

**VISIT US AT OUR
UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**Spay/Neuter
Transfer Van** –
Wednesday, April
13th, RAS to Barron's

**IRHS Monthly
Meeting** – Tuesday,
April 19th 6:30pm,
Tony & George's

**Tappahannock
Farmers Market** –
Saturday, April 16th,
historic downtown
Tappahannock,
9:00am - 1:00pm

**Paws for
Celebration** –
Saturday, May 14th,
11:00am – 8:00pm,
WP Town Park

April Showers



4 PAWS THRIFT
801 Main Street
West Point, VA
804-843-2902

Hours:
Thursdays & Fridays
10:00 am – 5:00pm
Saturdays
10:00am – 3:00pm



IRHS and 4 PAWS News

April 2016

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® or ASPCA® was the first humane society in the United States and is the largest. Their organization was “founded on the belief that animals are entitled to kind and respectful treatment at the hands of humans and must be protected under the law.”



The ASPCA is involved with many different pets and domestic animals. They investigate cases of puppy mill breeding, hoarding, and dog fighting. Based in New York, they operate an adoption center, an animal hospital, and a behavioral rehabilitation center. They provide legal advocacy and work with all levels of government to promote public policy that enforces

animal protection.



Indian Rivers Humane Society follows their lead. As a small group, we are limited by volunteers and funds. But we help to rescue animals from our local shelters to prevent euthanasia, and we can offer some assistance to pet owners to help them keep their pet during difficult times. We aggressively promote spay/neuter to help curb the pet over-population numbers, and encourage adopting homeless animals from us, other rescue groups, or local shelters.



We are a member of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies. Networking with other rescue groups, animal control agencies and shelters, animal caregivers and individuals provides information and best practice guidelines for increasing humane attitudes. VFHS pushes to ensure fair laws and policies that benefit the animals, and the professionals and volunteers who care for them.



We are the voice of the voiceless. Please join us in helping those who need our help.



Anne

Some of our kitties looking for "forever" homes



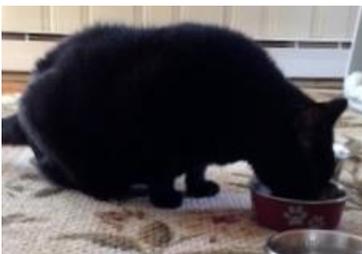
Ana



Bandit



Smokey



Spook



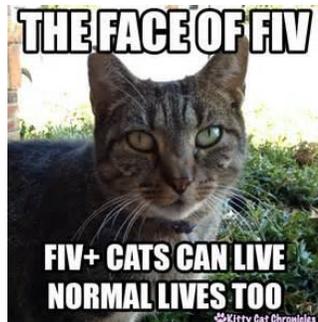
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ALL THINGS CATS

FIV Myth vs Fact Part I



Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is an often misunderstood condition. According to the [Feline Health Center at Cornell University](#), the virus affects approximately 1.5 to 3 percent of healthy cats in the United States, with slightly higher rates in cats that are sick or at high risk for infection. FIV is a lentivirus, which means it moves very slowly, and it gradually affects a cat's immune system. It is passed from cat to cat through blood transfusions and serious, penetrating bite wounds. There are a lot of misconceptions about this virus, and contrary to what many people believe, FIV cats can live long, healthy lives if cared for properly.



This article hopes to dispel some of the myths surrounding this virus and provide a better understanding both for those who live with an FIV positive cat, but also for the many FIV positive cats in shelters and with private rescues who are looking for loving homes. The fact that a cat has the virus should not automatically eliminate it from being considered for adoption!



Myth: FIV can be spread through casual contact, such as cats sharing the same food or water bowls, or cats grooming each other

Fact: FIV is transmitted primarily through deep, penetrating bite wounds. Casual, non-aggressive contact of cats living in the same household does not spread the virus. On rare occasions, the virus is transmitted from the mother cat to her kittens, usually during passage of the kittens through the birth canal, or when they ingest infected milk.



Myth: There is no treatment for FIV

Fact: While there is no cure for FIV, the disease can be managed by keeping FIV positive cats indoors, providing a healthy, balanced diet (due to the compromised immune system in these cats, raw feeding is not recommended), and regular, at least bi-annual veterinary checkups. Vigilance and close monitoring of health and behavior is even more important in these cats than it is in other, healthy cats.



We will cover more FIV, Myth vs Fact in next month's newsletter.

Kathy

A Day of Family Fun
with a Beverly Hillbillies theme!



All proceeds to benefit the Spay/Neuter Programs of Indian Rivers Humane Society

Bluegrass/folk music; food & drink; adult & children games; vendors; raffles; Granny & Elly Mae look alike contests

West Point Town Park
325 8th Street, West Point, VA

May 14, 2016
11:00am - 8:00pm

Paws For Celebration

Plans for our **Paws for Celebration Event**, scheduled for next month, are coming together. We will be accepting vendor applications until April 18th. The stage schedule is set. New volunteers are more than welcome. Contact Kathy at kathaurand@aol.com or Connie at johnny.clark@cox.net.

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION "Beverly Hillbillies" Fundraiser Event
Is Having A
Grannie and Elly Mae Look A-Like Contest

No entry fee \$50.00 cash 1st prize for each
Come dressed as Elly Mae or Grannie if you wish to participate!!



May 14, 2016
4:00pm

For More Information Contact:

Connie Prince 804-824-8640 johnny.clark@cox.net	Kathy Haurand 804-512-8110 kathaurand@aol.com
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Baked goodies are needed for Paws for Celebration. These goodies will be used as "prizes" in random raffles throughout the day. For more information, contact Connie at 804-824-8640.

We have had promotional posters and rack cards printed. (Like the one on the left of this page). These need to be distributed to various businesses and community bulletin boards. If you are able to do so in your locality, please contact Kathy at 804-512-8110.



Last month's Chili sale in partnership with Old Church was a "hot" success!!

305 quarts of Chili were made and sold. The total profit was \$2,182. Old Church & IRHS split the proceeds and each made \$1,091.

IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

DATE CHANGE!

Please note that it has been decided that we will no longer have separate IRHS and 4 Paws meetings each month. There will be one monthly meeting from now on; however, the location will rotate between the King William Ruritan Bldg in King William and Tony & George's Restaurant in West Point.

NOTE: Location Change!

The meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. This date and time are for BOTH locations. If you would like to order dinner at the West Point location, please arrive by 6:00pm to place your order and to get served prior to the start of business being discussed.

A few of the Regional Animal Shelter's Adoptable Dogs

(804) 769-4983



Dandelion



Basil



Dill



River

ALL THINGS DOGS

You love your dog and treat them like one of the family, and you are sure they love you back. You're right! Here are three ways dogs show how much they love us.

- 1) They make eye contact. Direct eye contact between dogs usually is interpreted as intimidation or aggression. But it is entirely different between dogs and humans. It is a sign of contentment and affection when your dog is relaxed and they gaze in your direction.



- 2) They react happily to your voice. Who doesn't get a warm fuzzy feeling when they call their dog and he comes running joyfully to you? Do not take for granted that your dog's favorite thing is praise and adoration from you. Give it generously and they will return it twofold.



- 3) They want to be close to you. Whether snuggling on the couch, leaning against your leg, or sleeping on your feet, being close to their person is a common trait. As a pack animal, dogs naturally look to their "alpha" leader and want to be close by.



Spending quality time with your dog playing, working or training, will ensure the bond between you continues to grow stronger.



Anne

April is



Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month



April 1-7 is International Pooper Scooper Week



POOPER SCOOPER

That would be nice, wouldn't it?



April 17-23

National



Pet ID Week

April 30 is National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day.

Adopt and save a life!



National Kids & Pets Day



April 26th

We're fighting

so she doesn't have to

National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
April 8th #NDFAD



ASPCA