



Critter Chatter

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From the President's Desk

By John Valente, *President*, Pender Humane Society Board of Directors

With Fall upon us, I want to update our members and supporters on some items of interest.

Shelter Updates

We have some **great news** from the Shelter. In September, we had three puppies brought into the Shelter. At first, they appeared fairly healthy, but within 24 hours they were in critical condition after we discovered they ingested rat poison. Despite



the enormous cost to PCHS, we decided that these three beauties – Autumn, Aster and Amber – were going to be saved. After multiple blood and plasma transfusions and other treatments, they were back home with us within a week, with multiple medications to be given around the clock for several weeks.

Thank you to every single person who shared and who donated and still continues to donate to help with their medical bills. We truly appreciate everything! We could not operate without the continuous support of our PCHS community! To donate via venmo, scan the code below.

In addition to that success story, we were able to put a new roof and fascia on the Shelter main building, thanks to funds from the estate of former PCHS Vice President Bernie Zikos. The Shelter will also receive new gutters and downspouts in the near future.



For Our Furry Friends (FOFF) Thrift Store Update

Our Thrift Store is doing a fantastic job of supporting the Shelter by continuing to provide outstanding sales with donated goods from our supporters. We decided to open on Tuesdays in October and November on a trial basis to see if being open an additional day will be cost effective for us while providing additional opportunities for our supporters to shop. So far, this has been very successful. The Board will decide in December if this will become part of our weekly schedule.



Autumn in Burgaw Festival

On Oct. 21, we participated in the Autumn in Burgaw festival. This provided a great opportunity to meet with Pender County residents and get our no-kill shelter some much needed exposure to eliminate the confusion between our Shelter and the Pender County Animal Shelter, which is part of Pender County Animal Control. We held raffles for dog and cat gift baskets, signed up a few much needed volunteers, provided our pamphlets to interested people, and gave out Halloween pet safety cards to pet owners.



Left to right: Board Member Pam Valente and volunteers Katie Bonner and Glenn Gable.

A Season of Giving Campaign

We will launch our 2023 A Season of Giving campaign on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28. More information will be posted on penderhumane.org as it becomes available.

Fundraising

Pet Costume Paw-ty Raises \$2,000 for PCHS

The Jennifer Bullock Team's (RE/MAX Executive) 2nd Annual Pet Costume Paw-ty benefitting PCHS raised \$2,000 to provide direct support to animals in our care! The paw-ty was held Sept. 27 at High-Wire Brewing in Wilmington. Many thanks to Jennifer and her tremendous team for their support. We look forward to next year's event!



Jennifer Bullock (far right) and her team.



Some of the baskets raffled off at the event.





Some of the costumed critters at the Pet Paw-ty.



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New Corporate Sponsor

PCHS Welcomes our newest Corporate Sponsor Westgate Chevrolet of Burgaw!

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If you or someone you know wants to be a corporate sponsor, please go to www.penderhumane.org/sponsorship-program.html

Fur Ball Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The 15th Annual Wilmington Fur Ball (FB) celebrated its silver anniversary at the Plaza on Princess in Wilmington, N.C., on Saturday, Nov. 4.

This annual gala featured a live band, hors d'oeuvres, a cocktail reception, and wine and beer, along with live and silent auction items. Approximately \$40,000 was raised for local animal rescue groups, including Pender County Humane Society.



PCHS President John Valente and Board Member Pam Valente.



Fur Ball photos courtesy of Michael Cline Photography.

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Pender County Humane Society (PCHS) and Adopt an Angel (AAA) of Wilmington host this annual

event, along with many committee members not affiliated with any rescue group. Over the past 14 years, \$266,000 has been raised and given out to 13 no-kill animal rescue groups residing in Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.



Since PCHS and AAA host the event, two-thirds of the profit will go to support their

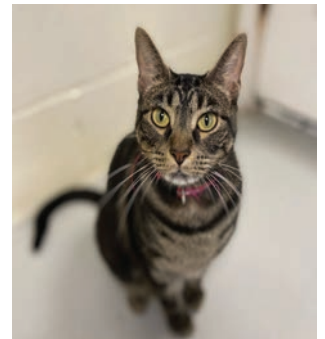
respective rescue groups, with the remaining third going to other no-kill animal groups in Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties.

Longest Shelter Resident – Let’s Find This Girl A Home for Christmas!

Meet Maggie! We pulled this beautiful tabby (with her sister Misty) from Pender County Animal Shelter in May 2021. She is our longest resident



here. She is good with dogs and other cats. Why has this beautiful girl been here over a year? Well, Maggie is a little shy but will warm up to you once adjusted; she just needs time, patience and love. Maggie is spayed, up to date on her vaccines, microchipped, and Felv/Fiv negative.



And best of all – her adoption fee is sponsored!

If you are interested in giving Maggie her forever home, please fill out an adoption application on penderhumane.org or call the shelter at 910.259.7022.

Our Shelter Wish List

Dogs:

- Pedigree puppy and dog food
- Purina One puppy food
- Dog and puppy collars
- Hard chew toys for adult dogs (please no rawhide)
- Poop bags

Cats:

- Cat Chow Complete for adult cats
- Purina One kitten food
- Cat and kitten collars
- Cat scratching mats
- Non-clumping cat litter

Pender Humane Society would like to thank our volunteers and supporters for everything they do to help us continue our lifesaving work. We could not do it without your continuous support!





Need Help Feeding Your Pets?

Pender County Humane Society's Pet Food Pantry Can Help!

Our Pet Food Pantry has both dog and cat food available free of charge. Anyone in need of food will be asked to fill out a brief form and show proof of income or proof of government assistance. Forms are available at the Shelter located at 1407 NC-53 in Burgaw, or on our website at www.penderhumane.org. The Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call the shelter at **910.259.7022**.

Attention All Animal Lovers: We Need You!

Want to make a difference in the lives of homeless and unwanted animals in Pender County? The Pender County Humane Society is looking for animal-loving people who might be interested in volunteering with our organization in several capacities, including serving on the Board of Directors, working on fundraising or social media, helping with administrative tasks, or volunteering at the Shelter itself. Our organization cannot exist without volunteers, and even a few hours a week or a month can make a huge difference!

For more information, email Denise Gable at gabledenise@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 9

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$5 donation

For Our Furry Friends (FOFF) Thrift Store

100 US Hwy 117 North

Burgaw NC 28425

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024

Spaghetti Dinner

Hampstead Women's Club

More info to come.

Attend a PCHS Board Meeting!

The public is welcome to attend the open portion of our monthly Board of Directors meetings to learn more about our organization and how you can help. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Hampstead Women's Club. We hope to see you there!

50/50 Raffle Winners

The Winners of our Fundraising Raffle for 2023 are:

\$250 Coral Cottage, Hampstead

\$500 Azalea Dog Training, Wilmington

\$750 Charlotte Chappell, Hampstead

\$1000 Van Damme Customs, Carolina Beach

Thanks to all of our very generous supporters for their ticket purchases, we raised more than \$15,000 to support our no-kill shelter. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pay off our entire medical bill for the three puppies! (See page 1) **We could not exist without your support!**



EVERYONE’S help is needed to accomplish our goals. WE THANK YOU ALL who have donated and will remember to donate in the future. You are making a difference in the lives of the “forgotten ones.” We need your support, so please consider donating cash and checks, as well as donating online at www.penderhumane.org.



If you are mailing in your donation, please use the form below:



My Tax-Deductible Donation to Pender Humane Society Shelter. Please cut and insert this form with your donation. Mail to: PO Box 626, Burgaw, NC 28425 **Phone: 910-259-7022**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. THIS WILL SAVE US A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AND MONEY (I.E., STUFFING ENVELOPES, POSTAGE)

Total Tax Deductible Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please allocate my donation as follows:

- 1. General Operating Account (Funds used at the discretion of PENDER HUMANE SOCIETY) \$ _____
- 2. Pet Pals Provider: RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION OF \$ _____ for five years, deducted from my checking account.
 Routing Number _____
 Re-enter Routing Number _____
 Account Number _____
- 3. Furry Friends Trust (one-time donation of \$500 or more) \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FURRY FRIENDS!

