



Spring 2007
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of the Humane Society
of Williamson County

New Year, New Beginnings for HSWC

March 2007 will mark a new beginning for the Humane Society of Williamson County. With the opening of the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter in early 2007, all stray animals and owner-released animals from Williamson County will be going to this new facility.



HSWC will be limiting the number of animals that are housed at the shelter at any one time. With more clearly focused programs to support our mission, we can achieve more toward becoming a No-Kill community. The combination of high volume adoptions, accessible and affordable spay/neuter services along with programs to help families keep their pets are the keys to building a No-Kill community.

We will focus on expanding these three lifesaving programs in Central Texas:

- **High volume adoption:** Until we can stop the flow of homeless animals through prevention efforts, adoption efforts are vital to achieving a No-Kill Community.
- **Low cost spay/neuter:** A vital part of achieving a No-Kill Community is stopping pet overpopulation at the source (unwanted litters).
- **Pet retention services:** In addition to preventing unwanted litters, pet retention assistance is critical to achieving a No-Kill Community...stopping the lost and surrendered flow of pets to shelters.

As a 501 (c) 3 donor supported charity, we fully rely on the support of our donors and volunteers. We provide these services and much more, but only with the financial support of our community... support from people just like you. Help us move our community toward a No-Kill community in 2007 by sending your generous gift today! 🐾



The Dog Leg Classic at Cimarron Hills Golf Course

Monday, March 26, 2007

Sign up now for this rare opportunity to play a round of golf at the award-winning Cimarron Hills Golf Course, a Jack Nicklaus course that features beautiful scenery and a world class clubhouse. Your entry fee at the Dog Leg Classic will cover the following:

- Green and cart fees
- Box lunch
- Longest Drive Contest
- Closest to the Pin Contest
- Beat the Pro Contest
- Hole in One Contest
- A silent auction
- Mulligans for \$10 each



Some of our HSWC pets will also make an appearance!

Download the registration form at www.hswc.net, mail in the form on the back of this newsletter or call the main office at (512)260-3602 x101 for more information!

Be A Tournament Sponsor

Sponsors can look forward to free advertising at the event.

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Golf and dinner for one. Sponsorship mention at the event.

Contact Steve Huskey at shuskey@hswc.net. 🐾

Dear Friends and Caring Animal Lovers,

I am sure you have heard the old adage: *There is strength in numbers*. I hope that adage continues to prove true at the Humane Society of Williamson County when the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter opens its doors in March. Since the new Regional Animal Shelter will now become the primary municipally-operated facility to house stray and owner-released animals in the area, many have asked how HSWC's role will evolve in the community. **I am pleased to state that HSWC will not only remain open, but it will also have the opportunity to refocus its life-saving efforts as it transitions to a No-Kill* shelter.**

Our working Board, dedicated staff and incredibly compassionate team of volunteers—lots of strength in those numbers!—are excited for the chance to direct resources towards community services and programs that will enable Williamson County to become a safe place where no pet is euthanized simply because it cannot find a home.

HSWC will remain committed to serving the needs of all types of pets through focused programs to support our new mission of High Volume Adoptions, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and Pet Retention Programs. Through these programs, we can achieve more strength with more numbers:

- More onsite and offsite adoptions
- More low-cost spay/neuter programs and education
- More wellness care vaccination clinics
- More microchipping and reuniting animals with their owners
- More community education on proper pet care and guardianship
- More animal behavior training for successful home placement
- More programs to feed and sterilize feral cat colonies
- More foster home “parents”
- More forever homes for more loveable animals

I am proud of the strength of this organization and what we have achieved, but we want and need to be even stronger—strength in numbers. We need to increase the number of active volunteers who will dedicate some time each month to help with our programs. We need to increase the number of adoption counselors who can help match pets with forever families. We need to increase the number of donors who will help us meet our time, talent and treasure goals. We need to increase the number of Board Members who can give of their business, marketing, grant writing, fundraising, analytical and financial skills to help with our development. We need to increase the number of corporate, troop, school, church and other groups who will dedicate themselves to specific improvement projects or animal care giving and attention. We need to increase the number of animals who get a second chance at finding a loving home. We need you—to help us—become stronger.

As much as we hate to hear it, the enemy of pet overpopulation resulting in senseless and disturbing euthanasia rates, is very real in Williamson County. We're looking forward to working closely with the new regional shelter so that together our strength will employ the best practices of animal welfare and we can all achieve our dream of a No-Kill community.

As we reflect on our accomplishments for 2006 and look forward to our transition and refocus in 2007, we are most thankful to you, our supporters, who are the lifeblood and our *strength in numbers* that have kept us going for another year.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Janet Ott
President, Board of Directors
Humane Society of Williamson County

* HSWC, like most “No-Kill” shelters, will maintain the certification to euthanize any animal that is suffering due to failing health or that poses a health/behavior risk to a human or another animal in our care. 🐾

What does your donation provide for animals in need?

\$25 - Five dogs will receive heartworm tests

\$50 - Three cats will receive Feline Leukemia and FIV tests

\$100 - Three animals will receive spay/neuter surgery to help stop pet overpopulation

\$150 - Three puppies will receive their first year of shots

\$1,000 - Will pay for all of HSWC's offsite adoption events for 2007



Frylock Goes Home!

Frylock, the sweet abandoned collie puppy that captured the hearts of the Williamson County community, has found a new home.

In March 2006, HSWC rescued a collie puppy that was found dumped by the side of the road. The staff

quickly noticed that the puppy had trouble using his back legs.

After three surgeries and months of rehabilitation therapy, Frylock was ready for a new "forever" home. Frylock's dream finally came true when his new adoptive family, Keith and Peggy Walkup, adopted him on October 20 from HSWC. The Walkups already had

another dog with similar issues so they knew what it would take to care for a dog with special needs.

Since Frylock's adoption, the Walkup family says that he is doing well at his new home and is getting along well with the family's other two dogs. Frylock has increased his muscle tone by chasing the Walkup's dog "Ginger" up and down hills. He has gained weight and has built muscle in his hind legs.

The Humane Society's "Abby Angel Fund" made Frylock's medical care possible. The Humane Society of Williamson County takes in countless injured and sick animals every year and this fund makes it possible to provide medical attention to these animals in dire need. To donate to the Abby Angel Fund, write a check to HSWC with "Abby Angel Fund" noted in the memo section. 📧

HSWC Needs a New Central Air Conditioning System

Do you own a heating and air conditioning business or know someone who does?

HSWC is seeking a new central heating and air conditioning system for our 2,000 square foot main office building. If you can help with this project, please contact our Facilities Coordinator Kim Lutz at kimlutz@hswc.net for more information. 📧



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Adoptions Up 15% at HSWC in 2006!
Nearly 2,000 cats and dogs found new forever homes in 2006 thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff, volunteers and most importantly all the families who chose to adopt their next "family member" from HSWC. Help us save even more lives in 2007...tell your friends and family to choose adoption for their next companion animal.

Heartworm Disease and Your Pet

by Diane G. Coleman, DVM

Heartworm disease has affected the "heart" of Texas for over 50 years. It commonly affects dogs, but has recently been recognized to infect cats as well.

Heartworm infection is transmitted to dogs by mosquitoes. The most common clinical signs of heartworm disease include coughing, exercise intolerance and difficulty breathing. Diagnosis is made with a simple ten minute blood test, which can be performed by a veterinarian. A veterinarian can also design the safest treatment protocol depending on the severity of disease. Treatment can be financially challenging, ranging in the hundreds of dollars; however, untreated heartworm disease can be fatal.

The best strategy is prevention. It is essential to have all dogs on heartworm prevention once a month year round in our region, due to the high prevalence of heartworm disease.

Talk to your veterinarian about this important health topic today! 📧



2006 Volunteer Highlights



The following people received 2006 Volunteer of the Quarter Awards: Lori and Emily Rogowski, Ginna Beal, Rachel Hull, Kelly Kaelin, Robin Peterson and Javon Roberson.

What a year 2006 was for the HSWC volunteer program! Here are some of the highlights from the last year.

Volunteers.....

- Worked over 15,000 hours in 2006 - a 50 percent increase over 2005.
- Led and participated in the offsite adoption team. This program adopted out 177 dogs at 72 adoption events.
- Picked up weekly food donations from local stores.
- Organized and taught dog handling classes to over 200 new and existing volunteers
- Made fundraising and community events possible, including: Mutt Strut, Macy's Shop for a Cause, Pet-A-Palooza, Animal Planet Expo, Railyard Spring Festival, Round Rock Express donation drive, HSWC garage sale, monthly Vaccination Clinics, and Santa Claws photo events.
- Partnered with a local Petsmart to house cats in their cattery, and volunteers coordinated and staffed the cattery throughout the year resulting in a large number of cat adoptions.
- Donated items such as food, blankets, toys and even larger items such as a professional grooming tub for our Gleam Team and dozens of Kuranda beds for our dogs.
- Completed improvement projects including a cattery remodel, main office painting and renovations, surgery room renovations, portable building renovations, kennel office improvements, interior and exterior kennel painting, kennel reinforcements, landscaping improvements, exterior building makeover, and many more!
- Lovingly cared for 544 dogs and cats through the HSWC foster program
- Helped the HSWC staff implement new volunteer management software that will bring volunteers online and bring our program to the next level.

We look forward to many more success stories in 2007! 🐾

Find Your Cause – Volunteer!

Volunteers are our backBONE; they are a vital part of the Humane Society of Williamson County and make our mission possible. Join our team!

Volunteers perform a variety of duties including: animal socializer, animal care, customer service, photographer for Petfinder, offsite adoption day team, administrative support, foster home, gleam team, and committee work.

Volunteers must commit to volunteer at least 4 hours a month for at least 6 months. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old and certain restrictions apply to those between the ages of 10 and 15.

For more information about our volunteer program or to sign up for the required new volunteer orientation please go online to <http://hswc.net/volunteer.htm>.

Area Scouts with Big Hearts Help the Humane Society of Williamson County

Congratulations to the following scouts for being awarded advanced status in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts upon completion of projects at the HSWC. We are so grateful to you for working with us, and we love the results!



Micaela Schmitt, Girl Scout Silver Award
Daniel Shepard, Eagle Scout Award
Garrett Parcell, Eagle Scout Award
Mitchell Coe, Eagle Scout Award
Kyle Grandin, Eagle Scout Award

If you are interested in completing a scout award project with the HSWC, please contact our Facilities Coordinator at kimlutz@hswc.net. 🐾



The following donations were received in memoriam of friends and loved ones:

In Memory Of Dixie Amr:

Ann D. Dodson
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In Memory Of Paula Mazon:

Kim Huber
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Judith Ries

In Memory Of Sgt. Jose Escribano:

Maria E. Preston
Nancy Bartlett

In Memory Of Suzy Strickland:

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John & Kathy Depperschmidt
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Jill Fisher, in memory of "Madison"
HR Strickland, in memory of "Amber"
HR Strickland, in memory of Bob Sherer
Lou Bergstrom, in memory of Dr. R.G. Garrett

Need to Find a New Loving Home for Your Pet?



Sign-up for HSWC's Community Pet Rehoming Program

Having to give up your beloved family pet is a heartbreaking experience, no matter what the

circumstances. HSWC is proud to offer our new Community Rehoming Program, a great way to find a permanent loving home for your pet without relinquishing it to the shelter.

The Community Pet Rehoming Program allows prescreened pet owners to bring their pets to our off-site adoption events

- Owners must accompany their pet at off-site adoptions
- Dogs must be leashed, and cats must be in crates or carriers
- Owners must adhere to all HSWC policies with regards to placing their pet in a home
 - HSWC volunteers and staff will screen all potential adopters
 - Owners will have the ability refuse an adoption to a potential adopter if they are uncomfortable with the placement
 - HSWC will collect the adoption fees

Criteria for participating in the Community Pet Rehoming Program:

- Must provide complete updated vaccination records including proof of Rabies vaccination
- Dogs must be tested for heartworm, and they must have proof of current heartworm preventative treatment
- Pet(s) must be evaluated by Staff before acceptance into the program

To learn more, contact HSWC at (512) 260-3602. 📞

Thank-you for your ongoing support

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Larry Perez Signs
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Crown Trophy
Premier Animal Hospital
Country Mowing and Shredding
Central Texas Cat Hospital

Major individual donations

Darrel and Beth Thorson, Chevy Venture adoption van
FixTheCopier, New printer/copier
J.B. Swindell, Datsun 280ZX
Mike and Julia Eriksen, 24' S2 Yacht
Folkerson Communications, LTD, New HSWC telephone system
Todd M. Riggan, DVM, and Tammy Riggan, Toyota Camry

A Big Thank You to Folkerson Communications!

If you called HSWC recently, you experienced our new amazing phone system. HSWC was recently a fortunate recipient of a full-featured, multifunction NEC business phone system valued at \$5,000 from Folkerson Communications. The Humane Society was long overdue for a new phone system; the staff was using a system that was over eight years old and was on the verge of obsolescence.

When HSWC board member Kimberly Bronner contacted Folkerson Communications to seek their advice and recommendations on business phone systems, she was at best hoping for some product ideas and



a possible discount on a used phone system. She received much more than that.

After learning about HSWC's vision for animal welfare in our community, Greg Folkerson, President of Folkerson Communications, offered to donate and install a brand new full-featured business phone system.

"Folkerson Communications has enjoyed success and support in Central Texas for over 10 years. We have grown from one location to three, with a fourth to be announced in the near future. Over

the years we've installed thousands of telephone systems in Central Texas, from basic communications to the most advanced telephony available. This was a great opportunity to give something back to the community. HSWC needed a quality phone system and telecommunications partner. We were glad to be able to help. Having a good, reliable communications system is vital to any company or organization," says Greg Folkerson.

The HSWC Staff and Board of Directors offer their gratitude and appreciation to Greg Folkerson and his team at Folkerson Communications for making such a significant contribution that will have a direct impact on saving lives. 🐾

Planned Giving, Bequests, and Legacies

by H.R. Strickland, HSWC Treasurer



HSWC, determined by the I.R.S. to be recognized as a 501(c)3 organization, depends on the generosity of companion animal advocates for our very survival.

For those of us who desire that our advocacy continue throughout our life and beyond, many avenues are available that not only provide this ongoing support for the HSWC pets,

but also can reduce federal income tax liabilities applicable to us as taxpayers, to our estates, and to our heirs.

Most of these strategies are quite simple, do not require complicated third-party arrangements, and may result in immediate tax savings. Others require only a simple Codicil to an existing will, or adding HSWC as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.

As your HSWC Treasurer, I am available to meet with you to explain and discuss these options.

Please contact me at my office at (512) 255-1114, or via email at hstrick768@aol.com, or leave your name and contact information with a staff member at the shelter.

We at HSWC extend our heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of all companion animals in the area, to all HSWC supporters. 🐾

The Humane Society of Williamson County (HSWC) is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization founded in 1979. HSWC is 100% funded by donations, grants and fees for services. We receive no government funding. HSWC's mission is to promote high volume adoptions to stop the flow of homeless animals, to provide low cost spay and neuter programs to help stop pet overpopulation and to educate the community on pet retention services to drastically reduce the flow of lost and surrendered animals.

As an independent, donor-supported animal welfare organization dedicated to the protection and care of domestic animals, our programs depend on your support. All contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to: 10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander, TX 78641.

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Mutt Strut - Thanks!

HSWC held its annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk in April of 2006. The event was a huge success; we had the largest number of participants in the history of the Mutt Strut, and we even ran out of "rent-a-mutt" shelter dogs that got to join in on all the fun and excitement! The Mutt Strut featured vendor booths, food, a live band and dog-related entertainment.



We would like to thank our major sponsors, who were so generous in their support of this event. We absolutely could not have done it without you!

- HR Strickland Tax Service
- Pet Sitting by Lynda
- Kenjol Capital Management
- Country Mowing and Shredding

This year's Mutt Strut will be held at HSWC in the fall of 2007. You won't want to miss it! More details will be announced soon! 📅



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 24, 1-3pm

Low Cost Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

Saturday, March 10

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, March 24, 1-3pm

Low Cost Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

Monday, March 26

Dog Leg Classic Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 14

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, April 28, 1-3pm

Low Cost Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

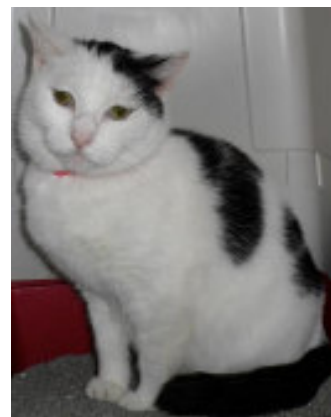
Liberty Hill Cemetery Cats Find Homes

Recently, local authorities brought 40 feral cats that had been living at a Liberty Hill Cemetery to HSWC. The cats had become a nuisance and something needed to change.

Our amazing staff and volunteers rose to the occasion and immediately went to work. All of the cats were vaccinated and spayed or neutered within a short time, and the team began searching for appropriate homes.

Ten of the cats were eventually adopted by families, and the other 30 were placed in feral cat colonies at ranches and homes.

HSWC would like to thank Shadow Cats and the Feral Cat Society of Austin for their help in making this program a success. If you are interested in learning more about the HSWC feral cat program, please e-mail us or give us a call. 📧





The Humane Society of Williamson County
Presents the 2007

DOG LEG CLASSIC

MARCH 26, 2007 at CIMARRON HILLS

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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Golf and dinner for one. Sponsorship mention at the event.

SINGLE PLAYER - \$150

Golf for one.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

9:00 am - Registration and silent auction

10:30 am - Golf

4:00 - 4:30 pm - Round completion; players finish round and hand in scorecard to pro shop.

5:00 pm - Silent auction and prize presentation

5:30 pm - Dinner (free for paid sponsors)

EVENTS AND PRIZES

The 2007 Dog Leg Classic will feature:

- **Longest Drive Contest** for gift certificates to the Cimarron Hills pro shop
- **Closest to the Pin Contest** on a pristine 76 yard par 3 to win half the pot
- **Beat the Pro Contest** to double your money
- **Hole in One Contest** (prize not yet determined)
- **A silent auction**
- **Pets available for adoption**
- **Mulligans** for \$10 each

SIGN ME UP FOR THE 2007 DOG LEG CLASSIC!

Name: _____

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Please place a star next to the primary contact name for your foursome. (If you are the primary contact, please star your name.)

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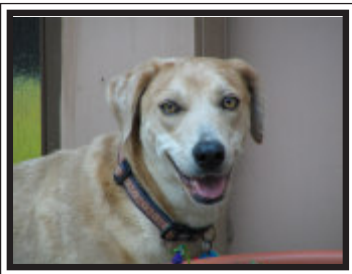
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Or send payments to:

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The Humane Society of Williamson County is a 501(c)3 public charity. Your contribution will be deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Register online at www.eteams.com/doglegclassic or by mailing the form above.

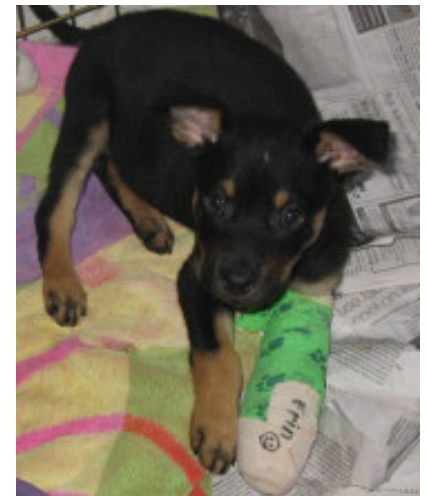


Abby Angel Fund Continues to Save Lives

HSWC has established the Abby Angel Fund in the memory of our beloved resident dog who passed away last year. This fund is reserved for animals arriving at the shelter in need of veterinary attention, for which no budgeted funds are available. If you'd like to contribute to the Abby Angel Fund, please check the box on the envelope

included with your newsletter and send your donation today. We appreciate your support in this vital program!

Buzz, the adorable Sheppard mix puppy pictured here, was brought in by animal control as a stray with a broken leg. With our Abby Angel Funds we were able to quickly get Buzz seen by a veterinarian to set and cast his little leg. One of our dedicated foster parents provided a loving temporary home for Buzz to fully recover so a healthy and healed Buzz could be adopted into a forever home. 🐾



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