

# Pet Gazette

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## From the President's Pen Central Texas SPCA President

Dear Shelter Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the president of the board of directors for 2008. My name is Ryan Huddleston, and I have served on the CTSPCA board since September 2005. During this time, I was a member of the finance, facilities, and executive committees, while also serving as vice president in 2007. In my professional career, I am the cofounder of a local biotechnology business.

I have loved animals ever since I was a young child, when my mother took me to a local shelter in Kansas City to pick out my first cat, Bambi. My mother commented to shelter staff that Bambi looked a little plump and wondered whether she might be pregnant, but the staff assured her that was not the case. Yet, very soon after we took Bambi home, she gave birth to three kittens in my closet. Of course, such a situation would never occur with an animal adopted from the CTSPCA, where all of our animals are spayed or neutered and fully vetted.

My love of cats has continued into my adulthood, and luckily, my wife shares my passion. We currently care for a small herd of six beautiful cats at our home in Dripping Springs. The most recent addition – a sweet, lovable adult cat from the CTSPCA – arrived just this past weekend. She is adjusting well to her new home.

As I look forward to a successful 2008, I must take a moment to extend my thanks and gratitude to former president Jeanette Cacciola. Her love of and commitment to the animals at the CTSPCA is truly impressive. She continually made personal sacrifices for the good of the animals at the shelter, and her skill at managing the board played a tremendous part in making the shelter the wonderful place it is today. I plan to continue her good work throughout 2008 so that the CTSPCA can not only maintain its current status but also keep improving for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ryan Huddleston, President, Board of Directors

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### Save the Date

#### 6th Annual Barktoberfest is October 11, 2008

Time flies and autumn will be here before we know it. So it's never too early to start planning for Barktoberfest. This year's event will return to Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

We'll have food, live music, vendors, demonstrations, low-cost microchip services, fun for kids, our 3K pledge walk for homeless pets, and the ever-popular canine costume contest.

For information on sponsor opportunities or vendor booths, please e-mail us at [centraltexasppca@cs.com](mailto:centraltexasppca@cs.com) or call 512-260-SPCA (7722). We look forward to having you join us for this day of fun benefiting the CTSPCA's adoption program.

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