

Hart County Humane Society



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"You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one"
- John Lennon "Imagine"

The Humane Society is looking toward the future, and it is bright!



Lindsey and Kelsey Populorum are pictured at Hart County Humane Society's third birthday, celebrated at Depot Day in Hartwell. The girls are holding two rescued puppies Lenny & Leo. Fostering provides shelter love and care for homeless animals until the perfect family is found. The Humane Society appreciates the sacrifices the sisters make for the animals. Many lives have been saved through the foster program.

Darcy Flowers, Donna Madkiff and a few foster pets had the opportunity to visit the Critter Club at the Hart County Middle School. As you can see there are a lot of children who love animals. We handed out spay/ neuter and Dogs Deserve Better brochures. We cannot change the past but we can nurture the future. It is our responsibility to talk about pet owner responsibility and empathy for animals. We pray there are many future rescuers in this group of young people.



Humane Society Facts & Figures

- 1,176 animals rescued
- 136 families provided assistance
- 461 spayed or neutered
- 52 animals presently in foster care

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Upcoming Events

- Month of February - "I have a Heart for Hart County Animals Campaign – Pink hearts are available at Paws & Claws Animal Hospital, Hartwell Veterinary Hospital, Royston Animal Hospital, Hartwell Pharmacy, Siblings, Ace Hardware, Outfitters, Dockside, and the Green Bean
- February 12th, 13th, & 14th - "Second Chance at Love" adoption event at PetSmart in Anderson
- March 20th – Bake Off at Burger King parking lot
- April 24th – Dam Dog Walk at Big Oaks 1:00 – 4:00
- April 30th through May 2nd – Spring Adoption event at PetSmart in Anderson
- June 26th – Pre-4th on the square in Hartwell and Snow Cones at Big Oaks for the fireworks at twilight
- September 10th, 11th, & 12th – PetSmart National Adoption Event Weekend
- September 18th – annual Humane Society volunteer picnic
- November 12th, 13th, & 14th – PetSmart National Adoption Event Weekend

Hart County Humane Society's Mission Statement

The Hart County Humane Society is an all-volunteer non-profit animal rescue organization. We promote humane treatment of animals, and advocate for local government to provide animal control services and an animal shelter within the county. We prevent unwanted litters of puppies and kittens, and assist families to keep and care for their pets through our subsidized spay/neuter and family financial assistance programs. We support volunteer efforts to rescue stray and abused animals. We care for a limited number of homeless pets in approval foster homes and place them in permanent adoptive homes. Our group is passionately working toward the day when every pet in our community is well cared for in a loving home.

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Hopewell's Story

About a month ago, during the coldest run of winter temperatures yet, Olivia & Alley, ages 11 & 7 had a visitor outside their kitchen window. The tabby was terribly emaciated. He was crying and cold, and was staring at Olivia & Alley's five indoor cats through the glass. He was so skinny that you could feel nothing but ribs, spine, and hip bones when you touched his back. His eyes were hollow. The girl's family guesses he was between 4-5 pounds, although healthy body weight for a cat with his frame would be 11-13 pounds.

They named the cat "Hopewell", as a wish for his future. Hopewell was feeble and cold and could only move short distances before having to sit again. Hopewell had a tattered, black collar that was way too big for him, with an excess 6 inches trailing on the ground. Olivia, Alley, and family called neighbors to see if anyone knew where he came from, but there were no leads. The family made the decision that night to foster Hopewell until they could find a responsible individual or group for further care.

Over the last few weeks Hopewell has been recovering in a box prepared especially for him in his foster homes garage. On the coldest nights they make sure Hopewell is in his box next to a space heater. Hopewell eats and drinks well, and uses a litter box. He has gained several pounds and moves around easily now. Olivia and Alley say that Hopewell craves attention, affection, and handling, he loves being around people. They hope that Hopewell can complete his life story with a family that wishes to supply that attention to Hopewell.

If it wasn't for the Humane Society and our foster program Olivia, Alley, and their family would not have been able to save Hopewell. They would have had to take him to the shelter. Hopewell will need dental and medical care before becoming well enough for adoption. But thanks to the generous donations from the Humane Society's membership and contributors, Hopewell will receive the care he needs in a loving foster home while waiting for his forever family. This is the rescue group we are. Thank you for not only helping to save Hopewell, but also allowing these young children to have a rewarding rescue experience. This is our future.



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Honors & Tributes

We are honored that some members of our community have chosen the Hart County Humane Society for contributions in memory or honor of their loved ones. We would like to send a very special thank you to these individuals and families:

- Kenneth & Rosemary Dansbury in memory of Mrs. Janet Dansbury and Kevin Harris
- Archer & Greiner, PC, Attorneys in memory of Bob Fean
- Judy Akins in memory of Bob Fean
- Lila Sanders Rankin in memory of Betty Monroe
- Mike & Hughie MacNabb in memory of Susan Culner's dalmation Pepper
- Steve and Margaret Kiemel in memory of Phillip Sadler and Frank Joseph Madkiff
- Virginia Nunnally in memory of Elaine Laslie
- Mimi Payne in memory of Mrs. Gladys Thrasher
- Erin Renfroe in memory of Robert and Pamela Renfroe's pet Claude Monet
- Laura B Milford in memory of her beloved cat and faithful friend Tony the Tiger
- Shirley Golladay in memory of Inga Slater
- Darlington Ridgeway in the name of Laura & Ronnie Milford, in memory of Tony the Tiger
- Virginia Jean Smith in memory of her husband Marcus T. Smith
- Rhea Kemble Dignam in memory of Virginia Ann Kemble
- Gail Cleveland in memory of her dog Charlie

Contributions in Memory of Chuck Holland from:

- Jane Kay
- Gordon & Phyllis Bailey
- Charlotte and Jimmy Milford
- Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Bruce
- Mr. & Mrs. Russ Mize & family
- Bond of Love Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church
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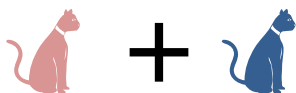
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DO YOU KNOW?

Why Having Your Pet Spayed or Neutered is so important!

Thousands of animals in shelters are euthanized daily for space;
one litter can turn into thousands of animals:



$$\begin{array}{r} \text{X} \quad 7 \text{ years} \\ \hline = \quad 420,000 \text{ cats} \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} \text{X} \quad 7 \text{ years} \\ \hline = \quad 50,000 \text{ dogs} \end{array}$$

Even if you can find homes for all your pets' puppies and kittens, what is keeping their litters from ending up in a shelter? The Humane Society wants to stop the needless euthanasia of wonderful animals.

If you need financial assistance to fix your pet, we want to help. Applications for our subsidized spay/neuter program can be picked up at any of our local caring veterinarians or downloaded from harthumane.org.

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Golden Shovel Award



Pam McGovern & Donna Madkiff had the honor of representing the Hart County Humane Society at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet January 28th. The Humane Society received the "Golden Shovel Award", this award recognizes individuals or groups who perform a lot of volunteer work in the community without receiving much recognition. The humane society wishes to thank the Chamber of Commerce for honoring our volunteer work, not only for the animals but also for the families they live with as a contribution to the community. We are so proud to

receive this award and accept it on behalf of the many who are working passionately to make a difference in our community. Without donations and memberships, volunteers wouldn't have the resources to manage our life saving projects. If you have donated an item to raffle, worked at a fund raising or adoption event, cleaned a cage or a kennel, transported an animal to a veterinarian visit, fostered or adopted a homeless pet this award is for you. If you have mailed in a donation or membership, ever dropped money in a donation canister or perhaps became more aware and have spayed or neutered your own pet or a pet in need this award is for you. Especially our caring veterinarians and their devoted staffs who have supported our group through the toughest times, this award is for you!

New Adopt a Shelter Pet Stamps

The postal service will be issuing new stamps that feature pictures of dogs and the words "Adopt a Shelter Pet." Humane Society member Dawn Ross, who works at the post office, made the wonderful suggestion that members buy stamps for their personal use as a way to encourage adoptions. Dawn also offered that if members would like to donate some of these stamps to the Humane Society to help with our mailing costs, she would personally pay the postage to put the donated stamps in our PO Box directly. If you would prefer to have a receipt for your donation, you could mail the stamps to the Humane Society at PO Box 1062, Hartwell, GA 30643 and include your name and address on a post it note and we will send you a receipt. One pane of 20 stamps costs \$8.80. A great way to support our adoption and spay/neuter efforts!

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You can reach us at:

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Hartwell, GA 30643

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www.harthumane.org

The Hart County Humane Society meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 downstairs of the adult learning center at Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell.

If you are interested in fostering an animal we are always in need of long term or short term foster homes. The Humane Society provides for all the animal's needs except daily care and love. Contact Donna at 706-376-1769.

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Do You Have a ♥ for Hart County Animals?

Help Us Help Hart County Animals!

- () Yes, I would like to be a member \$25
- () No, thanks, but I will donate anyway, enclosed is \$_____
- () I can volunteer; call me to discuss your needs

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hart County Humane Society relies completely on membership and volunteer support.

Please send to:

Membership Enrollment

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