

Hike a Houlagan – HAH

Our hiking program builds confidence for dogs who need it to reconnect with folks. This isn't about strict obedience classes. It's about leash walking a rescue on a trail, maintaining control of the dog, gently correcting the dog (c'mon, you know they will be excited to trot, leap, gambol, sniff - it's like walking a furry game fish), praising the dog, and helping the pup move forward.



Bandit



Sunshine

Ok. You're feeling a little

Complete a

Volunteer Application.

You will need to sign the statement that you have never been convicted of animal cruelty under any

animal statute (Meanies beware and it's the law). You will need hiking shoes (four footers can make two footers feel clumsy!). Finally, you will need to guard your heart. There are hopeful, eager pups waiting for one-on-one time with a person. They lean in to gentle touches. They lock onto kind eyes. They romp around when a kindred romper offers fellowship.

To sign up for a hike and request a dog:

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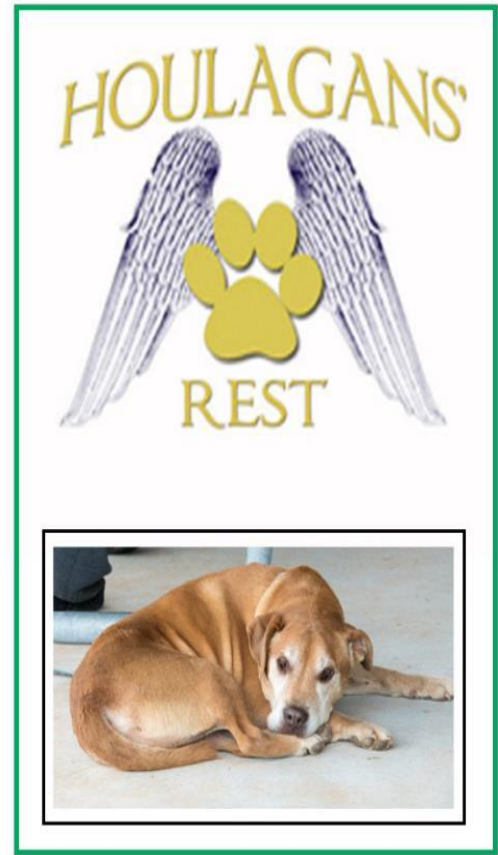
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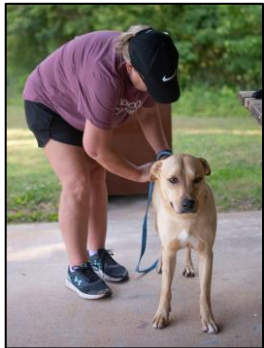
HIKE-a-HOULAGAN

Powhatan State Park

Saturdays at 10:00 am

Weather permitting

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Roger

HOW WE GOT STARTED

The images of stranded, desperate animals left in the wake of **Hurricane Katrina** catalyzed my sister and me to become involved in animal rescue. When Katrina struck, we were at Cape Fear, NC enjoying a wonderful beach combing vacation. Relaxation gave way to horror at the sight of the devastation to the Gulf Coast.



Rocky

Returning home, Debbie answered an email pleading for drivers to take veterinary supplies to the Gulf and to return with homeless pets. Standing in the parking lot of the Pearl River SPCA, Debbie walked up with a

little bag of bones disguised as a puppy. A dull coat and pot belly couldn't hide the amazing optimism of the chocolate merle dog. So thin that his skin tented from his spine to his hip bones, he was one of the nine *Catahoulah Leopard Dog* mixes not chosen by other transporters. With supplies and man hours in short supply, the rule of triage dictated that the malnourished, ill litter would be euthanized. Determined shelter workers kept them alive and hoped for one last transport. We were it.

Nala

We drove two trips to Picuayne, Mississippi in the month after Katrina. Debbie arranged many more transports acting as a link between shelters in the Gulf and rescuers hoping to help. Unknown to us, that moment in the Pearl River parking lot launched our criteria for dogs coming into our care: homeless, unwanted by other rescues, and slated to die within hours.



RESCUE OF LAST RESORT

As a no-kill rescue we have also become a sanctuary for those who never find a forever home and spend the remainder of their lives with us; our volunteers care for and love each and every one.

As such, we have a great need and depend on the generous contributions of time and money to continue this mission. Our senior population brings significant additional medical and veterinary expenses, ensuring that each Houlagan is healthy and comfortable throughout their life.

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

You've fallen in love with a Houlagan? Please complete an application, so your family can grow! Houlagans' processes complete, legible applications in the order received. Foster families, for those Houlagans lucky enough to have one, weigh in on any final decision. What carries the day? Veterinary references provide objective information that all rescues value. Meet and greet of all family members, 2 and 4 footers, shows us that everyone has a good vibe. Finally, a home visit allows us to envision a good life unfolding.



Macy



Zoe



Jenna



Tigger



Boy George

At the time of adoption your new family member will be spayed/neutered, up-to-date on shots, and microchipped.