

Fall Edition

Sandy PAWS

a halifax humane society publication

**Hurricane Irma
animals protected
at HHS**

**Cunningham Oil
Interview**

**The Future is
Almost Upon Us**



Image from 2016
Mutt Strutt

Message from

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Halifax Humane Society celebrates 80 years of animal life-saving efforts this year and it has been an honor to witness the evolution of our organization during my tenure. Over the years I've had the ongoing pleasure of reviewing our historic files, working daily amongst a diligent staff and sharing our ground breaking developments that have made HHS a leader in our field.

As time has turned we have seen different needs in our community grow. We have adapted by constantly evolving our portfolio of services to see every need is met, productively and efficiently. Our goal now is simple, to attract more individuals to this magnificent cause so we may celebrate together and spread the word of the good work that happens within and beyond these walls in the name of animals. Not just to create a pet-friendly community, but to also attract residents and tourists to our anchor of humanity at LPGA & I-95. To use these efforts to create a more welcoming center and to sustain ourselves in light of the very changes happening before us.

You see, the notion that Animal Shelters should be solely adoption focused is a matter of the past. As shelters once stood only to control endemic rabies, Humane Societies are now evolving to service pets & people by promoting the Human-Animal bond. In a time of cell-phones and media-saturation, our organization continues to exist to remind us that a bond between sentient beings matters above all else. Our organization is constantly adapting to continually promote that notion while remaining as a hub of services to every pet that enters our doors. Still practicing the open-admission philosophy that our organization was founded on in 1937.

This inaugural issue of Sandy Paws is a step in that future direction. An evolution of our Newsletter into our area's Premier Pet Magazine, full of pet advice, heart-warming stories and achievements you can be proud of as per fancier. This issue also serves to announce the new Lee C. & Pat Culler Boarding, Grooming and Travel Center, our newest facility at HHS. The Center will feature travel advice, pet-friendly community listings, pet attractions, boarding and grooming. All in an effort to attract foot traffic and publicize our community's pet friendliness to travelers and residents alike. This Center will augment the frequency of visitors by capitalizing on our magnificent proximity to two major interstates.

In this continual evolution, which we have aptly called the "Reimagining of HHS", we will tie in the components of our newest center, Dog Park, new Adoption Kennels, future beach themed Court Yard and the mass-renovation of our main building in the coming months. The completed project will surely become one of the most celebrated Humane Societies of our nation, proving once and for all that "we are so much more than a shelter" and proactively promoting the Human-Animal bond every single day.

If there is one lesson that HHS stakeholders have learned in 80 years of service is that "together we can change the world for animals, one pet at a time". We thank you for your continued support and the many milestones we continue to reach together.

Thank you for all you do for our animals,



Miguel Abi-hassan
Chief Executive Officer
Halifax Humane Society



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Halifax Humane Society Programs & Services

- Adoption Center
- Redinger Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program
- Meet Your Match
- SAFER Assessment Program
- Off-Site Adoption Program
- Prison Pups N Pals/Paws of Freedom
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- Membership
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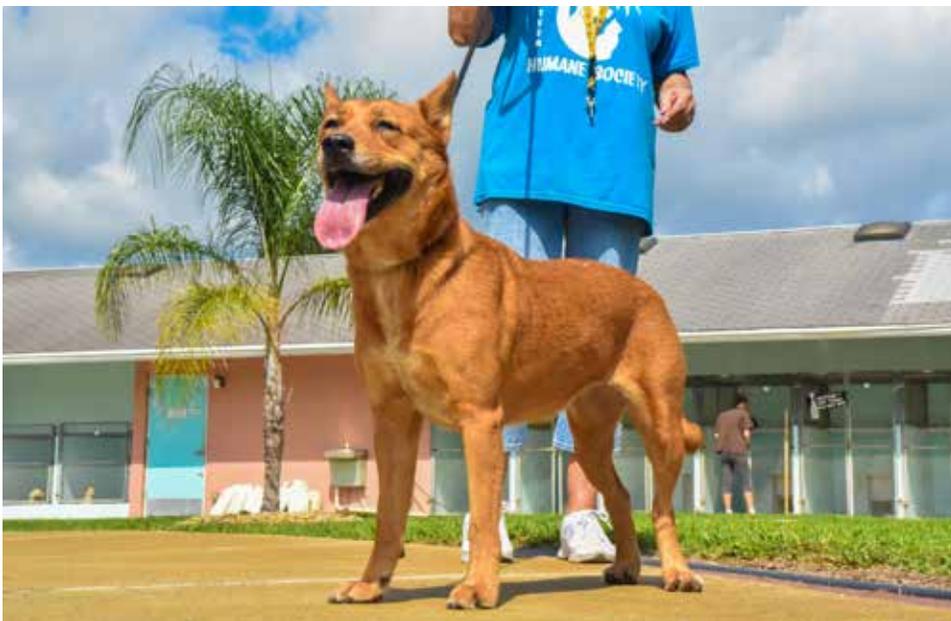
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Pat Culler and Stacy Cunningham Welch



Stacy and Pat meet with Migeul Abi-hassan and Michael Ugarte.

The Halifax Humane Society

Dedication of the Lee C. & Patricia Culler Boarding and Grooming Center.

On March 22nd, Patricia Culler and her daughter Stacy visited HHS to review the progress of the Boarding, Grooming and Travel Center construction.

This center is very unique to our campus and to the area as it is the first boarding, grooming and travel center in the nation for a non-profit animal shelter.

The pet-centric travel center allows travelers and local residents to take advantage of a grooming and boarding facility located right off I-95 and LPGA Blvd.

“When traveling with our 2 large breed dogs, it is always a challenge stopping at a rest area. They are scared of the highway traffic and they need to stay on leash for their own safety. This pet-centric facility allows travelers to use the rest area services and also gives them the opportunity to let their dogs use the fenced in and secure dog park” said Barry KuKes, Community Outreach Director of HHS.

The travel segment of the center includes a kiosk and personnel both that offer information regarding pet friendly hotels, restaurants, etc.

The center opened to the public on September 15th. A dedication ceremony will be conducted in honor of Lee Cunningham Culler who instilled the importance of giving back to the community that has always supported you to his wife and daughter.

This issue’s feature interview is with Pat and Stacy. They discuss the history of Cunningham Oil and how HHS is part of their life.

Each edition of Sandy PAWS will include an interview with one of our donors. We feel it is important to allow our donors to tell their stories, and how that story brought them to supporting HHS.



behavior is in the TRAINING

Do you have a dog that barks? Pulls? Lunges? Soils the house? Chews items that are not theirs? Is aggressive? Jumps up on visitors? Does not enjoy being left alone? Does not respond to your cues?

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To sign up for a group class, please call HHS at (386) 274-4703 and press "1" for our adoption lobby.



Letter from the
Chief Financial Development Officer

The Future is (almost) Here

Dear Cherished Friends and Supporters,

Having been in the business of saving four-legged lives across the community since 1937, we have come to know and love our community members and their pets. As the long dog days of the summer season slowly become shorter and shorter (and cooler too, we hope) we realize it's that time of the year again... The time when kids head back to school, football season starts and all those planned summer vacations are now memories made. And yes, Pumpkin-this-and-that is everywhere - a clear indicator that the holidays are just around the corner. Know what else is around the corner? The future of Halifax Humane Society and how it serves communities across Volusia County.

Some Sandy Paws readers may or may not be aware that we have been laser focused on working the tail end (no pun intended) of a 3.6 million dollar capital campaign initiative titled Reimagining the Future for Our Communities Animals. This vital capital improvement project is one we have challenged the community to help in making a success. By renovating our 50-year-old facility to include the latest in shelter design improvements, efficiencies, and upgrades, we will see increased and better matched adoptions, a more positive and educational visitor experience for the community, new sustainable lines of earned income (like the new boarding, grooming & travel center) to support programs, and an enhanced reputation for Daytona Beach as a pet-friendly community.

I am happy to report that at the time of publication, close to \$2.8 million in funding has been secured. All made possible thanks in part to local residents, local businesses, visitors, and national granting partners. Thank YOU, all for the support! We aren't done yet – with roughly \$800,000 still left to fundraise, we continue to approach old and new friends of the Halifax Humane Society allowing us to share our reimagined vision of the future.

“Halifax Humane Society is more than just a shelter”.

This statement coined by Mel Stack, Board President and often repeated by our staff, is one that resonates across the shelter walls, kennels and out into the community streets. This mindset is at the core of our capital campaign and what set the vision of the future that's [almost] here!

Contact me today to discuss how you can be a part of our capital campaign. To schedule an appointment call me at (386) 274-4703 ext. 322 or email me at michaelu@halifaxhumanesociety.org

Thank you,

Michael Ugarte

Michael Ugarte
Chief Financial Development Officer



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SPECIAL EVENTS IN REVIEW 7th Annual Mutt Strutt 5K Walk/Run

The 7th Annual Mutt Strutt 5K on The World's Most Famous Beach was a wild success! Over 1,200 people and countless pups ran, jogged, walked, and trotted down the beach. Over 258 individuals and 46 teams led fundraising efforts for the event, combining to raise over \$46,778.00 for HHS animals.

Participants enjoyed a brisk, beautiful morning and the dogs had a wild time on the beach. DJ from 103.3 The Vibe kept the crowd entertained, and introduced the fundraising winners. The band Endless Summer provided their tribute to the Beach Boys.

7TH ANNUAL ISLAND PARTY

The 2017 Island Party was a wonderful time. Over 250 attendees dressed up in their island gear and enjoyed a beautiful night at the Gailey residence on the Halifax River. Shaina Harper set a relaxing mood for the evening with live, tropical tunes. Amber's Jewel prepared delicious island fare, and guests enjoyed rum runners and other delicious island-themed drinks. Over \$28,120.00 was raised from the event.



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Save the Date!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Biktoberfest Ruff Ride:

October 17

The Ruff Ride returns to kick off Biktoberfest 2017! Join the fun on a poker run throughout Volusia county while supporting the animals at Halifax Humane Society. The ride concludes at the Iron Horse Saloon, which has generously hosted the VIP party since in the inception of the event. A BBQ dinner plate will be offered along with two complimentary drinks, and there will be a variety of live bands playing that night for your entertainment.

8th Annual Fur Ball :

December 7

Halifax Humane Society will proudly present the 8th Annual Fur Ball Gala and Silent Auction at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. The Fur Ball is the Halifax Humane Society's premier fundraising event, and this years theme is, "A Red Carpet Affair." Guests will enjoy dinner and drinks, live entertainment, fabulous live and silent auction items, and the famous chocolate lounge. In 2016, over 600 Fur Ball attendees and supporters contributed to raise over \$100,000 for HHS animals!

3rd Party Events: For additional information contact Pam Clayton at PamC@halifaxhumanesociety.org

Port Orange Days: 9/30-10/1

Subaru Adoption Event: 10/28

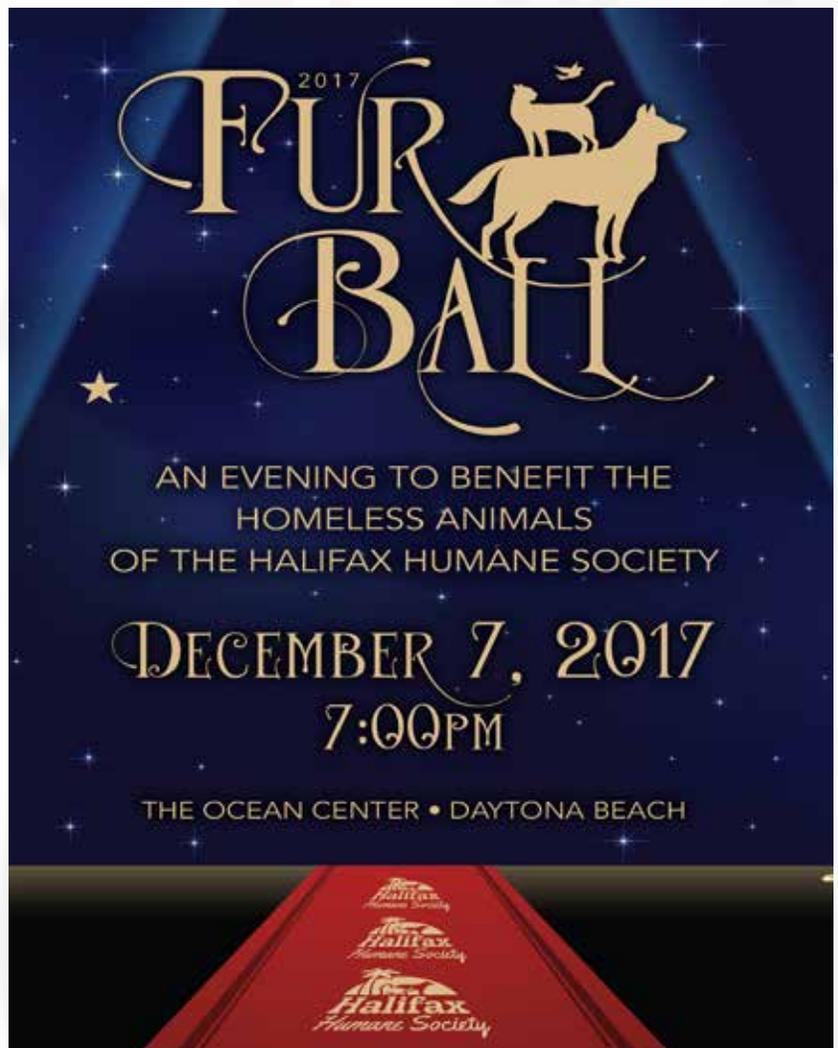
Nat'l Adoption Event PetSmart: 11/10

Turkey Rod Run: 11/23- 11/26

Holly Hill Parade: 12/2



Madeline stopped by with a generous donation.
Thanks so much Madeline!



Hurricane Irma

As the storm intensified outside, 15-staff members stayed with the animals to insure their safety and well-being.

On September 10th, 2017, a category 4 hurricane by the name of Irma was making landfall in Florida. HHS was at capacity due to taking transfer animals from smaller shelters and accepting an increased amount of owner surrenders. Some people could not evacuate with their pets, so they turned to HHS as a last resort.

A call was put out for Storm Troopers, disaster period foster parents who agree to take shelter animals into their homes until life returns to normal. Over 40 animals were placed with Storm Troopers and we are happy to report that over 25% of these animals have been adopted either by the foster family or friends/relatives of the foster family. One pup in particular, Prince was taken in by Jess Jenner. Jess was so impressed by Prince a butterscotch color lab/terrier mix, she went the extra mile to make sure he would be adopted after the storm. On September 18th, Prince was adopted by his forever home parents much in part the efforts of Jess. When told about his adoption, Jess wrote to us, "Excellent! I'm so happy. Thank you for all you do at HHS. If Hurricane Maria comes our way and I don't have to work, I'll come get another foster! Thank you for keeping me in the loop. You guys are amazing."

In addition to our fabulous Storm Trooper fosters, we also have an amazing staff. 15 staff members including our CEO, Animal Care Director, Veterinary Services Director and Community Outreach Director volunteered to stay at the shelter with the animals until the storm had passed. The animals were well cared for and kept safe from the storm. As the storm raged outside, staff and animals hunkered down and hoped for the best.

CEO, Miguel Abi-hassan addressed the staff at a luncheon sponsored by the HHS Board of Directors in appreciation of the staff efforts to care for the animals. "In all my years of experience working with an animal care facility, I have never been more proud of how our staff stepped up to the challenge and made the commitment to care for the animals during a major hurricane. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The staff at HHS is committed to caring for the animals in our care even through a major hurricane. Our Storm Trooper fosters, like our staff are ready to jump into action when the next storm comes our way.

Prince gets a bath from his foster parent.





An Interview with...

Patricia Culler and Stacy Cunningham Welch



Back in 1928, Ucal Cunningham closed his Gulf service station in Eustis, FL and moved to Daytona Beach, FL to establish a one-truck Gulf gasoline and fuel-oil distributorship. Four generations later, his great granddaughter Stacy Cunningham Welch is the President and CEO of the thriving business that now offers air conditioning sales and servicing, fuel oil, propane, and much more.

Stacy's parents, Lee C. (Cunningham) and Patricia Culler have supported the Halifax Humane Society for over 20-years and now their names are featured on the newest addition to HHS, the Lee C. and Patricia Culler Boarding, Grooming and Travel Center.

Lee C. Culler passed away on April 9th, 2012. His wife, Patricia has continued to give back to the community with his wishes in mind to always give back to those who have supported you over the years. Patricia has been an animal lover since she was a young girl. She has been a member of the Halifax Humane Society board since the late 90's and served as board President from 1998-1999.

We had an opportunity to sit down with both Patricia and Stacy to talk about their lives, their business and their support of the Halifax Humane Society.

HHS- Patricia, I understand you prefer to be called Pat or Patty. May I call you Pat?

Pat- By all means.

HHS- Great, thank you. Pat tell us a little about yourself. Are you from this area originally?

Pat- Yes, I was born in Daytona Beach and lived here until I was 5-years old. The family moved to Palo Alto, CA at that time and we moved back to Daytona when I was 14. I graduated from Mainland High School.

HHS- Did you go on to college?

Pat- Yes, I attended Daytona State College and I was in the very first graduating class. Classes were held at the Princess Issena Hotel on the beachside of town. There were claw-foot bathtubs in many of the classrooms. It was quite the experience.

HHS- When and how did you meet your late husband Lee?

Pat- We met on a blind date. It was the day President Kennedy was assassinated and no one wanted to go out. A girlfriend convinced me to go with her on this blind date and that's when I met Lee. He was working with his Uncle Gary who owned Cunningham Oil. Gary had purchased the business from his father, Ucal Cunningham who was also the mayor of Daytona Beach in 1942. Lee was driving one of the fuel oil delivery trucks when we first met.

HHS- How long was it before you married Lee?

Pat- It was 9-months later, and it had nothing to do with Stacy (laughs). Stacy was born 9-years later.

HHS- Did you work for Cunningham Oil once you married?

Pat- No, I went to work for Florida Bank & Trust on Beach Street for a while. Then I went to Household Finance. GE came to town in 1963 and I accepted a position as an executive secretary in the Apollo Systems Department (responsible for the first man on the moon effort).

HHS- How long did you stay at GE?

Pat- Until 1970. GE was going through some reorganization at the time and my boss left the company. I was offered another position but it wasn't what I really wanted, so I resigned as well. There was this one time, Wernher von Braun the German, later American, the aerospace engineer and space architect credited with inventing the V-2 rocket for Nazi Germany and the Saturn V for the United States came to visit the GE facility. That was a big deal back then. I joined Cunningham Oil about a year later.

HHS- What did you do at Cunningham Oil?

Pat- We had decided to purchase the business from Uncle Gary in 1969, so we owned it at the time I joined. It was heating oil didn't have much to do in the summer time. I did whatever was needed to be done. Then I had Stacy in 1973.

HHS- So, Stacy let's pick up with you from your high school days.

Stacy- I graduated from Seabreeze High School here in Daytona and then went to Lenoir Rhyne college in
(Continued on page 25.)



"Lowell and I have loved dearly our four legged, furry family members from Halifax Humane Society. They are HHS rescues that have made our house a home, so for us it is now extremely gratifying to help renovate & expand our Halifax Humane Society facility."

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Prison Pups N Pals

Class #41 Graduates

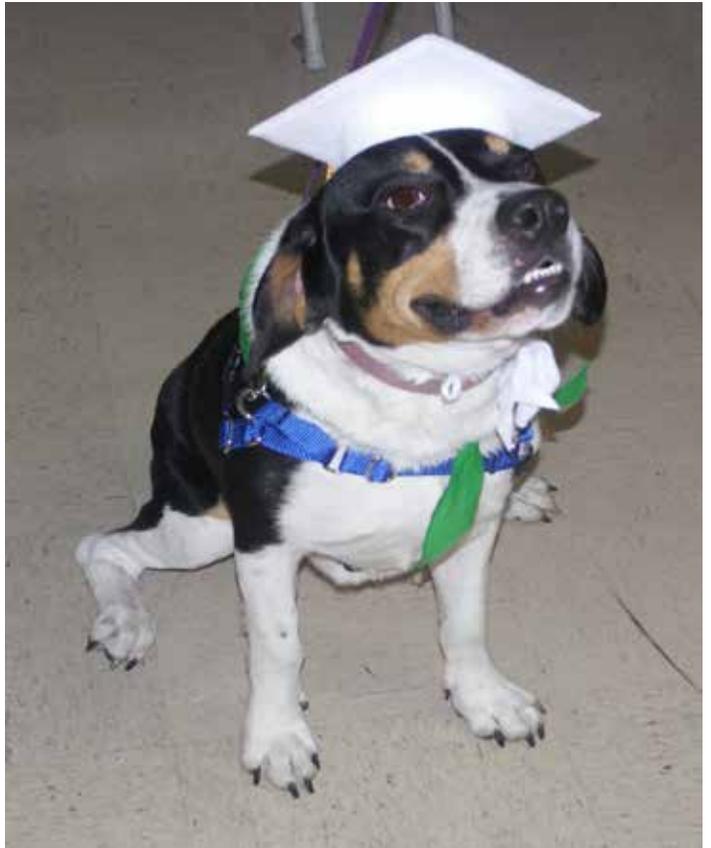
Last month, Halifax Humane Society celebrated the graduation of the 41st class of Prison Pups N Pals. Through August 2017, 217 dogs have completed the training program, which boasts a 100% adoption rate. In the Prison Pups N Pals program, Halifax Humane Society works alongside the inmates at the Tomoka Correctional Institute. Inmates learn dog obedience training techniques from our very own behavioral management team. The inmates are then able to take that knowledge and use it to train their selected dog.

The program serves a dual purpose that leads to positive futures for both the inmates and the dogs. The dogs receive obedience training that increases their adoptability and prepares them for life in a new forever home. Meanwhile, the inmates are educated on animal care and proper training methods, helping them gain skills that could lead them to jobs in animal services in the future.

While in the program, the dogs learn all basic commands, and some unique tricks as well. By the time each dog finishes the program, it is highly trained, obedient, housebroken, spayed/neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations, and micro-chipped. Prison Pups make great pets for any family, as their training eases the transition into a new home. After adopting a Prison Pup, new owners receive a free seven-week obedience-training program, further easing the transition to a new home.

Of the 217 Prison Pups, 22 completed a second month of training to be a part of the Paws of Freedom program. Paws of Freedom matches veterans with companion dogs. Last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs joined the existing Prison Pups N Pals program to create Paws of Freedom. Each class of Prison Pups now has two dogs selected to stay for an additional seven weeks of training in order to become a companion dog for a veteran. These dogs help owners that may be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), providing them with emotional support.

Following adoption, veterans associated with Paws of Freedom receive additional financial support, a care package, and one year of pet health insurance to help



them with their new companion dog. According to Muni-Sathoff Paws of Freedom follows a collective body of research data that supports the overall benefit of companion dogs to the psychological and physiological health of individuals with whom they interact, especially their owners.



Companion dogs provide comfort and confidence to the psychological and physiological health of individuals with whom they interact, especially their handlers. To learn more about Prison Pups N Pals, visit www.halifaxhumanesociety.org.

Below: Class #41
Sierra, Elosie, Kash, Finn, Bumpy, Dude, Rusty, Thelma, Grizzley, Yankee, Heidi and Laila. We are happy to report that every one of these dogs has been adopted to their forever home.



Here is class #44 that recently entered the program at Tomoka Correctional Institute.

These dogs are carefully selected by our Animal Behavior Manager. Each dog will go through extensive training and stay by the side of their trainer and handler 24/7.

One of the graduates from class #41 was Bumpy, a Terrier Staffordshire mix that had been at HHS for 1-year. Bumpy was brought to HHS in terrible condition but our staff worked to rehabilitate him. After graduating from the program, Bumpy was adopted by a couple from Orlando and is now enjoying his new home.

Save Money. Save Lives. Make a difference

By Meg Evans, Store Manager, HHS Thrift Store

Looking for a way to help the animals but you are not in a position where you can adopt or foster? Not to worry, there are three ways that you can lend a hand to paws in need: donate, shop or volunteer!

Donate: Ever wonder what to do with all of the stuff you no longer need or have space for? We can help! The Halifax Humane Society Thrift Store in Ormond Beach takes gently used items ranging from appliances, books, clothing and accessories, electronics, furniture, household items, linens, pet supplies and more! Your unwanted items get a new life and help save the lives of animals in the process! Items that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill are resold in the shop to raise much needed funds that support our animal welfare programs. Please check our website for acceptable donations. The store is open 7 days a week and donations are welcome anytime during regular business hours.

For items that may not be as easy to load into a car, the store offers free large item donation pick up on Tuesdays and Saturdays by appointment.

Shop: Yes. You read that right! You can shop and help save the lives of animals. The HHS Thrift Store is 5,000 square feet of new and gently used merchandise all at amazing prices. The store has daily 50% off sales and clothing is ALWAYS half price! With new items arriving daily, there is always something new to discover! The store is not just for people; the store also offers something for your four-legged family member! The store carries Blackwood Premium Pet food, pet beds, flea preventative and has just started carrying pet shampoo! There is truly something for everyone!

In addition, the thrift store has an online eBay shop where you can shop 24/7! Online, you can find everything from collectibles, jewelry to designer clothing, purses and shoes! Shop from the comfort of your home and help save animals in the process!

Volunteer: We are always looking for a few good volunteers! Even a few hours a month can make a huge difference. The thrift store is looking for folks to help with everything from accepting, sorting and displaying donations to helping customers and keeping the store organized. Do you have a special skill like the ability to test electronics or identifying antiques for example? We could definitely use your help! Even if you have never worked in a retail environment, we are looking for people of all abilities

Come inside for a look!

with a passion for helping animals, we can show you the rest! We offer flexible schedules and a rewarding way to make a difference in the lives of animals. For details on how you can become a volunteer, contact our Volunteer Manager at (386) 274-4703 ext. 319.



The HHS Thrift Store is located at 333 W. Granada Blvd., in Ormond Beach. It is in the Gold's Gym/ACE Hardware plaza and can be found on the west side of the complex, just behind ACE Hardware. The store's hours are Monday-Saturday 10-5pm and Sundays from 12-5pm. Follow us on Facebook at HHS Thrift Store or on eBay at: [www.ebay.com/user/lhsthiftstore](http://www.ebay.com/usr/lhsthiftstore). For more information about how to schedule a donation pick up, call the store at (386) 322-7717.

PAWS SUMMER CAMP 2017

a week of fun with the animals

Summer Camp 2017 was the best camp yet! Over 120 kids attended one week of the 6-week camp. (few attended twice!) The kids learned about all types of animals including bats, owls, sting rays, rats, ferrets, bunnies, cats and of course, dogs.

This year's camp included more hands-on experiences with animals and animal experts. The Daytona Police Department K-9 Division brought their police dogs for demonstrations and the kids loved these extremely well trained German Shepherds. My Angel with Paws service dog organization brought Gia and Tandum each week so the kids could learn about service animals and the services they provide.

Ms. Emily Dombrowski, our resident Behavioral Director, and Pat Mozden, President of the Obedience Club of Daytona, both demonstrated how to train dogs and how to respect a new dog's space so as not to upset the dog. The kids took turns giving the dogs commands and treats.

Next year's camp will have 3-weeks for ages 6-8 and 3 weeks for ages 9-11. There will be a 1-week break at the 4th of July. This new schedule will have camp ending a few weeks prior to the start of the new school year. To register, go to www.HHSPawsCamp.org



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Class picture with Ms. Emily and Merlot the shelter dog demonstrating training techniques.

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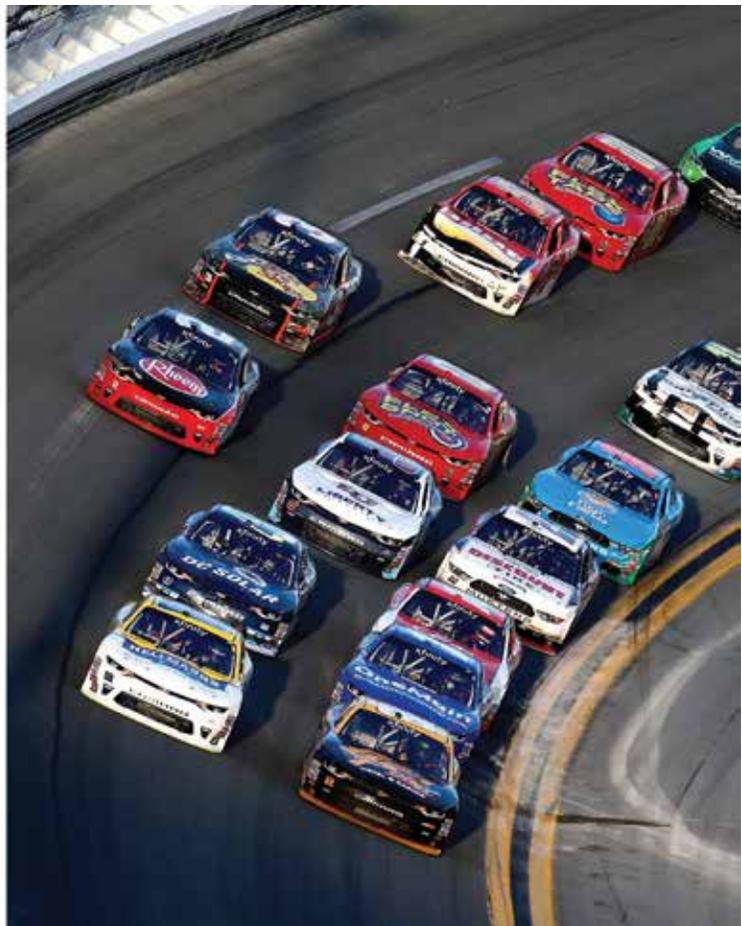
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The NEW LOOK of HHS Rebranding for Reimagining

As you may have seen, HHS is going through an evolution. From our new website to the addition of the public dog park to the newly dedicated Lee C. and Patricia Culler Boarding and Grooming Travel Center, HHS is expanding and improving all services offered.



To the left is our new logo designed for us by Z-Graph. At a mere glance, the viewer of the logo can conclude that we are located somewhere warm like Daytona Beach, not Halifax, Nova Scotia. They can also assume that we are committed to the welfare and humane protection of dogs and cats. The new branding has also been applied to this new version of the HHS newsletter, the facility signage, employee uniforms, and all marketing materials and forms.

The new website has been completely redesigned by Z-Graph as well. This redesign is still a work in motion and as most people understand, a website unlike a book is never complete. There is no, “the end!”. It is ever evolving.

“The new look and style of the website is easy to navigate, and not overcrowded with text. Simple and easy to understand icons so navigation is a breeze”, said Michael Ugarte, CFDO. Site should launch by October 1st.



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Prepare for Hurricane Season WITH AN EMERGENCY PLAN!

Hurricanes are a known threat to Floridians, and for pet owners without an emergency plan in place, they can pose serious problems. Most recently Hurricane Irma descended upon Florida hitting our area as a Category 3. HHS sprung into action and 15 staff members including our CEO stayed with the animals the entire time of the hurricane. Each year, hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. However, we have learned in past years that tropical storms can form even outside of these dates.

A hurricane preparedness plan is important for residents of any coastal region, but humans are not the only ones that need to be prepared during inclement weather. Pet owners should have an emergency plan that accounts for their animals as well, and should always be aware of the potential for evacuation in their area. A well-organized plan should help you and your pet make it safely through another hurricane season.

Pre-storm preparation is critical for you and your pet(s). If you wait until a storm is bearing down on your home, it may be too late. Create a checklist of pet supplies you will need. This should include leashes/collars, current ID tags and/or registered microchips, a three-day supply of food and water, medical records, ownership papers, a current photo, a crate, towels/blankets, and toys. Make sure to have these items on hand now, instead of waiting until a storm approaches. Remember that tens of thousands of people could be in the same situation, and stores often run out of items during emergencies.

If you are ordered to evacuate as a storm draws near, never leave your pets behind or turn them loose. Pets are domesticated animals that cannot survive on their own. Look for a friend or relative that will take you and your pet into



their home, or check online for pet friendly motels. Again, planning early will benefit you, since many other people will also be looking for places to stay. Most animal shelters, including Halifax Humane Society, do not board pets. In Volusia County, if you have no other place to go, you and your pets can go to the Deland Fairground People and Pets Shelter. Space is limited, so please make that your last resort.

When returning after a storm, keep pets on a leash until they readjust to their surroundings. Watch for downed power lines and other debris that pose dangers to you and your animals, and beware of standing water and other animals. Do not allow animals to consume food or water that may have become contaminated.

For more help with your emergency plan, visit the HHS Hurricane Preparedness page at halifaxhumanesociety.org/programe-disaster-response.html. Stay safe this hurricane season!

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By remembering HHS in your will, you will guarantee that your love for animals will be expressed forever. Many of the programs in place at HHS today are funded from bequests left to us by generous donors. For instance, our low-cost spay/neuter program, our cat adoption cages, and our puppy/small dog room are all results of someone's gift to HHS and our animals.

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"SOME ANGELS CHOOSE FUR
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An Interview with... **Patricia Culler and Stacy Cunningham Welch**

(Continued from page 12.)

Hickory, NC. At first, I wanted to pursue a nursing degree but then changed my course and became a teacher.

HHS- Did you teach in Hickory or Daytona Beach?

Stacy- Both actually. I taught for a few years in Lenoir and then moved back to Daytona in the summer of 2000. I taught school on and off until 2009. I had two children during this time.

HHS- When did you decide to join the family business?

Stacy- It was in 2009. I approached my dad and we talked about sustaining the business to another generation. I didn't want to see it just fade away or sold to a third-party. Dad was having some health issues and I was looking for a change as well.

HHS- Going from a teaching background to a corporate position had to be a little scary at first.

Stacy- Yes, but I worked with every technician and employee to learn and understand their skill set and responsibilities. I educated myself from the ground floor up.

HHS- Did your parents ever pressure you to come into the family business?

Stacy- No, quite the opposite. They always told me to follow my heart and my dreams. They never pressured me to come into the business. I made that decision on my own.

HHS- And now you are the fourth generation President and CEO.

Stacy- Yes but I can't do it alone. I have a fantastic staff of employees. Many have been with the company for over 20-years. One employee has been here for over 30-years.

Pat- They have the most fun company meetings. The employees can earn spiffs and the top earners get to play different games to earn even more money. It's always a fun time.



Stacy- Dad never liked turnover and neither do I. It's disruptive and unproductive. We treat our employees well so they feel proud telling others that they work for Cunningham Oil.

HHS- Sounds like Cunningham Oil is a great place to work.

Stacy- We think it is.

HHS- How is the business doing these days?

Stacy- We have steady growth year after year. We introduced Daytona Gas and Grills about 10-years ago and now it's so much more than a parts and propane reseller. We offer a large selection of grills and other merchandise. (<https://cunninghamoil.com/ready-for-a-new-grill>)

HHS- Pat, you and your family have been a supporter of the Halifax Humane Society for many years. What do you think of the recent reimagining campaign?

Pat- Things really started to turn around when Miguel was brought on as executive director. (now CEO) Miguel has vision and looked outside the box to find innovative methods of infusing life into an organization that was stagnant. HHS has grown by leaps and bounds since Miguel's appointment.

HHS- Your name is on the new Lee C. & Patricia Culler Boarding, Grooming and Travel Center so obviously you feel this project is worthwhile. What do you like about the project?

Pat- The Boarding and Grooming Center is a way to create a revenue stream that is ongoing for HHS. I think it's a brilliant idea. People can bring their pets to the center and receive a service they need regardless and support HHS at the same time. All proceeds go to HHS and benefit the animals, which is the end goal.

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HHS- Thank you for your support with the center. Of course, we agree with your assessment and hope people will realize we are so much more than just a shelter.

Pat- Thanks to the efforts of Miguel and Michael, I think HHS will continue to expand and better service the local community.

HHS- Is there anything you would like to add about your business, HHS or your lives?

Pat- I love my grandchildren, Stacy and my pets, which all have come from the Halifax Humane Society. Overall, it's been a very happy life.

Stacy- I too love my family. Our business is family-owned and operated and our customers always talk to a real person. We love our customers and treat them like family.

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Pat Culler (left) and daughter Stacy (behind the desk) discuss the history of Cunningham Oil.



Below: The Lee C. & Patricia Culler Boarding, Grooming and Travel Center scheduled to open by September 2017.



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The HHS GEM (Giving Every Month) allows our organization to use long-term planning to envision a time when our services are no longer needed, and every animal is placed into a loving, forever home. GEM members allow HHS to more effectively allocate resources to make a bigger impact in the community. Funds will be used for animal care and adoption, spay/neuter services, emergency medical care, behavioral training for difficult animals in our care, Prison Pups N Pals, and much more.

Halifax Humane Society GEM Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Please charge to (circle one): Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover Bank Account/EFT (separate form required)

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date (MM/YY): _____

Printed Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____