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PawPrints



**CCA's 25th Annual
Bark in the Park**
Saturday, October 25, 2008
Greenville Tech Campus
Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Know You've Been Waiting for the Details of *Bark in the Park's 25th Anniversary Celebration!!*

Concerned Citizens for Animals is excited to announce the 25th Annual Bark in the Park! We are partnering with Greenville Tech to make this a bigger and better event than ever before! Be sure to save Saturday, October 25th for this extra-special Bark in the Park!

The theme for BIP this year is "Spook-ta-cu-lar" and will feature a Halloween Fall Festival theme! There will be new and exciting demonstrations, vendors and activities for the adults, kids and canines. Kids can paint pumpkins, play in the inflatables, and get their face-painted, while our furry friends can participate in "Diving for Ducks" and "Ropes & Rover" (the ultimate Tug of War). Kids and their canines, or even you & your pooch pal, can enter one of two classes for the Best Spook-ta-cu-lar-ly Dressed Owner/Dog Halloween costumes. Categories include children under 12, and the second category is for kids and kids at heart over 12.

There are plenty of activities for everyone in the family, so bring them all; although you might want to leave any kitties at home...we don't want to stress out your feline friends!!

We are especially excited to have straight from Animal Planet, the Disney Channel and NFL halftime shows, John Misita and his K9s In Flight, the premier Frisbee dog performers in the country. K9s in Flight Frisbee dogs have all been adopted from shelters across the country.

In addition to this exciting feature performance, there will be canine good citizen evaluations, police dog demonstrations, vendors to peruse and food and treats available for purchase for all two-legged and four-legged attendees.

We are excited to be partnering with Greenville Tech for Bark in the Park 2008, and we appreciate their assistance and support to make this a well-attended and successful celebration and fund-raiser. Please plan to join us for the one and only 25th Anniversary Bark in the Park. This is a not-to-be-missed event! More exciting details of Bark in the Park lie within the pages of this issue of PawPrints.

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Who We Are

Founded in 1980, Concerned Citizens for Animals (CCA) is a local non-profit, 501(c)(3) animal shelter/rescue group. Our concerns include the increasing overpopulation of dogs and cats, the mistreatment and neglect of homeless animals, and the sad existence of so many stray and abandoned animals in the upstate of South Carolina.

Mission Statement

CCA shall not destroy any animal unless it is beyond medical care, and suffering would be the permanent result of medical treatment. CCA shall operate an animal shelter for abandoned, sick, or injured animals. CCA shall maintain an adoption program to permanently place homeless animals in qualified homes. CCA shall maintain a low-cost spay/neuter program for the community. CCA shall strive to prevent to stop any abuse, neglect, or otherwise inhumane treatment of an animal.

The Animals Have Lost a Friend

Val Magin

Rev. Herbert Conner, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, passed away Saturday, August 30 in his sleep. Beside him in death as in life was his beloved dog, Misty.

Father Conner was a friend to CCA and to animals. He welcomed CCA to St. Mary Magdalene by inviting us to hold our semi-annual yard sales at the church. This was a very profitable setting for us because it allowed for secure set up the night before and a rain-or-shine location the day of the sale. Each sale, Father would stroll up, Misty at his heels, to check on us and inquire how things were going. In later years, he drove up in his golf cart, Misty at his side, always concerned that the sale lived up to our expectations.

Father was a fixture at Bark in the Park. Each year he would arrive, St. Francis medals in hand. Every dog left the event sporting a medal bearing the likeness of its patron saint. People and their pets would line up for Father's blessing, many pet owners stopping to tell him of their pets' illnesses and asking for additional

prayers. Father always obliged, resting a hand on the dog's head and offering a special appeal on the animal's behalf. Many Bark in the Park participants grew misty eyed as Father read from his book of animal prayers, prayers which reminded us that animals are just one of the ways in which God shows his love for us.

Father Conner lived his faith, understanding that the same hand that created us created the animals. Taking in strays, caring for the feral cats that took sanctuary at the church, doting on his Misty, and blessing the animals at Bark in the Park, Father Conner loved animals. He believed in CCA and believed and supported our work. Father will be missed. Although his passing has deeply saddened all of us at CCA, we can only imagine the joy on the faces of those many animals who greeted him at the Rainbow Bridge.

As a responsible pet owner, Father had made arrangements to ensure that his beloved pets had loving homes awaiting them. They are being cared for and settling into their new surroundings.

Concerned Citizens for Animals Donation Form

Yes, I would like to help the forgotten dogs and cats in the Upstate of South Carolina. I would like my tax-deductible contribution to go to one (or more) of the following):

CCA Low-Cost Spay/ Neuter Fund \$ _____ CCA No-Kill Shelter Fund \$ _____

CCA Feral Cat Fund \$ _____ CCA Medical Emergency Fund \$ _____

Pickens County Fund \$ _____ Apply where most needed: \$ _____

Engraved Brick Order: \$ 40.00 (please complete order form below)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: Check: ___ Money Order: ___ Credit Card: ___

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Brick Order Form:

Brick Inscription: Up to three lines with 17 CAPITAL letters, punctuation or spaces per line (please print clearly)

Line 1 _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

If your order is a gift and you would like the Certificate of Recognition mailed directly to the pet's owner or recipient, please provide his/her name & address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Other Items: We are also always in need of Clorox, ammonia, paper towels, cleaning supplies, gas cards, laundry and dishwasher detergent, Tidy Cat Anti-Bacterial Kitty Litter, and Odo-Ban (a great laundry/cleaning supplement). Thank you for all of your generous donations!

Healthy Pets

Mary Ellen Gregory

Like their human counterparts, dogs and cats are living longer, healthier lives. Research & development for healthy living is not just limited to finding cure-alls and fix-its for human ailments. There are more and more companies that are dedicating time, money and effort towards finding ways to give your pets a longer life. Trends such as holistic medicine, organic pet food, and pet health insurance help keep your pets healthy; while doggie day care centers, dog parks, and pet motels catering to your pets needs provide many ways to keep your pet happy.

I found the chart on the following page to be quite interesting, and as a result I hit the information super-highway in search of notable facts about pet longevity, and this is what I found.



Kitty Cat Facts

According to Guinness World Records, the oldest cat ever, "**Creme Puff**", born August 3, 1967, was still living at the age of 37 in 2004. Creme Puff was owned by Jake Perry of Austin, Texas, USA.

Al and Mary Palusky of Duluth, Minn, USA claim their black cat, Baby, was born in 1970 and was 37 years old in 2007. This age was recognized by the American magazine, Cat Fancy, in August 2007. To be a Guinness world record, the owners will need to provide proof of their cat's age, such as continuous veterinary care over his lifetime.

After Creme Puff and Baby, the oldest cats ever are generally acknowledged to be Puss (36 years, 1 day), Ma (34 years) and Granpa (34 years, 2 months). Puss was born in 1903 and was owned by Mrs T Holway of Clayhidon, Devon, England. He died on 29th November, 1939, one day after his 36th birthday.

Source: <http://www.messybeast.com/longevity.htm>



Doggie Data

The oldest dog that has been reliably documented was "**Bluey**", an Australian Cattle Dog who herded cattle and sheep in Australia for nearly twenty years before retiring. The dog died in 1939 at the age of 29 years, five months. Another dog, an Australian Cattle Dog / Labrador mix, died in 1984 reportedly at the age of 32 years and 3 days, but this case was not fully documented, and so it is not official.

Source: *World Pet Records*, AnimalNews.com

According to the *Sunday Telegraph* dated September 18th 2002, Bramble, a rescued collie, living in Bridgewater, Somerset, England, has just celebrated her 27th birthday, possibly making her Britain's oldest living dog and a contender for the oldest dog in the world. Aside from luck, Bramble's secret to longevity is a vegetarian diet. Her owner, Anne Heritage is a vegan and has brought up her pooch on the same diet regime she herself follows (although Bramble does wear a fur coat—but don't go pouring buckets of red paint on her for that little violation). Bramble has a big bowl of rice, lentils and organic vegetables every evening according to Ms Heritage.

Source: <http://dogsinthenews.com/issues/0209/articles/020918a.htm> (The Scoop-Dogs in the News, Wednesday, September 18, 2002)

How old is your pet, *really*?

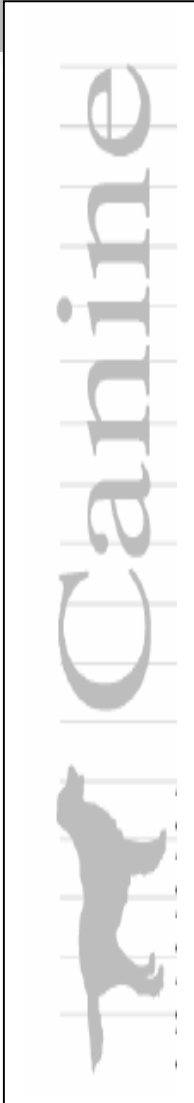
The health of your pet can change rapidly as he or she ages.

Beginning at around age 7, your pet enters his or her senior years. Often pets may begin to develop diseases common to their human counterparts such as diabetes, heart disease, hypothyroidism and cancer. These diseases can go unnoticed in their early stages and changes can occur quickly, therefore, preventative healthcare is very important.

Identify your pet's medical age using the charts below, and contact your vet in the event you see changes in your aging pet's behavior. Together, you and your vet can help your pet enjoy a lifetime of good health.



Age	Weight
1	7
2	13
3	20
4	26
5	33
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	72
15	76
16	80
17	84
18	88
19	92
20	96
21	100
22	104
23	108
24	112



Age	0-20 lbs	20-50 lbs	50-90 lbs	90 + lbs
1	7	7	8	9
2	13	14	16	18
3	20	21	24	26
4	26	27	31	34
5	33	34	38	41
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	66	71
10	56	60	75	78
11	60	65	77	86
12	64	69	82	93
13	68	74	88	101
14	72	78	93	108
15	76	83	99	115
16	80	87	104	123
17	84	92	109	131
18	88	96	115	139
19	92	101	150	
20	96	105	126	
21	100	109	130	
22	104	113		
23	108	117		

Legend

- Young
- Adult
- Senior
- Geriatric

Source: Dr. Fred Metzger (Metzger Animal Hospital) and Idexx Laboratories

Shelter News

The summer months took their toll on the shelter with numerous trees and branches falling as the result of bad weather. The expense of this cleanup dipped into our funds but was definitely something that had to be taken care of. And, naturally, once things were pretty well cleaned up, another storm came through and took down additional trees and limbs.

We were fortunate that Ken Hawkins contacted us about Michelin's Diversity Volunteer Day. Ken and his wife, Lisa had rounded up a group of Michelin employees and wanted to help out CCA as part of this annual Michelin Program. Armed with chain saws, ladders, shovels, rakes and manpower, the group convened upon the shelter and spent the morning cleaning up tree limbs, pulling weeds from the memorial brick patio, fixing fans and whatever else needed to be done. The weather was wonderful, and everyone was treated to a wonderful picnic provided by another Michelin employee. We dined on everything from chili cheese burgers to ice cream cones, and it was delicious.



Ken and Lisa adopted Bouncer, a three-legged boxer mix and a long-term resident of the shelter; ever since Ken and Lisa have become staunch supporters of CCA.

This is the third year in a row that CCA has benefited from Michelin's diversity activities. We appreciate the fact that they think of CCA each year for this event, and we would like to thank Ken, Lisa and everyone from Michelin who spent August 23rd volunteering at the shelter and making things safer for our critters.

Adoptions News

Mary-ellen Gregory

CCA shelter adoptions had a strong first half during 2008 under the direction of Betty Reid, with 18 puppies and dogs going to their forever homes. Betty was challenged with the task of finding homes for the two litters of puppies and their mamas rescued in January. She has put together some wonderful ideas and events to promote CCA's adoptables.

Betty has networked within our community to have adopt-a-thons at many innovative locations. She has put the time & energy into finding new locales to feature our pets, including the YMCA in Simpsonville for a "Puppy Party", Astro Kennels, Holly Tree Animal Hospital, Brookwood Apartments in Mauldin, as well as recurring events during June and August at Fairway Subaru on Laurens Road in Greenville. The staff and employees at these events welcomed us and our animals with open arms. Our thanks and gratitude goes out to all of the organizations that have helped us find homes for our homeless.

As the previous Adoptions Director, I know the time, effort and energy that goes in to preparing for these events, as well as handling the entire adoptions process. Betty has spent hundreds of hours promoting CCA's Shelter Pets and her hard work as resulted in great homes for eighteen adoptable fur-babies!

The **Pickens County Chapter of CCA** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at **7 PM** at the Clemson/Central Library. Please join us!

A Pet's Ten Commandments

- 1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.*
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.*
- 3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well being.*
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.*
- 5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.*
- 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.*
- 7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.*
- 8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me.*
- 9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.*
- 10. On my last ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you.*

*Author Unknown
Submitted by Stephanie Pike*

If you would like to receive PawPrints via email, please send an email address to:
Megathome111@aol.com. Subject: Email PawPrints

Save a tree and receive PawPrints quicker; then, you can forward it on to your animal loving friends!

Long-Term Planning for Pets

By Julie Dunlap

An article in the last issue of PawPrints pointed out the importance of thinking about and planning for our pets' welfare when we can no longer care for them. I hope all of us who own, or are owned by, four-legged critters realize this is just as important as writing down our desire that a favorite niece inherit a particular necklace. State laws often vary from state to state; and from time to time within the same state, no one can tell you exactly what to do. However, if you don't think about this possibility, you are giving up the opportunity to make sure your animals are placed where **YOU** want them to be. Surely you don't want your pets surrendered to a shelter where they are likely to be euthanized because the kids already have their own animals and the neighbors don't want them.

Suggestions:

1. Think about your friends and acquaintances. Would any of them be willing and able to take care of your pet? When you decide on a person, be sure to talk with them to ensure they are willing to accept this responsibility. Don't overlook responsible children if their parents agree. If you bought your pet from a breeder, many breeders will accept the pet again and take the task of re-homing it. Oftentimes no-kill rescue groups will do the same thing.
2. Retirement homes exist in some parts of this country for dogs and cats. At these places, an animal can live out its life in physical comfort. I don't know how much individual attention each animal would receive, and usually a substantial fee is charged when the arrangements are made. As far as I know, there are no such retirement homes in this part of the country at the present time.

3. Set up a bank account for your pet's future. This may make the pet more acceptable to someone who cannot afford to care for it otherwise. However, have your executor oversee it in some way, thereby preventing an unscrupulous person from accepting your pet just to get the money. You could have your executor distribute the money periodically in small amounts or have the executor pay the animal's bills (food, vet bills, etc) directly. Make sure your executor is willing to do this for as long as the pet is likely to live.
4. Keep a written copy of each animal's required medications with your will and more detailed information in the animal's health records. Make sure your executor knows where these records are kept.

The most important thing is to make a decision and make sure your executor knows your wishes. Review it regularly. Because you may have several different pets between the time you make a decision and the time for it to be implemented your wishes may change for different animals.

The volunteers, board members, critters and our Caretaker, Ben, would like to thank and recognize Steven and Susan Bichel for their generous donation which provided us with a new dryer for the shelter. The Bichel's donation was made in loving memory of their faithful schnauzer, Henry. We know Henry will be waiting patiently at the Rainbow Bridge.

CCA invites our readers and supporters to submit articles and opinions to be published in PawPrints. To submit an article or opinion, please email megathome111@aol.com or concern4animals@bellsouth.net

Volunteer News Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

June 21st presented a beautiful afternoon for the volunteer picnic hosted by Betty Reid at her home. The event was a huge THANK YOU from the Board of Directors to our faithful volunteers, without whom we could not possibly be the great organization we are!

A wonderful mix of Greenville and Pickens Counties volunteers mingled to enjoy good conversation and refreshments. "Mother Nature" even cooperated, skirting her rain around our party and leaving us with sunny skies while approximately twenty people got to know each other a little better.

Greenville County Volunteer Meetings







As a result of inquiries from volunteers, Greenville County Volunteer Meetings are being resumed. Meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The meeting location is the Greenville Tech Brashier Campus in Simpsonville, , Room 243 in Building 201 (the first building when you enter the campus). Meetings begin at 6:30 pm, adjourning by 8:00 pm. Please join us with your ideas, input and information that will allow CCA to continue providing the important community programs and services..

Please note the views expressed in articles submitted for publication are not necessarily those of the Concerned Citizens for Animals Board or its Communications Director. However, it is the Board's goal to encourage thought and dialogue on topics relevant to animal welfare and responsible pet ownership

BI-LO Booster Program – Donate to CCA Every Time You Shop!

Every time you shop at BI-LO, you can support our shelter animals by selecting CCA as your BI-LO Boosters charity. When you select CCA as your designated charity, we receive up to 1% of your purchases. If you have previously signed up, it is necessary to re-enroll in order for CCA to continue to receiving your support. This enrollment will ensure your donations are given to CCA through May 31, 2009. For the first half of 2008, CCA received over \$500 simply because you shopped at BI-Lo, and we thank you for it!

We are participating in BI-LO's boostersplus fund-raising program this year. We can earn money for CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS by simply shopping at any BI-LO with our BONUSCARD. Just give one of the enrollment cards below to the cashier along with your BONUSCARD to be scanned within your grocery order. This one-time scan will enroll you for CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS until May 31 and we will receive one percent of your purchases. Give the extra enrollment cards to family and friends so they can help us raise money as well.

 <p>1. Give this enrollment card to the cashier with your BONUSCARD one time during the program term. 2. One percent of your purchases will be donated to your designated group through May 31. 3. Call 800-768-4438 if you have any questions.</p> <p>CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS</p>  <p>0 00007 52336 6</p>	 <p>1. Give this enrollment card to the cashier with your BONUSCARD one time during the program term. 2. One percent of your purchases will be donated to your designated group through May 31. 3. Call 800-768-4438 if you have any questions.</p> <p>CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS</p>  <p>0 00007 52336 6</p>
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Memorials & Dedications

From **Malinda and Marshall Coleman**, in memory of **SAM and EVIE**, beloved dogs of Elizabeth and Clyde Baucom

From the **employees and friends of Iron Disorders Institute**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER** and in recognition of his devoted cat **MILHAUS**

From **Hollis Strozier and Christopher Dux**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER**

From **Susan Wolff**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER**

From **Connie McCollum**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER**

From **Joseph Rickman**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER**

From **Judith S. Young**, in memory of **CHRISTOPHER HOWARD McCARTER**

From **Mary E. Lee**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Jarden Design Associates and Jarden Plastic Solutions**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **InControl, Inc.**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Anthony and Loretta Capriotti**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Bob and Jo Ann Cripe**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Keith A. Fell**, in remembrance of our dear friend, **WILBUR JACKSON**. May his “Cindi-Girl” meet him in Heaven one day.

From **Joan and Richard Kmiec**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Kirby and Mary Everette**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Bill and Kay Maluchnik**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **John and Nancy Roberts**, in memory of **WILBUR JACKSON**

From **Joanne Jones McCoy**, in memory of **SAM**, beloved dog of Jerry Nett

From **Joanne Jones McCoy**, in memory of **MEG**, beloved dog of Mrs. Theresa Huffman

From **Jo Ann Hollingsworth**, in memory of **SPARKLE**, beloved pet of Mrs. Midge Groover

From **Louise and Dennis Gallagher**, in memory of **ALEX MOUNTAIN MUTT**

From **Lynn Hall**, in memory of her beloved Boston Terrier, **SNOBALL**

From **Clay and Rose Mary Allen**, in memory of **BUD CURLESS**, of Milford, Ohio, a true animal lover and great “dad” to all

From **Kathy and David Batson**, in memory of **GRETCHEN LOCKWOOD**

From **Steven and Susan Bichel**, in memory of **HENRY**

From **Dr. and Mrs. James Richardson**, in memory of Mrs. Richardson's father, **BEN LANGDON GRIFFIN**, aged 91, who passed away June 26, 2008. He had ten dogs he rescued from roadways, ditches, etc. He was a great animal lover. They will miss him dearly.

From **Bill and Kathy Mays**, in memory of **BEN LANGDON GRIFFIN**

From **Michael and Deborah Mazerall**, in memory of **DUDLEY AND CASEY**

From **Alice Gullick**, in memory of her brother, **ROBERT E. CARTER, III**. During his life he and his wife saved many animals from being destroyed and nursed many injured ones back to health.

From **Beatrice Rial**, in memory of Bessie Calvet's cat, **S'MORE**

From **Sandia Rosche**, in memory of **NORMAN MATHIASSEN**

From **Rick and Diane Saint**, in memory of **RAMON ASHY**

From **Sandra Knight-Smith**, in memory of **KRAMER**, much beloved kitty of Dr. and Mrs. Jan Bittrick

From **Sandra Knight-Smith**, in memory of **RODNEY**, much beloved “weiner” of Dr. and Mrs. Grant Healey

From **Sandra Knight-Smith**, in memory of **KITTY**, much loved and missed girl kitty of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson

From **Diane and Thomas Jarecky**, in memory of **OSCAR**, beloved cat of the Welborn family

From **Jane Alletto and the 3M Club**, in memory of Linda Caldwell’s husband, **BOBBY CALDWELL**

From **Val Magin**, in memory of **DORIS LEDFORD** and in honor of **PEARL**, her guardian angel

From **Pleasantburg Veterinary Clinic**, in memory of **BEAR FREEMAN, JORDAN FALLON, VELVET SITTING, ZONA CULP, BAGEL VARIN, CHEEBY PRATT, KEATING VINSON, CINNAMON LEVERETTE, COLE HART, CLANCY NICOLINI, JACKSON BANNISTER, CHESTER KELLER, AUSTIN NORWOOD, VERUKA CANADA, BUSTER PURCELL, FLUFFY LITTLE, THUMPER LA LONDE, TUFFY BOWERS, HENRY BICHEL, PRISSY HOOVER, SASSY LEWERS, RUDY VAINAS, CESSNA BROWN, ADALSO ONUFER, DON Q BEALL, SAM SHRAMEK, SALEM TOWNSEND, and ZOE PARHAM**

From **Jean and Robert Arden**, in honor of **BETTY WAY**

From **Brian Gregory**, in honor of **TOM AND BETTY WAY**

From **Beth and David Hannon**, in honor of **PAULETTE MOBBS**

From **Kathy Hess**, in honor of **JEANNE RUGH’S** birthday

From **Kathy Hess**, in honor of **JESSIE RUGH’S** birthday

From **Barbara and Gary Hendrix**, in honor of the **FAMILY AND FRIENDS ATTENDING THE WEDDING OF LINDSEY AND SAM HOWELL**

From **Val Magin**, in memory of **REVEREND HERBERT CONNER**, whose love of God was demonstrated by his service to animals

From **Mary Rene Kirby**, in honor of **PUMPKIN**

From **Phyllis Sheriff**, in memory of **DORIS LEDFORD**

From **David and Alice Hurst**, in memory of **RIGBY**, beloved pet of David and Patty Bowers. Rigby peacefully passed away recently.

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS











Fall Raffle

Please mail your completed tickets with your donation (\$1.00 for each ticket) to:

CCA
P.O. Box 1332
Simpsonville, SC 29681

This quarter's raffle is for a 5.6" LCD Digital Photo Frame, with 128 MB of Internal Memory. Store up to 149 two megapixel images and easily transfer your pictures videos and music to display your favorite photos. No PC required. Value: \$100

\$1.00/Ticket

Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Tel: email:		Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Tel: email:	
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WHEN: October 25, 2008
WHERE: Greenville Technical College
More Info: www.ccaweb.org

Money Raised Awards

1 st Prize	Most Money Raised
2 nd Prize	2 nd Most Money Raised
3 rd Prize	3 rd Most Money Raised
4 th Prize	4 th Most Money Raised

Number of Pledge Sponsors Awards

1 st Prize	Most Pledge Sponsors
2 nd Prize	2 nd Most Pledge Sponsors

All participants raising \$15 or more in sponsorships will be eligible to register for one of the following contests! Participants raising over \$100 may enter three contests of their choice. In addition, they will win a Bark in the Park T-shirt and are eligible to compete for prizes in Money Raised and Pledge Sponsor Award categories.

- **Most Vocal**
- **Waggiest Tail**
- **Most Talented**
- **Most Unusual**
- **Largest**
- **Smallest**
- **Heinz 57**
- **Oldest Dog**
- **Celebrity Look-alike (Lassie, Benji, etc.)**
- **Best Spooktacular Dressed Owner/Dog pair (Halloween costumes) – Children under 12**
- **Best Spooktacular Dressed Owner/Dog pair (Halloween costumes) – Over 12 years**

Rules:

- Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.
- Each animal and child must be accompanied by at least one adult.
- Dogs are to have up-to-date vaccinations.
- CCA representatives reserve the right to exclude any dog.
- People are required to clean up after their pets.

Bark in the Park **A Quarter Century Event**

For twenty-four years, Bark in the Park (BIP) has been CCA's largest annual fundraiser. The donations collected by our loyal supporters for this event are used throughout the year to support our many programs, and most important, the animals at our shelter. Because it is the core of our funding, it is vital that every Bark in the Park be more successful than the last.

This event is a VERY significant part of our history. This year is CCA's **25th Annual Bark in the Park**, and we thought it would be fun to share a bit of "BIP History" with you.

In 1983 when Bark in the Park began and for some years thereafter, the event was scheduled in May to coincide with "Be Kind to Animals Week." Eventually, the date was changed from May to October. There were a number of reasons for this decision. For one, Mothers' Day always fell within "Be Kind to Animals Week." That presented a bit of a conflict for supporters who had to travel that weekend to visit their mothers. The weather also presented its share of challenges. Many a Bark in the Park weekend, May temperatures were unseasonably hot. This lessened the enjoyment of both the dogs and their humans, especially our dedicated volunteers who spent many hours setting up and packing up the event. Of course, spring rains could sometimes be a problem as well. October was chosen because it's generally cooler and seemed a good choice for a barktoberfest!

The growth of BIP over the years is **ASTOUNDING!** Back in 1983 at the first BIP, eleven dogs registered to participate and a grand total of about \$500 was raised. The second year, our entrants more than doubled with 25 dogs. Despite this humble beginning, we knew we were on to something! Each year the number of dogs entered and the amount of money collected have increased significantly. Our record was 87 dogs registered and over \$23,000 raised. Given it is Bark in the Park's silver anniversary, we'd like to shatter all records this year

The event's venue has also changed over time. BIP started in Cleveland Park. Although the park is centrally located and family friendly, it lacked one important feature. It had no restrooms! While the dogs didn't seem to mind, the humans found it inconvenient. So each year we were there, CCA incurred the added expense of renting portable restrooms. In the 1990's Bark in the Park transitioned to Timmons Park, a lovely city park tucked away off East North Street. Not many people knew about it, but it was well known to Greenville's homeless. Many a Bark in the Park morning, volunteers arriving early to set up had to awaken people sleeping on the picnic tables! Our 20th anniversary found us at the Clement estate in Greer, a beautiful lakeside setting. Hosted by Sue and Ray Clement, several BIP's have been held at this location over the years. In 2005, we were invited to the Municipal Baseball Stadium, and this year the locale will be the Main Campus of Greenville Tech on Pleasantburg Drive. Throughout all of these changes, the goal of this event has always been the same....to raise as much money as possible for the thousands of animals whose lives have been saved and enriched by CCA's work.

Over the years, CCA has been sustained and promoted by thousands; and we thank each and every one of you. Space does not allow us to mention by name the many who have been perennial Bark in the Park supporters. However, there are two individuals we would like to recognize for their faithful and consistent support of CCA and this annual event.

Since the inception of Bark in the Park, Betty Way has been the #1 fundraiser in this event. Betty has always had the assistance of one of her faithful canine pals; and by the time the 14th BIP occurred in 1997, Betty and her beloved dog Happy had raised over \$35,000. Sadly, 1997 would be Happy Way's last BIP; but the next year Betty and her new assistant, Buttons, raised over \$6,000 in sponsorships. Year after year, Betty "and company" have been the top fund raisers for CCA since that first Bark in the Park back in 1983.

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Since moving to Greenville in 1991, Father Herbert Conner of St. Mary Magdalene Church has conducted the blessing of the animals at Bark in the Park. He has only missed two events since then, and both times he sent someone from the church in his stead. For many years, he has provided St. Francis pet medals, which he blessed at BIP. He made sure there was always enough for every dog to receive one.

Our goal for Bark in the Park's 25th Anniversary is to make it an unforgettably fun and profitable event. Rescuing animals, seeing to their medical needs, ensuring they are altered, keeping them safe and healthy at our shelter, and finding them forever homes require significant funding. So too do the many community services CCA provides. A successful Bark in the Park will ensure our work continues and CCA continues to fulfill its charter. Please join us in celebrating this quarter century event!

In Memory of Austin Ballard



*Austin Lee
Ballard
December 24, 2000 ~
June 20, 2008
Thanks for being a
special part of my life.*

CCA has had the good fortune to work with Kay Ballard for printing services. Kay is the owner of Hiott Printing in Pickens, SC, and is a tremendous supporter of CCA.

In June her beloved canine companion, Austin, moved on to the Rainbow Bridge. Austin was a familiar face in the office of Hiott Printing, and we know the employees and customers of Hiott miss his happy greeting. Austin is memorialized by Kay on a card that carried the message to the left, and followed by the text of the "Rainbow Bridge." We know he will be waiting for Kay patiently at that special place.