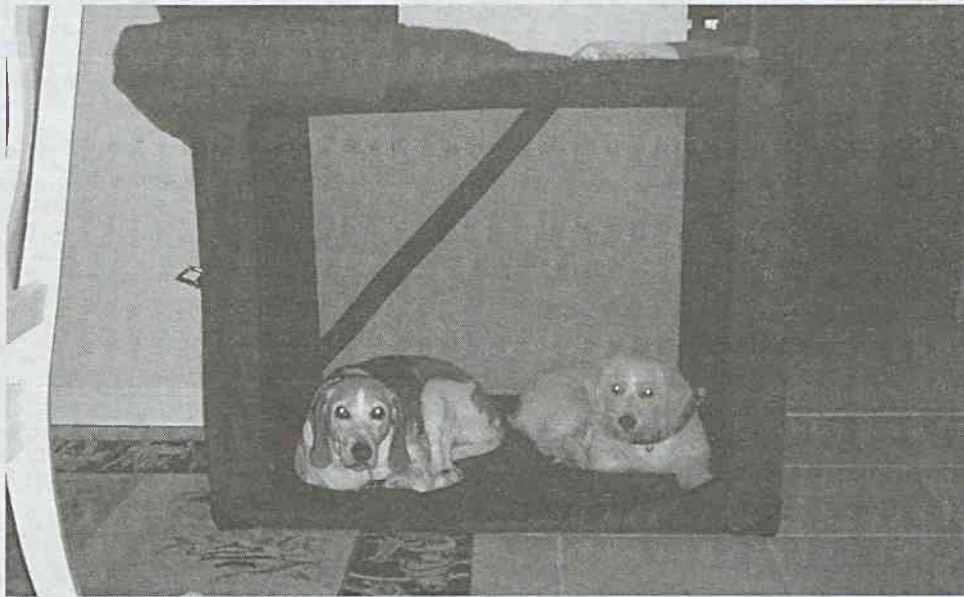


The Luongos - Friends to Man's Best Friend

By Jacquie Pipkin

Remember Oliver, the deer hound whose adventures from rescue to adoption were chronicled in *The Shoreline*? There are many others like Oliver who, because of the efforts of the Pet Adoption and Welfare Society (PAWS) of Carteret, have been saved from abuse, abandonment, and well meaning owners who can no longer care for them. PAWS began back in 2001 when a group of people decided to open a thrift store to raise funds for an alternative animal shelter in Carteret County. The thrift store and community activities such as "Pets in the Park" were well-received, but saving for the land and buildings necessary to establish a shelter is a long-term goal. In June of 2005, PAWS initiated a Rescue Adoption Foster Programs (RAF) for dogs, and another for cats and other animals (horses, rabbits, ferrets, and even chinchillas) to meet an immediate need to find forever homes for homeless pets. Behind PAWS' successes are numerous volunteers who rescue pets, provide temporary shelter within their homes, and arrange for suitable adoptions with new "forever" families.

Janet and Ed Luongo of Pine Knoll Shores are two such volunteers. Since Oliver left PKS to live on a farm where he is free to do what hounds must – run – in a safe environment, Janet and Ed have fostered



Loretta (at left) a shy beagle, and Chantz, a petite basset griffon vendane, enjoy the peace and security of the Luongo home. Both dogs have since been adopted.

Chantz, a petite basset griffon vendane who has since been adopted by their PKS neighbor, Mary Cameron. Then came Krash, a rottweiler/Labrador puppy, and most recently Loretta, a shy beagle who blossomed in the Luongos' home and has now been adopted by an appreciative family who will care for her in the manner

she deserves. Assisting Ed and Janet in socializing these house guests is Holly, their veteran black Lab.

Ed is very active in the dog program and also has been instrumental in opening up a new section of the thrift store, now located at 1211 Bridges Street in Morehead City. He got the new furniture gallery ready for

occupancy and handles the furniture and electronics donations. Janet began her association with PAWS by volunteering at the PAWS thrift store and was elected to the PAWS Board of Directors in 2006. Janet is presently serving on the education committee, presenting programs to students and associations such as The Boys and Girls Club.

Janet's dream for her future is to one day own a farm and establish a final home for stray hounds where they can rest, run and play until they are exhausted and then start all over again the next day! If you are looking for a cat or a dog, PAWS posts its list of those eligible on PetFinder.com.

While Janet describes this community as extremely generous with their gifts, services and support, she adds that "we could recruit a lot more people and there still would not be enough to handle the need." But, if we look at PAWS' humble thrift store beginnings, we see the power of the commitment of just one volunteer at a time. To find out more about serving as a foster host to dogs and cats waiting for adoption, other volunteer opportunities, or to make a contribution, call PAWS at 247-3341, or email info@pawsofcarteret.org.

Old Homes and Gardens Tour In Beaufort – June 27-28

By Phyllis Makuck

Since 1960, the last weekend of June has been set aside for the Beaufort Old Homes and Gardens Tour and the Antiques Show and Sale. This year's tour is listed as one of Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events.

On June 27 and 28, the tour will feature:

- 10 homes—the John Davis House c.1829, the Clawson House c.1904, the McQueen Home, The Bradley House, the Mace House c.1832, the Revels Home, the Klein Home, the W.V.B. Potter House c.1903, the Lampros Home, and the Ward-Hancock House c.1726.

- 10 gardens—those of Priscilla Murphy, Tierra Fina, Olde Seaport Inn, Clay and Ada Shields, Gerald and Anne Currier, Sunny Newton, Ann Street Inn, Red

Dog Inn, Pecan Inn, and George and Pat Frazier.

Festivities include a book fair at the train depot, an antique car show on Front Street, and an art walk—showcasing art, photography, and crafts by Al Goellner, Mary Cotter Hurst, Paul Hee, Mary Warshaw, Jenifer Crowell, Craig Gurganus, Keith Lambert and Willie Baucom.

At the Beaufort Historic Site, history will come alive. There will be period costumes; demonstrations of weaving, spinning, bullet molding, and decoy carving; displays of Victorian mourning attire, accessories, and jewelry. Adding to the ambience will be harp and flute music featuring local harpist Verne Reintjes and The Simple Gifts flutists as well as

Herbert Watson, a music staff member from Colonial Williamsburg who will meander around the grounds playing his colonial wooden flute.

The event is a perfect opportunity for visitors and locals alike to explore historic Beaufort on their own or aboard a vintage double-decker bus, featuring a narrated tour of the historic district.

The Antiques Show and Sale will be held June 27 through June 29 at Morehead City's Crystal Coast Civic Center. During the show, a "Set the Table" event will give area businesses a chance to reveal their creative talents. Also at the Civic Center, a Gourmet Tea Room will offer specialty sandwiches, beverages, and desserts provided by area restaurants.

To start the weekend's activities, the

Carteret Chorale will present a concert open to the public on at 8 p.m. Thursday June 26 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Beaufort. Finishing the weekend, at 6 p.m. on Sunday June 29, will be an outdoor community band concert at the Beaufort Historic Site—a perfect time to bring your own picnic basket or, for a nominal fee, purchase catered food.

Tickets for the tour are \$16 in advance, \$20 the days of the tour. Tickets for the antiques show and sale are \$5 in advance, \$7 the days of the show. Tickets are good for all three days and a special combo ticket can be purchased for \$18. For more information call 728-5225/ or (800) 575-7483 or visit www.beauforthistoricsite.org