both events is along rolling, scenic Boos Lane, with the 5K participants running to River Road and back and the 1K walkers turning around at the designated marker. Race day registration for the event will begin at 7

Hill Country S.P.C.A.

**Dog Trot 5K**  
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



This year there will be an expanded number of classes for the 5K run. Awards will be given for first through third places in the following age divisions: 15 & under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over.

Again, as last year, there will be an awards for the first pet adopted from the HCSPCA to cross the finish line for both the 1K and 5K events.

Also, as last year, this will be an event geared to family fun. Strollers and jogging strollers are welcome. Please bring your pets! We will recognize pets adopted from the Hill Country SPCA, and the owners will receive a ribbon to wear.

Before the race, we will offer a blessing of the animals, an age old tradition, dating back to the third or fourth century; to recognize the services given to the human race by animals. All animals—runners, walkers, and couch potatoes—are welcome to be blessed.

After the race, plan to stick around for pet portraits, people food, and pet care tips. Dog Trot day will be an ideal time to purchase your HCSPCA T-shirts, caps and visors (see page 8). Even if you're not a runner, join the fun and come anyway. Enjoy an early morning family outing with fellow animal lovers. Remember you don't have to have a dog to do the **Dog Trot!**

Trot Patrol volunteers are needed — call 990-9085 for information

**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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**Hours of Operation**

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We are located at:  
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**Irish Eyes Were Smiling ...**

and the flag of Ireland was flying in front of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA on March 17 as 200 enthusiastic supporters of the Hill Country SPCA attended the second annual Paddy's Party. The luck of the Irish must have been with us, because the weather was warm, the sunset was late due to the early change to Daylight Savings Time, and the wind died down about 6:30 PM, making the evening perfect.

Shamrocks, leprechauns, and green and white balloons created a festive atmosphere inside the shelter, while tents and twinkling lights converted the Truchard Memory Garden into an outdoor party space.

More than 60 silent auction items were displayed in the tented area, as were newly arrived HCSPCA T-shirts. (Don't miss out, come into the shelter or use the order form on page 8 to get yours!)

Wine, beer and soft drinks were served outside, while inside a feast of Irish Soda Bread, corned beef, roasted turkey breast, cheeses, and cake was offered.

As yummy as the food and drink were, the highlight of the evening was the Irish music and dancing presented by the Thompson family. Dad Drew

gave a brief introduction to Irish dancing, and then the music began.

With Garrett playing the Irish fiddle, Gavin on guitar, and mom Monda on flute, guests' toes were soon tapping to the lively Irish rhythms they produced. But Kelsey and Kathryn stole the show with the precision and excitement of their Irish dancing. Thank you, Thompsons, for putting on such an enthralling show.

Finally, about 8:30 PM, dessert was served, the successful Silent Auction bidders were identified, and the money began to be tallied. Including a \$1000 check from the Kerrville Wal-Mart, presented by Pam Jacoby, more than \$8500 was raised to fund the day-to-day operation of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA.

A special thank you to Carolyn Ward who organized this very successful event!



**Gavin and Garrett ,  
with mom Monda awaiting her cue**



**Kelsey and Kathryn**

*More pictures from Paddy's Party on Page 7*

## Getting to know Amanda Oehler

Amanda Oehler began at the Hill Country SPCA as a volunteer during her high school sophomore and junior year summers. In August of 2005, as a senior, she began a co-op work/school program at the shelter and became a regular employee in the summer of 2006.



Amanda with Kippy a shelter dog.

A typical day for Amanda starts at 7 AM. After feeding the dogs, putting them outside, and cleaning their cages (or taking care of cats, depending on which side she is working on,) she gets ready to open the doors of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA at 10 AM. The middle of her work day depends on the number of people coming into the shelter and the kind of help they need. Finally, about 4 PM, she begins the afternoon “feeding and out” routine and settles the dogs (or cats) in for the night. After the shelter closes at 6 PM, she is ready to head home.

It’s a long day, but one she thoroughly enjoys. Amanda particularly likes

working with the dogs and feels she has gained a great deal of animal behavior and medical knowledge in her time at the Hill Country SPCA.

Amanda plans to go into the medical profession one day, perhaps as a nurse, EMT, or X-Ray technician, and, at some point, will leave us to continue her education. Until then, she will continue enjoying her work with the animals and the sense of satisfaction she gets when she helps find them loving new homes.

## Getting to know Patchouli



With a patch of black over one eye and floppy black ears, Patchouli is the Punk Rock Girl of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA. She’s a friendly, playful, two year old Boxer-Pointer mix, with a high energy level. Like the girl in the song, Patchouli is a sweetheart but will try her best to dominate and intimidate both people and other dogs.

Patchouli came to us from the Boerne area in August of 2006. She was surrendered because there were 13 cats in her home, and Patchouli just can’t abide even one cat, let alone thirteen.

In her early days at the shelter, she was successful in her tough girl act and managed to do pretty much whatever she wanted. However, for the past month, Leigh Waller has been working with her, taking her on long walks and teaching her basic obedience skills. So far, Patchouli has learned to heel (and to

sit when she stops,) to “leave it,” and to not lunge after cars. Leigh has found her to be highly intelligent and willing to learn, but in need of firm leadership. She will let her sweet, lovable nature show and act like the perfect lady if she thinks you’re the boss!

Patchouli will do best in an active home and would love to find a walking or jogging partner. A Guardian Angel has offered to pay half her adoption fee, so if you’re looking for an energetic pet, perhaps Patchouli is the one for you!

### Hill Country SPCA 1st Quarter 2007

#### Adoption Statistics

Jan’06	26	Jan’07	19
Feb’06	37	Feb’07	15
March’06	35	March’07	16

*Kitten Season Is Here Come Adopt Your New Best Friend!*

### Hill Country SPCA 1st Quarter 2007

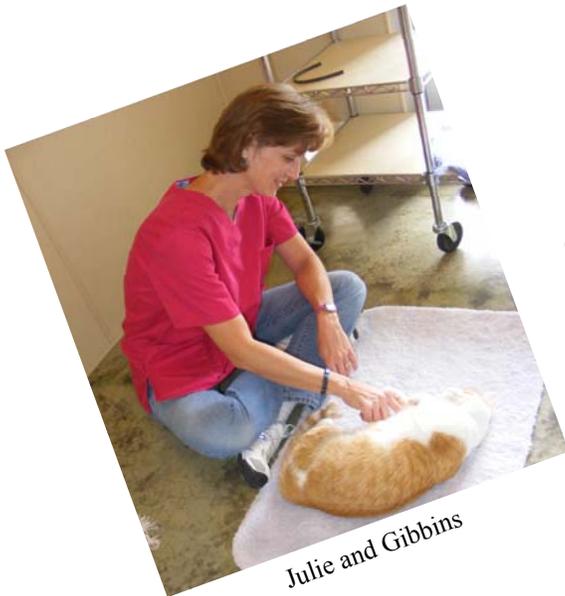
#### Expenses

Advertising/PR Exp	1,469.37
Computer Exp	194.26
Bank/Credit Card Charges	271.91
Insurance	1,125.00
Postage/Mail	40.00
Telephone Exp	630.99
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Janitorial/Cleaning Sup.	212.96
Office Supplies	484.09
Copies & Printing	29.62
Repairs and Maint.	110.73
Utilities	2,661.82
Educational Expenses	95.00
Payroll Expenses	20,652.41
Payroll Taxes	1,639.81
Professional Fees	1,440.00
Animal Related Exp	2,167.11
Veterinary	1,166.70
Non-Cash Goods/ services	1,625.00
Year To Date Expenses	\$37,260.75
Spay/Neuter Clinic	\$1,143.97

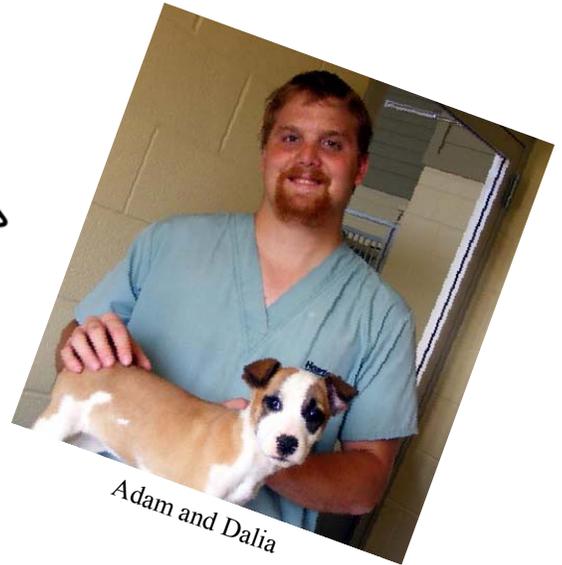
#### Wish List

- ♥ 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)

# Seen around Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA

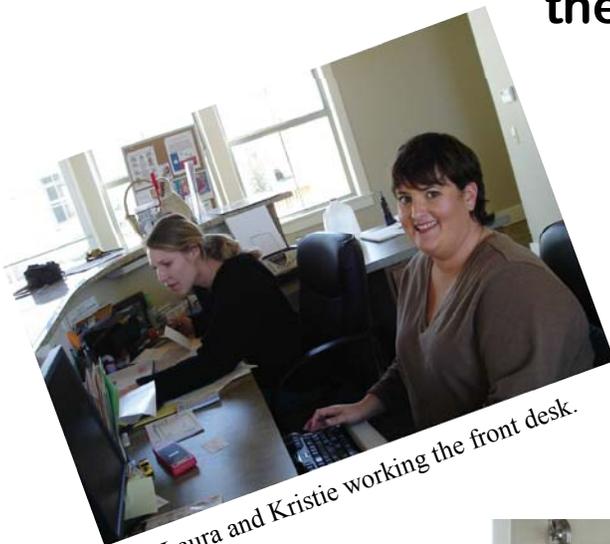


Julie and Gibbins



Adam and Dalia

**It's all for  
the animals..**



Laura and Kristie working the front desk.



Donna and Thad building a Pad for a Pooch



Kellie Allen, center, presents Larry Geishen and Kay Plavidal, left, and Desine and David Plavidal, with a memorial plaque, recognizing their contribution to the HCSPCA Endowment Fund.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

## New Ventures

**Beta Glucan.** The Hill Country SPCA is now marketing a nutritional food supplement that elevates an animal’s natural immune responses. The dogs and cats we rescue have a variety of conditions when they arrive, and living in a shelter environment is unavoidably stressful. However, we’ve noted increased health and well-being in our animals since we began adding Beta Glucan sprinkles to their daily diet .

Significant research has demonstrated Beta Glucan's ability to enhance an animal’s innate immune response against bacterial, viral, parasite, and fungal infections and to act synergistically when used in conjunction with antibiotics. In addition, Beta Glucan salve has been shown to accelerate wound healing, and high dosage capsules can be used to treat an existing illness.

Your pet’s weight determines the amount of Beta Glucan to be added to its food: 1 shake if less than 30 pounds, 2 shakes if between 30 and 70 pounds and 3 shakes if more than 70 pounds. And Beta Glucan has an appealing taste—your pet will love it!

Stop by the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA to purchase the Beta Glucan food supplement, salve or capsules. Help your pet “Be all that he can be.”

**Currently Available for Purchase at the HCSPCA.**

Beta Glucan Food Supplement	\$10/shaker (100 sprinkles)
Beta Glucan Wound Care Gel	\$8/bottle (4 oz)
Beta Glucan Oral Health Gel	\$8/bottle (4 oz)
Beta Glucan Capsules	\$23/bottle (30 Capsules)

**Endowment Fund.** At the HCSPCA annual meeting on April 9, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to amend the bylaws to establish a permanent endowment fund. The Board believes that an endowment fund, whose principal is never touched, is one of the keys to the financial stability of the Hill Country SPCA.

According to Chris Ward, Board President, the endowment fund will be professionally managed by an Oppenheimer and Company investment advisor. The intent is to invest conservatively and use the interest income as needed to fund shelter operations. Contributions to the fund will come from specified donations, fund raiser and retail operation profits, and planned giving (the inclusion of the HCSPCA in a will or trust.)

Children of the late Rosalie Plavidal LeBlanc - David

and Desine Plavidal, Kay Plavidal and Larry Geishen, Alice and Charlie Stein, and Fred and Linda Plavidal - made a donation in their mother’s memory to provide the initial seed money for the fund. (See picture on facing page.)

An Endowment Fund Challenge Campaign has been initiated by a generous Hill Country SPCA donor, the donor has agreed to match funds coming in dollar for dollar. Your \$500.00 donation will raise \$1,000.00 upon being matched by the challenge donor.

**Retail Sales.** Though we are starting small, the HCSPCA has begun a retail sales operation. The Board of Directors believes that retail sales is another key to the financial stability of the Hill Country SPCA.

In addition to the Beta Glucan products described above, we are currently marketing logo wear T-shirts and caps. The intent is to expand the clothing line in the fall to include, among other items, polo shirts, sweat shirts, and special tenth anniversary offerings.

Before fall, however, we will add pet products to our line. Pet food dishes, quality leads and collars, and pet toys and treat jackets for dispensing medications will be offered. And, for our doggy friends, we will be selling pet beds like those used at the Trudy Brune shelter.

To begin with, we are selling our products by mail order and out of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA.

(See page 8 for more on ordering our current logo wear products.) By summer’s end, we expect to expand our venue and sell over the Internet.

Once we have demonstrated that we can successfully run a retail operation—we must learn to crawl before we can walk and walk before we can run— we will build the retail outlet on the south side of the parking lot that was originally included in the site plan presented to the city. Then, we can really expand our product lines!

And, as with everything we do, it is all for the animals.

## Pet Treats

### TUNA TREATS

1/2 cup whole wheat flour  
 1/2 cup nonfat, dry, powdered milk  
 1/2 can tuna, in oil OR 1/2 cup cooked chicken, diced  
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil OR cod liver oil  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1/4 cup water  
 Catnip (Optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray cookie sheets with cooking spray. I
2. In large bowl, mash the tuna (or chicken) into smaller pieces. Then add flour and milk. Mix well.
3. After all is mixed, pour in water and oil. Mix well again.
4. Next beat egg in separate dish until egg gets a foamy texture. Add to mix. Mix well.
5. Using your fingers, shape dough into small bite size balls - about the size of a marble. (The dough mix will be sticky, so don't worry. )
6. Put balls on greased cookie sheets. Flatten balls with hand.
7. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove treats from oven wait five minutes and turn treats over so other side will cook. Bake 10 more minutes or until golden brown in color.
8. Place treats on cookie rack to cool. Cool for 15 minutes
9. Place in air tight container and store in refrigerator or cool dry place

Makes approximately 60 treats

NEVER give treats to your pet right after cooking. You can add the catnip in the recipe or sprinkle on top of treats. They like it either way. .

### PEANUT BUTTER BISCUITS

2 cups whole wheat flour  
 1 cup wheat germ  
 1 cup peanut butter  
 1 egg  
 1/4 cup vegetable oil  
 1/2 cup water  
 1/2 tsp salt

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine flour, wheat germ, and salt in a large bowl. Mix in peanut butter, egg, oil, and water.
3. Roll dough out onto lightly floured surface to about 1/2 inch thickness. Cut our biscuits with a dog bone shaped cookie cutter.
4. Transfer biscuits to ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake 15 to 25 minutes for small (1 inch) biscuits or 30 to 35 minutes for large (3 inch) biscuits.
6. Transfer to rack to cool.
7. Place in airtight container and store in refrigerator.

Cutting out the biscuits is something of a mess, but don't despair—your dog will love these!



## More on Paddy's Party

A special thanks to the staff of the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA —  
 Kristie Jacoby, Melissa McDonald, Amanda Oehler, Adam Haun, and Laura Szeman  
 — for giving up their Saturday night to make Paddy's Party such a success!



A Very Special Dog House



Elin and Coffee



Maybe I should bid on that, too!

**Please Patronize our  
 Paddy's Party Sponsors**

Thanks to all who made Paddy's Party a Success

*Planning Committee and Volunteers*

Bejas	Lonesome Dove Trading Post
Cat's Meow B&B	My Own Chef Catering
Champe Jennings	Fredericksburg Massage
Circle E Candles	The Peach Basket
Coors Beer	Rather Sweet Bakery and Cafe
Cowboy Eclectic	The Rathskeller
Dogologie	Rawhide
Earth Notions	Red
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Kariss/Heriyage Hair Design	Woerner Warehouse
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Barbara Lloyd	Bill & Leigh Waller
Joann Masters	Pat Weinheimer

*It Was A Wonderful Evening!*

# The Pet Store

### Logo T Shirts

Show your support for the animals.



High quality, preshrunk, 100 % cotton printed T shirt; White Hill Country SPCA Guardian Angel logo; Colors: Black, Bay (faded, denim blue), Brick (faded brick red) Sizes: Unisex S, M, L, XL, XXL Price: \$15.95 Size XXL \$16.95

### Cat Lovers T Shirt

Let everyone know who rules your household!



High quality, preshrunk, 100% cotton printed T-shirt; Hot Pink Paw Prints and "My Cat" caption; Colors: Black only Sizes: Unisex S, M, L, XL, XXL Price: \$15.95 , Size XXL \$16.95

### Logo Ball Caps

Flaunt your wings and halo!



High quality, 100% cotton, embroidered khaki ball cap; Hill Country SPCA Guardian Angel logo. Colors: Blue bill and embroidery, Green bill and embroidery Price: \$15.95

### Dog Lovers Visor

Show your favorite canine that you care.



High quality, 100% cotton, embroidered sun visor; HCSPCA and adorable pooch; Colors: HotPink with Black lettering Stone with red lettering Price: 15.95

**Stop by the Trudy Brune Hill Country SPCA to make your purchase or use the mail order form below**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Use another sheet if necessary Handling \$5.00

To complete your order Shipping (\$1.50 per item) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
John Ramsay  
Mary Dietrich

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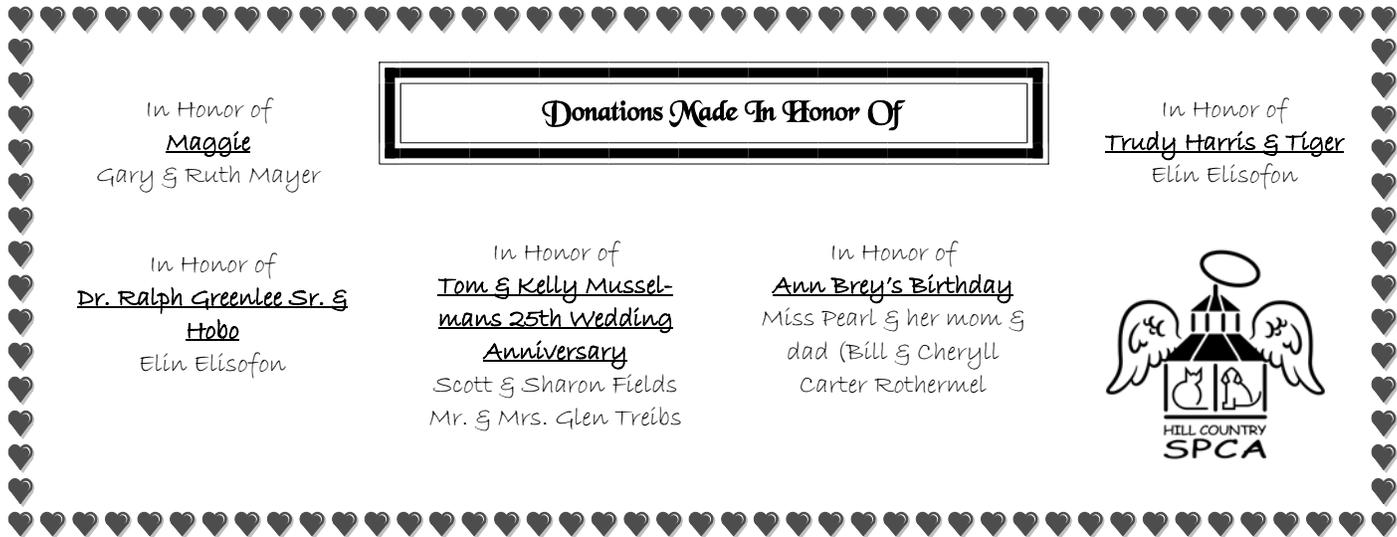
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Donate collectibles and quality items you no longer use to the  
Hill Country SPCA for sale on eBay.  
Contact 830-990-9085 for more information.



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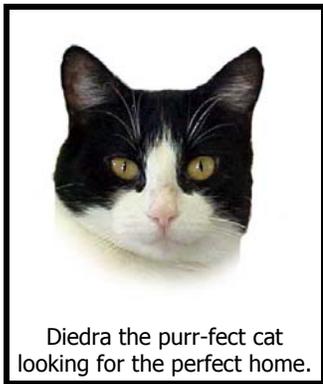
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***Thank you!***

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