



# Paw Prints

Humane Society of Garland County

## Letter from the Humane Society's President

September, 2010



Dear Friends of HSGC, In my role as President of the Humane Society of Garland County, I am frequently in the community talking about HSGC programs and services. I am often asked if HSGC receives county funds from which to operate our facility. HSGC does not receive any county, city or federal tax dollars. We support ourselves solely on donations. HSGC is a no kill, limited intake facility. We do have a limit to the number of pets we can financially and physically provide for. In addition, we are not part of any national organization; therefore, we do not receive any financial support from the Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, or the American Humane Society. The board of

directors of HSGC is made up entirely of volunteers. Volunteers solely operate our thrift shop located at 2026 Central Ave in the Freeman Center. However, our kennel facility in Lonsdale does have paid employees. In a perfect world we would have numerous volunteers coming 7 days per week, staying 8 hours per day to clean, water, feed and provide needed medicines to our pets. We have 3 full time employees and 1 part time employee that provide daily care for approximately 75 dogs and 30 cats. We have to meet a weekly payroll of around \$1,200.00. Our vet and medicine bills can be as high as \$1,500.00 monthly not to mention food, utilities and supplies we have to purchase. With the economy in a slump

donations have declined, but the need to provide assistance to our unwanted pets in Garland County has not. In order to continue to provide assistance to our abused, neglected and abandoned pets, we need your help. We have to have continued support from our community. If you agree with our mission and the service we provide, please visit us online at [www.HSGCOnline.org](http://www.HSGCOnline.org) or email us at [info@hsgconline.org](mailto:info@hsgconline.org) to learn of all the different ways you can provide support or send your much needed donations to PO Box 1484 Hot Springs, AR 71902. Best regards, Jackie Harrelson President

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Ways to volunteer at HSGC

### Support HSGC

The success of our organization rests with caring people, just like you. The more people in our community who get involved, the better prepared we are as a community to provide for our many resident animals. Becoming a member of the HSGC is an important key to our success volunteering can be a rewarding experience. Also, remembering HSGC in your estate can be a cornerstone to our overall success. We except donations of real estate, stocks and other tax deductible items.

- Help with fund raisers
- Socializing animals
- HSGC office tasks
- Finding people to foster animals
- Help with adoptions and follow-up

### Humane Society Thrift Store Outgrows Location

The Humane Society Thrift Store is relocating once again! Due to the need for more space, it will now be located at 2026 Central in Freeman Center and will increase space from 1600 sq. feet to 3000 sq. feet. Now the store will be able to take used furniture in great condition. It will also be able to feature artwork from local artists in the gallery. The artists' art will be displayed (or sold) for up to six weeks before it is changed.

The move began at the end of August and should be completed by September. There is easy access to the store and more parking is also available on the south side of Freeman Center. A special thank you also goes out to the Thrift Store manager, Beth Watkins, the assistant manager, Edie Edwards, and to all of the wonderful volunteers who put in so much time. Stop by and visit them at the new location.



# Barks From Bob

## Annual Wine and Cheese Auction

Have a dog that barks at every falling leaf, squirrel, rabbit, the UPS man, the moon? Well, hate to tell you this, but barking is a normal behavior for a dog; however, excessive barking can dim the joy of dog ownership.

Dogs bark for a lot of reasons. Some bark to let you know someone's outside your house. But they can bark if they only suspect someone's there, too. Like when the house settles at night and starts to creak. Others bark because they're bored or scared. Maybe because they're just excited that something's happening. Some dogs, especially the herding breeds and hounds, bark just because it's something bred into them and they have an instinctual urge to practice.

Many owners inadvertently reward dogs of excessive barking. Do you find yourself jumping from your chair when your dog's bark tells you "Let me in," "Let me out," "Give me a treat", "Throw me a stick," or "Pay attention to me, mommy!"

If a dog doesn't know who is in charge, this can contribute to excessive barking. If Fido thinks he's the alpha of the house, he will bark and likely ignore your commands for him to be quiet.

How you get back control of your dog's barking depends on the individual dog, the reason he's barking, and how

persistent his barking is.

If the dog is "alarm" barking, and he knows you're the one in charge, a simple "stop" will make him relax and know that you are in control of the situation. Always answer the door in a calm manner. Have your dog sit, and then invite your guest to enter. Once your guest is inside and you've exchanged your own greetings, ask your guest to reward the dog with a treat or a simple pat on the head. Do this every time to help your dog relax with people entering the house.

If your dog barks out of boredom, exercise can help. A dog who's too tired to stir from his doggie bed won't bark. This is especially true for those overactive herding, protection and hunting breeds.

Don't super-charge your dog's barking problem by rewarding him for it. Many people teach their dogs to be barkers by allowing them get their way when they bark to get a reaction from you, negative or positive. Correcting the cause is the hard part. You have to wait out the dog, ignoring the behavior. When he calms, then you reward him. You either have to wait it out and reward quiet, or add a meaningful correction.

K-9 Advantage Kennels

The Humane Society of Garland County will hold its' annual Wine and Cheese Auction on Monday, November 1, in the Lakeview Ballroom of the Clarion Hotel. This year the feature live auction items will be 9 wooden Adirondack chairs painted by local Hot Springs artists. Many other items will be available for auction and it will be a great time to begin Christmas shopping. The event will begin at 6:00 pm and the dress is business casual. Sip, visit, shop, and help support your local Humane Society. Mark the date on your calendar—November 1.

## Paw Prints Newsletter Is Now Online!

Now as a new service to all of our loyal patrons, the quarterly Paw Prints Newsletter can be found on our website at [www.HSGOnline.org/news/newsletter](http://www.HSGOnline.org/news/newsletter) or you can email us to receive a copy. Not only will you be able to check out all of our wonderful pets that are waiting for adoption and keep up with upcoming events, you will also be able to keep up with all of the latest news and tips for the Humane Society. Check us out and let us know what you think!



## Paw Prints Newsletter is now selling ads!!!

Let us advertise your business. Paw Prints Newsletter goes out quarterly.

Ads as seen below are \$25.00 and will be in the newsletter and seen on the Humane Society of Garland County website at

[www.HSGOnline.org/news/newsletter](http://www.HSGOnline.org/news/newsletter)  
The deadline to get your ads in for the holiday edition is November 5. What a better way to advertise and support the humane society.

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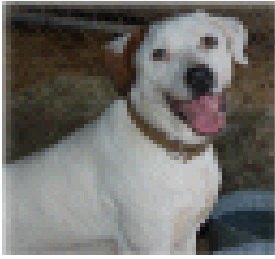
**Soup'Er Sandwich  
Hot Springs Mall**

**Paw Spa, LLC**

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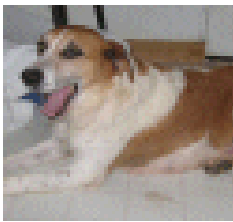
# *Take Me Home!!!*

## *Adopt A Pet—Make a Friend for Life!*



**Mojo**

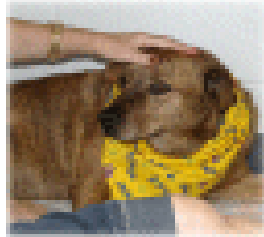
Hi, my name is Mojo. I am a St. Bernard/Dalmatian mix born in late 2008. Me and my siblings were left in boxes at the Humane Society. The folks at the Humane Society took us in and gave us so much love and attention and nursed us all to great health. I am very sweet and lovable. I have lots of energy and love to run and play, that is why I would like for my new home to have a fenced in yard. Since I have so much love and affection to show, I would also like to be allowed in the house with my new family so I can show them how much I appreciate them. I would make a great addition to a family. Can you give me a chance to show you what a good boy I am?



**Tootie**

Tootie is a white and tan hound mix. She was born in approximately 2000. She was picked up from an abusive situation with her seven puppies. She was too old to have puppies but they all survived.

She is depressed and shy. She is quiet and non-aggressive. She needs a home with patient people who will give her the care and affection that she gave her pups but never had herself.



**Honey Girl**

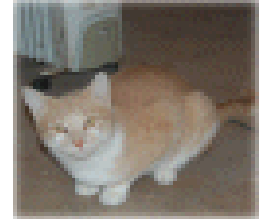
I was born in 2002 and am a Boxer mix. I was dropped off at the Humane Society when I was 6 months old. I'm small in size, (that is short), but have lost my girlish figure. My friends assure me that this happens with age. I am laid back and very sweet. Sweet as honey, so they say. I love to go on nature walks with my Humane Society friends, but I have been here for a long, long time and I need a home I can call my own. I have lots of love to give. I just want a chance.



**Gavinella**

Gavinella is a gorgeous little girl, born approximately 10/15/2009, a little shy but very affectionate and playful once she gets to know you.

She loves her brother (Giovanni) and is often found cuddled up with him. A wonderful little kittie!



**Fondue**

Hi, I am a gorgeous champagne colored tabby, striped neutered male cat. I was born in 2007 and had to live on the streets. Since I have not lived in a home much, I can be a little standoffish at first, but should settle in quite nicely with just a little time. Please give me a chance to be your kittie friend.



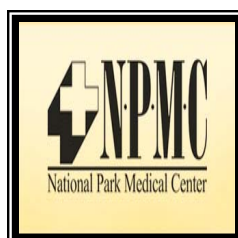
**Harley**

Harley is a wonderful, male Domestic Shorthair Tuxedo, DOB 6-15-09. He can be shy at first but then warms up, he loves attention and plays good with the other cats. Very loving and cuddly!

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Hsgconline.org**



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### Autumn Safety Tips

Ah, fall—there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware—fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.

- Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly “grumpy,” increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be in their environment—and where these snakes are most likely to be found—so they can keep pets out of those areas.
- The use of rodenticides increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets—if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered “low toxicity” to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach.