

IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &
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July/August 2017



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been elected as the President of INDIAN RIVERS HUMANE SOCIETY for 2017-2018. I just hope I can become as knowledgeable and do as fantastic job as Anne Mason has done. I also appreciate everyone who will make my first term successful.

Our members care passionately about our animals in the community and the surrounding counties and understand how important it is to have first-rate animal care. It is this passion and understanding that propels us each year as we go about our fundraising efforts.

INDIAN RIVERS HUMANE SOCIETY lends support to pet owners through low-cost spay/neuter and vaccine services and surrender prevention programs. We are also proud of the close working relationships we have with our county veterinarians. Together we are making a difference for pets and pet owners in our communities.

PETS ARE WORTH SAVING (PAWS) - We as members take great pride in supporting the homeless animals and programs and services of Indian Rivers Humane Society, and am proud to be part of a loving and caring group.

I look forward to working side by side with the membership to achieve our goals for the year.

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Respectfully yours
Connie Prince
IRHS President/Special Events

Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

Transfer to Spay/Neuter –
Wednesday, July 12th, RAS
to Barron's

**Tappahannock Farmers
Market –** Saturday, July
15th

IRHS Monthly Meeting –
Tuesday, July 18th, 6:30pm-
8:00pm King William Rurtian
Bldg.

Transfer to Spay/Neuter –
Wednesday, August 9th,
RAS to Barron's

IRHS Monthly Meeting –
Tuesday, August 15th,
6:30pm-8:00pm Tony &
George's Restaurant

**Tappahannock Farmers
Market –** Saturday, August
19th



4 Paws Thrift
801 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2902

Wed, Thurs & Friday
10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday
10:00am – 3:00pm

ALL THINGS DOG

July is National Lost Pet Prevention Month

According to statistics, more than 10 million pets are lost each year, and one out of three pets will be lost during its lifetime. However, only ONE in 10 is found.

Be proactive in making sure your pet isn't lost, and if he does get lost, you can find him.



Plan ahead. If your dog is reactive to loud noises (thunderstorms, fireworks, etc.), be sure to have them in a safe place (indoors) when situations arise. Controlling their anxiety is key.

ID Tags. Your dog should have a collar with ID tags on whenever they are outside. Be sure the information is current.

Microchips. Be sure that information is also up to date. So even if your dog gets lost without a collar, they can be returned. And if your pet isn't micro chipped set up an appointment with your vet to get it done.

If your pet is lost, be sure to contact your local Animal Control and Shelters to report it. If possible, send them a current picture. It's much easier to determine it's your pet that arrives via a picture than just a description.

If you find a pet, also report it to the local Animal Shelter so they can match it to a lost animal report.



Social Media i.e. Facebook is another great way of reporting a Lost or a Found pet. Do not hesitate to make posts on your local Trash and Treasure sites. These sites reach the most people and have an enormous success rate with reuniting owners and their pets.

ALL THINGS CATS

Your Cat and the Summer Heat

While cats are less likely than dogs to suffer from overexertion, heatstroke and overheating in hotter weather, it can also be rather more challenging to keep them cool as well.

There are several ways that you can go about helping your cat to stay comfortable and cool during the summer, however, and to minimize the risk of them developing sunburn or overheating.



The color of your cat

Black and other dark colored cats are likely to feel the heat more and get up to a higher body temperature, but their dark hair and skin will also mean that they are better protected against the sun's rays itself. White and light-colored cats will tend to find it somewhat easier to stay cool, but they are also at risk of getting sunburn, particularly if they have exposed pink patches on their nose and ears, or their skin is very fine. This will mean that you must ensure that your cat has every opportunity to get into shaded areas out of full sun when they want to.

Water

Cats need free access to clean, fresh water at all times, and this is never more important than during the summer months. Your cat's water bowl should be kept somewhere cool and out of the sun, and should be replenished throughout the day.



Feeding

In hot weather, wet cat food can spoil quickly, so make sure that your cat's food is kept in a cool place, and try to feed them wet food when the temperature drops, such as in the early mornings or in the evening.



Hot surfaces

Pavements and other hard surfaces may become uncomfortably hot for your cat's exposed paws. Try to ensure that there are enough shaded areas outside to allow your cat to get about without having to risk burning their paws, and hose down surfaces that get very hot, such as patios and paths.



Make sure your cat does not get trapped

Cats are likely to get trapped in cool, shaded areas such as sheds and summer houses in their bid to get out of the worst of the heat, so make sure that you check for cats before you shut the doors, and look for your cat promptly if they appear to be missing!



Heatstroke

If you spot your cat lying out in full hot sun for a prolonged period, check on them to ensure that they are ok. If they appear listless, disoriented move them to a cool place, offer them water, and contact your vet for advice.

Safety for Senior Cats

If you have a senior cat, pay particular attention that he is comfortable since he may not be as mobile and can more easily become over-heated. The best place for an older cat is safely indoors where he can stay cool. He needs options for cool surface napping as well as soft beds so he can make the choice to maintain temperature comfort. If you have a fan going in the room, make sure your senior cat is mobile enough to be able to move away from it if he doesn't like the air blowing directly on him.



Congratulations to Danny Hilton who was the winner of the 30" MasterBuilt Smoker Raffle



Congratulations to Virginia Blaska who was the winner of the 20-quart Yeti Cooler Raffle



On Friday, June 16th, our own Connie Prince and Jean Wightman were on the Virginia This Morning Show to promote the Golf Tournament/Wine & Cheese Fundraiser. Hope everyone had a chance to watch the show. It was one of the very few times that any of us has seen Connie at a lost for words!!!



Waiting to go "On The Air"
Jean with Taco and Gina with Sabrina **Tony, Johnny and Connie**



The Golf Tournament/Wine & Cheese Fundraiser held on June 17th was a HUGE success!! We netted over \$11,000.00!! A heartfelt “thank you” to all of the volunteers who worked to make the day so special. An extra “thank you” goes to Teresa Whittaker for organizing the golf tournament and to Lynda Weaver for organizing the silent auction tables.



The Winning Golf Teams



First Place

Christ Dunn, Peanut Parsley, Matt Vosnick, John Langston



Second Place

Mike Pumo, Dexter Lovell, Stephen Whittaker, Art Hilstrom

Fun Pictures from the Golf Tournament



Fun Pictures from the Wine & Cheese/Silent Auction



Tappahannock Farmers Market

IRHS was at the Tappahannock Farmers Market on July 15th. With them were Thelma and Louise (sisters) and Gypsy, a 2 year old beagle, from the Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter. All three are looking for "forever" homes.



A BIG thank you to Graylend Horn and the staff at **West Point Ace Hardware** for supporting IRHS with their Big Green Egg raffle last month.



IRHS President, Connie Prince, is being presented with a check for \$500!

CAT HOTLINE

Our Cat hotline got a call about a lady in distress.

A woman has to give up her two 12-year-old male declawed cats by 10 AM tomorrow due to a domestic violence situation. The home she was planning on moving into fell through at the last minute, she is now looking for another home. The place she is going in the meantime cannot take the cats. (She will be staying in someone's home on the couch). She has tried asking family and friends to take the cats - no one is able or willing. She has a one-week old baby. She does not have the funds to board the cats. She says the cats are friendly and are up to date on shots and have been neutered. They are declawed so need to stay indoors. The plan is to return the cats when she has found a more permanent home.

A temporary home for the cats was found. The cats are settled in a room with windows, beds, toys, litter and food. And air conditioning. They are slowly coming out of hiding. They are shy but very gentle. The cats were not being fed by the boyfriend and are thin. They are now being well cared for and are given different choices of food to get their weight up.

The cats will go to the vet in the next couple of weeks for a checkup and to get current on shots. It is hoped the woman will get her life back together soon but for now, the cats are the least of her worries thanks to the IRHS volunteers.

Donna Cox
All Things Cat Chair

Viva el Taco!

Taco is a 3-4-year-old Chihuahua, and a real snuggle-bunny. His number one interest is sitting in your lap.

He is currently being fostered in a home with several larger dogs. They get along fine, but sometimes he gets stepped on! Smaller dogs might be better companions, and even cats are ok. Taco is not much for toys and playing, and likes things calm.

Taco is neutered, up to date on vaccines, house-broken, and crate-trained. He may be small, but he has a big heart. Do you have a home and a lap available for this sweet boy? Call us today if you are interested in adopting Taco.



The 4 PAWS Thrift Store at 801 Main Street in West Point is now open one more day each week! Starting last month, the store is now open on Wednesdays as well as Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays!

Wednesday's hours are 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Thursdays and Fridays are also 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Saturday hours are 10:00am – 3:00 pm

Come Shop with Us and help us continue the work that we do for the animals in our community.

Introducing the new IRHS Board of Directors voted in at the June 20th meeting:

President – Connie Prince

Vice President – Gina Fetterolf

Secretary – Angela Scott

Treasurer – Jon Cox

4 Paws Thrift Chair – Teresa Glidewell

All Things Cat Chair – Donna Cox

All Things Dog Chair – Margie Hurson

Education/Legislation Chair – Joan Coven

Public Relations Chair – Kristin Kite

Membership Chair/Newsletter Editor – Kathy Haurand

Special Events Chair – Connie Prince



Happy

Happy is a young adult cat. She was trapped on a cold rainy night as part of a large colony that a county resident had been feeding. She began to give birth in the trap to kittens and was taken by a foster. The tiny kittens were wet and cold. We tried to warm the kittens, but Happy was the major reason all five survived. She is friendly, well behaved and loves belly rubs and is a good bed companion and a reliable alarm clock. But, she lacked a job after her kittens were adopted. Shy around other adult cats, Happy often spent her days quietly staying out of the way. Enter 3 foster older kittens and Happy became a dynamo nanny. While frolicking like a kitten herself, she watches over the kittens and makes sure they are clean and mind their manners. Happy would be best as the only adult cat in a home but a placement with non-aggressive cats might work well for her. She is not bothered by gentle dogs.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



August 6-12
International
Assistance Dog Week

