



PENDER HUMANE SOCIETY

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From the President's Desk

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

With Fall in the air, I wanted to bring you all up to date on what's been happening with our organization.

We Passed! The Animal Welfare Section of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services performed their inspection of the Shelter, and we passed with **no issues!** Congratulations to our staff for all of their hard work to maintain the highest standards to ensure a safe, healthy and protective environment for our Furry Friends!

Annual Meeting After a slight delay our Annual Meeting was held in September. Highlights included:

- Elected the following new officers: John Valente, President; Shawn Roberts, Treasurer; and Denise Gable, Secretary. Norma Troutman will continue as Business Manager.
- Increased dues to \$50/year per member, starting with new members and renewals.
- Unanimously approved paying one-half of the cost (up to \$500) for the Duke Proposal to upgrade the lighting at the FOFF Store, with the property owner paying the other half.

Safety Upgrades

Living in the coastal Carolinas, it's essential to have emergency plans in place that include our furry friends. In June, PCHS completed installation of a full-system backup generator for this purpose. With this system in place, our shelter staff and animals have added protection during hurricanes and emergency situations that arise.

The completion of this safety feature allows us to move forward with additional projects to improve the shelter for our staff and animals, to include discussion of a sprinkler system for the shelter and cat haven. The installation of a sprinkler system is essential to ensuring our furry friends have every protection we want in our own homes. With the help of our community, PCHS can make this hope a reality.



Resignation Just recently, our Treasurer had to resign his position due to personal reasons, so the Board will be searching for a new Board member with a financial background. If you are interested, please contact President John Valente at johnv115@outlook.com for details.



First Open House Held

We held our first Open House on Saturday, Sept. 24. Although attendance was lighter than hoped, we got a number of new contacts, several of whom stated they were interested in volunteering. The FOFF store staff sent over a number of visitors as well. The Board will make this an annual event, scheduled for the third Saturday in September. We may pair this event with some other activity to draw more interest in our Shelter and our organization



Guest, Maria, and Christine (L-R)

MeMa Delivery



MeMa Owner Myra



Board Member
Deb Musolino



Adoption of Long-term Residents

This year saw the adoption and fostering of several of our long-term animals! First there was Don, a sweet hound/beagle mix who spent his shelter days enjoying walks, soaking up love from staff and volunteers, and dressing up for the holidays. After multiple false starts, Don has happily settled in with his furever family, and photo updates show that he is living his best life!



Another long-term resident who has ventured on is Bear, a pit mix with the sweetest soul who loved to cuddle (once you won him over!). After over a year at the shelter, Bear is also enjoying the comforts of being home with family, to include having a fur-sibling and taking naps on the couch wrapped in a cozy blanket - some much-deserved rest and happiness! (Bear is pictured being held by his new mom)

Let's help Dusty find his perfect FUREVER Family! Now our longest tenant, Dusty is a lovable and energetic gray pit mix who would benefit from a big family with lots of space to run around and lots of attention to share his affectionate personality with! Call our shelter for a meet and greet.

The Board of Directors and Staff
thank you for supporting
 our Furry Friends.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

On Saturday, October 25th, we held our Semi-Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Hampstead Women's Club from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The delicious meal was home cooked by Pender Humane Society volunteers with all fresh ingredients being used. Spaghetti sauce was created by Joe Marrotta. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and drinks were provided for eat in or take out. Assorted homemade desserts were available at an additional cost. This was our first Spaghetti dinner in almost a year, and we were very successful! We had a great take-out business this year, which helped our Sales. In addition, we held our Annual 50/50 Raffle, with the following winners:

- \$250 Jim Malinowski
- \$500 Vince and Dawn Triggiani
- \$750 Linda Dougherty
- \$1,000 Michael Redden

We want to thank all our PATRONS for supporting the event, helping us to raise vitally needed funds for our Shelter and our Furry Friends!



We also want to thank our VOLUNTEERS for making this event possible.



Fundraising:

Our latest Fundraising campaign on FlipCause, the Pet Pals Foto Fundraiser, is ongoing until Dec. 31, 2022. This is primarily intended to be peer-to-peer fundraising. Our goal is \$10,000 by Dec. 31. To participate, go to www.penderhumane.org and click on the Pet Pals Foto Fundraiser button. You can sign up your pet and invite all your friends to choose your pet; you can donate to one of the pets currently in the contest; or you can simply make a donation to support the overall campaign.

- We will hold another fundraising campaign to kick off Giving Tuesday 2022 on Nov. 29, called *A Season for Thanksgiving*, to run until April 15, 2023. Check our Facebook page and website for more information.
- Unfortunately, the Port City Marina fundraiser was canceled due to bad weather.
- We had a very successful fundraiser at High-Wire Brewery on Oct. 12, sponsored by the Jennifer Bullock Team at RE/MAX Executive of Wilmington.
- We will be at the St. Matthews Christkindle mart on Nov. 19, with PCHS merchandise and possibly an adoptable animal (or two!).



THANK YOU to the Saltwater Foundation for their generous Sponsorship Donation of \$2,000! Pictured left to right are: Kristin Freeman, Saltwater Property Manager; Richard Stroupe, Owner of Saltwater Suites; John Valente, President of PCHS; Pam Valente, PCHS Board Member; and Maria Cahill, Shelter Manager.

Wear your PCHS Pride! Merchandise Now Available

Want to support Pender County Humane Society, but not able to adopt or volunteer? Consider some merch! In exchange for a donation, we have PCHS bandanas (\$5), hats (\$15), and t-shirts (\$20) that will help you show your support and raise awareness of our shelter. Our merchandise is available at the Shelter AND the FOFF Thrift Store. Call the shelter at 910.259.7022 for availability.





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E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

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