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CHARLESTON ANIMAL SOCIETY BERKELEY BARKER

STRONGER TOGETHER



The First and Fourth largest sheltering systems in the state join together. Their projected annual intake will be 15,000 animals.

Mega Spay-Neuter Day

More than 100 Berkeley Campus animals were spayed and neutered on July 10 to help make progress in the backlog of adoptable animals who need the surgery before they can be officially adopted.



A Partnership for the Future

After 18 months of planning and discussion, Charleston Animal Society and Berkeley County have entered into a partnership to oversee animal sheltering at Berkeley Animal Center.

"This collaboration builds on a long-standing, positive relationship between Charleston Animal Society and Berkeley County," said Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb.



Everyone agrees, the partnership is about two organizations becoming stronger together. "We are excited about the extra programs, such as spay-neuter, that Charleston Animal Society is going to be able to provide to the public in Berkeley County that we as a government haven't been able to do," said Berkeley County Councilwoman Amy Stern.

"Clear the Shelters" Breaks Records at Berkeley Campus

The national Clear the Shelters campaign sponsored by NBC and Hill's Pet Nutrition broke records at the Berkeley Campus with close to 300 animals finding new homes during the month-long August campaign. Also, more than 70 animals found new families during the crescendo event on August 23rd. News 2 provided heavy promotion of the adoption campaign, including live coverage.

"Stronger Together" Campaign Results in 88 Adoptions

Live music from "Run River Run," delicious treats from Kees Food Truck, and face painting for the kids were just part of the fun at Charleston Animal Society's Berkeley Campus during the Stronger Together Adoption Campaign July 24 - August 3rd. 88 animals found new homes in the event sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition and Live 5 News.





HOUND RESCUE UPDATE

35 Hounds found living in terrible conditions in Goose Creek were brought to Charleston Animal Society Berkeley Campus in July and are now thriving.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Healing Through Love

On Day 2 of the new partnership, a shocking scene unfolded in Goose Creek when the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office discovered 35 hounds living in cramped cages, some without food or water. Those that did have water bowls had feces in them. Five dog skulls were found on the property.

Charleston Animal Society's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Lucy Fuller, and Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer Aldwin Roman assisted in the dog seizure and helped bring the dogs to the Berkeley Campus. Once there, the hounds soon found themselves surrounded with the love and support they deserve. Staff and volunteers say the hounds each have big personalities.

Working together, the staff at both campuses were able to give the hounds the medical support and exercise they desperately needed.

The owner, a repeat offender, is facing cruelty charges.



Before They Were Rescued



ON THE MOVE AT BERKELEY CAMPUS



Thanks to the generosity of Charleston Animal Society Board Member Shelly Leeke and Shelly Leeke Law Firm, animal transports from the Berkeley Animal Campus received a big boost! Leeke sponsored a new \$60,000 Ram Promaster that will allow more animals to be safely transported to new homes in the Northeast. The van will also make lifesaving spay-neuter runs between both Charleston Animal Society campuses.



Matted Dog Finds Relief

Stanley arrived as a lost dog at the Berkeley Campus, covered in painful mats that made it difficult for him to move. Our medical team gave him his vaccinations and drew blood to test for heartworms. The next day he was sedated by our team, and monitored as Groomer Maddie Moore of Maddie's Dog House came to his rescue, relieving his pain for the first time in months.



Staff & Volunteer SPOTLIGHT



Pearl Sutton, Chief Lifesaving Officer

"Coming back to run the Berkeley Campus is a full-circle moment for me," says Pearl. Before pouring her heart and soul into saving animals at Charleston Animal Society for the past 17 years, Pearl led the former Doc Williams SPCA in Moncks Corner!



Cassandra Clark, Kennel Technician

Don't let her size fool you! Cassie is fast as lightning and has a big heart for the big dogs. Along with keeping all of the kennels clean, Cassie helps with adoption walk-throughs and any other lifesaving task she can help with.



Volunteer Mary Lou Bohle

Mary Lou drives the Charleston Animal Society Berkeley Campus transport van for medical cases (including spay-neuter surgeries) and fosters, plus she helps with administrative work. Her favorite thing? Hanging out with the animals. "I love watching my fosters grow and develop from 'helpless' to being able to walk and eat on their own," Mary Lou says.



Volunteer Karen Shanks

When Karen lost her dog two years ago to old age, she missed the love and companionship that only a dog could provide, but wasn't yet ready to adopt. So Karen did the next best thing, by walking and socializing the dogs at Charleston Animal Society Berkeley Campus. Thank you, Karen!



**From the President & CEO
Joe Elmore, CAWA, CFRE**

Behavior Help for Challenging Dogs

Lazin Behavioral Transition Center



An exciting aspect of the Charleston Animal Society - Berkeley County partnership is the additional services that will now be available to Berkeley County animals. Along with spay-neuter (pg. 1), some animals that need additional behavioral support will benefit from Charleston Animal Society's Lazin Behavioral Transition Center.

"Dogs who are overwhelmed by the shelter atmosphere benefit greatly with the peace and quiet at the transition center," said Christine Brugge, who oversees the center in Ravenel. "It helps the scared dogs open up and become less shut down and terrified."

Two Berkeley County dogs have already benefitted from the program, including Skeeter and Sheba. Both Sheba and Skeeter are available for adoption now!



**Nymeria, Sheba, Odyssey, and Skeeter strike a pose at
the Lazin Behavioral Transition Center.**

Just as schools and churches are not defined by their buildings, but by the people, families, and communities that bring them to life—so too is an animal shelter.

To truly thrive, it must be more than a facility; it must be a collective effort. Everyone has a role to play: members, volunteers, staff, donors, adopters, animal control officers, public officials, policymakers, businesses – the list goes on.

As the Lowcountry continues to grow, so does the need for unified action. For the well-being of animals, we are stronger together.

Charleston Animal Society is proud to enter a new era of lifesaving as it continues to develop its partnership with Berkeley County – and others.

Through collaboration, we are building and evolving relationships that drive meaningful change. Our mission is to transform your care and compassion for animals into immediate response—creating the pathways animals need when they come into our care.

With your continued support, we will keep building a more humane community—together.



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