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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER HOURS – 7-10AM – Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve – Shelter closing at 2:00



Wishing all of you – our active, dedicated, and committed HSHA Volunteers – a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and nothing but the best in 2016!!!

NOVEMBER'S HSHA TOP TEN!

☆Nancy Abt ☆Tim Delp ☆Bill Gordon
☆Betty Harris ☆Cathy Hartwick ☆Jen Hirt
☆Sally Hitz ☆Monica Knopf ☆Tiffany Linta ☆
☆Wendy Massar ☆John Swager

The **HSHA TOP TEN** recognizes each Volunteer who logged at least 10 days the previous month. These **HSHA TOP TEN** are among the 124 Volunteers who logged in at least once in November. Please remember to log your time because everyone's contributions to and support of HSHA are valued. ~~ **THANK YOU** to EVERYONE who actively supports HSHA, and **CONGRATULATIONS** to November's **HSHA TOP TEN!!!**



PENGUIN PLUNGE –

HSHA alum Kaia is this year's Plunge Dog competing against Nipsey from 105.7, plus several volunteers are registered to take the Plunge to support HSHA! Please visit our website for more details. Donations can be made safely online, too!

December 5 ADOPTATHON #s – WENT

HOME that day: 16 cats, 2 dogs, & 3 birds.

HOLDS that day: 31 cats & 13 dogs.

We don't have exact final numbers for you because some holds fell through for one reason or another, but some of those animals ended up being adopted very quickly anyway.

Christmas 2015 at the Shelter

Join us for our wonderful Christmas morning (7:00am to 10:00am) tradition to visit with the animals and fellow volunteers and hand out the residents' Christmas gifts!

If you're unable to attend but would like to contribute something, donations of toys (no catnip), treats (American made only please), and dog, cat, rabbit, and other critter items can be deposited in the bin in the volunteers' room. Bulkier items (non-clumping cat litter, paper towels, bleach, copier paper, etc.) can be left in the Shelter foyer area.

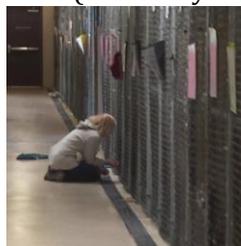
For digestion reasons, no turkey for the cats and dogs, but we can fill the void with extra hugs and kisses for them.

Thanks for helping to make Christmas (and every day) special for our guests!

Please send any questions or suggestions directly to

Claudia Luci at

cluci@americhoice.org



QUICK REMINDERS –

- 🗑️ The Multi-Purpose Room is to be used by Volunteers only as an access to the Small Cat Condo.
- 🗑️ Behavior Forms/Incident Reports – remember to complete/submit those.
- 🗑️ Communication Logs – be sure to use them.

CAT SOCIALIZERS . . .

If you enjoy **taking pictures and/or writing**, the Petfinder team needs your passion and help!

Petfinder is a powerful resource, but getting our adoptable guys/girls on the site depends on our P-Team volunteers. Remember that the cats are being socialized at the same time they're being photographed, so you really can accomplish 2 things at once. ☺ Please e-mail Alyssa Davis (alysad@humanesocietyhbg.org) with **P-Team** in the subject line for information and directions. (Please include your full name for her.)

FRIENDLY'S FUNDRAISER UPDATE – Cindy Kable reports that well over \$600 was raised at this Shelter Buddies event thanks to so many supporters!

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

At HSHA, we're thankful for all of our dedicated and committed volunteers. Your work on behalf of our organization – whether you handle our resident animals, do their laundry, stuff their kongs, or foster or help at our Clinics or events – makes it possible for more of our residents to find loving forever homes and for HSHA to offer programs and services to the communities we serve. THANK YOU, not only during this season but also throughout the year!

CONGRATS TO CYNTHIA KESSLER!

Cynthia was recognized at this year's Fur Ball as HSHA's 2015 Volunteer of the Year. She was selected based on her long service to HSHA in many capacities. Cynthia can be found tackling laundry, socializing cats, and walking dogs. She also is SAFER-trained. She attends many of our Quarterly meetings, and she has reached out to her municipality to encourage them to contract with HSHA for cats as well as dogs. ~~ We are truly grateful for all that Cynthia contributes to HSHA! Her name is being added to the perpetual plaque, so please watch for that – and pass along your own congratulations to her the next time you see her around the shelter.

OCTOBER'S HSHA TOP TEN!

☆Nancy Abt ☆Masha Cameron ☆Tim Delp ☆Dave Falgoust ☆Bill Gordon ☆Betty Harris ☆Sally Hitz
☆Monica Knopf Gail Kulp ☆Kim Lowe ☆Claudia Luci ☆Wendy Massar ☆Karen Spidle ☆John Swager
☆Marcie Warner ☆Lois Yeager

WELCOME, NEWLY-TRAINED SAFER FOLKS! The following volunteers completed their SAFER training in October –
Tim Delp ~ Sandy Grant ~ Jen Hirt ~ Wendy Massar ~ Donna Van Zandt ~ Sue Waldschmitt

BAGGING FOOD – Volunteers are asked/encouraged/invited/needed to help bag food! No need to sign up – just ask Mariah or any of the front desk folks for instructions. (This practice is continuing as another effort to combat illnesses/cross-contamination.)

DONATION BIN ITEMS – Please do NOT take things out of the donation bins, regardless of how small or seemingly insignificant they might seem. We have to record all in-kind donations (and can actually get in trouble for not doing that) – so this reminder is going to all volunteers (and staff). *THANKS!*

TOMBSTONES – These memorialize peoples' pets. Allowing our dogs to urinate on them is disrespectful.

LAUNDRY TEAM OPENINGS – Please see Cathy Hartwick about times/days this critical Volunteer Team needs help. A couple of the regulars are out on 'medical leave' – *PLEASE* consider pitching in!

1) SEE SOMETHING – 2) SAY/DO SOMETHING – THEN 3) REPORT IT – If you see anyone 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.

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 to a 'regular' calendar with such things as offsite events we'll be at, our low-cost Clinics, and other 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.

On the other hand ... 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'

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!