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### Animal Advocates Urged to Attend HSUS Grass Roots Meeting Sept 23

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The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is holding a grass roots meeting hosted by The Haven and the Baldwin County Humane Society (BARC!) to connect with area animal advocates.

This free meeting will be held on September 23, 2010, at the Fairhope Civic Center from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

The meeting emphasizes the importance of grassroots efforts to further protection for animals, whether through legislation or corporate and public policy.

Mindy Gilbert, Alabama State Director for The Humane Society of the United States, is the invited guest of Michael Graham, Executive Director, The Haven, and Sonja Presley, BARC! Executive Director.

Gilbert's presentation reviews the programs and campaigns of the HSUS, and what their efforts in Alabama are. She will receive ideas from the attendees about what animal protection legislation they would support.

In her position, Gilbert is active on many fronts to promote animal welfare legislation, fight animal cruelty in all forms, respond to animals in danger from man-made and natural disasters, and engage like-minded citizens to promote the protection of animals.

Gilbert is a past president of the Alabama Humane Federation. She was involved in getting the state's felony anti-cruelty law passed as well as laws that ban hog-dog fighting spectacles and that require animals to be spayed or neutered before they are adopted.

Please join us to learn what your area agencies are doing to help animals in your community and what HSUS is doing in your state. Bring a friend and share ideas to make the lives of animals better in Baldwin County.

For more information, visit [www.HavenForAnimals.org](http://www.HavenForAnimals.org) or [www.BaldwinHumane.org](http://www.BaldwinHumane.org).

PICTURE INCLUDED



Organizers met recently to finalize plans for the Sept 23 Grass Roots Meeting in Baldwin County. Pictured, from left: Sonja Presley, BARC! Executive Director; Mindy Gilbert, Alabama State Director for The Humane Society of the United States; and Michael Graham, Executive Director, The Haven.

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