



Humane Society of Morgan County, WVa

The Animals' Voice

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SUMMER - 2011

7th Annual Poker Run To Be Held On July 9th

HSMC is holding their 7th Annual Ruff Rider Poker Run on Saturday, July 9th. Registration is from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Earth Dog Café in Berkeley Springs. A run of 133 miles is planned through some of the most scenic roadways in West Virginia. The run will end at Hillbilly Heaven on Route 9 East of Berkeley Springs where the last card will be drawn. A \$10 donation to ride is required.

Planning for this year's run is being done by Brenda Rippeon who works at Earth Dog. She is being assisted by Scottie Moore, Bear Waugh and Paul Murtha. "We're very excited about this year's run. We're expecting the largest turnout ever and already have dozens of riders signed up" according to Rippeon. Laura Talbert and Jason Roderick of BS Tattoo and Skate Company of Berkeley Springs designed the flier and had 1,500 copies printed.



Front row: Linda Blacker, Brenda Rippeon. Second row: Scotty Moore, Ron Beans, Scotty Householder, Bear Waugh, Lorriane Vangosen and Bear Thompson. Back row: Wade Rippeon and Rodney Dodson. Not pictured, Jim Brisbane, Jessy Taylor and Carm Cunningham.

There are prizes for the best and worst poker hand, 50/50 drawings, great food and door prizes including gift baskets donated by Rescue Ink and Earth Dog Cafe. Earth Dog is sponsoring a breakfast buffet starting at 8 a.m. for only \$5.

Earth Dog Café is owned

by Paul and Susie Allen, and Stephen Allen. They feature casual dining at reasonable prices. In the two years since they opened they have developed a huge following. Although most of the restaurants in Morgan County have been extremely supportive of HSMC it is Earth Dog that has become

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the unofficial hangout for the staff and Board of Directors. HSMC thanks them for all that they have done for the animals.

For further information on the Poker Run please contact Brenda at 304-258-8079 or the Humane Society at 304-258-5592. Of course updates are available at our website at www.HSMC-WV.org. So get your engines ready and come out to support the homeless animals available at the shelter. See you there!

HSMC Volunteer of the Year John McGranahan

John McGranahan arrived in Morgan County near the end of June 2010 when he began volunteering with the Humane Society. He'd seen the cats available for adoption at the RAG Shop and jumped right in helping with the offsite adoption program regularly held there. Soon after beginning to volunteer he took on the work of planning and staging this part of the offsite adoption program.

He takes every opportunity he can to expand his experience base with the dogs and cats as well as helping with administrative duties in the office. He's increased his involvement and responsibilities by recently joining the Board of Directors. He states that this is the first time he's ever worked with a group of people with such compassion and responsibility towards the animals seeking a forever home.

For these reasons, John McGranahan is our HSMC Volunteer of the Year for 2011. He was honored at a recent luncheon at the Country Inn in Berkeley Springs with the other volunteers from other organizations in the county.

Pictured right: John McGranahan with Leo the kitty.



Pam Farnham, HSMC President

Pam Farnham was elected President of HSMC unanimously by the members at our annual dinner in 2010. She is currently serving in the first year of her two year term. Pam joined the Board of Directors in July 2009.

Pam graduated from Mercy College in New York in 1975. She lived in New York all her life until moving to Morgan County in 2001 after marrying her husband George, a current Board member and former president of HSMC.

She started volunteering in the office in early 2010 and now works out of the office four days a week. Her responsibilities include helping in the office with Andrea Anderson and Assistant Shelter Manager Barbie Ginck, working on adoptions, dealing with members of the public who come to the shelter and answering questions from the numerous people who call the shelter for information on a daily basis.

Pam is the proud mother of two sons, Chris and Greg who both live in California with their wives, Suitaisa and Marisa. She has two grandchildren, Rai and Siena and is expecting another early next year.

Pam and George live in southern Morgan County in Unger. They have many cats, 10 alpacas and three llamas. In addition they own the largest fiberglass statue collection in the country on private property.



Pictured right: Pam Farnham at an early age with her first two kittens, an early indication of her future job as President of HSMC.

Andrea Anderson: 10,000 Hours and Counting

Andrea Anderson is the HSMC shelter manager and a member of the Board of Directors. She and her husband, Paul Murtha, moved to Morgan County from Sterling, Va. in 2005. Both began volunteering at the shelter at that time. She became shelter manager in 2008. Her duties include managing the financial books, overseeing the paid employees and the activities of the volunteers. She is responsible for establishing the policies of the shelter. During her tenure she has instituted a wide variety of procedures on animal hygiene, office operations and book-keeping practices. She reports directly to the President of the Board of Directors.

During her time at HSMC Andrea has donated more than 10,000 hours of her time to the shelter. No one in the 35 year history of the organization has done more for HSMC. Pam Farnham, HSMC President, stated "We would be lost without Andrea. She is the glue that holds everything together for us".

Andrea graduated from

Kent State with a degree in accounting. Before moving to Morgan County she spent 12 years as the accounting coordinator for one of the largest advertising firms in Virginia. She and Paul are the proud owners of two black lab mixed breed dogs.

Earlier in the year she and Paul sent letters to their friends around the country asking for donations to keep the shelter running. Over \$5,000 was raised from their efforts. In addition she and Paul have made countless donations of cash and supplies to the Shelter.

The dog in the photo with Andrea is Petunia. Petunia is a deaf dog that was fostered by Andrea. She taught the dog commands in sign language. Petunia was recently adopted out to her forever home and will make an excellent pet thanks to Andrea's efforts.

Andrea, in her little spare time, collects teapots. Paul teaches wargaming technology to the U.S. military. He restores old vehicles and clocks. Paul is also a valued member of the Board of Directors.



Andrea Anderson, HSMC Shelter Manager with "Petnuni," a deaf cattle dog mix puppy who recently found her forever home.

Familiar Face . . .



Barbie Ginck, Assistant Shelter Manager with Dixie the cat who was recently adopted.

In addition to her regular responsibilities at the shelter, Barbie Ginck, Assistant Shelter Manager, handles the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program for the shelter using the County Commissioner supplied grant funds.

Who's Who

Shelter Manager - Andrea Anderson
Assistant Shelter Mgr - Barbie Ginck
Website Design - Ellie Gomez
Newsletter - Clare Phillips

In addition, there are too many staff members, volunteers and supporters to list individually but HSMC could not be as successful an organization as we are without their constant support. Thank you everyone.

HSMC Board of Directors 2011

President - Pam Farnham	Director - Paul Murtha
Treasurer - Andrea Anderson	Director - John McGranahan
Director - George Farnham	Director - Jonathan McBee
Director - Marilyn McDonald	Director - Dave McDonald

Donation at The Rag Shop

When donating furniture, jewelry, clothing, etc. please remember The RAG Shop in Berkeley Springs. For non-cash donations, please bring your gently used items to the RAG Shop to support our cause at HSMC. Just ask Trish at the shop to credit the donation to HSMC, and we receive a percentage of the profits. The RAG Shop is open Thursday through Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 304-258-7742.

Visitors Welcome

We love visitors to the shelter. Feel free to stop in and get a tour whenever you have the chance. You may even fall in love with one of many, wonderful dogs and kitties.

HSMC Briefs

In April Susan Harris made a donation to the shelter in memory of her two cats Miss Taffy and Roadcat Bill. Susan is a longtime volunteer and former member of the Board of Directors. She also fosters cats for HSMC. She is currently fostering a mother cat and her four kittens and has decided to keep the mother. Thanks for all the years of support Susan.

In April Warm Springs Restaurant held their second fundraiser of the year for HSMC. It was another success and we appreciate their continued support. Thanks. Darcy.

The third annual Mutt Strut will be held this fall. We are still looking for a coordinator for this event if anyone wants to volunteer.

On Memorial Day weekend HSMC held a bucket drive in downtown Berkeley Springs. Over \$3,300 was raised. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with this event.

Jim and Bertha McCoy of the Troubadour have announced that they will hold a benefit concert for HSMC this summer. Jonathan McBee, current Board member will coordinate the music for the event. Thanks for the many years of support from our favorite bar/restaurant.

10 Reasons Senior Cats Rule

1. When senior cats are adopted, they seem to understand that they've been rescued, and are all the more thankful for it.
2. A senior cat's personality has already developed, so you'll know if he or she is a good fit for your family.
3. You can teach an old cat new tricks (I do every day with my own cats!): Senior cats have the attention span and impulse control that makes them easier to train than their youthful counterparts.
4. A senior cat may very well already know basic household etiquette (like not attacking your feet at night) anyway!
5. In particular, senior cats are often already litter trained and are less likely to "forget" where the box is.
6. A senior cat won't grow any larger, so you'll know exactly how much cat you're getting.
7. Senior cats are often content to just relax in your company, unlike younger cats, who may get into mischief because they're bored.
8. Speaking of relaxing, senior cats make great napping buddies.
9. Senior cats often know that scratching posts (not furniture) are for scratching and toys (not hands or feet) are for biting.
10. Senior cats are some of the hardest to find homes for – so when you adopt a senior cat, you're truly saving a life.



It's Summertime and It's Hot!

Summer heat and animals in your vehicle are a dangerous combination. Leaving your pet in your car even for a brief amount of time in hot weather can lead to heat exhaustion and/or death. You may not think it's that hot, but the temperature in your car can soar, putting your pet in harms way. Since animals can't sweat, they're especially susceptible to the heat.

If you believe your pet is suffering from the effects of heat, please see your veterinarian immediately.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF MORGAN COUNTY, WV

Visit us at:
5366 Valley Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Phone: 304-258-5592

Visit us on the web: www.hsmc-wv.org

Shelter Hours
Tues. through Sat.
11am to 4:30pm
Closed Sun. and Mon.
E-mail: hsmc-wv@peoplepc.com

Humane Society Wish List

- Bleach
 - Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter
 - Liquid Laundry Detergent
 - Vinyl or Latex Gloves Size M or L
 - Dry Pedigree Dog Food
 - Salt For Water Softener
- Can't Decide? Gift cards are always appreciated.
Gift cards ideas: Food Lion, Martins, Staples, to name a few.



P.O. Box 705
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411



DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORM

I would like to contribute \$_____ to support the following:

- The feral and homeless cat spay/neuter program
- Make Improvements to the cattery
- Everyday Operating Expenses

I would like to volunteer at HSMC

- I would like to be considered for the Board of Directors
- I would like to volunteer at offsite adoption events
- I would like to volunteer walking and exercising the dogs
- I would like to volunteer to play with the cats
- I would like to be involved with fundraising

HSMC is a non-profit 501(c)3 charity. Your donation is tax deductible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to HSMC
Please return this form to Humane Society of Morgan County
Post Office Box 705
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

