

#78 – HSHA VOLUNTEERS' MATTERS – May 10, 2015

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Attachments: *Cash for Your Cause* (Colonial Park Mall); *Shelter Buddies Yard Sale* (flyer @ <http://www.humanesocietyhbg.org/Media/Default/pdfs/yard%20sale.jpg>)



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Whether kids with or without actual hands call you 'mom,' we know they join us in wishing you a fantabulous day! (Yes, we know this isn't a traditional graphic for today, but someone thought it was funny & wanted to share it.)

SHELTER BUDDIES YARD SALE – This Thursday-Saturday @ Unique Limosine, 1900 Crooked Hill Rd.!

DONATION DROP-OFF – Take clean/good shape items* to Unique Limosine –

Tues. or Wed., 5/12 or 5/13 – 8AM-5PM OR Thurs., 5/14 – 3-7PM

*NO electronics, VCR tapes, cassette tapes, mugs with company logos, mattresses, large furniture, Christmas trees, or infant items (car seats, cribs, etc.)

SALE – Thurs., 5/14 – 8AM-7PM; Fri., 5/15 – 8AM-5PM; Sat., 5/16 – 8AM-1PM

Please see 'Volunteer Opportunities & Needs' below for things needed from you.

CASH FOR YOUR CAUSE – Shop at Colonial Park Mall between from now until May 25 – and support HSHA!!! Please see attached flyer + share it as you're able.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS ~

Our ability to participate in these events depends for the most part on our volunteers. Please sign up through me in plenty of time for the detail e-mail to be prepared and sent out.

NOTE re: YARD SALE SIGN-UPS – please be specific – day/time/dog/baked goods/water/etc. Thanks!

Thurs., 5/14 – YARD SALE @Unique Limosine – 11-1 or 1:30-3:30 or 4-6 – Dogs

Thurs., 5/14 - YARD SALE – Baked Goods (2 doz.; individually wrapped/bagged) or a **case of bottled water** – Drop off at Unique Limosine any time after 8AM

Fri., 5/15 – YARD SALE @Unique Limosine – 11-1 or 3-5 – Dogs

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Sat., 5/16 - YARD SALE @Unique Limosine – 10-1 – Dogs

Sat., 5/16 - YARD SALE @Unique Limosine – 1-3 – Muscle to help the Shelter Buddies Ladies pack/move unsold items that will be picked up by Community Aid at 3:00. *Be there or be square ☺*

Sat., 6/6 – CITY ISLANDERS, City Island – 5:30 for the game at 7:00 – Dogs

Sat., 6/13 – PETAPALOOZA, United Church Center, Arlington Ave. – Table or Dogs (times not received yet)

Our 18th Annual 5K Run/Walk was a major success! More than 350 participants, including teams from several local companies, raised a record-breaking total of **\$39,665.61!** A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this event – **YOU MADE A VERY BIG DIFFERENCE!**

QUICK NOTES FROM OUR SPECIAL MEETING ON 4/21 –

We had a great group at Isaac's last week, with Larry Feldstein, the Animal Care Manager with Merck Animal Health in Manhattan, treating us to dinner and talking about dog and cat health issues relevant both at the shelter and at home. He wasn't able to provide handouts because his presentation is proprietary, but he did say that sheltermedicine.com is a good website for your reference. He also gave us a quick look at a new movie – *White God*. I strongly suggest you google it.

REPORTING THINGS - See someone doing something you know they're not supposed to do? PLEASE report it to Patrick, Megan G. right away and follow up with an e-mail to me. Do not wait or count on someone else to say something. That only delays our ability to address such matters. Your diligence is needed to keep our residents safe and healthy.

MED SCREENING/FRONT DESK – Volunteers are not permitted in those areas without staff approval each time.

CAT 'TOYS' – Do not hang shoelaces, key chain coils, loopy things, etc. on the cats' cages or leave such things in the playrooms. Such items pose dangers to unattended cats.

MORSELS FOR THOUGHT –

- HSHA is a shelter, not a rescue or sanctuary that picks/chooses which animals they accept. We're here to provide a transitional home for animals – they come from someplace and they'll go someplace from here. Yes, the reality is that euthanasia may end up being that place, but it won't be because of space or time under our Executive Director.
- HSHA does not label itself a 'no-kill shelter.' Using that term can be so misleading. Do shelters that do use it to describe themselves select which animals can enter? What do those shelters do when resident animals develop illnesses that affect their quality of life, and are not curable? Do they allow them to languish, or do they humanely put them to sleep?
- HSHA's euthanasia policy can be stated in one sentence – “We do not euthanize an adoptable animal because of lack of space or length of stay.”

NEW HSHA GEAR IS IN! Zip hoodies (\$30) & t-shirts (\$12) – Check 'em out in FurgetMeNot!

SPRING CLEANING AT HOME? Remember that HSHA benefits from your donations to Community Aid – and there's a bin right here at the shelter (in the gazebo parking lot)! It's a win-win ☺

CORRECTION in red below – In the last couple of issues of *Volunteers' Matters*, there was a 'communication reminder' about who to see with questions, plus stressing that it's critical to read and review everything so you're on top of things. Here's the info in a nutshell:

- Basic volunteer or particular animal question – Work through one of your Team Leaders.
- Policy (HSHA or Volunteer) or general volunteer question – Contact me.
- If you wonder whether an animal was adopted, transferred, or euthanized – You're encouraged to ask either Patrick, Megan G., Charlotte, or me. Adoptions (with animal name) are posted in the Volunteers' Room each month, too, so you can check there as well for adoptions.

GROUNDHOG SIGHTINGS – Report to (chrisw@humanesocietyhbg.org) Include date/time seen, location, & quantity. THANKS!

REPEATS:

Karen Spidle & Lisa Willing were the first 2 recipients of our Volunteer Incentive/Reward drawing at our March 25 Quarterly Meeting! Karen's name was drawn first – so she'll receive her choice of a piece of HSHA apparel from FurgetMeNot – and Lisa will receive a Pet Odor Exterminator Candle from FurgetMeNot. **CONGRATULATIONS, LISA & KAREN!!!!**

VOLUNTEERING AT HSHA IN 2014 – A QUICK OVERVIEW –

- ★ 262 HSHA Volunteers turned in [identified] log sheets
- ★ 20,101.32 – total hours logged
- ★ 1,135.25 – most hours logged by one volunteer
- ★ 76.72 - average hours logged/month
- ★ 1675.11 - average hours logged/volunteer/month

A few reminders about this info:

- If you don't put your name on your log sheet, you don't get credit. (Neither does HSHA. ☹)
- If you don't sign out, you're credited with 1 hour.
- If you don't use a 'task code,' we 'make our best guess' about what you did.

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF HSHA VOLUNTEERS' MATTERS – If you haven't logged any hours for the last 6+ months, you're being moved to Inactive Volunteer status. We appreciate your support and work on behalf of our shelter, so – if you're ever able to recommit to volunteering again – please submit a current Volunteer Application. Be sure to specify that you're a past HSHA volunteer. Remember that we really want you to not only make but also keep the commitment to volunteer weekly and year-round.

2015 GLOVE DRIVE RESULTS: We've documented that we collected the equivalent of 907 boxes of gloves as a direct result of our annual Glove Drive. We say 'equivalent' because we're counting 120 boxes that we'll be able to buy later in the year from the monetary donations we received. Our letter/calling party efforts brought in 480 boxes; and the purple bins had a total of 328 boxes. We're also aware that Scout (Boy and Girl) Troops, classrooms, and other organizations supported the drive, but we don't have an accurate count of their final contributions. We're sure we'll exceed 1,000. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL, AND WE AGAIN THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY!!!** *For a little comparison, here's 'box info' from the last few years: 2014 – 752; 2013 – 584; 2012 - 385*

THANKS TO VOLUNTEER CHRIS SHELLY for making a sound system a reality in all of the kennels. Chris provided the equipment and other materials, then gave of his time to git'r'done. We can only imagine how stressful shelter life is on anyone who is homeless, but the noise in the dog kennels has to take it to a whole new level. Here's hoping some soothing music will give them a little more solace. **THANK YOU, CHRIS!**

Auto Show Update: Donation Jars collected \$634 + Event Organizers' Donation of \$375 = **\$1,009 for HSHA ☺**

MARCH IN REVIEW

TASK	# OF LOG SHEETS	LEADER OF THE PACK
		<i>Special kudos to these folks because of how cold & yucky it was! (Remember?)</i>
DOGS	61	BILL GORDON with 14 days walking & spending time with our canines
CATS	41	MARY WARNER with 23 days doing feline-related work
COMBO	11	SALLY HITZ with 24 days working with our felines, helping @ events, & doing laundry
OTHER	19	CATHY HARTWICK with 14 days doing laundry
No Name	0 ☺	
TOTAL	132	THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED HSHA IN ANY WAY IN FEBRUARY!!!

REMEMBER ...

- ➔ **HSHA WEBSITE** – Explore it regularly – tons of good info (remember the Current Volunteer Page!) – AND be sure to click on 'Events' at the top of the homepage, then 'Current Events' for the annual/current 'biggies.'
- ➔ **CURRENT VOLUNTEER PAGE** (under Get Involved on the HSHA website) – Check it out for these documents. Many have been updated, so make sure you're current. *General Volunteer Manual **** Dog Walking Manual **** Cat Socializer Guide **** Event Orientation **** Quiet Kennel Guidelines **** SAFER Manual **** Wish List **** HSHA Volunteers' Matters*
- ➔ **VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE/REWARD PROGRAM!** How many times will YOUR name be in the fish bowl this quarter? ☺



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