

# SmallDog Tales

A Quarterly Newsletter to our Adopters, Supporters and Donors

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**SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society, Inc**  
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## From The Director

The first six months of 2004 have been a whirlwind – so much has happened! As many of you know, our Founding Director Bren Kyle lost her long battle with cancer on March 19. We miss her dearly, but we are committed to continuing her mission to save the homeless and abandoned dogs of Atlanta, and to educate the public about the love and care of family pets. Bren continues to inspire us, provoke us, and lead us.

I would like to thank the community for its incredible support of SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society, Inc. Between February 14 and April 30, our supporters donated over \$23,000 in support of our facility search. You attended our dog wash at Red Bandanna, came to dinner with us at Swallow in the Hollow, ate lunch and dinner at Baja Fresh, bought “T” shirts and baked goods, and sent donations from \$5.00 to \$5,000. We asked for your help, and you responded with warmth and generosity. Thank you so much – from us, and from our dogs! Stay tuned to see what happens next!

Warmest Regards,  
Anne Stockton, Director

## News from the “Front Lines”

Since January of this year, we have found “forever homes” for 189 dogs. We continue to rescue not only easily adoptable dogs, but also “senior citizens” and those with medical and behavioral issues. Our foster base continues to grow, but we always need “one more home” to rescue “one more dog”.

While SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society, Inc. has not yet found its forever home, we have opened a temporary facility in Cumming close to our vet’s office. “Bren’s House” is, for now at least, a beginning - a temporary spot - while we sort out what we need to do, how to do it, and where to do it permanently. Having a facility makes quarantine of new or sick dogs much less stressful to the dogs we

take in. It also makes getting new and sick dogs to the vet much easier. All of our dogs are vaccinated, neutered, and checked for heartworms as soon as they enter our care. In addition, we provide whatever life saving or life enhancing medical care is needed. We now have a full time employee who manages “Bren’s House”, but we continue to depend heavily on volunteer support to staff a facility 24/7. If you can’t spend time at the facility, consider pledging an amount we could hire someone with. For example, if you pledge \$50 a month, that would pay one person to help for 5 hours.

There is no plan to replace foster care with a facility – we want our dogs in a home, even if it’s a temporary home, while their forever family is looking for them. The facility is a way station of sorts...not a replacement for foster care. We are continuing our search for a permanent home, and have not yet given up on the location we originally had in mind.

In keeping with our mission to find every dog in Atlanta a home, we continue to hold weekly adoptions at the Petco in Sandy Springs. These adoptions showcase our dogs, and provide the public with a chance to meet their perfect family member. Our application process remains unchanged, providing us a means to ensure as much as possible that the adoption is right for the adopter and the dog.

If you haven’t already, please visit our new web site – [www.smalldoghumane.org](http://www.smalldoghumane.org). While we continue to post our adoptables on [www.petorphans.com](http://www.petorphans.com) and [www.atlantapets.org](http://www.atlantapets.org) to get them more exposure, we have their pictures and biographies on our site as well. You can keep up with the many activities of both our dogs and our volunteers on our own web site, as well as who got adopted, and who’s still looking. Read about our mission, where we came from and where we’re going. Find out about upcoming fundraising activities, who our dog(s) of the week are, and help us recognize our “Volunteer of the Month”.

You can also complete your adoption application there, or apply to become a foster home, or volunteer in any of several capacities. In addition to Saturday adoption being manned by volunteers, we are always in need of people to transport dogs from local shelters to our facility or vet, people who can help with fundraising events, and people to help at the facility. Keeping a house and yard for lots of dogs of varying sizes, personalities, medical status and age takes a lot of work! If you can work one four-hour shift per week in Cumming – or know someone who can – please get in touch with us! We need you! You can email [volunteer@smalldoghumane.org](mailto:volunteer@smalldoghumane.org) and let us know what your volunteering interests are.

## **Recent Events**

In celebration of “Be Kind to Animals Week”, SmallDog Rescue recently acknowledged the contribution of our youngest volunteers, and thanked them for their dedication and hard work at Saturday adoption. These youngsters walk the dogs, rain or shine, hot or cold, without complaint, and ensure that each dog has water available. In addition, at the beginning of each adoption day, each youngster chooses a dog, and becomes that dog’s “person” for the day. They make an effort to find out as much as they can about that dog, and spend the day giving it love and attention. Each of our “under 18” volunteers was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift bag. You may have seen their pictures in the local neighborhood papers. SmallDog Rescue is the only local rescue group that encourages participation of the entire family.

## Please and Thanks

As a registered non-profit charitable organization, we depend heavily on the support of you, our donors. Special thanks to the Arnold Foundation, and to all of our donors who participated so generously in our last major fund-raising campaign. Fundraising continues constantly, as we continue to grow and expand the number of dogs we can rescue.

Thanks to Flowers4Pets for supporting us. Need flowers for a special occasion, or “just because”? Call 1-866-364-PETS (7297) and refer to code P002 when you place your order. Flowers4Pets will donate a percentage of the profits to SmallDog Rescue. Flowers4Pets serves the entire nation - so pass the word to friends and family to call Flowers4Pets for any floral needs.

Thanks to Baja Fresh at Sandy Springs, who sets aside one weekend every month as SDR weekend. Present the cashier with SDR’s flyer when you place the order, and 15% of your total order comes directly to SmallDog Rescue. It’s a win-win – you get great food, and support SmallDog Rescue at the same time! The flyers are in the restaurant, and are frequently emailed to supporters by any of several volunteers. If you’re not on the mailing list but would like to be, please email [fundraising@smalldoghumane.org](mailto:fundraising@smalldoghumane.org), or call (404) 705-PAWS (7297). Watch our website for dates!

Thanks to the Sandy Springs Petco for hosting our weekly adoption, and allowing all of our precious pets a chance to find their forever home. Adoption days frequently include one day fundraising activities like bake sales, T-shirts, etc., so be sure to stop by! Now available at adoption - bottled water designed especially for SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society!

Thanks to “Swallow in the Hollow” for hosting our fundraising dinner, and contributing 10% of the evening’s profits. In addition, Swallow in the Hollow encouraged individual donations and allowed us to raffle off a great mobile groom.

Hats off and thanks also to Aussie Mobile Pet Grooming for donating the mobile groom for us to raffle off during dinner – and for helping to keep our babies beautiful!

Please support these businesses that so generously support us!

With all of this generous support, we are still in need. Funding is critical to our growth, and while we are pursuing opportunities for grants and foundation funding, we depend heavily on you, our supporters, . In addition to money, we need foster homes, and basic supplies. Please visit our web site for a list of ongoing needs you may be able to help with. One example: We have a van with which we transport our furkids to adoption and to the vet... what we need is a mechanic willing to keep it running for us! We’ll be happy to advertise for you in return for this service.

Have something a product to sell? Donate one or two of them, and let us raffle them off – it’s a great way to advertise!

And, speaking of advertising – in return for a donation, you can have your ad placed in this newsletter, distributed throughout the Atlanta metro area. Please contact [fundraising@smalldoghumane.org](mailto:fundraising@smalldoghumane.org) for details.



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Enclosed please find my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for SmallDog Rescue and Humane Society, Inc. My gift is for:

- A specific dog's medical care: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dog's name)
- The search for a permanent facility
- \_\_\_\_\_ hours of help at "Bren's House" (\$10.00 = one hour)
- General Operating fund

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