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Volunteer Eve Nelson Barry and Founder of the Burlington County Animal Alliance Lorriane Schriever participate in the First Annual Dog Walk at Whitesbog.



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Dogwalkers participate in The First Annual Dog Walk held by the Burlington County Animal Alliance at Whitesbog Village this weekend.

## Canines and thier significant human sponsor a walk for the homeless

By Ina Z. Cabañas

There are walks to raise money for research, walks for healthy living, walks for fun and now there is a walk for animal rescue. The Burlington County Animal Alliance (BCAA) proudly completed their first annual two-mile walk to raise money for animal rescue.

The BCAA promotes cat and dog adoptions from animal shelters and has found homes for animals from the Newark Shelter, Forked River Shelter, a shelter in Harrisburg, PA and The Vance County Shelter in NC.

The NC shelter is a kill shelter. Dogs and cats, along with many puppies are held there for only five days and then gassed. The Burlington County Animal Alliance works hard to find homes for the animals at the Burlington County Animal Shelter.

"We promote all shelters," said Lorraine Schriever, one of the founders of the volunteer organization.

"We have volunteers that

oster care dogs and cats in their homes. We spay and neuter them (the animals), we give them all of their shots, and we keep them until they are adopted. Donations help pay our medical bills and help pay for any other expenses that we have. Right now we have about 80 dogs and cats in foster care looking for homes."

Schriever continued, "Every day I get phone calls from ordinary people that need to find homes for their dogs. We try to help them. We also help terminally ill people who can't keep their dogs anymore. We do try to help everybody who comes our way."

The BCAA volunteers use digital cameras to photograph the animals for their web site. They foster the dogs and cats in their own homes. Without all of the dedicated people Schriever has met, BCAA would not be so successful.

"We're very lucky. We're lucky we've run across really good volunteers who are very dedicated," said Schriever.

"We have all kinds of volunteers. In the beginning, we were just going day-by-day. We came across good volunteers. They are very dedicated. We were lucky."

The Burlington County Animal Alliance has regular adoption days every Saturday at the Pet's Mart in the Moorestown Shopping Center and cat adoption days at Petco, on Rt. 130 in Willingboro twice a month.

The volunteer group wants both you and your adopted pet to be happy. If there are any problems after adoption they will take the animals back and find better matches.

Jan Bastien is a volunteer worker for BCAA. "I encourage people to just look at these dogs. They're beautiful animals," she said "Sometimes people pay a lot of money to a breeder and they can get a dog here, for a small adoption fee, that's been neutered or spayed and had all of their shots. They can save a life."

Sheila Clear rescued a lab mix about nine years ago. Clear was told that the dog was very hyperactive and not good with children.

"She's the best dog, the sweetest dog. We love

her," said Clear. "She's been great for us. I think it's the best thing to do (animal rescue). You should at least give them a chance."

Pictures of animals looking for permanent homes as well as special events that BCAA is having can be found posted on either

of two web sites at <http://www.bcaa.petfinder.org/> or <http://www.bcaapa.petfinder.org/>. The second web site is linked to their satellite station in Pennsylvania.

The Burlington County Animal Alliance can always use more volunteers. They received non-profit

status in December 1999 allowing all monetary donations, cat and dog supplies to be tax deductible.

Checks can be sent to Lorraine Schriever at 944 Ohio Ave., Trenton, NJ 08638. For more information or to volunteer call Schriever at 609-989-4830.