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## Julie's Corner

You probably all know by now that the Adoption Center we had at Inlet Square Mall for six years has closed. The Center was of enormous benefit to our animals and so many found wonderful permanent homes. The closing was a real setback to WARM for a while, but we will survive.

In the meantime, I want to reassure you that not one of our animals will die because of this, they have simply all come home to our little farm in Conway. It does mean that adoptions will take place more slowly and that we will be unable to take on as many animals who need us, as we would like. In fact, the closing puts a heavier burden on other shelters and agencies because those that we would have found room for may now be turned away from WARM and have to go to other places.

Six years ago when we first proposed an Adoption Center to the then management of Inlet Square Mall, we were welcomed with open arms and a great relationship evolved. WARM participated in all Mall events, donating items for gift baskets, sponsoring the Monday Night Pet Photos with Santa and one year, even supplying "reingots" to entertain the children.

Many people came into the Center just to visit certain animals and many volunteers came to help walk the dogs and entertain the cats. To all of you, Thank You and we miss you. We are truly impressed by the number of people who have called or written to say how much they miss us at the Mall and some even say they will never shop there again!

However, times change and with new ownership and new management, the Mall became less animal friendly and plans were made to renovate the Mall; so in June, 2007 WARM received written notice to move out. Finding another place proved very difficult, few were available, most would not allow animals and prices were way over our head. We asked for an extension at the Mall because in November it was obvious that renovations had stopped and the contractors had left. The owners of the Mall, based in California, refused our request, so it was with great sadness that WARM moved out on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We had six

great years and the Mall was good to us, charging only our share of electricity and water. The space had been an arcade, so was in poor condition when we moved in, but with your help, we replaced floors and turned it into a great place for animals and people. Movie goers especially liked it as the animals kept them entertained while waiting for their tickets.

It was a sad day indeed when everyone came to say goodbye; even a TV station wanted to come in but were turned away by security who also informed us that "if any protesters show up, let us know"!! We had no idea that we were so important! So, to all of you, our friends and supporters, we are not dead - just wounded. We will be back somewhere in the area. It will take all of us though, so keep eyes and ears open for animal friendly places and you all know how clean our volunteers kept the Center - and we left it in better condition by far than we found it. WARM always cleans up after any event, no matter where we are or for how long. We like to leave a place so that no one can tell we were ever there.

We have, with the help of Nicole Scalise and the Conway National Bank in Pawley's Island, started a building fund. If you can help in any way, donations can be made at any branch of the Conway National Bank or direct to WARM's PO Box - just be sure to mark checks Building Fund. Perhaps your neighborhood could have a Yard Sale to help the animals. ANY ideas will be welcomed. If you do make a donation directly to the Bank, please let them record your name and address so that we can acknowledge your generosity.

Hang in there with us, we will find another Adoption Center; or perhaps we will take an entirely new and different tack - no reason to repeat ourselves. The amazing thing to us is that there are so many empty buildings that have been empty for months and some for years and so many people want us to save animals, yet when they have the chance to help, these business and building owners suddenly say "No thanks". But still we know a true WARMfriend is out there - we just have to find that person. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Just keep them coming.

## "Mercy" needs Mercy

Some of you may have heard about this very special dog. Mercy came to us as a young pup because the HOA would not allow a young man and his two children who were renters to have pets in spite of the owner agreeing to it. It is a blessing that Mercy came to us - by strange coincidence the family had given her that name, not WARM. She is now about ten months old and has been spayed and vaccinated. She is an exuberant pup, part Dalmation perhaps and maybe a little bulldog in her; she knows no strangers and loves all animals. All she wants to do is play - and that she did with her favorite playmate, a German Shepherd Dog named Mysha who has now been adopted. However, Mercy is no longer allowed to play at all, not with anyone. It turns out that Mercy has an extraordinary condition, very rarely seen in humans and even more rarely in animals; She has no sense of touch, no feeling at all. Because of this, all the toes on her back feet were broken and she did not feel a thing. The first we saw was the swelling and the fact that her feet started to turn sideways. After Xrays by two Veterinarians, we took her to N.C State University Veterinary Teaching School. The prognosis is not good. This happy pup will continue to hurt herself because since she lacks pain and discomfort she knows no restraints. NC State even discovered another small break at a growth plate. This lovely girl is currently being fostered by a staff member of Dr. Hardy's Meadowlawn Veterinary Clinic in Loris because Julie is in England caring for her aged Dad again.

Julie will almost certainly raise her and care for her just as she did for our blind and brain damaged TrueLuck until a massive seizure took him in April, 2007 at age three and a half years. It has been recommended that Mercy live in conditions similar to a padded cell, with soft toys to play with, small, easy bite foods and to be carried down steps and never allowed to jump.



Thanks to WARMfriends, we raised about \$1000 to take her to NC State, but her bill was far higher than that. We have decided that as an exuberant pup, it is cruel to keep Mercy

shut up in her soft sided playpen day after day - besides she ate the side out of it on day two, and escaped - another wasted couple hundred!! We are allowing Mercy to live as normal a life as possible. This means letting her run in the soft dirt yard - not on hard pavement as she knuckles under and tears her feet up that way too. We have soft boots for her that only last about 4 weeks and that's pushing it! Plus they cost \$20 EACH - not a pair and we need to put them on all 4 feet. Her feet are badly malformed now and Mercy doesn't care a bit - she runs, plays, eats, chews on her soft toys - no hard ones as she tears her mouth up, and loves life. She is gaining weight and Julie is afraid she's going to have another 60 or 70 pounder like TrueLuck to carry to the car! You are all welcome to visit Mercy at Julie's home after June 3rd when she will have had a day back from England. Call the Farm phone to make an appointment. You must be prepared though, this pup will not look normal, her feet are healing, but they turn sideways, she has one ear that sticks up and the other down, she walks with an extraordinary gait and we realize we may be shortening her life by allowing her to run and play even under our watchful eyes; but better a short, happy life, than a long sad one, penned up all day without stimulation. She is an exceptionally intelligent, if occasionally, obstinate girl, she is absolutely house broken and there is not a bit of meanness in her. In short, she is a WARM love. If you can, please help with her expenses as you did with TrueLuck - he lived because of you and the many visitors to the Adoption Center. Poor Mercy does not have that advantage. So please mail or bring your contributions for her care when you come to visit. You will be much appreciated. Many thanks.

## Adoptions

Please understand that just because we do not have the Adoption Center it does not mean we have quit adopting. Jean Efird, our wonderful Adoption Specialist who does home visits and helps people match up with animals and vice versa, will still be doing adoptions. We will be showing our animals on our web site [www.warmfarms.org](http://www.warmfarms.org) and on Petfinders, and we will take your phone messages at the farm. These calls will be sent on to Jean who will then be in touch with you concerning the animals you are interested in. Another possibility is PetSmart near Coastal Grand Mall. However, this depends entirely on all of you. We have to commit to a two-week period every six weeks, so that volunteers must guarantee that they will cover the area during that time. We absolutely cannot make a commitment without some of you guaranteeing at least a two-hour stint during our two-week spell. **WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU GUARANTEEING THOSE HOURS TO BE THERE. NO ONE HAS TO DO THE ENTIRE TIME, BUT IF YOU PLEDGE 2 HOURS, YOU MUST COMMIT TO THOSE TWO HOURS.** A lot of cats could be adopted this way with a minimum of work and no financial expenditure, You would be an invaluable part of a team. Without this, cats are simply not going to be adopted and WARM has far too many at the farm right now which means we have to turn down all others - and that means simply - death. WE do not euthanize as you all know, but when we cannot help animals in need, they are sent to other organizations who, through no fault of their own, are forced to euthanize because they are funded by your taxpayer money and cannot refuse to take unwanted animals in. It is a terrible but true fact that when the economy is in trouble, too many Americans throw away the family companion, probably the most loyal member of all. Come help some of the most beautiful and sweet cats you could ever wish to meet. They desperately need you. Then we can save even more. Yes, it really is UP TO YOU!! If one or two of you would agree to coordinate this opportunity, then our lovely cats may yet find homes.

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## Farm Life

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Our little farm in Conway is doing well and everyone is healthy and happy. Baby goats still like being treated as babies although all are growing up healthy and happy. The little one that was stolen when Julie was away in England last September, was found after a month and now has no idea that he was ever gone. Sheep and lambs - mostly twins this year - which is good as they are smaller at birth, causing their mothers, Julie and the Vets far less problems.

While Julie is away, Sasquatch is on holiday, staying with Jean in Georgetown and his son now aged two and a half years has completely taken over the protection of the sheep and two cows including blind Baby Ruth and Chester the Steer with cataracts, who likes to play tag with Sasquatch Junior. Junior's two "aunts", Tia and Pilar, protect goats and pot belly pigs and the horses, although our mini horse, Buffalo Soldier, prefers chasing the dogs on occasion.

Chickens are laying lots of eggs, so when you come visit you can buy a dozen or so thus helping the farm and doing yourselves a good deed by eating good, free range chicken eggs. If you do not want a dozen, then you can buy just six as our cartons are made especially for splitting. You don't even have to refrigerate these eggs, they are so fresh - the way they are sold in Europe is right off the shelf - none of those four month old things we get in supermarkets here!

At the farm on Pee Dee Highway, a Jersey calf was born and is doing well. Lambs and kids are being adopted, bringing in much needed income that goes directly to WARM's animals. We could use some help putting in new fencing and posts around a new area we are opening up for grazing and browsing. A crew of 4 to 6 strong people would be perfect. Our new rabbit house, thanks to Gail and Ed Kemm and Gail Fishman's great fundraiser last Christmas, is now in operation even though it is not entirely finished. We need an electrician to put lighting in there. The power source is close by, so should not be difficult. Can anyone do this for us?

Moving rabbits off the porch now means that we can enclose the deck and turn that area into a nice big cat exercise area. For this we could use some paint - and painters! - along with brushes, etc. and we need some insulation for the roof and some lightweight plywood, luan board or paneling for the ceiling. We also need to tear up the top layer of old floor in the porch area - it has good decking underneath. It will be great to have a play area for the cats where they can get a feel for "inside/outside" life. They will be safely behind wire with lots of toys, things to climb on and views of the barnyard. We need lots of help in this area too - cats desperately need brushing as some of them have very long hair. Come visit - the animals miss you.

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## Newsletter & Email

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Would you prefer to receive your newsletters and important messages from WARM by email rather than the mail? If you would, then please send us your email address (to [warm@sccoast.net](mailto:warm@sccoast.net)) as soon as you receive this newsletter. It would save us a lot of money and possibly be more convenient to you. If you prefer not to receive newsletters from WARM at all, please also let us know so we can take you off the mailing list. We need you all, and more than anything we need your stories, your support and your opinions. We are also going to be putting together a new Board of Directors in the coming months, so if you would like to serve WARM in that

way, please call Julie and talk to her about it. We are only planning on holding about 4 meetings annually and some of those can also be done by conference call and other methods. We want to improve our service to the many homeless animals in the area and would like to be able to help people with their animals also. If you have ideas and suggestions, don't hold back; we need all the help we can get! Julie is in dire need of office organizational help and an experienced BOOKKEEPER - PLEASE! Once organized - and it is a fiasco right now! - it would only require a day a week.



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All year we are involved in festivals where we take farm animals to be seen and enjoyed by people from all walks of life. We are changing our course of action with these events and you may find this more to your liking. First of all we are going to be bringing dogs and cats for adoption to these events. - Jean could use your help with that aspect. Second, our exhibit will now be known as WARM'S Farm Exhibit and we are going to be doing a lot more education at these events. Those of us who have been around animals for many years are always surprised when people do not know the difference between a sheep and a goat; even one of our Vets has a hard time with that one - we won't tell any names, but it is the same one who calls Julie "Old lady"!! Or a white duck or a white goose or why some chickens have feathers on their feet and others do not, why some chickens lay white eggs, others brown, and even some lay green. What is the difference between a pot belly pig and any other? Or a miniature horse and a pony? Many of you will know the answers; but many do not and so it is fun to see a child - or an adult - even a Vet - learn the difference!

We are going to be developing a coloring book, with the help of well known Pawley's Island Artist and dear friend of WARM, Millie Dowd. As we develop this we would like to go into schools to teach the children and their teachers some of the things they never realized about farms and farm animals. We want them to know WHY we developed domestic farm animals, what food and/or fiber certain animals produce. It is so much fun for the kids to occasionally actually see an egg laid and to feel its fresh warmth immediately afterward. One lucky child usually gets to carry the egg home for breakfast!

Want to be part of our Volunteer Education Staff? Call Julie, you'll be surprised at how much you learn yourself!

## Other Ongoing Fundraisers

There are a couple of more ways for you to help WARM raise money, **WITHOUT ANY EXTRA COST TO YOU.**

First - For those of you who shop at Food Lion, you can link your MVP card to Food Lion's LionShop and Share Program and support WARM each time you shop at Food Lion. Once you register your MVP card, when you shop at Food Lion, a portion of your grocery bill will be donated to WARM. It's that simple!! To register your card, go to [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) and click on LionShop and Share on the bottom left side or call 1-704-633-8250, ext. 3810 and choose WARM as the organization you wish to support.

You will need your 12-digit MVP number, name and address. If you sign up on the web site, be sure to search for WARM in Conway, NOT Myrtle Beach.

Second - For those of you who order AND re-order magazines for yourself or as gifts, WARM has an online magazine fundraising store. Our store has over 650 of the most popular magazine titles at up to 85% off newsstand prices. Purchase or renew your favorite magazine subscriptions on our site and a generous 40% of your purchase will go directly to WARM. To order your magazines, go to [www.magfundraising.com/warm](http://www.magfundraising.com/warm).

Please tell your friends about these fundraisers for WARM. It doesn't cost you an extra penny but it can raise some much-needed funds year round for WARM if we all participate in these programs.



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