

#81 – HSHA VOLUNTEERS' MATTERS – July 23, 2015

ATTACHMENTS: *Toxicologic Causes of Seizures in Cats & Dogs; Mary Kay/HSHA Fundraiser; pdf of this issue (a couple of you told me that some of the formatting gets lost in the e-mail, making it hard to read these marvelous pearls)*

HSHA VETERINARIAN NEWS –

- ✿ **CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Fav**, whose son Michael was born on July 17!
- ✿ **WELCOME to Dr. Victoria Boyd Kyle**, who will fill in on Fridays during Dr. Fav's leave.
- ✿ **IN OTHER NEWS, Dr. Fij's schedule at HSHA remains Tuesdays through Fridays.**



MOHLER SENIOR CENTER in Hershey made use of a lot of those bandanas we recently cleared out of the Volunteers' Room. **Volunteer Tiffany Linta** made the connection, and the seniors made hundreds of dolls and doll clothes for kids at Hershey Med Center. It's wonderful to know that our dogs' hand-me-downs went to brighten a child's day!

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.](#)

Tues., 8/4 – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, Lower Paxton – 5:00-8:00 - Table Helper*

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Wed., 8/12 – CITY ISLANDERS, City Island – 5:30 – about 8:00 – Table Helper*

Wed., 9/16 – FAGER GOLF TOURNAMENT, Mechanicsburg – Dogs – either 8:00-about 11:00 OR 1:00-about 4:00 {lunch available after/before each 'shift'} *NOTE: This has become an annual event where they hold a putting contest that totally benefits HSHA!*

Sat., 10/3 – CLAREMONT CANINE CARNIVAL, Claremont Rehab & Nursing Center – 10:00-2:00 – Table & Dogs

**These are excellent opportunities for event first-timers! Check out the Event Orientation on the Current Volunteer Page of our website to get an overview of what's involved. ☺*

JUNE IN REVIEW

TASK	# OF LOG SHEETS	LEADER OF THE PACK – the last edition <i>Beginning with the July Log Sheets, we'll recognize the 'HSHA TOP 10.'</i>
DOGS	55	BILL GORDON with 17 days walking & loving his canine pals
CATS	32	MARY WARNER with 25 days doing things with and for the HSHA cats
COMBO	18	SALLY HITZ and CLAUDIA LUCI tied with 17 days each working with our cats and dogs, doing laundry, and lots of other things around the shelter
OTHER	19	CATHY HARTWICK with 9 days doing laundry for hundreds of homeless animals
No Name	0	☺
TOTAL	124	THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO HONOR THEIR VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT TO HSHA!!!

MISSING from Vol. Rm. – the May Adoption List from the bulletin board. Please put in my mailbin if you happen to have it. (I change these out each month so you can see who & how many went home.)

FOUND IN LAUNDRY – Nice ring – was in a dryer, could be staff or volunteer – please identify it at Front Desk.

PEANUT BUTTER ALERT – Xylitol is a sweetener used in some brands of peanut butter & other nut butters. It is extremely toxic to dogs in very small doses. Please check your food labels for this ingredient.

ANIMAL WELFARE COMPASSION FATIGUE SURVEY – 5-15 minutes – anonymous & confidential – new research through Michigan State University & PetFinder Pro – log on to or copy/paste into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2NHFB8G-PF>

GET-ACQUAINTED ROOMS – Please use shelves only for retail items - not toys, storage, etc.

DAMAGES IN FURGET-ME-NOT – Please be mindful of retail items, especially with the dogs – tails can knock over a glass candle; toys can be enticing to them; the boys can ‘do #1’ on items. Such items end up being losses for HSHA. ☹

VOLUNTEER AT HARD CIDER RUN 5K @ Hauser Estate Winery (Biglerville) on Sat., August 22 AND have \$20 or \$40 donated to HSHA! Need to be available all morning from 6am-Noon or all afternoon from 2pm-8pm (or both, with the potential to earn a \$40 donation!). Also need to be able to stand the whole time performing race day duties like manning the water station, helping with packet pickup or registration, and tearing down after the race. Please sign up at - <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/PA/Biglerville/TheHardCiderRunGettysburg>.



... and the time you spend with our animals enhances their chance to be adopted into a loving home. The human time & contact you give them builds their trust and confidence. Whether exercising them or just chilling with them, they benefit.

Realize the impact YOU can have on THEIR chance for a happy life.



GET GORGEOUS FOR HSHA!

Mascara, Lip Gloss, Skin Care and MORE!

Mary Kay Consultant Nicole Martella is hosting a fundraiser August 1st-15th where 15-25% of the proceeds during this time will directly benefit the 600+ shelter animals of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area. *Check out the attached flyer – and print/post/share far and wide to benefit HSHA!!!*

REPEATING ... REPEATING ... REPEATING ...

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR TO RESERVE YOUR SUMMER VOLUNTEER TIME? Don't let those pesky vacations and jobs get in the way of your time helping the guys and gals at the shelter! Labor Day will be before you know it.

FROM OUR VETS – Animals on a prescription diet are to receive that diet ONLY, NO OTHER FOOD/TREATS. An entire bag of treats was found hanging right next to the sign that said R/D only on a morbidly obese animal's door. It's an entire waste of effort and money if our vets' instructions are not going to be followed. Not acceptable.

FIRE SAFETY: We've been working on a safety/evacuation plan for the shelter for the past year, and we recently had our 2nd fire drill. Here are the basics for HSHA Volunteers:

1. All Volunteers are to go to the gazebo. If you are with an animal, take the animal to the gazebo with you; if you are not with an animal, go directly to the gazebo yourself.
2. ALWAYS be sure to sign in at the Log Book when you arrive and sign out when you leave in order for us to know when everyone is out of the building.
3. Always cooperate with instructions from Staff.

NOTE: The July 1 and July 28, 2014, issues of HSHA Volunteers' Matters contained info about the plan. They're on the Current Volunteer Page on the HSHA website.

INCIDENT REPORTS: These are not optional. If an injury occurs while you're with one of our residents, regardless of the circumstances, you must complete/submit one. The name of the animal and all details are to be included. Even if a Manager and/or Staff member is aware of the Incident, you must do an Incident Report. Please ask a Manager or the Coordinator of Volunteers if you have any questions.

CANINE COMMUNICATION LOG: Thanks to the initiative of Dog Walker *Lisa Sagan*, a Canine Communication Log has been

implemented for all non-QK dogs. This gives every Dog Walker another tool to get the scoop on any dog they're not familiar with plus to share their experiences – both positive and negative – with a dog. The binder is located on the wall across from Kennel A. Please see Megan G. fmi.

This Log is similar to the **Feline Communication Log** that was spearheaded by Cat Socializer **Mary Warner** several months ago. It must be remembered that neither of these replaces the Behavior Form.

CAT STUFF:

1. Sanitize between each and every cat. Pay attention to signage so you know which feline is to be your last visit of the day.
 2. Combs & brushes are not to be shared. Any of these tools found in the Volunteers' Room will be thrown away.
 3. Toys really shouldn't be shared. If a cat has spent the night in a play room, those toys should go to his cage.
- Items 2 and 3 are in keeping with the reasoning behind #1 – to prevent the spread of disease.

DOG STUFF:

Fans –

- Kennel B has been designated a 'no fan zone' to accommodate those dogs that have an aversion to the fans.
- Please don't turn on fans or move them without checking with a Manager.

Kongs –

- Keep them size-appropriate for the dog – Rotties don't get the itty-bitty ones, and Chihuahuas can't handle the big ones. No scientific kong:dog ratio, so use good sense.
- Remember not to stuff them with only peanut butter.

CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION: Please put a copy of your current certificate(s) in my mailbin so our listing can be updated. This info is important in case of an on-site injury of a fellow volunteer, a staff member, or a shelter visitor. Thanks for helping us keep this info up-to-date!

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? 😊



FACEBOOK – HSHA is there – Humane Society of Harrisburg Area – check it out & 'like' it!