It was September 2000. Shortly after graduating from UVA, I began working at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. The shelter was nothing more than an old, dilapidated chicken coop, where all animals came into a cramped room to receive their initial vaccinations and dogs and cats were housed in the same area. We relied on local veterinarians to come through a few times a week to give rabies vaccines and when time permitted, check for medical conditions. We tried to send some animals to local veterinarians for spay/neuter, but most of the animals adopted were unaltered. All information, including our adoption records and medical information, was kept solely on paper. Heaven forbid if a kitten got frisky one day and ripped up his kennel card! Some of the animals did find new homes, but many did not. We did the best we could with what we had, but what we had was not enough.

A lot has changed since then.

In August of 2004, we moved into the new building. Shortly thereafter, in 2005, a new Executive Director joined with talk of change. It was a huge adjustment for all of us. But now we have computerized records. Cats and dogs no longer share the same cramped quarters and we have more room for animals on our adoption floor. The dogs enjoy heated floors during the winter. Isolation areas allow us to segregate sick animals from the general population. The veterinary clinic has had an enormous impact on the care that the animals receive. We are now able to immediately address medical issues and critically injured animals can receive care within our building. All of our pets are spayed/neutered prior to adoption. We also reduce the number of unwanted litters by assisting those people on lower incomes with spaying and neutering their pets. The daily atmosphere, well it’s a fun place to be; that is because now we know we will find all the animals that come to us their new homes.

There are times when I walk through the old building remembering how things used to be. I always leave feeling very fortunate to be where we are now.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Scheline Crutchfield & Ric Barrick come highly recommended by their canines Caesar & Lilly.

Lilly Barrick reports that when Ric gets home from his demanding job as Director of Communications for the City of Charlottesville, Ric makes Lilly’s exercise regime a priority. Ric Barrick, who is a long time Virginian, graduated from the University of Virginia. He has worked as a meteorologist in Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington, DC, Baltimore and Philadelphia. He was nominated for an Emmy while handling the 24/7 weather coverage of the Blizzard of ‘96.

Caesar Crutchfield lives with siblings Gracie, a high-strung Jack Russell terrier, and Titus, a hound dog. With Scheline Crutchfield’s experience as pack leader of this group and as Senior Vice President & Regional Director, Private Banking/Wealth Management at Wachovia Bank, as well as having served on the boards of many other Charlottesville non-profits, we know she will be instrumental in assuring the success of the SPCA’s mission.
LACY: AMERICA’S NEXT TOP CHOW MODEL?  by ANGY RICHARDSON OF LEXINGTON, NC

The Petfinder ad read: “Chow Chow Gang,” Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. I could not resist that face and well, I love Chows.

Since day one, Lacey has always been a socialite. With her good nature and personality, we began visiting the living assistant home where my grandparents reside. Everyone loves Lacey, and she loves everyone. Although Lacey enjoys comforting others, her true passion and all time favorite activity is modeling. She models sweaters, coats, Halloween costumes, etc. She gets so excited when we go to dog fashion shows. She parades around like a doggie debutante and is quite the crowd pleaser, even stopping for pictures.

I currently have three adopted Chow mixes. Chows have been a part of my life for the last 17 years. They are the sweetest, most loving dogs I have ever known. As with any dog, you still need to remain the pack leader and properly socialize them. Oh, and did I say I love Chows?

NO KILL CONFERENCE
MAY 2 - 3, 2009  WASHINGTON, D.C.

The No Kill Advocacy Center is teaming up with the Animal Law program at George Washington University Law School to bring together the nation’s most successful shelter directors and the nation’s top animal lawyers. Conference speakers hope to help others create a No Kill community and teach them how to use the legal system to save lives. Our SPCA Executive Director, Susanne Kogut, will be among those speaking as a voice for change.

It’s not your ordinary public access show. In its second year of broadcast, the award-winning Whiskers and Tales show is enjoying a growing audience on cable and online. The show is produced by the City’s Department of Communications and features current news on the SPCA along with some great information for all pet owners. The idea is to attract a wider audience to Channel 10, the City’s popular government access channel. Director of Communications and host of the show, Ric Barrick, reports that “Whiskers and Tales is our most popular program by far. We wanted the show to be, not only a resource for the SPCA, but a quality production that viewers would want to make a normal part of their week.” Regular features include a visit with a veterinarian and dog training tips. Past stories have addressed a variety of topics such as animal legislation, feral cats, animal neglect, and a behind the scenes look at the SPCA. Executive Director and show co-host, Susanne Kogut, says her favorite part of the show is the success story. “It is always hard to pick just one with all the great stories we have to tell.” The City views the show as an integral part to its commitment to animal welfare and community involvement. You can catch-up by viewing archived episodes online at www.charlottesville.org/tv10. New episodes air regularly on Channel 10, as well as online. If you have ideas for future segments let us know with an email to channel10@charlottesville.org. Thanks for watching!

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THE BEST HOTEL FOR DOGS & CATS IS YOUR HOME!

Nicholas has learned to play hide and seek!

With Cliff, Coby and Blaze, it's a three dog day!

Harley is missing an eye, but that in no way hampers her antics!

Handsome Romeo truly lives up to his name.

Aiden's Mom thinks he is 100% stud muffin...

Oreo is taking ownership of her new home.

Mimosa is a Meerkitten from the way she sits; Charmin' is all boy with all his play, play, play.

Sophie: Little dog, Big city...

Petunia is a very well photographed cat.

Gracie Lou—old dog, new haircut!

Kelsey Simone amazes even herself with her beauty.

Princess, SPCA longtimer, loves to cuddle and purr.

Jasmine is the princess of her new home.
PAWS GO MAJOR LEAGUE 2008

Paws Go Major League was nothing less than a grand slam with an unbelievable amount of signed sports memorabilia, good BBQ food, and two-stepping music from the Duke Merrick Band. Notwithstanding sports memorabilia signed by world class sports figures, Michael Phelps, Arnold Palmer, Derek Jeter and Eli Manning, it was a pair of signed football helmets from local stars Howie and Chris Long that garnered the highest bid. The SPCA thanks our chairs, Jan and Michael Cubbage and Billy Wagner, for once again making this an incredible event. Our thanks also goes to the Paws Committee and sponsors ESPN Radio, The Next 50, Comcast, NBC 29, ALC Copies, Student Services Moving and Storage Co. and Virginia Self Storage Partners.

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The SPCA is very fortunate to be the beneficiary of kids with big hearts and a big desire to help. Here are a few of their stories...

Rather than accept gifts for herself for her tenth birthday party, Elizabeth requested that her friends bring donations for the SPCA. Elizabeth's friends responded enthusiastically, and she was able to collect over $130 and a whole car load of supplies, including everything from food, toys, treats and even a crate.

Meridith decided to sell hot chocolate at a neighborhood pot luck to raise money for the SPCA. Not only did she make the hot chocolate herself, but seven year old Meridith manned her booth and collected the donations. She was able to raise $47.88. Thank you to Elizabeth and her 5th grade class, Meridith, and Lexi, Sierra and Laura of HAC and all the other children in our community helping animals!

“Tiger, I think you're a victim of identity theft. There are thousands of cats with the same name as you!”

IDENTIFICATION
Your pet’s ticket home!

Making sure your pet has some form of identification is a way to speak for your pet if he or she gets lost. City and County licenses are a very inexpensive way to identify you as your dog’s owner, and let others know that your dog has been vaccinated for rabies. Licenses can be purchased at the SPCA facility or at the City and County office buildings. In the County, you can now purchase a multi-year license, which corresponds to your pet’s rabies vaccination expiration. Imagine only having to purchase your pet’s license once every three years.

Other methods of pet identification for both dogs and cats are pet ID tags, microchipping and identification collars. ID tags are available at the SPCA and local pet stores. Custom embroidered pet collars or other types of collars are available through a variety of catalog and internet sources and at local stores. Microchipping, a tiny rice size chip implanted under your pets skin, is available at your veterinarian and costs approximately $35 to $50. Microchipping is a great way to assure your pet makes it back home, as other forms of ID may become separated from your pet.

Taking one or more of the above measures will give you great comfort if your pet becomes lost and can help assure a speedy and happy reunion with your best friend.

PAWS PALS

KIDS WITH BIG HEARTS FOR THE SPCA

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“HAC—Helping Animals Club, not just something the cat coughed up” is the slogan for Lexi, Sierra and Laura’s club. These industrious and creative 6th graders meet regularly to plan ways to raise money for the SPCA. In December, they made crafts and solicited donations and were able to raise $101. We can’t wait to see what they will come up with next!

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GORGEOUS 
GRETA 
by LEIGH HUGHES

Older dogs have so much to offer. They often sit quietly in their kennel, with sad faces staring up, while people walk past them in search of the youngsters. Lying in her kennel, Greta was definitely not the most attractive dog at the SPCA, but my wife Kelly and I could not be any happier with our decision to adopt Greta. We knew a puppy would not be right for us so we focused on looking at more “mature” dogs. Greta seemed calm and well-behaved. She was thankful when we took her out of her kennel to get to know her. From the moment we brought her home, Greta’s temperament was impeccable; she gets along with other dogs, cats, seniors, kids and babies. Good thing too because Kelly and I are expecting our first child. As a mix of Golden Retriever, Chow Chow and German Shepherd, she embodies the best qualities of those breeds. Older dogs deserve love just as much as a “cute” puppy. Greta is so grateful that she has a home, and we are grateful that we have our Greta. I cannot take her anywhere without people commenting on what a gorgeous girl she is. Please visit the CASPCA with an open mind and you may just adopt your own Greta!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Thursday, 26th - Saturday, 28th: Virginia Federation of Humane Societies Conference in Staunton, VA. Visit www.vfhs.org for more information.
March Madness Special: Adopt a team member from one of the SPCA Final Four and get half off your adoption.
Presale Tickets for Belk Charity Sale begins: Take advantage of the once-a-season savings on top fashion while supporting your local SPCA! Get tickets at the Belk store in Fashion Square Mall, or at the SPCA.

May

Saturday, 2nd: Belk Charity Sale at Belk Department store from 6AM - 10AM.
Saturday, 9th: Foster and volunteer party 4 - 7pm, at Dixie’s house. Save-the-Date!

June

Saturday, 6th: Charlottesville Running Company Canine 5K Run/Walk at Mint Springs Park. Visit www.badothebone.biz to sign up.

Always!

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC): State and UVA employees can sign up to designate contributions to the SPCA (#3050). See www.cvc.vipnet.org for more information.
Siips Wine and Champagne Bar: Mention you are a friend of the SPCA and a portion of certain purchases will benefit the SPCA.
C’ville Market, 221 Carlton Road: Shop on the first Tuesday of the month and a percentage goes to the SPCA.
In Honor of Pets

Backley, Spud & Lola
Ashes
Anastasia
Ami
Zorro
Zellie
Bernie, Bridget & Alfie
Whisper, Abby, Sam, Brandy, Tipper
Sweet Potato’s Momma
Suki, Milo & Cleo
Skylar & Cayman
Scruffy
Scoonie Penn
Sage
Reilly
Samantha & Lizzie
Scoinnie Penn
Scout
Scout & Alex
Scruffy
Shoog
Skunk, Bil & Mora
Skylar & Cayman
Sukie, Milo & Cleo
Sweet Potato’s Momma
Tanny
Tater
Tess, Pippa, Ceres & Jadson
The Linden Lab
Tipper
Tippy
Voga & Lilah
Whisper, Abby, Sam, Brandy, Bernie, Bridget & Alfi
Whitney
Winky & Schnoz
Zelle
Zoe & Xena
Zorro

In Memory of People

Adams, Sadie
Batty, Charlotte
Bohleke, Richard
Boozer, Margie
Burnley, Joyce
Bussey, Anita Bailey
Caldwell, Donald B.
Camp, Barbara P
Carries & Charice, Agnes & John
Clatterbuck, James
Cole, Tom
Davis, Horace
Eckenrode, Dorothy
Fischer, Tom
Gilbert, Russell & Lucy & Renni
Gleason, Martha
Hanks, Mr. & Mrs. James, Sr.
Herring, Mora W.
Hippert, Bernice
Hollen, Larry
Humm, Dorothea
Hurburt, Maggie
Jessup, Karen Ann
Patton
Keeney, Lois
Kennedy, Pat
Laverty, Robert M.
Lochrie, Caroline Bell
McKenzie
Mattson, Kay
Mayo, Clarence & Maude
McCord, Frederic L.
McGill, Woody
Mikkelson, Ellen M.
Murphy, Margaret
Musser, Dean
O’Connell, Ruth
Owen, Carole
Pier, Jean
Rinehart, Rodger & Bobo
Sage, Edwin C.
Skehan, Joseph & Bonnie
Smith, Claudia
Stubblefield, William
Trent, Jr
Swinson, Dora B.
Trainum, Vernon, Sr.
Trauman, Helia
Turner, Barry
Turner, Elton & Lucy
Vidrich, Newenka Belli
Wells, Jennifer Leigh
Wells, Richard
White, Pat
Willhelm, Glenn
Winter, Jake
Woozley, Tony
Wynne, Catherine Ann
Wynne, Kay

Spring 2009

Kozak, Karol
Kramer, Catherine
Layman, Elizabeth
Lee-Vandell, Frances
Lester, Dave
Lowe, Gail
Marshall, Michael
McNeil, Elizabeth
Mensing, Chuck
Mette, Michelle
Middlethin, Samantha
Mills, Amanda
Minich, Duke & Susie
Moniz, James
Montoya, Gerald
Moon, Trena
Morgan, Elizabeth
Morrisson, Chris
MSK Division Radiology at UVA
Murray, Dr. and Mrs.
Nix, Phyllis Binder & Jim
Noontha, Bob & Joan
Nurse Preceptors in Endoscopy
Olivo, Teresa
Owen, Sandra
Palmes, Amanda
Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. Monte
Parton, Torey
Parrish, Kristin
Pemberton, Barbara
Pflanz, Kay
Pierce, Jeanne
Plantz, Joll
Pollock, Jason and Maryline
Porzio, Linda
Prillaman, Lisa
Prybyl, Bois & Ivan
Pugh, Amy & Carolyn & Laura
Pugh, Loree M.
Rainey & Ashburn
Ramirez, Dana
Reese Family
Reynolds, Brenda & John
Rodgers, Bradley & family
Rogin, Felicia
Sagendorf, Helen
Schmitt, Christopher
Schroef Family
Schultz, Kirk & Gus
Golden, Sandy
Gould, Alex
Grassi, Caroline
Grossman, Carol
Groth Family
Hair, Fred & Gloria
Hannam, Rebecca J.
Hartwick Family
Hawkins, Sasha
Hay, Dr. & Staff
Haynes, Polly
Helm, Greg A.
Hennicke, Madeline
Hereford, Molly, Ann & Frank
Hirsch, Jay & Wendy Hirsh
Holder, Cathy
Holt, Nancy
Honey Clauw Family
Hoover, Susan
Hopkinson, Phyllis & Thomas W.
Huber, Wendy
Huffman, Libby
Hughett, Vine & Thomas
Jay, Joan
Jean and Kurtis
Johnson, Mike and Pam
Johnson, Steve
Jones, Meghan
Justice and Faith
Kersey Family
Kitchen, Vanessa
Knicely, Alice
Koslows, David

Beichel, Dr. Emily
Bergtresser, Dr. Don & Staff
Beverly, Carolyn & Frank
Blalock, Michelle
Brand, Carolynn
Bray, Marcy
Bretz, Betty
Briggs, Janette
Brocato, Bridge & Barrett
Bryant Family
Byerly, Barbara
Campellini, Craig
Campbell, Elizabeth
Carey & Rick
Carpenter, Everett & Maxine
Carter, Bevin
Chamber of Commerce staff
Chandler Family
Cheek, Robert M.B.
Ciporin, Leon
Clark Family
Clark, Fannie
Clark, Heather
Cocke, Sally Tucker & William
Cole, Jack
Collins, Susan
Craddock, Raymond E. Jr.
Cubbage, Jan
Danneman, Ashley Mangum & Fred
Delarosa, Alyx
Delarosa, Elle
Delarosa, Eric
De PROFIDONI, Ali
Dickenson, Frances
Doss, Dr. R. & Staff
Dreazo Family
Durham, Bertha
Durham, Ashley
Eckenrode, Dorothy R.
Emily G
Felkner, Tom
Fitz, Dr. Michael
Follett, Susan
Foot, Robert & Linda
Ford, Holly
Foster Family
Frachter, Jeff
Garth, Kirk & Gus
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NO GOING BACK...

We have come so far, to go back now. There is no doubt that we all are facing serious economic times. Since 2005, the SPCA has struggled to provide for the animals—moving into a larger building with increased operating costs and debt payments on a $3 million loan. Fortunately, up until now, we have been able to make it work. However, in this new environment, we may soon be faced with limiting the number of animals that we can care for each year.

For four years, we have stood out nationally as an organization that guarantees the same level of care, including the guarantee of life, to ALL of the homeless animals in our community. In most other communities, this is not the case. We hope to continue this care for years to come, but we honestly cannot do it without your help. If everyone helps a little, we as a community can care for all of the animals in need. If you are reading this newsletter and can afford a donation of any amount, please do not hesitate to send it in now. It does not take much, if everyone helps a little. For some of us, that may mean just one less cappuccino each week to help the animals.

For those who are able, I encourage you to make a pledge for the animals coming into the SPCA in the future. Whether it is a monthly, or a yearly pledge, your commitment will help us plan for their care. There is absolutely no doubt that the animals need your help and they need it now more than ever.

We know that you are hearing this from many organizations, but this is not about an organization. It is about helping ALL the animals; it is about saving their lives. If an animal has touched your life, please touch back and make a donation now.

We have come so far, please do not let us go back now.

Susanne Kogut, Executive Director
www.caspca.org

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Consider advertising your business at the SPCA. With new plaques designed to highlight your business name and logo, you will grab the attention of the many SPCA visitors and bring awareness to your company.

To take advantage of this lucrative opportunity, contact Makena Yarbrough at 434 964 3314 or myarbrough@caspca.org

PAMPERED PETS PARTNERS WITH THE SPCA

Pampered Pets, a family owned business that has been around for 25 years, says “your pet’s care is our priority”. Pampered Pets of Charlottesville offers comfortable and safe lodging for canines and felines, countless amenities and fun activities for your pet. Their facility is not an average boarding kennel but truly a home away from home for pets. Pampered Pets provides every amenity for their guests including: outdoor play areas and indoor playroom for inclement weather, recreation time with individualized attention for each pet and a state-of-the-art Grooming Salon.

Pampered Pets is leading the way by becoming the first SPCA partner in our redesigned naming opportunity program. Thank you Pampered Pets for believing in the mission of the SPCA.
The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that provides a safe environment for the lost, abandoned, and homeless animals of Charlottesville and Albemarle County and places them in good homes. We strive to set a standard of excellence and leadership in animal care, humane education, and progressive animal welfare programs.

March 23rd - 29th Sniff Out The Treasures Of Rome

Support the SPCA and other local Businesses at the 200 East Block of the Downtown Mall for a celebration of the great city of Rome! Throughout the week, vendors on the block will offer food and drink specials as well as a multitude of Roman themed celebrations like weekday seminars on Rome, a Toga party, Italian Opera and a showing of Cinema Paradiso. A portion of sales from the participating merchants will go to the SPCA.

For more information visit http://www.downtowncharlottesville.net/events.html