

#85 – HSHA VOLUNTEERS' MATTERS – November 4, 2015

ATTACHMENTS: pdf of this issue; Gathering Invitation

**STEPPING BACK & STEPPING UP** - After more years than she cares to remember, **Linda Little** has decided to ease up on her volunteer duties and pass the **Laundry Team Leader** torch to **Cathy Hartwick**. Our deepest gratitude to Linda for being at the helm of this critical Team and doing everything possible to keep that area running smoothly and efficiently. Linda promises to continue to help with Laundry when needed and to remain an active Shelter Buddy, so this isn't 'goodbye' at all. ~~~ As for Cathy – Thank you for stepping up! You're gonna be great!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for HSHA animals that didn't find their forever homes in 2015. For HSHA Staff and Volunteers – this **Sun., 11/8 @ 7PM**. Details and a formal invitation are attached to this message.

**ROOF RIBBON CUTTING** - On **Tuesday, November 10** we are doing a "roof ribbon cutting" here at the shelter with the Dauphin County Commissioners to show them our appreciation for their assistance with funding our new roof. We are gathering at **1pm** for a brief ceremony and hot chocolate and cookies. It would be wonderful if you could stop by for a few minutes to say thank you!

**SAFER TRAINING – Sat., 11/14 @ 10:00 – Prerequisites: 6 months and 48 hours logged handling the species.** – Please rsvp to me by 11/12. The current Safer manual is on the Current Volunteer Page of the HSHA website, too.

**EARLY SHELTER CLOSING – Sat., 11/14 – 2:00** to allow folks to get ready for the FurBall.

**SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE SHELTER** – Each of you is responsible for reading/following all signage for the health and safety of the animals and people alike. If you have a question, check with a manager.

**1) SEE SOMETHING – 2) SAY/DO SOMETHING – THEN 3) REPORT IT** – If you see someone (public, volunteer, staff) doing something incorrectly or unsafely, speak up. Get the animal out of harm's way. If it's a volunteer or staff member, this also is a good time to introduce yourself and get the other person's name. This does not have to be – and should not be – a confrontational situation. Think of it as doing something for the animal not to the person. Then let a manager or me know – who, what, when, etc.

**QUARTERLY MEETING – Wed., 12/9 – 6:00** at Isaac's in Lemoyne. \$15. to me as your RSVP, please, by 12/6. (This includes food, beverage, tax, tip.) Because last year's gift exchange (\$5-10) was so well-received and enjoyable, we'll do that again this year. No real formal agenda, but we'll definitely talk about any questions, etc. you might have.

**HSHA WEBSITE EVENT INFO** – feel free to clip/save/share these quick instructions ☺

>Click on **EVENTS** on the homepage.

>Click on **CURRENT EVENTS** - This takes you to a list of 'buttons' for our own annual events (Penguin Plunge, Shelter Sweetheart Week, etc.)

Click on the **button** for the event you want more details/info about.

>Click on **EVENTS CALENDAR** – This takes you a 'regular' calendar with such things as offsite events we'll be at, our low-cost Clinics, events here at the shelter.

Click on the **specific event** you're interested in to see more details – location, time, etc.

**NO TURKEY** – Our vets have asked that our residents do not have turkey this holiday season due to the digestive upsets. (They noted that we lost 2 kittens last year who broke with profound fetid diarrhea when anesthetized for surgery - likely from a secondary potassium imbalance.) A turkey-flavored made in the USA dog or cat treat would be ok, if it is felt they need to have something.

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**EAR TICKLES AND BUTT RUBS** – No calories – hypoallergenic – healthy – no known side effects – no history of recalls – mutually beneficial - enjoyed by both giver and receiver – never run out – good for any species – no need to read a label or fine print - just sayin'

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MAJOR THANKS to those of you who responded to Megan S's *Special Projects* e-mail while I was out and came in to help with the Cat Food Prep and/or Disinfecting Hallways!

**WORKPLACE GIVING** - The kick-off season for these campaigns is underway for Federal and State employees! Many employers also will match contributions made to charitable organizations. Check with your human resources office about matching programs. Please spread the word to family, friends, and colleagues and let them know how much their support is needed and appreciated!

The codes for HSHA are:

- CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) – 77697
- SECA (State Employees Combined Appeal) – 4401-0027
- United Way – 3022

Remember – HSHA serves Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, and northern York Counties as a non-profit organization; we are not funded by the government or national organizations; and we rely on donations from the communities we serve to fulfill our mission.

**WEBSITE TO CHECK OUT** - <http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/index.html> - Thanks to Volunteer Carla Gomora for sharing!

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☆Masha Cameron ☆Tim Delp ☆Bill Gordon ☆Betty Harris  
☆Cathy Hartwick ☆Sally Hitz ☆Monica Knopf  
☆Tiffany Linta ☆Claudia Luci ☆Karen Spidle  
☆John Swager ☆Cheryl Weidenhammer ☆Lois Yeager

Our **HSHA TOP TEN** each month recognizes each of our Volunteers who logged 10 or more days the previous month. September's **HSHA TOP TEN** are among the 129 Volunteers who logged hours at least once last month. 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.

**THANK YOU** to EVERYONE who actively support HSHA, and **CONGRATULATIONS** to September's **HSHA TOP TEN!!!**

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➔ **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!