

FURever Friends Humane Society, Inc.



March 2010

Spring can only mean one thing...time for
Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival

Cherry Blossom Festival 2010

Pet Fashion Show

Saturday, March 20th (Rain date 3/21)

Central City Park Macon

1 until 2:30 Coca Cola Entertainment Stage
Fashion show for pets and their owners in-
cluding

Categories such as Prettiest in Pink, Pet/
Owner Look-A-Like, Most Unusual.

Prizes for winners.

Paws for a Cause

Saturday, March 27th (Rain date 3/28)

Central City Park Macon

11 until 3

Featuring agility training, obedience 101,
micro-chipping, and on-site pet adoption

FURever
Friends
Humane
Society
Celebrates
their
5th year of
service

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To see our pets available for adoption please log onto our website

www.furever-friends.org

Tired of burying your head in the dirt?



Well then it is time to get involved.

Digby, adopted 05/27/07

Frequently asked questions about Volunteering

Q: I would like to volunteer my time at your shelter. Who do I contact?

A: FURever Friends does not have a facility, all of our pets stay in Foster Homes. If you are interested in volunteering at a shelter the Jones County Animal Shelter is a great place to volunteer your time. They always have a "full house" and the staff would love the help.

Q: Does FFHS ever need volunteers?

A: Yes. One of our biggest need is when we host events we need volunteers to help us in a variety of ways. If you would like for us to notify you when we need volunteers for different events just send us an email to fureverfriend@windstream.net, in the subject line put "volunteer".

Q: I have too many commitments already. Are there other ways I can help FFHS?

A: Yes, you can still help out by donating items we frequently use or by making a monetary donation.

Q: What does fostering involve?

A: If you would like to find out more send an email to our Foster Coordinator at halie232@windstream.net.

Every Day is Tag Day™ April 3, 2010

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Without a voice, and without a tag, he may never find his way home.

April 3, 2010, kicks off American Humane's "Every Day Is Tag Day"

It's a big world out there. Especially if you're eight inches tall, like Max the cat. There are lots of places to explore and hide, and before you know it, you can't find your way home. All you wanted was to smell the lawn or chase that squirrel. You slipped through the door, let your curiosity take you, and now you're far from home.

The American Humane Association celebrates every day as Tag Day to encourage all pet owners to tag or microchip their companion animals.

Pet care is more than providing food, water and shelter. Pet care also includes tagging your pet.

According to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, about 1 million dogs and half a million cats are taken into U.S. animal shelters as strays each year. Sadly, only 15 percent of those dogs and 2 percent of those cats are reunited with their owners.

Why? Their owners failed to put identification on their animals. Even the most responsible pet owners can be accidentally or unexpectedly separated from their pets



Merlin Adopted 2006

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Happy 2010...to see our Happy Tails from 2009 please log onto our website www.furever-friends.org

Five Years of Service

FURever Friends was formed in the Fall of 2004 and officially began operations as a "Shelter" in February of 2005. We are so proud to be in our fifth year of service to our community. It has been a long and sometimes hard road but we have managed to stay focused on our main objective and continue our mission. The following is some words from some of the original members who are still active in FFHS.

"The Road Less Traveled" by Halie White

"I've had a life-long love for animals. As far back as I can remember, I brought home stray animals, much to my mother's dismay. I felt I had a connection with animals that I didn't with people; especially the physically, spiritually, wounded ones. They needed me to be a voice for them. So began my early days of "rescue".

Later in life, I was to be blessed by meeting some wonderful women. Together in December 2004, we formed FURever Friends Humane Society, Inc. Being a part of this wonderful organization has taught me patience, humility, trust, how to love and let go, and so much more. My many fosters have led me down the road less traveled. They live their life the way we all should; with honesty, love and trust of those who earn it. They know how to get mad and then, let it go. They know not to worry about the little things; how to live in the moment and to take the time to smell the flowers. And some of these fosters have a past that gives them every right to be angry at the world. But they chose to trust and move on. For all these lessons and more, I am eternally grateful. I am honored that God entrusted me to be a guardian to each of my fosters by bringing them into my life, however long or short their stay may be.

The emails and phone calls I receive with updates from those that have adopted from us lift my heart and soul. It reminds me why I do what I do and renews my faith in mankind when I am on the verge of giving up on it.

Rescue has become my addiction and life's work. I hope someday to be remembered for my part in this thing called "rescue" and not simply the crazy woman with all the dogs. I hope my actions and words have a positive effect in a person's way of thinking and treatment of animals. I hope I make positive changes happen for animals that are left behind, abused, unloved, and undeserving of terrible fates.

I could not do any of what I do without the support of my wonderful, loving, patient husband. He shares his wife, earnings and home with so many and often comes second to them. Yet, he continues to support me and my labor of love, with little or no complaining.

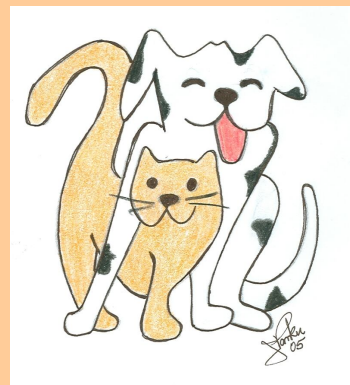
Small but mighty, we have rescued and placed over 155 animals, more if you include the ones we assisted without actually being fostered. I hope you will join us in our amazing journey in changing the world one animal at a time. Together, with a mission and passion, we can do what is thought impossible. But it takes action. It takes a nation. Please give us a call or drop us an email and see what YOU can do to change the lives of many."

"I am only one, still I am one..." by Angie Stapp

"Many of you have read the quote by Helen Keller that is always at the bottom of my emails. *"I am only one, still I am one. I can not do everything, still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do"* Helen Keller. This quote has gotten me through a lot of days when I thought, am I really making a difference? I always think back to this quote and realize that any help I give, no matter how small is more than nothing at all. I realized early on that we could not save every animal out there that needed help. But we could make a difference in the animals we are able to save. I have always loved animals, growing up I would bring home "lost" cats and my parents wouldn't let me keep them. We always had dogs growing up, but I wanted more. I had the usual list of critters; dogs, hamsters, rabbits, fish, and birds. I always felt like I had a connection with them. It wouldn't be until I was much older that I would decide that I wanted to make a difference by volunteering at our local shelter. By volunteering at the Jones County Animal Shelter my path crossed with other individuals who also wanted to make a difference. Together we could make a bigger difference and so FURever Friends was born.

Over the past five years I've fallen in love with many of the animals we have "saved" and cried when they found their forever homes. But they are tears of joy because I know that we made a difference in their life. Volunteering can sometimes be a thankless job, but the joy you receive from a big sloppy wet kiss from a grateful dog is sometimes all the thanks needed.

For those of you who have helped us over the past five years I would like to say "thank you" for your dedication. We are only able to continue our mission because of our volunteers. FURever Friends will continue to grow and we hope you will be there for our joyous next five years.



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"Make a friend for life"

FURever Friends Humane Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3, ALL VOLUNTEER organization that rescue unwanted, abandoned companion animals in the Middle Georgia area.

Each pet is placed in a loving foster home so he or she can be nurtured while waiting for a FURever home. It is our goal that all of our fosters be house broken, leash and crate trained prior to adoption. Every pet adopted from FFHS is microchipped and registered, receives a Rally to Rescue adoption kit and one month of Shelter Care Pet Ins.

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What's new with you?

FURever Friends wants your news! Have a funny dog or cat story? We would love to see updated pictures of pets we have adopted over the past five years. Send us your news!

Fureverfriend@windstream.net

Have you moved recently? Do you have a friend or family member who would like to be added to our email list? We want to be sure you receive important updates or information so please forward us your new mailing and email address.



We want your news