

# ANIMAL PROTECTION LEAGUE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## In Memoriam: Elaine Gressette Parker

By Judy Kinney

The Animal Protection League lost one of its most loyal supporters recently with the death of Elaine Gressette Parker on March 21, 2011.

Elaine was among the first members of the APL, which is now the Midlands' oldest no-kill animal shelter. She worked tirelessly for many years to promote and support the APL.

Elaine never met a stranger and was always eager to talk about the APL and her other passion—the University of South Carolina Gamecocks. One of her most well-known fundraising efforts was working the USC baseball concessions at Sarge Frye Field to raise money for the APL. Many of the volunteers she recruited can still be found at the third-base stand at Carolina Stadium. Elaine considered herself lucky to be able to combine two things about which she was so passionate.

Over the past 29 years, many lucky dogs and cats have found loving homes through the Animal Protection League. Elaine helped to recruit many of the volunteers who strive to carry on her work.

She can't be replaced, but we will try to follow in her footsteps. Even when things weren't going as planned, Elaine always said, "We do it for the animals."



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### Repeat is Waiting for Someone to Love

Pete and Repeat, two-year-old litter mates, were surrendered to the APL. Pete was adopted a couple of months ago, but Repeat has been at the PetSmart on Two Notch for quite some time and has yet to find her forever home.

Just over four years old, Repeat is a sweetheart of a cat. She is easygoing and loves attention but isn't overly pushy. She would be the perfect cat for someone who works long hours but wants someone to love on and cuddle with after work.

Repeat is a beautiful, low-maintenance kitty who is content just gazing out the window. She is a quiet and mild-mannered lady. If you are interested in having a loving companion in your home, won't you give Repeat a chance to steal your heart? Please come by and see her at the Two Notch PetSmart store. She's been waiting a long time to meet you!

# Got Clutter? We'll Take It!

## It's the APL's Annual Rummage Sale!

1727 Laurel Street

### Donation Drop-Off Dates

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
May 19 & 31; June 2, 7, & 9

For large-item pick-up or special drop-off appointment or to volunteer to help with the sale, call Debbie at 803-603-5443 or Susan at 781-6274 or e-mail [susan59@bellsouth.net](mailto:susan59@bellsouth.net).

### Sale Dates

June 4 & 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Help us get the word out!

Go to our website at [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org) and download the event flyer. Post it at work and e-mail it to all your friends.

It's the 2nd Annual Shoppes at Flight Deck

## May Day Family Fun Event!



Don't miss this kid-friendly, critter-lovin' benefit to raise money for the APL and for Special Olympics on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Flight Deck, 109 Old Chapin Road.

Come out and enjoy crafts, vendors, food, and live performances

on the 107.9 WXLM music & entertainment stage.

Here's what's in store:

- NY Jet Lance Laury: 11-1
- The Willis Family Band: 11-1
- Trent Jeffcoat, Nashville Singer: 1-3
- Special Olympics Cheerleaders
- Inflatable Air Fun
- Kid's Fingerpainting
- Pet Adoptions
- Pet Microchipping (\$20 donation)
- Car Seat Safety Information



Also, you can enter your small dog in the **best-dressed dog contest!** E-mail us for an application for dogs under 20 lbs: [aplscsevent@gmail.com](mailto:aplscsevent@gmail.com).

**PLUS! Buy \$5 raffle tickets for a cruise worth \$700.** You need not be present to win!

Additional raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each for hourly drawings. Prizes include a Barnes & Noble Nook, an MP3 player, 20 lbs. of dog food each month for a year, dog grooming, restaurant gift cards, hair styling at Carmen and Carmen, a round of golf for two at Caddy Shack, and more!

Admission is free! Come out for a full day of family fun. For information, call 803-957-3602 or write us at [aplscsevent@gmail.com](mailto:aplscsevent@gmail.com).

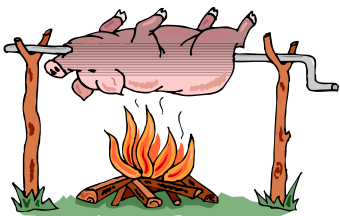
## Your Donations Are the Lifeblood of the APL

Monetary donations are always welcomed and badly needed. We can't afford to send out a printed newsletter every month, but if you would like a stack of little green envelopes in which to make a monthly donation, please call Debbie at 603-5443. Leave your name, address, and phone number, and she will mail you a supply.

If you are one of our faithful donors, we thank you! If you would like to start making regular donations, you can do so by mailing a check (address on p. 1) or by visiting our website at [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org) and using PayPal to make a safe, secure online donation.

## Help Save a Mutt and a Kitty, too, by Buying Some Friends' Barbecue!

The Friends of the APL and the Cayce-West Columbia Jaycees are selling Boston butts and pulled pork.



The cost is just \$32 for an 8- to 10-lb. (pre-cooked) Boston butt, and we do the cooking for you! Pulled

pork is available for \$7.50/lb. in mustard or vinegar sauce (your choice!). Order between now and June 15—just in time for your Fourth of July celebration!

### Pick-up locations and dates:

1153 Walter Price St., Cayce, SC 29033

June 30, 5-7 p.m. and July 2, 10a.m. to 1 p.m.

1727 Laurel St. Columbia, SC 29201

June 30, 5-7 p.m., July 1, 5-7 p.m., and July 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the APL shelter and the Jaycees' Camp Hope for Kids.

For a safe and convenient payment option, go to our website at [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org) and click on the PayPal link in the BBQ article. Or mail a check payable to Friends of the APL to P. O. Box 4394, Columbia, SC 29240-4394.

For more information, e-mail Chappie at [chappievardell@bellsouth.net](mailto:chappievardell@bellsouth.net) or Judy at [judyjeweler@gmail.com](mailto:judyjeweler@gmail.com). Or call Judy at 782-5728.

## Now You Have a GREAT Excuse to Eat Delicious Doughnuts!

*Your purchase can help support the mission of the APL and help dogs and cats!*



We know you love warm Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Why not buy a discount coupon from the Friends of the APL?

The coupon costs \$7 and entitles the bearer to a dozen doughnuts. And if you wish to purchase a second dozen, you'll get \$1 off the regular purchase price.

Krispy Kreme just opened a new store on Garners Ferry Road, across from the VA Hospital, so getting your doughnut fix is easier than ever!

Send a message to Judy and request a coupon or two: [judyjeweler@gmail.com](mailto:judyjeweler@gmail.com).

## Annual Fish Fry and Grilled Chicken Cookout

Don't miss the annual Friends of the APL's fish fry and chicken cookout on May 21, 7 to 10 p.m. at 1153 Walter Price Rd., Cayce, SC (across from the Cayce Public Works Complex).



The cost is \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets for children ages 3 to 10 are only \$8. Children under age 3 eat free!

For tickets, drop by Roof Jewelers at 6829 Two Notch Road. Or go to our website at [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org) and click on the link in the fish fry article to pay safely and securely through PayPal. Or mail us a check!

Thanks to Palmetto Seafood for donating the fish and hushuppies!

For more information, e-mail Chappie at [chappievardell@bellsouth.net](mailto:chappievardell@bellsouth.net) or Susan at [susan59@bellsouth.net](mailto:susan59@bellsouth.net).

## NEW! APL Magnetic Bookmarks

With the APL logo on one side and cute caricatures of cats and dogs on the other, these bookmarks are a great gift idea for anyone! Just \$3 each, they are strong enough to use as large paper clips! For more information, contact Judy at 803-331-0197 or via e-mail at [judyjeweler@gmail.com](mailto:judyjeweler@gmail.com). Available at APL fundraising events, too!

# APL Assists with Rescue of Animals Seized in Abuse Case

*Five cats given shelter; four still looking for homes*



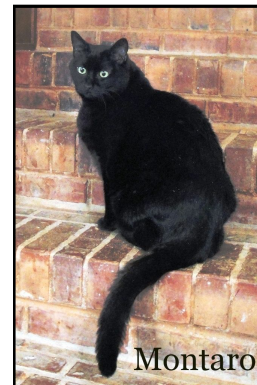
When a dog died in York County during the hot summer because his muzzle was too tight for him to drink or pant, county animal control officers were called on the scene and found multiple dogs and cats living in deplorable conditions.

All were seized and held until the abuse case was tried in court. Eight months later, the animals were released for rescue.

The Animal Adoption League in York reached out to other rescue groups for help. They paid for and arranged for all the necessary vet treatment, but they needed help to find tempo-

rary shelter and, eventually, homes for them all.

So far, we have rescued five cats from this group, one of whom has already been adopted: Tirzah, Big Man, Tucker, and Montaro are still looking for homes. After sitting in cages for months with the York animal control, they plumped up, but diet and exercise are working, and soon they should be back in shape.



Montaro will have the toughest time finding a home because he is older, but he qualifies for our Senior Pets for Senior People program, wherein an older cat or dog can be adopted by a senior citizen at no charge.

Life has been difficult so far for these precious felines. Things are looking up for them now. All they need is for you to provide one or more of them with a good home. Please contact Kristine at [aplpets@bellsouth.net](mailto:aplpets@bellsouth.net) or call Debbie at 603-5443 if you are interested.



## With Five Weeks to Go, We Are in Ninth Place and Need Your Votes!

*Thanks to supporters who are voting every day and encouraging others to do so, too!*



During the previous Animal Rescue Site challenges, we have been as high as fifth place. So far this time, however, we are only in ninth place and need your help. According to [AnimalRescueSite.com](http://AnimalRescueSite.com), the organization will give out one grand prize of \$5,000, fifty-one \$1,000 state prizes, and eleven \$1,000 weekly winners.

Voting ends at midnight (PST) on June 19, 2011. Every vote, every day, counts!

Here's how to vote:

- Go to [www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive).
- Click on the "Click Here to Give" purple button.
- On the next page, click on the small "Vote Now!" button at the top.
- In the purple box, type in "Animal Protection League," "Columbia, SC."
- On the next page, you will be asked to identify an animal (to deter spammers) and verify your vote.

Cast one vote every day between now and June 19. Sign up to get daily reminders. After your first vote, our shelter's name will pop up automatically. It couldn't be easier, so vote today and every day!

To see how the APL is faring, scroll down after you vote, click on "Full Results," and choose the "U.S. States" tab. Ask your friends and family to vote for the APL, too.

## APL Salutes Shelby and Ozzie

*These two sweet dogs have been waiting a long time.*



Shelby is a gentle girl who never met a person she didn't like. Same goes for dogs—she loves them all, big or small. Although she has not been tested fully with cats, she ignores the office cats when their paths cross.

She has her playful moments, but for the most part she prefers sunbathing to running around the yard. She does not jump or climb fences or dig under them.

Shelby has an old knee injury that requires no medical attention but does cause her to limp with overuse.

Ozzie thinks every day is a great day! He is just one happy lad. He loves to run around in yards to sniff and investigate. He is a fairly independent dog by nature and is not needy though he's quite happy to receive attention.

He's a tad shy at first, but that doesn't last long! He gets scared of thunderstorms and needs to be inside in a cozy and secure place. A crate would be ideal for him in this situation, and he is crate trained.

He is a bit wary of other dogs but is fine once he gets to know them. He seems to ignore cats. He knows how to use doggie doors and, weather permitting, loves to lounge around outside during the day. Ozzie is currently waiting for adoption in a foster home.

Shelby is 11 years old and Ozzie is 15, so both are eligible for our Senior Pets for Senior People program. If you're a senior citizen, you may be eligible! Contact Kristine at [aplpets@bellsouth.net](mailto:aplpets@bellsouth.net) or call Debbie at 603-5443.



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- If you are receiving this hard-copy newsletter and would like to switch to the low-cost electronic version.
- If you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

Call Debbie at 803-603-5443 and leave your name and address and tell us your preference. Please speak slowly and clearly if you have to leave a message. Thanks for helping us to be good stewards of our donors' gifts!

## APL Adopt-a-Pet

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**June 11, July 9**

Animal Supply House, Lexington  
5474 Augusta Rd.

**May 28; June 11, 25**

PetSmart, Lexington  
5135U Sunset Blvd.

**June 25, July 23**

Animal Supply House, Irmo  
1674 Lake Murray Blvd.

Cats and kittens available during store hours at PetSmart, Lexington & Two Notch Road.

Visit shelter dogs & cats Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Go to [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org) to see pictures of all available cats and dogs and to find directions to our shelter.

### We Need Your Help at Our Weekly Adoption Events!

Contact Joyce if you can help at one or more of these events:  
[aplscevent@gmail.com](mailto:aplscevent@gmail.com)  
803-206-5779

## Microchip Clinics

**\$20 per animal**

May 21, 1-3

Flight Deck on Old Chapin Rd.

June 25, 11-3

Animal Supply House Irmo

July 9, 11-3

Animal Supply House in Lexington





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Visit our Web site for a direct link: [www.aplsc.org](http://www.aplsc.org).*

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## **Mia Finds Her Forever Home**

*A chance meeting in PetSmart brought Mia to her happy new home.*

It is always good to hear from folks after they have adopted one of our APL cats or dogs, and it was especially wonderful hearing from David and Anita, who adopted Mia not long ago.

When Mia first went to live with them, she hid a lot, but thank goodness David and Anita were patient and gave Mia the space and time she needed to adjust. Before long, she had settled in nicely. Here is what David said in a recent e-mail update to one of our adoption team volunteers:

“I'm happy to report that Mia is doing much better. She hides, but then when things are quiet in the evening, she comes out, checks out the situation, then settles on the back of the couch. Later she'll get in bed with us. She and our other two cats get along fine now.

“Mia is just about the most beautiful cat we have ever seen, and she loves affection, especially having her ears rubbed. We are going to take good care of her and plan to get her a scratch pad and some treats!

“I went to PetSmart that day just to get some kitty food, but I took a peek at the cats in the adoption center and saw Mia. When I read the tag and saw that her name was ‘Mia,’ I knew she was meant for us because my wife's favorite cat who died was also named ‘Mia,’ and we both miss her very much. Our new Mia will have a GREAT life with us.”

On behalf of all the APL supporters, we thank you, David and Anita, for the good home you are giving to Mia and to two other lucky cats. Thanks, too, for keeping in touch!

