

**VISIT US AT  
OUR UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

**Tappahannock  
Farmers Market** –  
Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>,  
historic downtown  
Tappahannock,  
9:00am -1:00pm

**IRHS Monthly  
Meeting** – Tuesday,  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, Tony &  
George’s, West Point.

**YARD SALE/CAR  
WASH** – Saturday,  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, C&F at 14<sup>th</sup>  
Street, 8:00am –  
1:00pm

**Spay/Neuter  
Transfer Van** –  
Wednesday, July  
13<sup>th</sup>, RAS to Barron’s

**SHOP TIL YOU  
DROP w/ LUNCH** –  
Wednesday, August  
13<sup>th</sup>, Tony &  
George’s, 11:00am –  
2:00pm



**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**

**June 2016**

**A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

As I write this, there is finally some sunshine in the forecast. May was so dreary I think it put everyone in a funk. We tried to pull you out with our Paws 4 Celebration event on May 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope those of you who attended had a good time. Our day was cut short by the rain, but up until then, the music, weather and atmosphere were outstanding.



We are back to June which is **Adopt a Shelter Cat** and **Adopt a Cat** month. And once again we are partnering with the King William Regional Animal Shelter and the Essex Animal Shelter to sponsor the spay/neuter surgery for every cat/kitten adopted from the shelters in June. Of course we are also knee-deep in kittens.

*She has 9 lives,  
but none of them  
should be spent  
in a shelter.*



TheLozyPitBull.com

I hope you will stop into the 4 Paws Thrift Store to see who is available for adoption, as well as checking out the available cats at the shelter.

June also marks the beginning of our fiscal year. Our final year-end numbers are not in yet, but through April we have helped to spay/neuter 392 cats and 89 dogs. We’ve also adopted out 73 cats and 2 dogs. These services have cost us over \$50,000. And there seems to be no end to the animals and owners who need our help.

If you can’t adopt, foster.  
If you can’t foster, donate.  
If you can’t donate,  
volunteer.

We need your help, in any capacity, to continue our life-saving work. Visit our website or Facebook page to see what’s going on.



Stop by our 4 Paws Thrift Shop. You can shop and/or volunteer. Or visit the kitties that are looking for

their new “forever” homes.

Come to a monthly meeting. We welcome all who have a love of animals and want to stop the pet over-population problem in our area.



I hope to see you soon.

Anne



Some of our kitties looking for “forever” homes



Emily



Cypress



Puff



Bandit



Smokey

## ALL THINGS CATS

Each spring during “kitten season,” thousands of newborn kittens join the millions of cats already in rescue across the country. That means your local rescue has tons of cute, cuddly newborns, in addition to all the mellow, older cats and everything in between. And the rescue volunteers are ready to help you adopt your very first cat — or to bring home a friend for another beloved cat!

### “TOP TEN” CHECKLIST FOR ADOPTING A CAT

**If you’re thinking about adopting a cat, consider taking home two.** Cats require exercise, mental stimulation, and social interaction. Two cats can provide this for each other. Plus they’ll provide more benefits to you. Cats’ purring has been shown to soothe humans as well as themselves – and they have an uncanny ability to just make you smile.

**Find a cat whose personality meshes with yours.** Just as we each have our own personality, so do cats. In general, cats with long hair and round heads and bodies are more easygoing than lean cats with narrow heads and short hair, who are typically more active.

**Pick out a veterinarian** first visit. Kittens in particular should accompany you to make the appointment – even before the exam itself –

so staff can pet the cat and tell you that you’ve chosen the most beautiful one ever.

**Make sure everyone in the house is prepared to have a cat before it comes home.** Visiting the rescue facility should be a family affair. When adopting a new cat with existing pets at home, discuss with the adoption facility how to make a proper introduction.

**Budget for the short- and long-term costs of a cat.** Understand any pet is a responsibility and there’s a cost associated with that. A cat adopted from a shelter is a bargain; many facilities will have already provided spaying or neutering, and initial vaccines.

**Stock up on supplies before the cat arrives.** Be prepared so your new cat can start feeling at home right away. Your cat will need a litter box, cat litter, food and water bowls, food, scratching posts, safe and stimulating toys, a cushy bed and a brush for grooming,

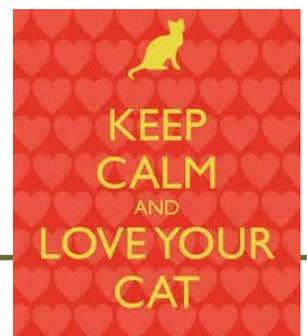
**Cat-proof your home.** A new cat will quickly teach you not to leave things lying out. Food left on the kitchen counter will serve to teach your new friend to jump on counters for a possible lunch. Get rid of loose items your cat might chew on, watch to ensure the kitten isn’t chewing on electric cords, and pick up random items like paper clips (which kittens may swallow).

**Go slowly when introducing your cat to new friends and family.** It can take several weeks for a cat to relax in a new environment. It’s a great idea to keep the new addition secluded to a single room (with a litter box, food and water, toys, and the cat carrier left out and open with bedding inside) until the cat is used to the new surroundings; this is particularly important if you have other pets. If you’ve adopted a kitten, socialization is very important. But remember – take it slow.

**Be sure to include your new pet in your family’s emergency plan.** You probably have a plan in place for getting your family to safety in case of an emergency. Adjust this plan to include your pets.

**If you’re considering giving a cat as a gift, make sure the recipient is an active participant in the adoption process.** Though well-meaning, the surprise kitty gift doesn’t allow for a “get-to-know-one-another” period. Remember, adopting a cat isn’t like purchasing a household or a piece of jewelry – this is a real living, breathing, and emotional being.

Kathy



**4 PAWS**

**YARD SALE/CAR WASH**

DATE: 9 JULY 2016

PLACE: C&F BANK parking lot, corner of main and King William Ave. West Point, Va and inside the space previously occupied by the hardware store in the same location.

TIME: 8 am - 1 pm

PRICE PER BOOTH: \$10.00, payment required by July 1, cash or check made out to IRHS. Mail to: Connie Prince - 18740 Eltham Road, West Point, Va. 23181. For more info. contact Connie at 804-824-8640 or email: Johnny.clark@cox.net

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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We will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the C & F Building on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> & Main in West Point. 8:00am til 1:00pm.



The Old Church United Methodist Church will be holding a car wash at the same location.

If you have items to sell, now is a good time to get them sold!! Contact Connie for more information 804-824-8640

JUNE IS NATIONAL ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT MONTH! Throughout the month of June, Regional Animal Shelter is waiving the adoption fee for all cats and kittens (\$20), AND Indian Rivers Humane Society will pay the entire cost of the spay/neuter fee (\$70.)! That means you can adopt a fuzzy feline friend for FREE! Please see the flyer below for more details.



**FREE "Laptop" - Mouse Not Included!**

With this spring's kitten crop about to be weaned, Regional Animal Shelter will have many healthy and social kittens and cats available for adoption. Throughout the month of June, Regional Animal Shelter will waive the adoption fee for all cats and kittens, AND Indian Rivers Humane Society will pay the entire cost of the spay/neuter fee! That means you can adopt a fuzzy feline friend for FREE during the month of June!

**UNTIL THERE ARE NONE, ADOPT ONE!**

Kennel visiting hours: Monday—Friday 11a.m. to 4p.m.;  
 Wednesday evenings until 6p.m.; Saturdays 11a.m. to 2p.m.

Phone: 804-769-4983

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The June van is full. Reservations are now being taken for the July van.



Wednesday June 15th, 2016

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Transport from Regional Animal Shelter

WOW! An additional \$10.00 off the already low-cost surgery prices listed below for the June 2016 clinic - PLUS - free rabies and distemper vaccinations (a \$25.value!)

The Regional Animal Shelter and the Indian Rivers Humane Society have partnered with the BARRON Surgery Low-Cost spay/neuter clinic in Mechanicsville. We are able to arrange low-cost, high quality spay/neuter surgeries for owned dogs and cats, and FREE transportation to and from their clinic.

For more information, and pre-registration, pet owners should call the Regional Animal Shelter Monday through Friday at 769-4983, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited so call NOW.

Female dogs under 100 lbs \$75. over 100 lbs \$100.

Male dogs under 100 lbs \$65. over 100 lbs \$100.

Female cats \$45. Male cats \$35.

Other low-cost services are available such as worming, nail trims, and micro-chips.

**Spay/neuter prevents overpopulation which prevents euthanasia of surplus animals.**

DO THE RIGHT THING, SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PETS.

20201 King William Road, King William, VA 23086

SPAY/NEUTER SAVES LIVES



A few of the Regional Animal Shelter's Adoptable Dogs (804) 769-4983



Nova



Barney



Denny



America

## ALL THINGS DOGS

Do you suffer from allergies? Spring pollen, molds, dust mites, and other allergens usually manifest in humans with sneezing, runny nose, and itchy eyes. Did you know your dog could also be suffering these same allergies? While some dogs may have sneezing fits, the most common sign of allergies is itchiness.



And any part of the body may be affected, but the most common areas are face, feet and sparsely haired parts (bellies). It's the direct contact between the allergen and the skin that generally triggers a reaction.

If you start to notice your dog licking himself or scratching/biting more than usual, this might be an indication of allergic reactions. If you check those areas of interest, you will probably find they are pink or red, which is a sure sign of an allergy problem.



What can you do to help alleviate the symptoms? Since it is contact with the skin that sets the wheels in motion, topical therapy can be the easiest means to battle the allergens. Frequent baths serve to physically remove the allergens trapped in the fur and on the skin's

surface. While any gentle shampoo will work, a medicated shampoo has the added benefit of a topical anti-allergy therapy.



In between baths you can use unscented baby wipes on your dog's face, feet or other problem areas when they come inside. It is also important that you use flea/tick preventatives. Flea bites only exacerbate the problems of scratching and biting.

In more severe cases, you may need to consult a veterinarian. Systemic treatment may become necessary when topical treatments are not effective. Veterinarians typically prescribe corticosteroids (prednisone) to relieve the itching. Continuing with the topical treatments should help in keeping the medication dosage to a minimum.



Let's hope we all get through the spring and summer with as little allergic reaction as possible.

Anne



Our MC



Silent Auction & Raffle Booth



Guess How Many Pennies



A Family of Volunteers



Some of our Vendors



Our wine servers



Serving Beer



Book Walk Competition



Musical Chairs Competition



The Annie Wade Band



Presentation of donation



Presentation of Fiddle Case



The Allengheny Ramblers



Ellie Mae Contestants



Ellie Mae & Granny



Anne making announcements



Drawing Raffle Winners



Storm is Coming!