

HUGAPET

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SUPPORT THE GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY

Help
Wanted

Do you have fund-raising experience ? Computer design skills? Decorating skills ? Theatre production skills? Are you a hard worker? Do you have some free time and play well with others? Would you like to work with a group of dedicated animal loving volunteers, who put on some of the *best darn fund-raising events* in the area? If the answer is yes to any of the above send an email to: jpr8080@cox.net, or call Joyce at 804 694-7835. Our next “best” event is the Annual Auction on February 9, 2013 to benefit the Gloucester-Mathews–Middlesex Animal Shelter.

Happy Tails



Diesel came to the shelter in February 2012. He had been living with alpacas as a Livestock Guardian Dog (LGD). An LGD lives with the flocks or herds of animals on a farm and guards them from predators. This is very different from a herding dog. While he looks very sweet, cute and cuddly; he’s really a working dog that needs to do the job he has been bred and raised to do. He is a Karakachan/Maremma Sheepdog mix who wouldn’t be happy living in a home. After contacting rescues and posting him on different websites, we got a call from a nice family with an alpaca farm in Indiana. They wanted to adopt him to be a LGD for their alpacas and live in the area where the babies are housed. They drove here from Indiana and adopted him. He settled in nicely. His first night, he hopped into the stall with a miniature horse and slept there. Diesel’s owners say he patrols the perimeter fence for danger and loves the baby alpacas and all the other animals on the farm. He did hop over the fence one time, but their house dog quickly sent him back over the fence. As you can see in the picture, Diesel is happy doing his job. The most recent update from his new owners, “he sure is a joy to have here and a worthy co-worker. I think you can mark him as a successful adoption, worker and friend.”

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Eye Appeal...

It’s a New Year and the beginning of our Second Century serving homeless animals on the Middle Peninsula. As we walked through our corridors this week, we noticed that many of the faces are new, but something about the eyes looks familiar. It’s their hope that *you might be the one to take me home*. Those eyes say everything.

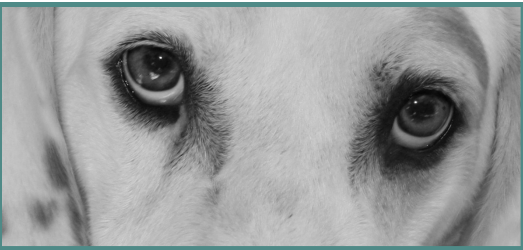
We ask you again to help us provide these animals with the care and hope they need as they await that *one* special person or family to give them a new home.

You may be familiar with some of our fund-raising events—*The Mutt Strut on the Catwalk Fashion Show* in the fall, and our *Annual Auction & Mardi Gras Celebration* coming up next month. But did you know that we are now able to accept car and boat donations and that we have a Give-a-Day program?

For a gift of \$900 or just \$80 each month for a year, you can help us remain open for a day. We will acknowledge you or a loved one as the sponsor of the day of your choice.

Celebrate a birthday or another special day with our Shelter animals as they wait for *the one* !

(For information on these giving options, please contact Joyce Crum in our office, 804-- 693-5520, ext. 306).



When you look into those eyes you’ll know that every gift, no matter its size, or form, is vital to the well-being of our Shelter animals.

Your gift will serve as a visible symbol of Gandhi’s belief that *the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated*.

Those Eyes Count
On You !

GIFTS GALORE AT THE GMHS



Stop by our newly remodeled and restocked Pawsitively Purrfect Gift Shop at the Shelter for a unique selection of gifts and accessories for you and your favorite 2 and 4 legged friends. Our leash and collar promotion extends through February – buy one collar or leash and get a second one FREE (only on specially marked inventory). **All Holiday merchandise 50% off.** Is there something you'd like to see us

carry? Use our suggestion box located inside the gift shop to let us know. **Check out these new arrivals!**

- River Chick, River Dog and River Cat baseball caps.
- San Francisco Umbrella Company's animal themed umbrellas
- Dublin Dog **all-green** collars and leashes • Doormats by the Maine Lobster Float Rope Company (made from recycled lobster trap ropes)
- Key fobs featuring a variety of dog breeds
- Hostess gifts – from trivets and candles...to platters and dish towels

The GMHS Annual Auction & Mardi Gras Celebration



"When the Dogs Go Barking In ...and the Cat Is In That Number..." You'll want to be there, too! The Annual Auction & Mardi Gras to Benefit the Gloucester-Mathews-Middlesex Animal Shelter February 9, 2013, 6 p.m. at the Abingdon Ruritan Center, Bena. General Admission: \$45; Reserved tables for 8: \$450. To Reserve contact Shannon: fedors@crossroadsmediainc.com; or call 804 642-4320; For Information on Sponsorships or to Donate Auction

Items: Contact Joyce: jpr8080@cox.net; or call 804 694-7835.

Gloucester County Board of Supervisors Recognizes GMHS's 100 Years with Congratulatory Proclamation

During the December Board of Supervisors meeting, The Honorable Carter Borden, President of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors, presented a Congratulatory Proclamation recognizing the GMHS for 100 years of service to the county. Accepting the proclamation were GMHS Board President, Shannon Fedors, Board VP, Dr. Richard Crowder, Sara Delo and GMHS Board Directors: Cheryl Walker, P.B. White, Cam Williams, John Phillips & Cheryl Dame.

The beautifully framed proclamation reflects that in this calendar year the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society celebrated 100 years of service to our community with offerings of humanitarian treatment & care for Gloucester County animals.

This Congratulatory Proclamation was passed by the Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2012.

Thank you so much to the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors and to the County for their continued support of our mission and the animals!

HOW FAR WE HAVE COME WITH HELP FROM PETSMART!

If you adopted a dog or cat from the Gloucester-Mathews-Middlesex Animal Shelter in September of 2011, you would have promised to have your pet spayed or neutered and would need to send proof of the surgery back to the shelter when you did this, at your own expense. Your pet came to you with lots of love, but without a micro-chip, rabies vaccination or free pet health insurance.

As the GMHS moves into its second century, we have PetSmart Charities to thank for allowing us to achieve modern shelter operating standards of 100% pre-adoption spaying and neutering. PetSmart Charities provided the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society with a grant that helped us to cover our costs of spaying and neutering our animals during the first year of the program, starting in October of 2011.

The GMHS began our partnership with PetSmart Charities in 2006 by being one of the first shelters to participate in the Rescue Waggin' Program, allowing us to transport adoptable dogs and puppies to shelters along the northeast coast that had room available for them. Since that time, PetSmart Charities has assisted the GMHS with training programs, recommendations for shelter operations, and shelter improvement grants that allowed us to have our high-speed internet connection, our dog walking trails in the woods behind the shelter, and many other improvements. We are indebted to PetSmart for their support of all shelter animals and their guidance to us in so many ways.

New Fees Encourage Senior and Special-Needs Adoptions

Effective November 1, the Gloucester-Mathews-Middlesex Animal Shelter has reduced its fees for the adoption of dogs and cats over 7 years of age, and has eliminated fees for the adoption of "special needs" pets completely.

"We want to make it easy for families to take an older pet or a pet that needs special care into their homes," said Beth Hogge, Shelter Manager. "These guys are the ones that will steal your heart away – if you give them a chance!"

To help the shelter keep up with the cost of supplies and medications, adoption fees for younger dogs and kittens will increase slightly.

The shelter will also continue to have adoption specials like two-for-one cats, and no-fee days for specific types of pets (like "Tuxedo Cat Tuesdays" and "Empty a Cage" days.) Check the GMHS Facebook site or tune into WXGM on Thursday mornings at 8:35am to see what the "special of the day" might be!

Did your pet miss a photo op' for Calendar Tails 2013?

Plans are underway for a 2014 edition so get your cameras ready!

Here's another great idea: Give the gift of a photo spot to an animal loving family member or friend! Photo spots start at \$25. Pet(s) of the Month pages (\$500) are available on a first come first served basis, and bids will be accepted for the Front and Back Covers until the GMHS Auction on February 9th. For more information on how to feature your animals or to become a sponsor of Calendar Tails 2014, email calendartails@gmail.com, or call Madeline at 804 387-2297.

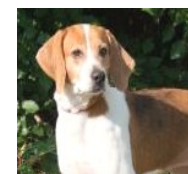
CLIFFS CLUB



AMAZING KIDS DO AMAZING THINGS! Kayla Carr, Richie Hogge, Caroline Crowder, Alex Milligan, Blair Pausic, Haley Hamilton, Julianna Thacker and Colleen Brownley asked their birthday party guests to bring gifts for the animals and staff of the GMHS. Talk about a selfless act of compassion!

Pictured above from left: Colleen Brownley and Caroline Crowder

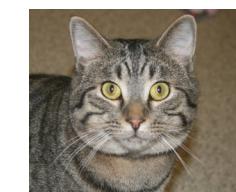
Looking for Love...



Single Female seeking companionship. I'm a good girl who loves to play. I like long walks, riding in your truck, and cozy winter nights lying by the fire.

Candlelight dinners will have me eating right out of your hand. *Here's my number...* (804-693-5520); *call me, maybe... ask for Baby!*

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Single Male seeking companionship, age not important. I love to cuddle, chase things around and sleep. I'm certain these traits will

accommodate your lifestyle! And don't worry about my sleeping habits because when I am awake, I'll want to spend every minute getting to know you. Call 804-693-5520 and ask for Dallas.

WHO'S WHAT'S YOUR DADDY



To kick off the sale of our new Shelter Dog Identification Test Kits, the GMHS held a contest to guess the breeds of Brody. Saliva was collected (not an easy

task from a strong energetic dog) and off it went to a lab. The results are in (drum roll please) Brody is Tibetan Spaniel, Flat Coat Retriever, American Staffordshire Terrier and ALOT of Brittany Spaniel. The WINNER was Michelle Corriveau of Norfolk, Virginia. Congratulations to Michelle and thank you to everyone who participated in our contest. The best part is, Brody was adopted and his new family (pictured above left) loves him no matter what breed he is. Shelter Dog ID kits are available at the Shelter's gift shop.

SPONSOR A SHELTER PET!

You can make a difference in the life of a homeless dog or cat! Even if you are not able to adopt from us, you can still make a difference to pets in our care by sponsoring the animal of your choice that's awaiting an adoptive home. This is an exciting and rewarding way to watch your donation in action. By covering part or the entire adoption fee, spay/neuter fee or a gift card for pet items, you are spotlighting a pet in need and allowing adopters to put their money toward care for the pet. We will place a sign on the pet's kennel recognizing your sponsorship. You can sponsor a pet in memory of or in honor of someone special as well. Sponsorships make great gifts for any animal lover. Call us at 804-693-5520 for more information on sponsoring a pet.



