

# *Lasting Impressions*

SUMMER, 2017



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# Lasting Impressions

## Editor's Letter

Hi there!

I don't know about you, but I am SUPER jazzed about this edition of Lasting Impressions. It was a lot of fun to "meet" so many members' dogs, and the online voting was fast and furious! (The album will remain posted to our Facebook page, so if you missed the voting, you can still go in and tag your dog.) THANK YOU to everyone who entered or voted, it was a ton of fun!

Although this is our first-ever "dog issue," we didn't want to leave the out the kitties and decided to feature one of the most unique Clubs Within the Club: the Dataw Island Feline Foundation, a club dedicated to helping the feral cat population. If you're not familiar with the great work that this group does, hop on over to page 18 to learn more.

And to you fellow dog-lovers, be sure to read about the dangers that may be lurking in our gardens! No, I'm not talking about lizards or snakes (that's what the cats are for!) I'm talking

about many common plants that may actually be toxic to dogs - read about it on page 15.

Finally, congrats to the cover dog winner! Monty is one of our newest members, but is obviously a very popular "dude."

Enjoy the summer, and one more shameless photo of my dog, Radar!



*Laura Q. McCarthy*

Laura Q. McCarthy  
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Director (LEFT: Radar)

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on the cover...

“Monty”  
Chuck & Karen Tomb

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COVER DOG WINNER!



## COVER CONTEST *Announcement*

Would you like YOUR art to be featured in the next edition of Lasting Impressions? Each quarter, we will announce a theme and accept submissions for member art to be featured.

Images will be selected based on how well they meet the theme that month, along with how well they capture the beauty, history, and charm of Dataw.

FALL THEME: *History*

Please submit images at a minimum of 1 mb and a maximum of 10 mb to [datawmarketing@islc.net](mailto:datawmarketing@islc.net).

Include your name as you would want it credited. *Submitting a piece for inclusion implies consent for Dataw Marketing to use your image in our marketing materials.*

Please note that all submissions will be acknowledged by reply email as “received” within two business days. If you do not receive a return email confirming your submission, please call (843) 379-3056.

Interested in contributing to Lasting Impressions?  
Please contact Laura McCarthy at (843) 379-3056  
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# the sporting life for me!

by Monty Tomb, Cover Dog



Hi! I'm Monty! You might know me as the furry guy who likes to take long morning walks with my people, Karen and Chuck Tomb. I also like to kayak with mom. (She lets me sit up front! Sometimes she tries to go without me and I have to follow her around all the coves until she lets me jump in.)

I've heard my folks joking that more people on Dataw know me than them! What can I say, I'm a social dude. (They also say I'm a "Golden Doodle." I'm not sure, but I think that it is a good thing. I mean, it HAS to be good to be golden ... not sure about the doodle thing ... or is that "dude-I"? That's probably it, I'm a golden dude. After 12 1/2 years I have now figured it out!)

I wish I was available for pawtographs on my first magazine cover, but right now I am up in New Hampshire. Lake Winnepesaukee to be exact. But MAN do I love Dataw Island! I cannot wait to return this fall. It has been a long time coming, but I am ready to retire. I'll tell you the tale...

So, my uncle, Bob North, has been encouraging his sister (my human mom!) to move to Dataw for about five years now. Uncle Bob was able to talk my folks into buying an empty lot back then, which I thought looked really fun to play in! But, apparently, we couldn't move yet because of that "work" thing, and they swore that we would need a house, not just that super fun lot filled with squirrels and birds to chase.

# Cover Dog

I'm so glad that Uncle Bob kept working on them! He even offered to buy ME a first-class ticket. (Mom and Dad would be on their own, but Uncle Bob knows how much I like to stretch out.)

Between me and Uncle Bob, our persistence FINALLY paid off and Mom and Dad (Karen and Chuck, as you know them) purchased 805 Island Circle West about a year ago and after some renovations, we moved into the house in August. We weren't here long before we left for the storm, and I was SO sad to be back up north. Dad said I was "depressed," whatever that is.

He wondered why my tail wags more at Dataw. The bliss! Oh, the butterflies, the early spring, the golfers to watch and the gorgeous sunsets! I just love my Dataw Island home. Plus, at the end of every adventure, each night my Aunt Dorothy likes to give me cold treats that she calls Frosty Paws, my favorite ice cream.

Thankfully, we are now residents about seven months of the year. I can take New Hampshire in the summer, but I'll be in Dataw during the cold months, thankfully!

If we have not met yet, I hope we do soon! I just love people and so do my folks. Thanks for helping us feel right at home on Dataw, we can't wait to return soon!

Here are some of my friends, and some who I hope to meet soon!



They say Bridget Bardot of Beaufort Conlin is also golden ... she has her own iPad, she must be golden!



Willie Dolan has the right idea...why walk when you can ride?



Bosco and Athena Bura look like they know how to have fun on the water!

# Cover Dog

Big social event on Dataaw? I'm definitely asking one of these "best dressed" dogs for fashion advice!



Lucy Davison



Emmett Hicks



Sadie and Roxie Kirincic



Cassy Conlin



Peaches Beidelman



Juniper Sullivan



Bob Hicks



Miss Zoe Rockenfield



Gibson Emch

# Cover Dog

and THESE are the cuties whom I'll ask for fur salon referrals!

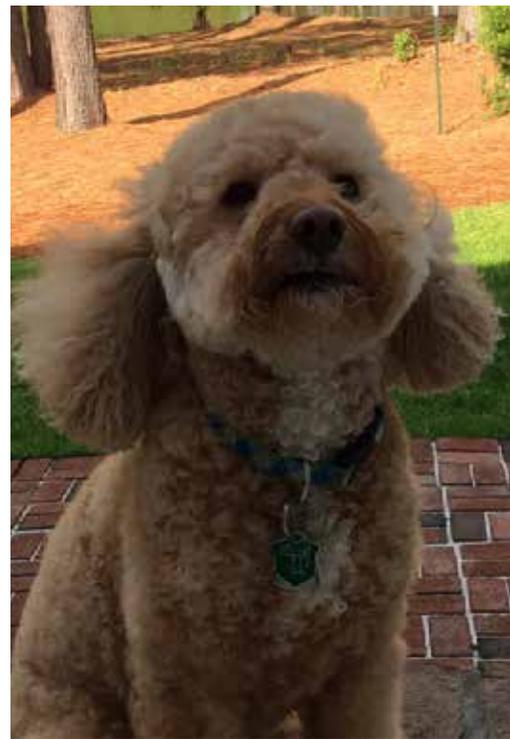


TOP: Peri and Puddin Hanby, Jeter Pizzolongo, Pippa Marchioni.  
MIDDLE: Buddy Molzow, Spencer Martin, Bandit Hooper.  
BOTTOM: Beauregard Colgan, Willie Sadler, Morgan Laughnane.



# Cover Dog

sit still, look pretty!



What lookers! TOP: Mickey Fine Devine Frederick, Sophie and Tate Lamb, and Rudy Boyle. MIDDLE: Maggie Jacobs, Puppy Devine, Seraphim Clarke. BOTTOM: Grayson May and Shellee Aspray.



# Cover Dog

## Playtime! Think they'll share their toys?



TOP: Schnitzel Fournier, Duke Lipper, Jenny Rutter, Sherman Tank Molsberry.  
MIDDLE: Willy and Teddy Sadler, Lilly Schuster, Savannah Dickson. BOTTOM: Agility training! Looks fun for the young kids.



## Looks fun for the young'ns!



# Cover Dog

The best adventures are followed by an even better nap!



TOP: Nicky and Teddy Michalec, Nemo Hawkins, Pepper Giffen. MIDDLE LEFT: Tyler McShane, Brandy Scott. ABOVE: Willow May. BOTTOM: Winchester Moses, Honeydew Zeuner, Bunker Drew.



# Cover Dog

## Time to chillax!



This guy! Tell me Wilbur Seifried doesn't look like the kind of dude who enjoys football, pizza, and beer... maybe he'd like to join me for Frosty Paws!



Next rainy day, I may need to ask Bentley Willson if there is room for one more on that sofa!



Woody Sprecher (above) looks like the guy to turn to when I need a partner in crime! Jig Upchurch (right) looks like he can help us hide after we get into our mischief!





Becky with Richard Gray

# THE SOUTHERN HARDWARE STORE: An endangered species?

by Becky Sprecher

**I have a dirty little secret:** I love to browse around in hardware stores. Or rather the old-fashioned kind, where the wooden floorboards creaked and nails and screws were piled high into red bins. Where the freight elevator in back was a center of gossip and activity as the feed companies brought in seed and fertilizer. In my hometown in Kentucky, the hardware store was where we got to go sit in Santa's lap and tell him what we wanted for Christmas. Where little boys purchased their first blue jacket, and where brides registered for their silver and china. If anything happened in town, people in the hardware store knew about it first. They also knew whether or not it was "fixin' to rain," or "thinkin' about gettin' cold."

But alas, times changed. When the new places opened up outside of the town, nobody went downtown anymore. The shopping experience just wasn't the same, because we all know that you don't go to the hardware store just to shop; you go to visit. There were no people around to discuss the merits of flat versus eggshell paint or what kind of wood you should use for the garden trellis you were trying to build. Nobody talked about the weather, or the crops, or anything, really. They didn't even talk to each other.

But we're lucky that here in Beaufort, the Southern hardware store is not a thing of the past. We have the real deal right here in our neck of the woods: Grayco. While it doesn't have the creaking wooden floors, it does have the nails and screws in bins and there are friendly



Toby Lindquist models a coastal-look outdoor chair.

# Renovation Corner



folks to tell you which ones you need. The owner, Richard Gray, stands ready to welcome you at the front entrance, directing you to people who actually know something about what you're trying to do. And when you complete your purchase, he'll carry the stuff out to your car.

I spoke with Richard on a recent trip to Grayco and found out that he hails from Port Royal, where he started his business career with a gas and auto parts store in the Hilton Head area. Then he began to add building supply items, which gradually overtook the auto parts in floor space. Eventually, he expanded to Beaufort, accurately forecasting the growth that would take place on Ladys Island and beyond.

What's his secret? "It's all about carrying good products and service, service, service. That is what sets us apart from everybody else, and has for years."

This is not a store where you will see bewildered customers wandering the aisles by themselves in search of the right screwdriver or stainless steel hinges.

And you can find wonderful things at Grayco, in addition to just quality hardware and garden products. You can order handsome furniture that has a casual, vacation feel, and there's outdoor clothing you'd wear on a fishing trip or in the garden. While there aren't any blue jackets for



Edward Trice appreciates witty towels. And he is quite clever!



# Renovation Corner

the little boys (they've probably gone the way of the horse and carriage), there is a popcorn machine that is in such demand that the under 12 crowd calls Grayco the "Popcorn Store." There's also a tempting candy section for visiting grandchildren...and their grandparents.

Anybody who likes to entertain will enjoy browsing in the tabletop department, with its assortment of dishes, platters and witty tea towels. There's a spectacular collection of fishing rods and reels for the "fish hippie" in your life, not to mention Yeti coolers that are so elegant they could almost be used as coffee tables.

And sometimes you run into unique things that you haven't seen anywhere else, like the "Vinrela," an umbrella in a bottle. Perfect for summer showers around here.

After I finished talking to Richard, I made my way past a full line of Weber grills that look like they could have stormed the Normandy beaches to the popcorn machine, where I filled up a bag. As with most "real" hardware stores, I ran into a friend there, and we went to the porch furniture section and sat down in the rocking chairs. Munching and rocking away, we talked about whether or not the strawberries had come in yet (yes) or if it was "fixin' to rain" (no). Everything was as it should be. In fact, on your next trip to Grayco, come by the rocking chair section. I may still be there.



Clarice Boyle also noted that hardware stores are a great place to pick up bricks, sand or mortar, and pine straw -- things keeping her patio looking as sharp as she does!

## A few more of our furvorite seating options:



Bella Hooper (left) and Buddie Hoyt (right) agree that the porch is a perfect place to relax, especially if you have soft furniture!

Geli Siciliano does not limit herself to "soft" seats. A bench seat can be one of the best in the house! Especially since her parents take good care to paint and seal it regularly to prevent splinters in her paws.

# A Dog's Life: *In the Garden of Good and Evil*

by Terea Jennings Wainwright

Dogs often show us that they are smarter than we are. Natural instinctive behaviors can direct a dog's actions and incline them to guard their food, space and pack. Plus, keep them away from unsafe edibles.

A dog's nose knows, we believe. But dogs can be tricked by the bright color or fragrance of a plant or flower.

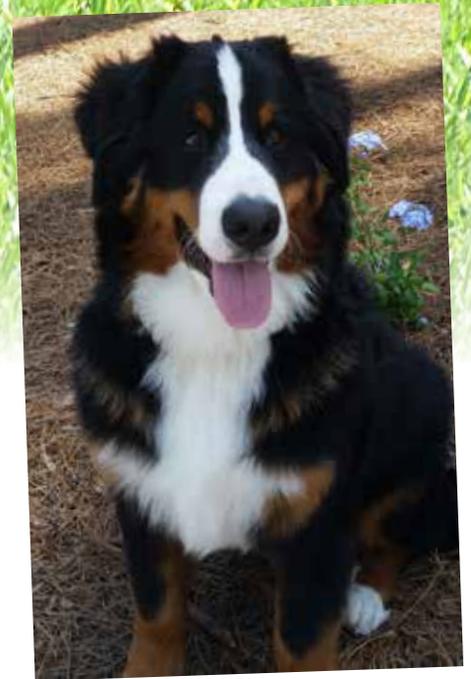


Puppies love to chew! Just ask Beau Peebles. It's a good idea to stock their toy chest with healthy choices to chew on, in order to lessen the temptation to chew something that may be harmful to them...or your decor!

# Gardening

Pretty plants and flowers may seem harmless to us, but dangers can lurk in the loveliest of gardens. Foxglove (*digitalis purpurea*), a luring purple flower, may have helped you or a family member, but it can be poison to dogs, and humans, if not administered in medically defined doses and under the right circumstances.

Did you know that common flowers such as carnation, cala lily, daffodil and hydrangea can cause stomach upset in dogs including gas, **diarrhea** and vomiting? Eeewww!



Recently, a Dataw neighbor brought home an adorable puppy that I had to visit, of course. As soon as we walked outside, he charged into a hedge of Boxwood and began chewing – a plant on the “sick” list, along with English Ivy, Holly and Poinsettia. At eight weeks old, they might chew anything, so pups need a watchful eye.

Fortunately, dogs can be trained to avoid risks through their natural ability to learn using their eyes, ears and nose. Depending on the breed, it may take some effort, but it is well worth it.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Buddy Davidson, Teddy Sadler, Mojo Reynes, Chance Lee, Baby and Charles Schiller.



## PET POISONS

Here is a partial list of plants that can be harmful to pets, in case you are new to the perils or have forgotten some of the evil little devils.

### Flowers and plants that cause upset stomachs\*

- Amaryllis
- Aster
- Baby's Breath (Gypsophila)
- Boxwood
- Cala Lily
- Carnation
- Chrysanthemums
- Clematis
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil (Jonquil)
- English Ivy
- Freesia
- Gladiolas
- Holly
- Hyacinth
- Hydrangea
- Kalanchoe
- Peony
- Poinsettia
- Pothos Ivy
- Schefflera
- Tulip



### Morning Glory Flowers and plants that cause organ damage\*

- Azalea (in small amounts)
- Cardboard Palm
- Crocus
- Foxglove
- Juniper

### Flowers and plants that cause death\*

- Azalea (in large amounts)
- Cyclamen
- Delphinium
- Dumb Cane (Dieffenbachia)
- Foxglove
- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Mistletoe
- Oleander
- Rhododendron
- Sago Palms.

\*SOURCES: ASPCA website and 1stinfores.com



Clockwise from bottom left: Mookie Johnson, Indy Orsino, Calico's Baily of Heartwood Huntley, Willa Dedel, Sammy Staub, Maya McGrath, Betsy Hooper, Olive Laser, and Winston Johnson. Center: Toby Bricker.



If you have a poison emergency, call the Poison Pet Helpline at (888) 426-4435 or the 24 hour emergency vet in Savannah at (912) 335-1200.

For people poison emergencies, call the American Association of Poison Control Centers at (800) 222-1222.

# In a Man's-Best-Friends' World, DIFF is the **Cat's Meow**

by Roberta Gunderson & Tina Laser

The Dataw Island Feline Foundation (DIFF) is a recognized non-profit organization that was started in 2010 to address the need for stabilizing feral cat colonies on the island. In its first operational year, DIFF was able to trap, vaccinate, neuter and/or spay and release twenty one cats with seven more being adopted to residents. Run solely by volunteers, fundraisers and donations, DIFF has been extremely successful (and clever!) in continuing to maintain the feral cat populations on Dataw and helping residents when they stumble upon a cat family on their property. It may sound simple, but catching wild cats take patience, skill, perseverance and lots of time.

Two years ago, Zena (right), a lovely tortoise shell cat and two tiny kittens, were found by Sally and Jim Marks in their garage on Dataw Drive. Calling on DIFF, a trap with food was set up and soon Zena and one male kitten, Donny, were caught. Daisy, the female kitten, took a little longer because she was still so tiny, that she could eat all she wanted and still fit through the trap bars after she had her fill. A few days later, Daisy had gained too much weight to still be able to escape the trap.

The whole little family was taken to the vet together, vaccinated and spayed/neutered, then returned to live on the screened in porch of Pat Ashton on B.B. Sams for the cats to be socialized.





Zena had decided domestic life was not for her and her kittens and was winning the battle in keeping them feral towards humans. DIFF took Donny and Daisy to the Tabby House for adoption and Zena was transferred to a huge customized cage in the backyard of the Fiorellas. After a month of socialization, it was assumed that Zena had adjusted to somewhat domestic life, and she was released.

Instead of hanging around the yard, she took off! Never to be seen again.

Well, guess what? She has been living around the corner on Island Circle East in Kay and Charles Turner's back yard for about the last nine months. She simply showed up one day, and being kind folks, the Turners started feeding her. She is skittish, but she will come to the bottom step of the porch for her food.

Nobody has any idea where and how Zena lived for the year between leaving the Fiorellas' yard and arriving in the Turners' yard. But all of her caretakers - past and present- and the DIFF team are thrilled to have her alive and well. Everyone feared the worst, but the ending is a happy one.

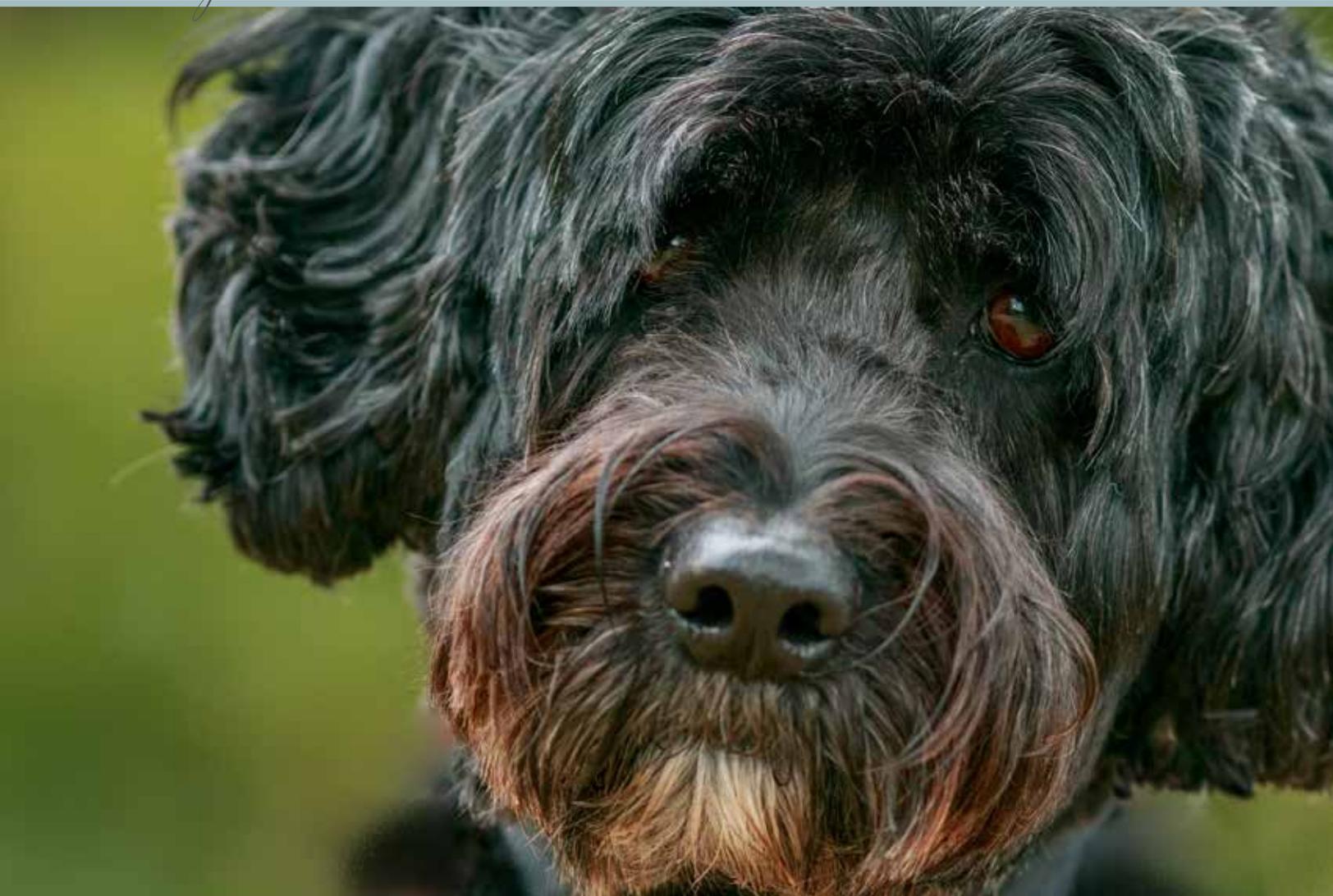
The Dataw Island Feline Foundation is always looking for volunteers to help feed cats and make vet visits.

The next fundraiser benefit will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse, beginning at 5:30pm with wine, gourmet appetizers and raffle giveaways all included with your donation of \$25 to DIFF.

DIFF would like to ask that all residents please keep your eyes out for any new feral cats (previously trapped and released cats have collars) and call Roberta at (843) 838-7737 or Dale at (843) 838-6081 with any information.

## Who's that cat?

*This calico to the left is made up of the names of all the feral cats who have been caught and released, currently living the good life on Dataw Island!*



Whoever said that *diamonds*  
are a girl's best  
friend ... never  
owned a *dog!*



TOP: Benedito Morse. LEFT: Monkee Fournier with Avery.



Above: Gabby Sherman shows off the pretty porch of the home that they closed on last spring.

## Property Lines

### First Quarter in Review

The first quarter of 2017 showed significantly lower sales than the first quarter of 2016, but was in line with what we saw in 2014 and 2015 for Q1.

Thankfully, we have seen an extremely strong bounce back in Q2 (by the close of May, we are already tied with 2016 in number of sales) although with one month remaining in Q2 it is too soon to report full sales figures. Given the not-so-buyer-friendly event we had in October (named Hurricane Matthew), it is not surprising to see a dip in Q1 sales: Many prospective buyers postponed or cancelled their fall visits and several homeowners removed their homes from the market temporarily while handling storm clean up.

It is important to keep in mind the length of the sales process. Even after an offer is made on a home there may be a period of contract negotiations before it is accepted. At that point, the clock starts ticking on closing, which generally takes from 45 to 90 days. Given that timeline, it is quite impressive that we have already caught up numbers-wise.

As mentioned, by the close of May, YTD sales have caught up to 2016 YTD sales. This resulted from stellar sales in April and May after a weak Q1. Just how bad was Q1? Well, in Q1 of 2016, we had 22 closings, 15 of which were homes. The median price was \$450,111. In the same period of 2017, we saw only 11 total closings, of which 8 were homes, with a median price of \$344,884. While the median price is still strong, especially considering the smaller sample size, the number of sales was only 50% of last year (2016 was an outstanding year; in 2014 we saw 13 Q1 sales, and 12 in 2015.)

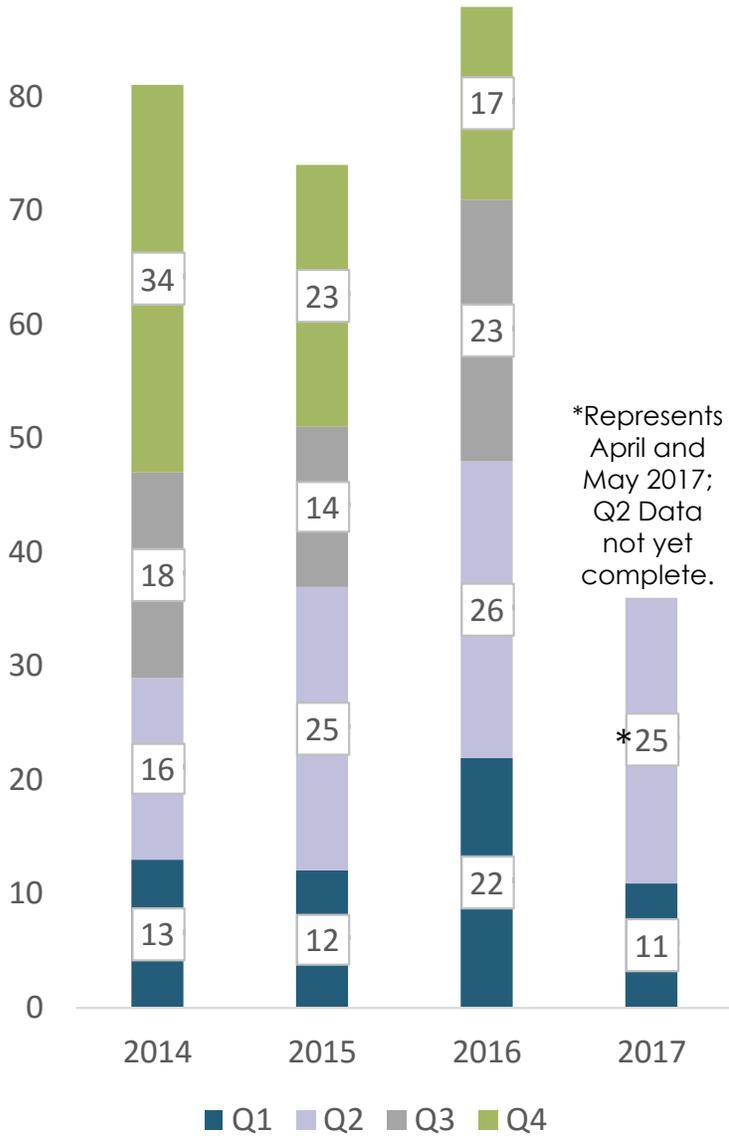
On a rolling 12-month basis, we are neck-in-neck with the prior 12 month period. On a rolling 12 month basis, the number of sales has equaled 77 in both the current 12 month period and the prior 12 month period.

The current 12 month period, however, comprises 63 home sales compared to just 55 home sales in the period prior (the remainder being lots). Current median home sale price is \$335,100, compared to \$354,000 in the prior period, representing a 4% difference.

[Average, Median and 12-Month Rolling explained on page 22.]

# Sales Report

## Number of Home Sales By Quarter, Year Over Year



Brewster and Woody MacFarland enjoy their walks around the Island.

## HUH?

**AVERAGE:** Calculated by adding up all the values (sales prices) and dividing by number of sales.

**MEDIAN:** Calculated by ordering all the sales from least to most expensive, and finding the exact middle sale.

**12-MONTH ROLLING:** An alternative to "year to date," it is the most immediate 12-month period (i.e., June 2016 - May 2017.)



Sammy Gentile is all smiles about Dataw!

# Summer Fun - Calendar of Events

Having friends or family visit this Summer?  
Here are some great events to enjoy together!

## First Friday After 5!

June 2 - Downtown Main Street Beaufort

Join our downtown merchants the first Friday of each month as we celebrate with staying open late, offering refreshments and live street music. Enjoy dinner at one of the many downtown restaurants while you're here!



## Santa Elena History Center Presentations

### *A History of the Yamasee Indians*

June 3, 10:30 am

This presentation will incorporate some of the most recent research, and includes a brief overview of the Yamasee War and a short discussion of the evolution of Yamasee pottery.

### *Battle of King's Mountain*

June 10, 10:00 am

The Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct. 7, 1780 was the "turning of the tide" in the American Revolution, a conflict between Americans —Whig rebels from the backcountry against Loyalists trained as British forces.

## 11th Annual Beaufort River Swim

June 10, 8:30 am

You know that summer is about to hit our part of the Lowcountry when it's time for the Wardle Family YMCA's annual Beaufort River Swim. Competitive swimmers, triathletes, high school, college and recreational fitness swimmers from around the region will have a chance to challenge themselves beyond the pool in the a three-mile open water swim beginning at the Port Royal Landing Marina and finishing at the boat ramp at the corner of the Downtown Beaufort Marina, adjacent to Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.



## Dataw Splash

June 16 - June 18

SPLASH into summer competitive tennis at the Dataw Island Club Tennis Facility! Tennis is a very exciting spectator sport - we welcome you to join Dataw Splash to kick off the summer! To top it all off - admission is free, and guests are welcome!

Interested in competing?

Register online: <http://bit.ly/2pUP9eU>

USTA number: 700123216

Players must register by Saturday, June 10th, 2017.



# Summer Fun - Calendar of Events

## Dragonboat Beaufort Race Day

June 24, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join your friends at one of the Lowcountry's signature events, Dragonboat Beaufort's annual race day, June 24th, 2017 at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park on the river. Start putting your teams together and planning those t-shirts for all of the competition and camaraderie! The event supports cancer patients, survivors and supporters in Beaufort County. Check [www.dragonboat-raceday.com](http://www.dragonboat-raceday.com) for updates and register your team today. Paddles up!



## Eat Your Heart Out!

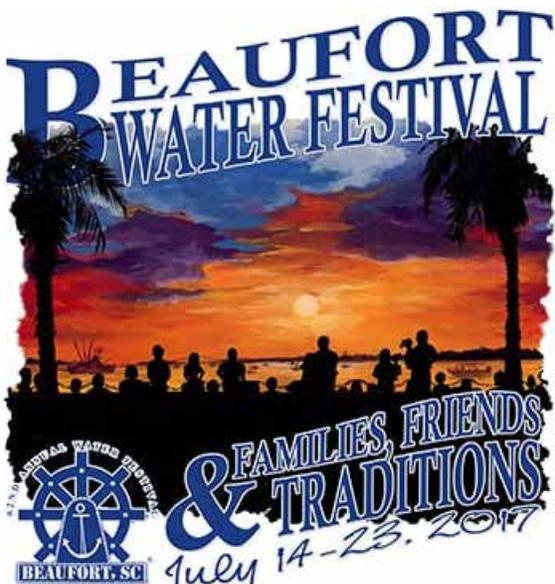
July 8, 3:00 pm

Come to Fat Pattie's in Beaufort for a slider eating competition. Saturday after July 4th all eyes and stomachs will be going for the \$250.00 cash prize and Burgers for a Year! Live Music and Drink specials will help make this a your favorite yearly event.

## Salud to Spanish Wine

July 12, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Spend an entertaining (and educational) afternoon with ta•ca•rón proprietor & wine aficionado, Juan Carlos Jiménez, as he takes you on a tour of exotic wines from Spain. Juan Carlos, who is highly regarded for his brilliant palate and knack for finding small unheralded estates producing high quality wines at affordable prices, will introduce you to five interesting wineries and their varietals that you may otherwise never meet up with! Served with assorted tapas!



## Beaufort Water Festival Arts & Crafts Market

July 14 - July 23

For 60 years, the Beaufort Water Festival has been celebrating the local traditions of water, sports, and entertainment. With a new theme and a different Commodore every year, the 10 day festival takes place like clockwork in mid-July at downtown Beaufort's Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. Amazing waterskiing shows, dances, concerts, Shag dancing, a teen dance, sporting, and many other events take place at The Beaufort Water Festival with more than 400 dedicated volunteers banding together to bring the events to approximately 50,000 attendees who converge on Beaufort from all over the southeast, and the rest of the U.S.