

# pet of the month

Layla

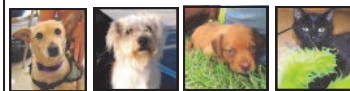


Layla has been looking for her forever home for 3 years! Yes, she's shy, & yes, she may hide under the bed from time to time, but she loves going for walks & car rides, & she'll cuddle too. If interested, call Encore Pets (252) 247-1747.

## Good news adoptions!



Eli Gracen Lex Dusty



Ginger Buddy Sunshine Shawn



Mindy Lori Mia Cheetah



Radar Nalani Krusty Shrimper



Declan Lyman Bimini Jackson



Princess Duke Smokey

Encore Pets, Inc., of Morehead City, NC, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit all-volunteer organization seeking to save the lives of animals by maintaining a foster/adoption program for homeless pets, offering low-cost spay/neuter services to those in need, and educating the public on animal-related issues through our monthly pet newsletter. We are dedicated to the ideal of animal rescue groups working together for the benefit of both the animals and the community.

# October Pet Newsletter

# encore pets

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## Please Spay or Neuter Your Pet and save the lives of thousands of pets!

by Kim Urian

In August Encore Pets sponsored its **tenth** spay-neuter clinic in Carteret County. Since our first clinic in September 2007, we have spayed and neutered **785** cats and dogs. Encore Pets works with the Pet Overpopulation Patrol-NC ([www.pop-nc.com/info.htm](http://www.pop-nc.com/info.htm)), a mobile clinic based in Chapel Hill, owned and operated by Dr. Wendy Royce. We hold clinics at the Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort. People bring their pets from as far away as Wilmington and Pamlico County!

These clinics help to reduce the number of homeless kittens and puppies in our local shelters. We have been able to subsidize the cost of surgeries by \$20 for the previous two clinics. Due to overwhelming demand, we will continue to sponsor low-cost spay/neuter services with POP-NC; our next clinic will be held

during the weekend of October 22-24 - please see information on the back page about how and when to register. Spaying and neutering saves lives of the pets we love. In every community in every state, hundreds of animals are waiting for homes in animal shelters. Only half of these dogs and cats will find a home - the rest (millions of dogs and cats each year) are euthanized. Pets that are spayed or neutered do not add to the heartbreaking tragedy of pet overpopulation. Most of the cats and dogs that die in shelters would make wonderful pets. The solution to this problem starts with each of us taking a small step: getting our pets fixed. And, to help stop pet overpopulation, please consider adopting your next pet from an animal shelter or a local animal rescue group.

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, sponsored by Encore Pets, October 22-24, 2010, Duke Marine Lab, \*Details on back of newsletter\***

*Thank you!!*

### Rita Update!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated any amount toward Encore Pet's sweet foster dog Rita's orthopedic procedure. We have raised \$1,265 toward her bill. Our goal is \$1,400. She had her surgery, & is doing well in recovery & physical therapy in Wilmington at the surgical clinic. She will be released back into our foster care soon & will be available for adoption :) The staff at ECVR have all fallen in love with her sweet, agreeable spirit.

Donations are still being collected & can be made at [www.encorepets.org](http://www.encorepets.org) or sent to Encore Pets, w/ "Rita" in the memo line: **Encore Pets, P.O. Box 1352, MHC, NC 28557**

## Reward Offered for Lost Dogs (Harker's Island)

Please help if you can. My dogs were swimming from my boat in Ward's Creek, off of Dill's Pt./Jade Pt area in Otway on Sunday, Aug. 29th. Gunshots were fired, which frightened them, and I believe they panicked. Three of them did not return. Two are males, Dark Brindle Boxer mix and Fawn Boxer mix. One is a female blue merle Cattle Dog/Lab mix. All have collars with my information. **Please call Tere, (252) 725-1685.** Reward offered.



## Frequently Asked Q & A about Spaying & Neutering

### Q: WHAT is spaying and neutering?

Spaying and neutering are the most common surgical procedures performed on animals. These procedures stop animals from being able to reproduce. Females are spayed, and males are neutered. When a female is spayed, her ovaries and uterus are removed. When a male is neutered, his testicles are removed.

### Q: WHEN should I have my pet spayed or neutered?

As early as possible! Cats and dogs can be spayed or neutered when they weigh at least 2 pounds - typically at 8-12 weeks of age, although not all veterinarians will perform early spay/neuter. It's best to spay your female cats and dogs **BEFORE** their first heat, which can occur anywhere from four months to over a year old.

### Q: WHY should I have my pet neutered?

Animal shelters are faced with an incredible burden. Approximately 3.7 million animals are euthanized at shelters each year, because there are not enough homes for these animals. If you have your pet spayed or neutered, you will not add to this problem.

### Q: What are some of the other benefits?

A long-term benefit of spaying and neutering is improved health for both cats and dogs. Animals that have been spayed or neutered prove to be more sociable companions. If you have more than one pet in your household, all the pets will get along better if they are neutered.

Spaying eliminates the constant crying of a female cat in heat. Spaying a female dog also eliminates the messiness associated with the heat cycle. Neutering of male dogs and cats can prevent certain undesirable behaviors, such as urine marking, aggression and roaming.

### Q: WHERE can I have my pet spayed or neutered in Carteret County?

Check with local veterinarians or visit: <http://www.encorepets.org/> for links to local low-cost spay/neuter clinics and for information on our upcoming POP-NC clinics.

### Q: If my pet is an adult, is it too late to be spayed or neutered?

Absolutely not! It is never too late to have your pets spayed or neutered.

### Q: Doesn't spaying and neutering hurt?

Veterinarians provide animals with a general anesthetic, so the surgery is painless. Any discomfort after surgery is minimal and can be alleviated with medication from your vet. Most cats and dogs heal quickly and show no signs of discomfort from the procedure. Most animals return to normal activity within 24 to 72 hours after surgery.

### Q: Doesn't spaying or neutering make dogs less protective?

No. Dogs do not become less protective or loyal to their guardians as a result of being spayed or neutered.

### Q: Is it really necessary to neuter males?

Even if you are very careful to keep your male pet under control, accidents happen. Males roaming in search of a mate are susceptible to being injured by cars and getting into fights with other males.

### Q: Neutering costs too much!

The cost associated with providing adequate care for just one litter of puppies or kittens is more than the cost of spaying or neutering. The cost of feeding, worming and vaccinations for a litter can be more than \$300. You will also be faced with finding good homes for the offspring or placing your pets' offspring into the local shelter, which is, sadly, most likely already full of others' unwanted puppies, kittens, cats, and dogs.

### Q: Is the expense for the surgery really worth it?

Yes! This is a one-time expense that can dramatically improve your pet's quality of life and prevent many frustrations for you.

**Q: Can't I allow my purebred dog to have just one litter?** It doesn't matter whether your pet is a mixed breed or purebred - there just aren't enough homes in most areas of the country. It may come as a surprise, but many purebred animals often end up in shelters. In fact, 25% of dogs in shelters are purebreds. Responsible breeders make sure they have homes for their litters before they breed.

### Q: Won't animal shelters and rescue groups take care of the surplus animals?

No. Animal shelters and rescue groups do a wonderful job placing animals in loving homes, but the number of homeless animals far exceeds the number of willing adopters. As a result, many animals that would make wonderful pets are euthanized. Spaying and neutering is the main solution to the problem of pet overpopulation. And it is each pet owner's responsibility.

*\* Information courtesy of the Humane Society of the USA and the American Humane Association.*

**Pet Adopt-a-thons: Sat, Oct. 2, Sat, Oct. 16, Sat, Oct. 30- All 1 to 3 pm, MHC Petsmart, Hwy 70**

If you would like to adopt any of these pets below, call the Carteret County Humane Society at 252-247-7744, email [cchsshelter@embarqmail.com](mailto:cchsshelter@embarqmail.com) or visit them on Hibbs Rd. in Newport. Hours are Mon-Fri 10-1 & 2-5, Sat 10-2, closed Sun.



**Madison** is a gorgeous, loving 1 y.o. Torti, found barefoot & pregnant in March. Now her babies are adopted, leaving poor mama. Madison, now in foster care & SPAYED, will add so much joy to someone's life!



**Garfield** is a gorgeous, snuggly, super loving orange Tabby, NEUTERED. He is about a year old, turned in for allegedly spraying. There are solutions for this issue, & Garfield is hoping for another chance at a home!



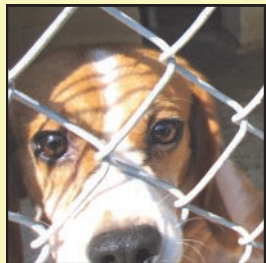
**Chloe** is a sweet 1 y.o. female Tabby who came to the shelter pregnant from a hoarding situation in April. She is now ready for a loving, responsible home where she will have the chance to be a healthy, happy cat.



**Patches** is at first shy, then very affectionate as she warms up. She is just 6 mos. old, SPAYED & DECLAWED, & in foster care. She needs a patient home where she can gain some confidence while being loved!



**Samson** is such a sweet Lab mix pup, about 5 mos. old & found stray. He is going to be a big boy, & he is very social w/ dogs & people & eager to please. With training, he will become a great dog!



**Beagles!!!** The shelter took in 18 Beagles after a research lab was closed down. Mostly females, they are small & vary from young to adult. Friendly dogs who need patience while they learn how to become pets!



**Twiggy** is an absolute sweetheart, found stray. She is well-behaved, good on leash, likely a young adult Shep/ Husky mix. This gentle-natured girl seems to know tricks, so likely has had some training as well.



**Keylee** is a cute, spunky girl turned in by the people who adopted her a month or so ago. She is a young med-sized Cattle Dog mix who needs daily exercise & a lot of attention. She would love an active family!



**Daisy** is a wonderful Hound mix, about 35 lbs, 2 to 3 yrs. old, turned in by her owners. She is good on leash & has a sweet, gentle disposition. Great w/ dogs, happy to meet strangers, this girl is a true gem!



**Waffles** is a beautiful Chow, found stray. He seems like a young adult, about 35 lbs. This guy is very friendly, good on leash, & seems like he would make a great pet. He seems pretty mellow & happy-go-lucky.



**Ginger** & her sis Spice were found stray. They are so sweet, Boxer mixes about 1 to 2 yrs. old. Ginger is the more submissive one & loves to play with & then groom & kiss her sister. Both sweet girls need homes.



**Madock** is a med-sized pup, about 6 mos. old, found stray in July. He is a playful, lovable guy who needs puppy training but seems very eager to please & loves people. He is also great w/ dogs & cute as he could be!



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If interested, contact Casey's Place in J'ville @ (910) 545-1844 or (910) 545-1846

See contact information below



"I'm **Foxy**, a beautiful, playful, spirited Collie mix pup, about 18 mos. old. I'm housebroken but need to learn basic manners. I jump for joy around people. I am a people-pleaser & will be a good listener!"



**Kelly** is a huge gentle lion. He looks older, but is only 2 1/2 yrs. old. Eager to please, he would be great for kids & needs a fenced yard. He's housebroken, neutered, UTD on shots, HW neg.

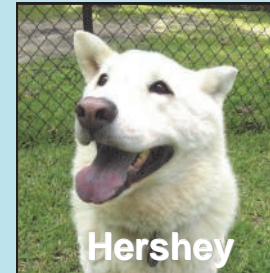


"Look at me! I'm **Bandit**, a rescued Cocker mix, about 25 lbs, neutered, & UTD on shots. I love sitting on laps & getting treats. I'm housebroken & like other dogs too! Is your lap ready for me?"



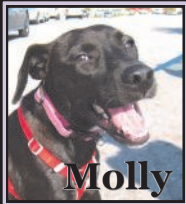
**ORANGE TABBIES!** Quizno (M/N) & Precious (F/S)- 20 weeks, Pumpkin Pie (M)- 11 weeks.  
**Magic** (M/N)- blue/gray 19 weeks, **Betsy** (F/S)- torti 22 weeks, **Griffy** (M/N)- black/white 19 weeks.  
\*\*\* All sweet, friendly kittens! \*\*\*

\* Contact BCCP @ 222-2940 or [beaufortcats@care2.com](mailto:beaufortcats@care2.com) if interested.



**Hershey** spent her first 6 years left in a backyard. Now she is happily in foster care. This girl is friendly, happy, & very well-behaved. She is 6 yrs. old, 45 lbs, UTD on vacc.s, & housetrained. If interested, contact Shannon-smsixkiller@yahoo.com

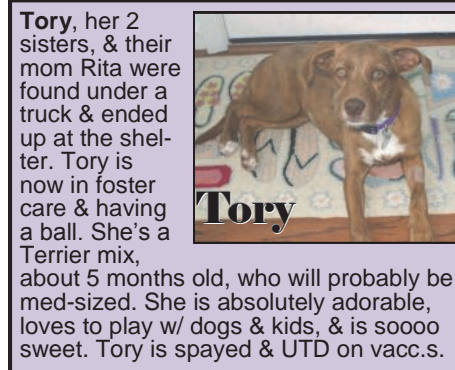
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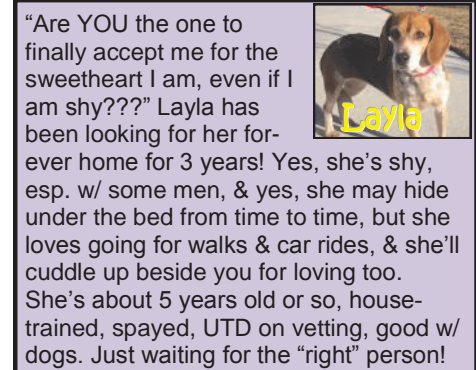
**Molly** & her sister Meg were abandoned in Feb. Good Samaritans helped rescue them, & they are now about 11 mos. old, & both are in a foster home. Molly is about 30 lbs, house-trained, spayed, UTD on vacc.s & prev.s. She loves to play w/ her foster's dogs although she takes some time to warm up to new dogs. She is excellent w/ cats. This girl is so loving & gentle too!



**Willy** is a recent rescue from a high-kill rural shelter. He is one lucky dog! This guy is SO happy & extremely affectionate. He loves kids, is good w/ dogs, & greets strangers w/ tail wags & smiles. He is about 1 year old, 20 pounds, neutered, UTD on vacc.s, & HW-neg. This guy also likes to sit on a lap & get lots of scratches.



**Tory**, her 2 sisters, & their mom Rita were found under a truck & ended up at the shelter. Tory is now in foster care & having a ball. She's a Terrier mix, about 5 months old, who will probably be med-sized. She is absolutely adorable, loves to play w/ dogs & kids, & is sooooo sweet. Tory is spayed & UTD on vacc.s.



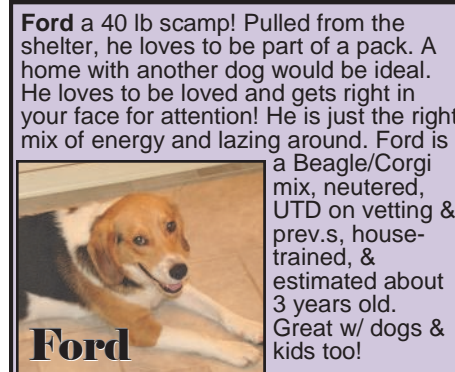
"Are YOU the one to finally accept me for the sweetheart I am, even if I am shy???" Layla has been looking for her forever home for 3 years! Yes, she's shy, esp. w/ some men, & yes, she may hide under the bed from time to time, but she loves going for walks & car rides, & she'll cuddle up beside you for loving too. She's about 5 years old or so, house-trained, spayed, UTD on vetting, good w/ dogs. Just waiting for the "right" person!



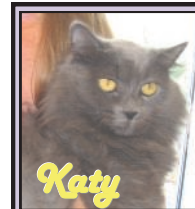
**Meg** is a darling Lab mix, under a yr. old & rescued w/ her pups. Meg is 35 lbs., UTD on vacc.s & prev.s, & will be spayed soon. She is starting to play w/ her foster's dogs, is great w/ cats, & greets other dogs well. Meg is so sweet & gentle-natured too.



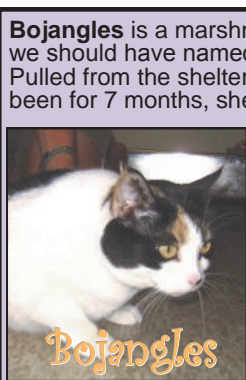
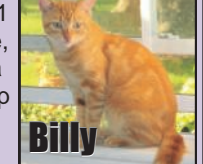
**Passion (F), Moonlight (F), & Duke (M)** are 2-3 mo-old Lab mix puppies, born to Meg on July 23rd. They've had their first two shots & wormings, & they will likely be med-sized. Applicants must have a good vet reference & have the patience for puppyhood!



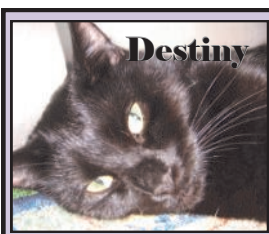
**Ford** a 40 lb scamp! Pulled from the shelter, he loves to be part of a pack. A home with another dog would be ideal. He loves to be loved and gets right in your face for attention! He is just the right mix of energy and lazing around. Ford is a Beagle/Corgi mix, neutered, UTD on vetting & prev.s, house-trained, & estimated about 3 years old. Great w/ dogs & kids too!



**Katy** is a beautiful long-haired adult female, pulled from the shelter. She's about 4 yrs old & has a pleasant temperament. **Billy** is a 1 y.o. orange Tabby male, a rescued stray. He is a touch shy, but warms up quickly. Both are spay/neutered & fully vetted.



**Bojangles** is a marshmallow of a kitty—we should have named her S'mores! Pulled from the shelter where she had been for 7 months, she is so happy to have one-on-one attention. If your pace is slow & relaxed, Bojangles is the one for you! She's loving, cuddly, & mellow. She tolerates other pets, but would really prefer being an only.



**Destiny** "Please...Won't someone adopt ME, the Mama, or do just my babies get to be loved?" Petite **Destiny** was rescued from a high-kill rural shelter & soon had 2 kittens. Both have been adopted, & now Destiny is ready for a home where SHE can shine! A sweet 1 y.o. girl, she's UTD on vacc.s., spayed, & neg. for diseases.



**Kittens!** These cuties were found abandoned in a box. One girl, two boys, they are about 16 weeks old, spay/neutered, have had all vetting, & tested negative for FIV/ Leuk. Meet these lovable babies at the MHC Petsmart.



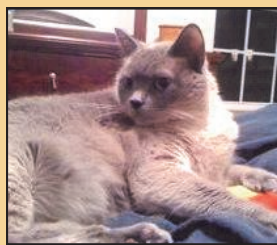
**Phoenix (M) & Pearl (F)** are sweet rescued kittens born to a feral mom. They are about 3 to 4 months old, neg. for feline diseases, & UTD on vacc.s. Will be spay/neutered beg. of Oct. Pearl is more outgoing, but Phoenix is quickly catching up. Both are beautiful, healthy kitties.



For more information about adopting one of the cats below, please visit <http://va.siameserescue.org/VAadopt.php> or call (540) 672-6373.



**QUANG – Flame Points**  
4 m.o. (est) neutered male.  
"Foster Mom says I'm a joy and she doesn't understand why my forever home hasn't found me yet. I love to play and climb and cuddle. Can I come live with you?"



**CHLOE – Blue Points**  
5+ y.o. (est) spayed female.  
"Super-soft Blue Point Siamese seeking forever home."

Siamese Cat Rescue (SCRC) is based in Virginia, but the majority of rescued cats are in foster homes in 18+ states across the eastern US, including North Carolina. Transport assistance is available via the "Meezer Express".



SCRC Phone: (540) 672-6373  
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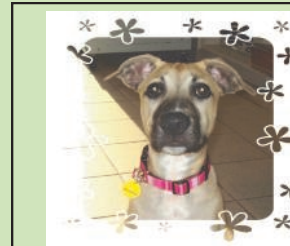


**HERBERT – Seal Points**  
2 y.o. neutered male.  
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**SKITCH – Snowshoe Points**  
2 y.o. neutered male.  
"I would love a young female to play chase with. I need a human snuggle buddy. Do you have what I need?"

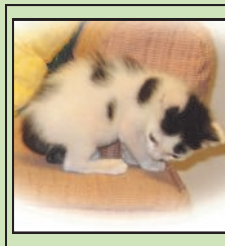
To adopt any of the animals below, call PAWS at (252) 808-1729. A PAWS representative will return your call.



**Love** is a great little dog who is very playful, housebroken, & good w/ kids, preferably over 6.



**Godiva** is a 4 y.o. stunning black semi-long-haired, spayed wonderful cat who will love you and give you affection no matter what!



**Tom** - Darling 14 week old male with super markings available for adoption. Bonded pair with Jerry! Neuter certificate provided for when it's time.



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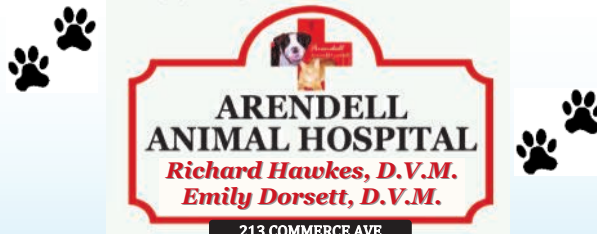
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**Local Pet Events in October**  
Encore Pets' Adopt-a-thons - MHC Petsmart, Hwy 70.  
-Sat.s, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30 1-3 pm  
*\*Meet our adoptable dogs & cats!*  
Pre-registration for Oct. 22-24 Spay/Neuter Clinic  
-Fri, Oct. 15, 5-7 pm, MHC Train Depot  
1001 Arendell St, MHC. \*\$20 cash-only deposit\*  
Encore Pets' Volunteer Meeting - \*Open to new vol.s\*  
-Mon, Oct. 18, 7 pm, MHC Train Depot -1001 Arendell  
**PAWS OktoberPets Pet Expo & Microchip Clinic** -  
-Sun, Oct. 31, 11-4, Crystal Coast Civic Center, MHC  
*\*Home Again Microchipping Clinic - \$35 for a chip*

**FYI: Need a Discount on Pet Vaccinations?**

Newport Animal Clinic (223-5115) provides discounted vacc.s & no office visit fee every Thurs. from 5-8 pm  
(\*Must call to make appt.; vacc.s only)

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[www.petfinder.com/shelters/crystalcoastpetrescue.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/crystalcoastpetrescue.html)  
Siamese Cat Rescue  
Ph: (540) 672-6373 website: [www.va.siameserescue.org](http://www.va.siameserescue.org)  
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Broad Creek Hound Rescue Ph: (252) 259-5146 /  
website: [www.petfinder.com/shelters/NC244.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/NC244.html)  
Safe Harbor Farm [www.safeharborfarm.org](http://www.safeharborfarm.org)  
Boston Terrier Rescue of NC [www.BTRNC.org](http://www.BTRNC.org)  
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**In Memoriam**

**Taffy**

- September 8, 2010 -

Your sweet soul, so sick

but not showing it, tail wagging, happy...

I'm so sorry I didn't get to you sooner. Know that I cared about you, even if I was the first who did, & even though it wasn't enough to save you. My heart hurts for your missed opportunity. - Joanna, Foster Mom for 1 day -

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