

RABIES CLINICS TO BE HELD ON MAY 7 AND MAY 11 (VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITES)

Each year, Wilkes County Animal Control and local veterinarians go out into the community to offer low-cost rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats. The Humane Society of Wilkes helps by being at each site, directing the pet owners and animals. The work involved for our volunteers is relatively simple - we ask the pet owners a few questions about their dog or cat, then fill out a card and collect the \$7 fee for each pet. The vaccination is given by a veterinarian onsite, and the vets will go over what to ask and how to complete the cards before the rabies clinic begins.

We will be covering a lot of areas and will need at least three volunteers at each site, so we hope you can help out with this important event. The first clinics are on Tuesday, May 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm - locations are given on the right. (Additional rabies clinics will be held on Saturday, May 11, but those will be administered at the veterinary offices and no volunteers will be needed that day.)

If you can assist on May 7 at any location, please contact Arlene McGrane at arlenemcg@lavabit.com or 957.7352.

TUESDAY, MAY 7 - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (volunteers needed)

Southeastern Community Center:
4595 Hunting Creek Rd, North Wilkesboro

Traphill Elementary: 9794 Traphill Rd., Traphill

Millers Creek Elementary: 4320 Hwy. 16 North, Millers Creek

Ronda Clingman Elem.: 316 Ronda Clingman Sch. Rd., Ronda

Mountain View Elementary: 5464 Mt. View Rd., Mountain View

Mt. Pleasant Elem.: 532 Champion - Mt. Pleasant Rd., Ferguson

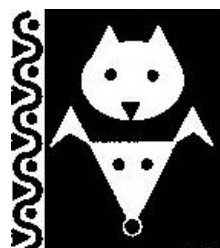
SATURDAY, MAY 11

Animal Hospital of Wilkes: 1609 Curtis Bridge Rd., Wilkesboro
8:00am - 1:00pm

Elkin Veterinary Clinic: 786 Hwy. 268, Elkin
9:00am - 12:00 noon

State Road Animal Hospital: 1113 Klondike Rd., State Road
8:00am - 12:00 noon

Wilkes Veterinary Hospital: 1007 2nd St., North Wilkesboro
8:00am-12 noon



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Happy Spring!

As always with new beginnings, there have to be endings as well, and some endings are more heartbreaking than others. We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our Board Members, Jack Johnson. While only serving on the board for one year of his term, he spent many years serving our Humane Society, and was one of those dedicated people we could always count on to help when needed. He also made a great Easter Bunny! Jack will truly be missed.

While we were unable to hold the "Eggs for Life" event this spring, we still have been very busy with adoptions, spay/neuter registrations, landscaping plans, calendar preparations, and food donations to Samaritan's Kitchen.

Lots of good things are happening, and you will notice some billboards throughout the county for spay/neuter (details to the right). With the addition of PetSmart and Wilkes veterinary office venues, our cat adoptions are continuing strong, and we also have another rescue working to transport many of our dogs to a safer shelter.

Our Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Sunday, June 23rd. We plan on being able to actually have our Grand Opening for the building at that time! (I know, that's what we said last year!) It will be on a Sunday afternoon this year, so we hope you will have some time to come eat, relax, and see everyone!

It can never be said enough, so once more, thanks to all of you for your support! I don't believe The Job will ever be completed, but we are slowly but surely changing what needs to be done!

Joanna Cates (Jo)



SPAY/NEUTER BILLBOARDS INSTALLED IN WILKES

You may have noticed the installation of two billboard signs in Wilkes County, which are part of the spay/neuter campaign launched by **PARTNERS!Canines**, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Boone. The group transports adoptable dogs from North Carolina and Virginia shelters to rescue organizations and no-kill shelters in other states, and has cooperated with our local animal shelter to relocate dogs and puppies.

In addition to the billboards here, the group plans installations in Watauga County, and hopefully Caldwell and Ashe Counties as well, if they can secure funding. When callers phone the 855 number listed, our own SNAP program is one of the options given.

Large print ads based on the billboard design have also been running regularly in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot, with additional information provided about the organization's needs and website. **PARTNERS!Canines** is in need of temporary foster homes (1-3 week commitment), volunteers to provide transport from local shelters, funding for vaccines for rescued dogs and puppies, and sponsors for the spay/neuter billboards.

The Humane Society of Wilkes applauds these efforts to reduce euthanasia rates for adoptable dogs and puppies in High Country shelters. For more information, call 828.773.9112 or visit their website at www.partnerscanines.org.

In Memoriam: Jack Johnson Jr.



The Humane Society of Wilkes lost an advocate and dear friend when Jack Johnson Jr. passed away on April 3, 2013. He was currently serving in his first year on our board, but had given many years of service to our organization and our community.

He volunteered regularly, from our Sagebrush fundraising table to helping set up for adoption fairs and the Apple Festival to providing a

foster home for pets to accepting the position of General Manager to help get our dog park building finished (and now Ed Parsons has kindly stepped in to take care of overseeing the final details on that project). He even donned the Easter Bunny costume for our first "Eggs for Life" event.

Jack was born here in Wilkes on June 6, 1957, graduated from North Wilkes High School, and went on to major in history and political science at UNC-Chapel Hill. He had an impact on everyone who knew him, and he leaves behind many friends to carry on his memory of service and compassion. We will miss him terribly.

The family has suggested that memorials may be made to the Woltz Hospice Home (945 Zephyr Rd. in Dobson, NC 27017) or to our Humane Society.

HOUSE BILL 930 CALL TO ACTION

HB930 has been introduced! This bill provides simple and reasonable standards for commercial dog breeders. Standards include exercise, fresh food and water, appropriate medical care, safe housing and clean environment. There is no registration or inspection. This was a compromise bill to provide law enforcement with tools to shut down puppy mills and keep them from moving into our state. Responsible breeders do all of the items in this bill and so much more for their dogs. This bill addresses those that have no regard from the health and welfare of their breeding dogs.

ACTION: Please email your House Representative and ask them to co-sponsor this bill. So far we have Representatives Saine, Ramsey, McGrady, R. Brown, Harrison, Glazier, Fisher, Floyd, Hardister, McElraft. Let's get many more!

Read a full copy of the bill at the North Carolina General Assembly website - www.ncga.state.nc.us and enter the bill number in the upper right "Find A Bill" search box.

Find your Representative's email address at the same website - just click on the "HOUSE" link at the top, and then select "list of email addresses" under "Member Reports and Contact Information."

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS WITH GRAND OPENING JUNE 23

The Annual Meeting/Election and the Grand Opening of the Hidden Oaks Dog Park Building will be held on **SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, from 4:00-6:00 pm.** This will be a time for fun and for business - we'll be electing our officers for the upcoming year and also handing out door prizes of donated items from PetSmart! Please bring a favorite side dish and/or a dessert, as we'll just be providing hamburgers for everyone. The meeting will officially begin after the food and fellowship. See you then!

New & Renewing Members (January 2013 through April 2013)

Connie Saxon	Claudia Eller-Tobey
Barbara Ringlien	Jacqueline Kocar
Sharon Deem	Stacey St. Edmunds
Marvin & Fran Cantrell	William & Lynn Clark
Margery Edgerton	Anne Romanello
Alison Huskey	Leslie Roope Family
Karissa Love	Janet Derick
Barbara Hubbard	Daniel Hudson
Lynda Black & Randy Mays	Joan Wagoner
Ginger Edmiston & Bobby Johnson	

A NOTE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your mailing label shows the date that your membership expires. Please check it against your records; we try to keep accurate records, but mistakes do occur. If your date is incorrect, please contact Mitzi Combs at bluebirdmc@gmail.com. (Note that you receive a copy of PawPrints as an "honorary member" if you have made a donation within the last year.)

If you are not a member and would like to join, we would welcome your membership! Dues are \$15 per year for adults, \$10 per year for students, or \$30 for a family (for unlimited number of family members *living in the same household*).

You can join on our website, or pick up forms at the Wilkes County Public Library, or in the pet section at WalMart. You can also contact Mitzi Combs at the email above, and she will get a form to you.

You can reduce the impact on both our postage/printing costs and our environment by choosing to **receive your HSOV PawPrints newsletters by email instead of US Mail.** If you would like to receive an electronic version (PDF) of PawPrints, simply send an email to [Stacey St. Edmunds at bonovoxie@mac.com](mailto:Stacey.St.Edmunds@bonovoxie.com) to be added to the email list for newsletters only.

Your Contributions to the Humane Society of Wilkes

Private contributions enable the Humane Society to carry out our mission. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of a person or a pet, and may be designated for a specific fund or project.

Please send all contributions to:
Humane Society of Wilkes
P.O. Box 306
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

The following contributions were received from January 23, 2013 through April 12, 2013. Thanks again to each of you:

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Sylvia Hansmann	Emily Andrews
Gene A. Lewis	Leslie Boyd-Long
Gary & Susan Dent	Barbara Wooten
Barbara Ringlien	Jacqueline Kocar
Pam Clark	Barbara Wooten
Joan Wagoner	

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Richard Barber</i>	Carrie Call
<i>The Barber/Hall Wedding</i>	Wade & Victoria McInnis
	William & Mary Bennett
	Virgil & Ann Roberson
	Roger & Kaye Davis
<i>Sue Cashion</i>	Claudia Eller-Tobey
<i>Mary Elmore</i>	Dorothy Beamon
<i>Melinda Crawford</i>	Dorothy Beamon

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>Rick Hager</i>	Victoria & Robert Church
	Carl G. Yale
	Alice & Peter Sampson
	Lanny & Laura South
	Mark & Lorie Edmiston
	Carol Cockrell
<i>Helen Roope</i>	Derek & Whitney Goddard
	Billy & Teresa Walsh
	Gary & Betty Osborne
<i>Betty Jo Parker</i>	Barbara B. Hubbard
<i>Jack Johnson Jr.</i>	Darrel & Mitzi Combs
	Sonny & Ann Greene
	Phillip Saylor
	Caroline & Chad Randolph
	Humane Society of Wilkes
	Board of Directors
	Christian Friendship Sunday School
	Class of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

IN HONOR OF PETS

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>"Elvis"</i>	Dorothy Beamon
<i>"Lolly Pup"</i>	Dorothy Beamon

IN MEMORY OF PETS

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Donors</u>
<i>"Shiloh"</i>	Margery Edgerton
<i>"Lucy"</i>	Gordon, Paula, Culler, & "Blue" Miller
<i>"Sadie"</i>	Margery Edgerton
<i>"Chloe"</i>	Sharon Deem
<i>"Dinkie"</i>	WM. Perry & Gail Hamby

SPAY/NEUTER (SNAP) PROGRAM

Suzanne Baillie	Sharon Deem
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ADOPTION/FOSTER PROGRAM

Cathy Wiles

KIND NEWS

Darrel & Mitzi Combs



The 4th Thursday of Every Month
 At Sagebrush in Wilkesboro
10% of your meal bill is donated to HSOV
*when you pick up a voucher at our table
 and turn it in with your payment*
 Vouchers are entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!

STOP THE ANTI-WHISTLE BLOWER BILL

SB 648 (Anti Whistle Blower Bill) has been assigned to Senate Commerce Committee. This is an alarming bill that aims to silence whistle blowers and shut the barn door on industrial farming. There are many issues with this bill including hiding animal cruelty and food safety issues from the general public. Rather than fix these issues, Big Ag wants to make sure that you do not find out about them. There have been alerts posted on North Carolina Voters for Animal Welfare, NC HSUS Facebook page, and Susie's Law Facebook page. Please keep an eye on this one. It will remove what little voice the millions of animal have in industrial farms. We cannot allow this bill to move forward. If you have not already emailed your Senator through one of the alerts please email him/her as soon as possible and tell them in your own words why you want this bill stopped!

Find your Senator's email address at www.ncga.state.nc.us - click on the "SENATE" link at the top, and then select "list of email addresses" under "Member Reports and Contact Information."