

ATTACHMENTS: 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)

NEW ROOF – In case you haven't noticed, the work has started! ☺ It's noisy; side of building is closed sometimes (no parking, no use of side pens, no walking ...)

HSHA TOP TEN

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE! INTRODUCING ... THE HSHA TOP TEN FOR JULY!

★Nancy Abt ★Tim Delp ★Bill Gordon ★Betty Harris ★Cathy Hartwick
★Sally Hitz ★Monica Knopf ★Gail Kulp ★Tiffany Linta ★Claudia Luci
★John Swager ★Mary Warner ★Robert Wierman

Letterman had his Top 10, but we have our own version now. What, you may ask, is this? Why are there more than 10 names on the **HSHA TOP TEN**? We want to recognize more of our dedicated and committed volunteers. Soooo - beginning this month, everyone who logs 10 or more days a month will be included on the **HSHA TOP TEN**! Remember to log your time – whether at home, at an event, or at the shelter because everyone's contributions to and support of HSHA are valued.

Bottom line here – **THANK YOU** for being an HSHA Volunteer, and **CONGRATULATIONS** for being on the inaugural **HSHA TOP TEN!!!**

CAT PHOTOGRAPHER – Help needed to keep our PetFinder up-to-date. Must be an active HSHA Cat Socializer. Please e-mail Alyssa Davis directly if interested – alyssad@humanesocietyhbg.org.



BOOK BUDDIES – We're working to re-vamp & re-activate this program beginning October 1 and are looking for a group of Cat Socializers who are interested in being a part of it, are available on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 4-6PM, and will attend an organizational/scheduling meeting here at the shelter at 5:30 on **Monday, September 21**. (Attending the meeting does not commit you to being a Book Buddy, but you must attend the meeting if you want to be a Book Buddy.) Please RSVP to me by September 18 for the meeting, please.

QUARTERLY MEETING – Wednesday, September 16 – at Champions in Highspire – Dinner (we go Dutch/from the menu) @ 6:00/Meeting @7:00. Please RSVP to me (so they know how many waitresses to have on) by September 13. For those of you who are newer to HSHA, if you wish to come just for the meeting, that's totally fine – just let me know that in your RSVP.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS ~

Please sign up through me in plenty of time for the detail e-mail to be prepared and sent out.

Sat., 9/12 – PLANET FITNESS (Allentown Blvd.) – More dogs, 9-Noon

Wed., 9/16 – FAGER GOLF TOURNAMENT, Mechanicsburg – Dogs – 1:00-about 4:00 {lunch available}

NOTE: This has become an annual event where they hold a putting contest that totally benefits HSHA!

Fri., 9/18 – EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS (Colonial Road) – More Dogs (4:30-6:00)

Sun., 10/4 – BASKET BINGO (Hummelstown Fire Co.) – Dogs (Time TBA)

Sat., 10/10 – LINGLESTOWN FAIR (Linglestown) – Table & Dogs – 11:00-2:00

Sun., 10/11 – LINGLESTOWN FAIR (Linglestown) – Table & Dogs – Noon-2:00

Sat., 10/24 – PITTIE PARTY (at HSHA) – Stay tuned for details, but go ahead & mark your calendars now ☺

SHELTER BUDDIES BASKET BINGO – Reminder to those who indicated they'll donate a basket of the following instructions for dropping them off here at the shelter: (see my 8/8 Quick Items e-mail fmi)

- Mark each one clearly with the donor's name/contact info (detachable so I can remove this before it goes to the SB)
- Has to be during regular shelter hours
- Take them to the front desk & specify that they're for me for the Shelter Buddies. (Another staff person is working on things for the FurBall, so we can't have them mixed up.)

Always feel free to let me know if you have more questions.

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, 9/7 - HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER HOURS – 7-10AM – Mark your calendar now to get to the shelter that morning, then you'll have the rest of the day for yourself!

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

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.

EVERYBODY BE A BUDDY! Notice a fellow volunteer MIA and wonder where he/she has been? Reach out, offer your support/friendship/help, and encourage him/her to come back to the ranks of the active. Help to make them feel welcome – 'cause we all know they're needed! ☺

NOTE RE: DONATIONS – We wouldn't just go into someone else's house and refurnish/redecorate it ... so, if you wish to donate something to HSHA, please be sure to check first to make sure it's something that's allowed. There may be plans in place that would make the item not feasible for some reason. Also, remember that donations to HSHA can be used for tax purposes – if you want an acknowledgement letter, please send me your receipt & I'll git'r'done for you.

LOG BOOK – Please remember to log in when you arrive and log out when you leave. The log book can be used in the event of a fire/fire drill to see who is here. If you log in/out at the same time, we wouldn't know to look for you to make sure you're safe/sound. ☺



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!

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. ☹



... 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.

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!