



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays The Healing Species

Compassion Education and Violence Prevention

"Peace on earth starts with how we treat the weakest or most voiceless among us."

Cheri Brown Thompson, Healing Species Founder



December 2012



Peace on Earth

Orangeburg-Wilkinson 9th and 10th Grade Students Can Still Recite Healing Species Lessons from 4th or 6th Grade

A longitudinal survey, given to 9th and 10th grade O-W High School students in May 2012, shows 78% remember verbatim lesson material, after having Healing Species in the 4th or 6th grade - and say: Healing Species changed their life for the better.

Below are a few of their direct quotes:

"I learned to walk away from the drama."

"I walked away and never looked back!"

"I learned to help others when they are hurt."

"I learned to stay away from drugs and make good decisions."

I learned "how to tell an adult when I see abuse. It taught me if I ever felt like I was about to do the wrong thing to think it over and make the best decision. Can I come help with the animals in the summer?"

Only half of the 9th and 10th grade students at O-W had the experience of Healing Species. District Five is working hard with Healing Species so that eventually all students may receive the program.

Northern California and Pee Dee Satellite Chapters Added!

After a 2-day training in September, two new Satellite Chapters are added to our growing national (and international) team! Pictured are Linda Petersen, of Northern California, and Nadeije Ahearn, of the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina!



Ahearn, Master of Psychology
Francis Marion University



Petersen, Ph. D.
Educational Psychology,
University of California,
Berkeley

Healing Species Reps Get Prison Time

"Second Chances For Dogs and Men"

95% of all inmates are eventually released back into society

This summer, Healing Species and Perry Correctional Institution partnered to launch their "Healing Dog Program" benefiting both once unwanted dogs and maximum security inmates in Pelzer, SC. "Pairing dogs who are considered by some to be 'too big,' 'too old,' or 'too unruly' - with inmates looking for a path to restitution and recovery - is a match made in Heaven," says Cheri Brown Thompson, founder of Healing Species. Inmates in the "Character Based Unit" (CBU) who show exemplary behavior are chosen for training to become Dog Handlers and Healing Leaders. Healing Species rescued dogs Sophia and Shepp now have a home and receive 24-hour love and care. Associate Warden, Steven Claytor, says "The dogs presence in the living environment promotes unity, creates a therapeutic climate, and inspires staff, visitors, and volunteers. Sophia and Shepp are helping crime-hardened men feel and reconnect with their humanity." Special thanks to Associate Warden Steve Claytor and Warden Michael McCall (recently promoted to another location) for making this program possible!

Please contact Perry's new Warden Larry Cartledge at: 430 Oaklawn Road Pelzer, SC 29669, to thank him for allowing the program to stay so far. Mention that you'd like to see him keep or even expand this program at Perry.



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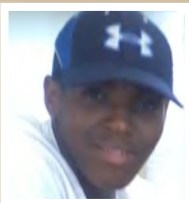
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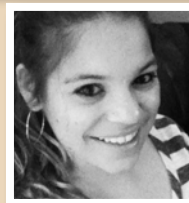
THE RESULTS



Featured Volunteers Jonathan Hunte and Vivian Rodriguez



Jonathan -
Animal Care
Specialist Part-time
Staffer and Volunteer

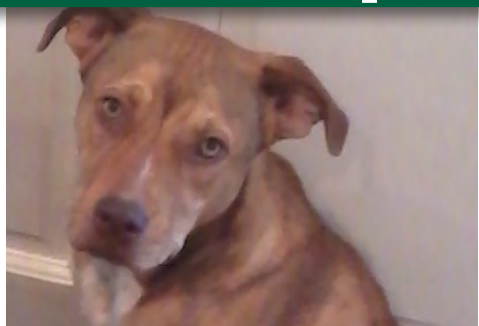


Vivian -
Canine and
Program Assistant
Full-time Volunteer

Meet 3 of our 25 adoptable dogs!



KISSY - Spaniel Mix
• Medium • 2-Year Old Male



LILY - Bull Dog Mix • Puppy
• 9-Month Old Female



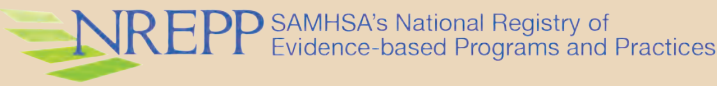
NOAH - Labrador Retriever
Mix • 2-Year Old Male

please call (803)535-6543 if interest in adoption

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Healing Species Listed on National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices!

After formal evaluation and the rigorous review process, Healing Species joins a prestigious list of proven-effective intervention programs supporting mental health promotion, substance abuse prevention, and mental health and substance abuse treatment. NREPP is an online registry of more than 240 national interventions and is administered by SAMHSA - the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Healing Species at Pawmetto Lifeline's First Fur Friends Summer Camp!

"Combining humane education with character education is a growing trend for teaching kids empathy and responsibility for others."

Healing Species' Director, Adele Little, leads kids in writing down ways to show compassion, the three steps to "Keeping their Heart," and drawing their dream job.

For more information about Pawmetto Lifeline and their work in solving pet over-population through responsible rescue and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and humane education. Go to: www.pawmettolifeline.org



Low-Country Expansion!

Healing Species Chosen as Trident United Way LINKS to Success Partner

Healing Species has expanded to the low-country of South Carolina to reach 4 new school populations through the Trident United Way's LINKS to Success Program. Matching funds for this expansion and service are needed.



AT&T Grant Award Presented to Healing Species with Assistance From Rep. Bakari Sellers

On hand for the September 18th presentation were: Denmark Olar Elementary Principal, Lorraine Peeples, Cheri Brown Thompson (Founder of Healing Species), 4th grade teachers, Ms. Davis, Jameson, Jenkins, and Guidance Counselor Shannon Johnson, Representative Bakari Sellers, Beau (Healing Species program dog), Superintendent of Denmark Olar District 2, Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Commander Ronda Bamberg of the Orangeburg Sheriff's Office, AT&T representative, Cindy Cox, and Adele Little, Director of Healing Species.



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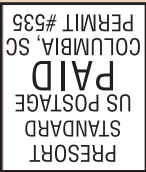
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