

**Hilton Head Humane Association:**

Volunteers are needed for office work, animal care, vet assistance, thrift shop help, fundraising and more. Call 681-8686 for more information or to volunteer your time.

**South Carolina State Guard:**

Serve the community by joining the South Carolina State Guard. Public safety, health and emergency preparedness are the three areas of emphasis. Call Major Bob Kort at 681-5787.

**American Red Cross:**

Volunteers are needed to learn how to respond to disasters as well as answer phones and help with office work. Call 757-7437.

**Children's Relief Fund (CRF):**

CRF provides physical, occupational and speech therapy along with special equipment and a summer camp program. If you can help, call Rose at 681-7668.

**Beaufort Humane Association:**

BHA is looking for volunteers to help socialize cats and kittens at PetsMart in Bluffton. Also, spay/neuter programs are available to help control the pet population throughout the county. To learn how to help, email [volunteers@beauforthumane.org](mailto:volunteers@beauforthumane.org) or call 304-8859.

**Beaufort County Library book drive:**

Waldenbooks in The Mall at Shelter Cove is collecting new and used books for the Hilton Head Library. Books of any length, size and shape will be accepted, but children's books are in greatest demand. Call 785-4301.

**Alzheimer's Respite and Resource:**

Assist memory-impaired individuals with arts and crafts projects, exercise program, sing-alongs and more; help with discussions on current and special events. Be a companion. Training provided. Call Christy at 842-6688.

**Bargain Box:**

Volunteers needed for sorting, pricing and selling donated items. Proceeds benefit area non-profit organizations. Call Edna at 681-2601.

**Hospice Care of the Lowcountry:**

The area's first volunteer-based, non-profit hospice and palliative home health agency always welcomes kindred spirits to help with patients and their families, office support, bereavement, pastoral guidance and board participation. Please call 681-7814 to learn more and to, hopefully, become a fellow advocate!

**Lowcountry Legal Clinic:**

Retired attorneys who can volunteer time providing free legal services to the underprivileged are needed. South Carolina license not required. In addition, interpreters are needed for Spanish-speaking clients. Call 341-9222 to volunteer your time.

**Island Hospice:**

This non-profit affiliate of Island Health Care offers many volunteer opportunities, including: administrative, caregiver respite and patient visitation. Call Cathy Hess at 208-3666.

**Beaufort County Volunteer Opportunities:**

A listing of various volunteer opportunities throughout Beaufort County is available on-line at <http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/Council/application.htm>. On the left of the screen you can learn about volunteer opportunities in various departments including alcohol and drug control, animal control, county council, economic development, emergency management, the library system, the parks and leisure department, public works, planning and more. □

*If you'd like to volunteer in the community but aren't sure where to start, look no further. Every month, our Volunteer Bulletin Board lists all kinds of opportunities to help make our community a better place. List your organization's needs by e-mailing: [bkaufman@freymedia.com](mailto:bkaufman@freymedia.com), or faxing 842-5743. This is a free service of Hilton Head Monthly.*



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*BHA Volunteers get pets ready for their trip to New York*

## Incredible JOURNEY

*Pets find adoption through road trip*

As anyone who has watched their dog merrily leaning its head out of the car window, cutting through the wind with its snout, can attest, animals love taking road trips. For the adorable puppies and kittens playfully bounding about the Coastal Veterinary Clinic, the road trip they were about to take wasn't just a chance to see the world: it was their chance to find a home and a loving family of their own.

Following a cleaning and thorough health examination, these hairy hitchhikers will be rolling up to the North Shore Animal League shelter in Port Washington, New York. Once there, their odds of getting adopted increase dramatically, as the number of stray animals increases steadily in Beaufort County.

"The people at North Shore Animal League are incredibly efficient," said Amy Moberly of the Beaufort Humane Association. "They've usually found a home for these animals within 48 hours of when they arrive. Here, it can take upwards of a week to find a decent home for a pet."

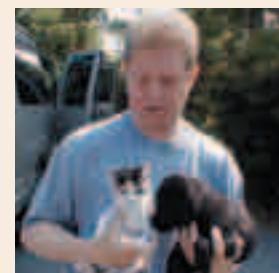
This recent transport is the third such trip the Beaufort Humane Association has arranged within the last three or four months, each time sending 30 to 50 animals on to a better life.

The program began when the North Shore Animal League in New York, the world's largest no-kill shelter in America, found that they had been so successful in finding homes for pets (they've found homes for 850,000 animals to date), they started farming out work from southern states. So far, they've gathered over 100,000 animals from the Southeast United States. Mary Lou Weinberger, board member of the BHA and longtime supporter of the NSAL, saw the excess of animals in our county's shelters and began laying the groundwork for this collaborative effort.

"I was extremely persistent with them," said Weinberger, "I had to keep calling and calling but it paid off. There are quite a few organizations looking to get in on this program, partly because North Shore is so well-respected. They run background checks on everyone looking to adopt, and one out of five are rejected."

Because the animals are transported across state lines and due to NSAL's standards, there is a strict battery of health tests the BHA must administer before the animals can make the journey north. This costs the BHA roughly \$80 to \$95 an animal, but the assistance of volunteers such as Dr. Ben Parker of the Coastal Veterinary Clinic helps the Beaufort Humane Association lighten the load considerably.

— Barry Kaufman



*North Shore's driver loads up*