



Critter Chatter

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From the President's Desk

By John Valente, *President*, Pender Humane Society Board of Directors

With Spring well underway, I want to update our members and supporters on some items of interest.

Shelter

The Staff and volunteers at the Shelter continue to provide our Furry Friends with the best care available. We have passed all our state inspections, and continue to maintain our shelter in the best condition possible. Here are a few noteworthy items:

- We are still looking for a weekend Shelter Manager. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Manager Maria Cahill at 910.259.7022 or penderhumane@yahoo.com.
- ADT has installed new cameras and a new security system at the Shelter, including the Cat Haven.
- The post covers have all been replaced with new aluminum, to keep us compliant with requirements. These will have to be replaced periodically due to wear and tear.
- Repairs to the Haven have been completed to bring us into compliance.

FOFF Thrift Store

- The FOFF Thrift Store staff and volunteers are doing a fantastic job with donated merchandise. Net sales from the Store go towards the Shelter's operating expenses and are a vital part in keeping the Shelter open. We welcome any donations you may have for the Store.

- We have a new sign from Empire Graphics of Hampstead waiting to be installed between the two poles out by the street. The original sign installer backed out, and we have been trying to locate another installer with a bucket lift (or similar) to install the sign. If you know of an installer, please contact Store Manager Deb Graves at deborahgraves58@gmail.com or call the store at 910.789.5000.
- Repairs have been made to include exterior lighting, fix the power out to the sign by the road, look into an intercom for the store, install new vent fan in one bathroom, etc.
- The store is now offering gift cards that are compatible with our POS software. This will be an added benefit to our customers.
- The Store will hold a drawing for a Mothers' Day gift basket on May 10. No purchase necessary. You can find details on the Store's facebook page or at the Store.

Fundraising Events

- In addition to the ongoing 2024 *A Season for Thanksgiving*, we recently held a Lottery Board raffle for \$200 worth of NC Lottery tickets. We hosted photos with the Easter Bunny at the Thrift Store on March 23.



- PCHS will be the beneficiary at a Pet Industry Fair to be held Saturday, May 4, from 11 am to 3 pm at **Ruff Draft, a dog park bar**, at 2144 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington. The event will feature pet professionals such as groomers, trainers, vets, dog walkers, etc. We look forward to seeing you!
- Did you know you can donate to **PCHS via Venmo**? Use the QR code below:



PCHS Needs Your Help and Expertise

Want to make a difference in the lives of homeless and unwanted animals in Pender County? The Pender County Humane Society is looking for animal-loving people who might be interested in volunteering with our organization in several capacities, including working on fundraising or social media, helping with administrative tasks, or volunteering to serve on our Board of Directors or at the Shelter itself.

We need people to lead committees and work with the Board to keep our organization moving forward. We cannot survive without new people getting involved. Our organization cannot exist without volunteers, and even a few hours a week or a month can make a huge difference! For more information, contact John Valente at johnv115@outlook.com.

Calendar of Events

Pet Industry Fair, Ruff Draft.....	5/4
May Board Meeting	5/7
Pender County Rescue Event	
Burgaw Brewing.....	5/18
Fundraising dinner at Bandanas	5/19
	<i>(tentative)</i>
June Board Meeting	6/4
Blueberry Festival.....	6/13
July Board Meeting.....	7/2
Annual Meeting	8/6
The Pier at Port City Marina	
Concert Fundraiser	8/23
September Board Meeting.....	9/3
Spaghetti Supper	9/7
October Board Meeting	10/1
November Board Meeting.....	11/5
2025 Season for Thanksgiving	12/3
December Board Meeting.....	12/10
Pet Photos with Santa/Mrs. Claws.....	12/14

Corporate Sponsor Adoption Event

Many thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, Westgate Chevrolet of Burgaw (<https://www.westgatechevync.com/>) for sponsoring an Adoption awareness event on Saturday, April 6. Visitors were



able to meet some of our shelter animals, look over information on other animals available for adoption, submit an application, meet Shelter Staff and Board members, and make donations.

If you, or someone you know, wants to be a corporate sponsor, please go to <https://www.penderhumane.org/sponsorship-program.html>



Help Our Longest Resident Find a Home!

Poor Skeeter has been at the Humane Society since he was 8 weeks old! This beautiful boy cannot catch a break. At two years old, Skeeter is now on a special diet for the rest of his life because he had a urinary blockage. Thankfully he is okay now and would love to be the only animal in a home to get all the attention that he has missed out on. Skeeter is a two-year-old American shorthair. He is neutered, current on shots, but is not good with dogs and has special needs (food). If you think Skeeter is the right fit for you, please contact us at www.penderhumane.org so we can set up an appointment for you to meet him.



2024 Fur Ball Set for November 2

The 16th Annual Wilmington Fur Ball will be held on Nov. 2, 2024, at the Plaza on Princess. The Fur Ball is a formal annual gala with lavish hors d'oeuvres, a lively dance band, silent and live auctions, and beer, wine, and an open bar to entertain guests.

The Wilmington Fur Ball was created 19 years ago by Pender County Humane Society. The current Wilmington Fur Ball Committee consists of representatives from Pender County Humane Society, Adopt an Angel and other animal loving people who host and plan this event every year. Since the inception of the Fur Ball, over \$303,000 has been given to 22 no-kill animal rescue groups in Pender, Brunswick and New Hanover Counties.

If you would like to know more about the 2024 Fur Ball, go to www.wilmingtonfurball.com. If you would like to sponsor or donate an auction item, please email Norma at normat1@charter.net.



Sandy Paws Opening Celebration

Cindy Steiner, Fundraising Chair of PCHS, attended the grand opening of Sandy Paws Animal Hospital, 4629 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, on Feb. 10.



Need Help Feeding Your Pets?

Pender County Humane Society's Pet Food Pantry Can Help! Our Pet Food Pantry has both dog and cat food available free of charge. Anyone in need of food will be asked to fill out a brief form and show proof of income or proof of government assistance. Forms are available at the Shelter located at 1407 NC-53 in Burgaw, or on our website at www.penderhumane.org. The Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call the shelter at 910.259.7022.

Help Us By Donating Food to Our Pet Food Pantry

We are always in need of donations for our Pet Food Pantry. Help us help those less fortunate in our community by donating any brand of wet or dry dog and cat food, cat litter and treats. Donations can be dropped at the Shelter, located at 1407 NC-53, Burgaw, between 9 a.m. and noon daily, or at Coral Cottages Boutique, 14061 NC-50 in Surf City. We thank you for your support!

Our Shelter Wish List

Dogs:

- Pedigree puppy and dog food
- Purina One puppy food
- Dog and puppy collars
- Hard chew toys for adult dogs (please no rawhide)
- Poop bags

Cats:

- Cat Chow Complete for adult cats
- Cat and kitten collars
- Cat scratching mats
- Non-clumping cat litter

Everyone at Pender County Humane Society would like to thank our volunteers and supporters for everything you do to help us continue our lifesaving work. We could not do it without your continuous support!



EVERYONE’S help is needed to accomplish our goals. WE THANK YOU ALL who have donated and will remember to donate in the future. You are making a difference in the lives of the “forgotten ones.” We need your support, so please consider donating cash and checks, as well as donating online at www.penderhumane.org.



If you are mailing in your donation, please use the form below:



My Tax-Deductible Donation to Pender Humane Society Shelter. Please cut and insert this form with your donation. Mail to: PO Box 626, Burgaw, NC 28425 **Phone: 910-259-7022**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. THIS WILL SAVE US A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AND MONEY (I.E., STUFFING ENVELOPES, POSTAGE)

Total Tax Deductible Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please allocate my donation as follows:

- 1. General Operating Account (Funds used at the discretion of PENDER HUMANE SOCIETY) \$ _____
- 2. Pet Pals Provider: RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION OF \$ _____ for five years, deducted from my checking account.
 Routing Number _____
 Re-enter Routing Number _____
 Account Number _____
- 3. To donate online go to www.penderhumane.org/donate.html

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FURRY FRIENDS!

