



Heidi's Hope
For Homeless Animals
Transforming Animal Lives From Homeless to Homes

Pawsatively Good News!

Meeting Two of My Personal Heroes by Trish Arnold



**Trish Arnold with Silva Battista,
Co-Founder of Best Friends Animal
Society and Julie Castle, CEO of
Best Friends Animal Society at Best
Friends National Conference VIP Party**

This summer I had the honor and privilege to meet two of my personal heroes---Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society, and Silva Battista, one of the co-founders of Best Friends Animal Society. Best Friends has been such an inspiration to me and my animal advocacy since I discovered them in 2005. Best Friends Animal Society is the largest no-kill animal sanctuary in the world and some of their lifesaving work includes saving animals impacted by Hurricane Katrina; rehabilitation of dogs from the horrendous Michael Vick fighting rings and now leading a national movement to end the killing of companion animals.

Their magazines contain fun and whimsical stories of hope about animals at their sanctuary. I have the complete collection of Best Friends magazines since I began receiving them in 2005. In 2011, Best Friends magazines were much of the inspiration when I created the fun theme and whimsical name for our annual fundraiser, "*The Bow Wow Luau & The Cat's Meow®*", that has raised and donated over \$70,000.00 to save homeless dogs and cats.

In 2014, I traveled to Kanab, Utah to volunteer at Best Friends animal sanctuary, which is a healing home to over 1,600 previously abandoned and abused animals. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the animals there. I was honored to be invited to lunch with two of the co-founders, Silva

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Saving Lives of Homeless Dogs and Cats and Feeding Hungry Pets

Like many of us, Best Friends believes that every pet has a story and each one is worth saving. I started supporting their lifesaving work in 2005 and continue doing so. In 2017, I was listed in Best Friends Annual Impact Report (*three spaces below Jennifer Anniston!*). I am honored to be on the North Carolina Steering Committee for Best Friends, as well as being a Best Friends Network partner. I have participated in their National Conferences in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and most recently, in Raleigh. I am honored that I was invited to the VIP reception for all three, where I have met most all the Best Friends co-founders and their CEO, Julie Castle. Best Friends has created a national movement to end the killing of our animal friends in shelters and to achieve no-kill nationwide by 2025.

Tragically, North Carolina ranks #3 in the nation of euthanasia due to pet overpopulation. These innocent creatures cannot speak or act on their own behalf. The animals desperately need our help!!

Best Friends Animal Society has been much of the inspiration of my animal advocacy and has helped reveal my life's calling—saving homeless animals! That inspiration has led to starting my animal advocacy nonprofit, Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc., that has raised and donated over \$70,000 to local rescue groups, spay/neuter programs, and our shelter. It has also led to three communitywide pet donation drives that sent three tractor trailers of pet food and supplies to help hurricane-impacted areas from Hurricanes Irma, Florence, and Dorian. Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank has created a unique coalition of partnerships including many local county governmental offices and key human charitable organizations that distribute pet food monthly to the most vulnerable in our community. Our Pet Food Bank has donated over 135,155 lbs. of pet food and supplies and we are enthusiastic that we are adding additional chapters of Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Banks in North Carolina! We have already expanded our Pet Food Bank Chapters to Onslow, Brunswick, and Pender counties! Stay tuned.... Heidi's Hope Pet Food Bank has some extremely exciting news on additional services that we will be providing to continue to keep pets out of shelters and stay home with their families where they belong!

Meeting two of my personal heroes was a dream come true. Silva Battista and Julie Castle are the true Jane Goodall's of our day---devoted animal heroes! Best Friends co-founders have overcome tremendous obstacles, where a small group of people made a leap of faith to realize a vision that they had long shared — to create a sanctuary for

Bastilla and Gabriel de Peyer. Afterwards, Silva gave me a tour and we discussed the incredible journey of the Best Friends' beginnings to the national movement it is today. The story of Best Friends is an inspiring story of the power of a belief! (continued)



abandoned and abused animals. Best Friends is now at the forefront of a movement to achieve no-kill nationwide. They are truly an inspiration to us all to be a voice for the animals who cannot speak or act on their own behalf. I am very honored to be part of the Best Friends' movement to *Save Them All!*

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We feed hungry pets through our donations to Department of Social Services (DSS),
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Pet Meals On Wheels Program, in partnership with NHC Senior Services and many More!

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Bring your Pets to Waterman's Brewing for
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your pet's photo taken with The
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Photos with The Grinch are only
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truckload of pet donations to Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank. Thank You Planet Fitness for your month-long pet food donation drive!

Pets through Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank. Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank feeds hungry pets through our monthly donations.

Cooper's Corner
A Message From
Cooper Arnold
CCO,
Chief Canine Officer



Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank is Expanding Our Chapters in North Carolina to Feed Hungry Pets in Onslow County; Brunswick County and Pender County!

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals believes that no pet parent should have to choose between putting food on their own table or in their pet's bowl. That's why my Mom and I created our Pet Food Bank during the pandemic. What started as a one-time event, uncovered a void in our community to provide pet food and supplies for families facing economic hardship. To ensure we are helping the pets in greatest needs, Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank created a coalition of partnerships to provide pet food and supplies for families facing economic hardship.
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Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals, Inc.'s Pet Food Bank coalition of partnerships provide pet food monthly to our partnerships, which include:

- **New Hanover County Department of Social Services (DSS)**
- **Heidi's Hope Pet Meals On Wheels Program**, in partnership with New Hanover County Senior Services
- **New Hanover County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit**
- **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**
- **Domestic Violence Shelter—Open Gate**
- **St. Jude's Food Ministry**
- **Good Shepherd House and Good Shepherd Ministries**
- **First Fruit Ministries**
- **American Red Cross Disaster Response**
- **The Salvation Army, Cape Fear Area, serving five counties**

We are very enthusiastic to announce our new coalition of partnerships to feed hungry pets though our new Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank chapters in Onslow County; Brunswick County and Pender County!

Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank New Chapter Expansions

- **Onslow County Animal Services**
- **Onslow County Department of Social Services (DSS)**
- **Onslow County Pet Meals On Wheels**, in partnership with Onslow County Senior Resource Center
- **Onslow County Pet Meals On Wheels**, in partnership with Onslow County Friends of the Aging
- **Share the Table in Pender County**
- **Brunswick County Pet Meals on Wheels**, in partnership with Brunswick County Senior Resource Center
- **Brunswick County Department of Social Services (DSS)**

Thank you for your support of our Pet Food Bank to keep my fellow dogs and cats out of shelters and to stay at home with their families where they belong!

~Cooper

Ready To Adopt Your New Best Friend? Check Out These Sites for
Adoptable Pets In Need of Good Homes:

[New Hanover Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit](#)

[PawPrints Magazine](#)

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