

IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &
Queen and Essex Counties

March 2017



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESI

Spring is on the way! "They" said the groundhog predicted 6 more weeks of winter, but our February said differently. My daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths are all in bloom. The warm weather makes me want to get outside and dig in the dirt, putter around and take long walks. It is so nice to be able to soak up some sunshine.

Springtime is also when we start to kick into high gear with events. We will be back at the Tappahannock Farmer's Market starting in April (3rd Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm) with our friends from the Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter. Be sure to look for us and the great animals TECAS brings out for adoption.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, our big event this year is our first golf tournament. We are really excited to put this on for our golfing friends. The Country Club in West Point has been terrific to work with, and very supportive of our efforts. Tee time is 8am. We have room for 15 teams, so be sure to sign up early and not miss out.

Following the golf, we will be hosting our annual Wine & Cheese event in the afternoon at the Country Club. Join us for raffles, silent auctions, other vendors, and of course, wine and cheese. There will be something for everyone. Proceeds from both events go toward our spay/neuter efforts.

We have been super busy this winter with trapping cats and having them fixed. We've done over 100 feral cats just since the first of the year. In addition, we've fixed cats/kittens we have available for adoption, and we've helped owners with their pets. The Barron's Van program we operate in conjunction with the Regional Animal Shelter has been picking up steam. Thirteen animals were on the van in January, and 16 more in February. This makes us very happy that the community has taken advantage of this program.

I hope to see y'all at one of our upcoming events. Be sure to stop in the 4 Paws Thrift Store. The store has been reorganized and new items are coming in all the time. Not to mention you can see the kittens on display. And thank you for your continued support of all our efforts.

Anne



Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

Transfer to Spay/Neuter –
Wednesday, March 8th,
RAS to Barron's

IRHS Monthly Meeting –
Tuesday, March 21st,
6:30pm-8:00pm, KW Ruritan
Bldg

**Tappahannock Farmers
Market –** April 15th, 9:00am
– 1:00pm

**Wine and Cheese/Golf
Tournament –** Saturday,
June 17th, West Point
Country Club

Indian Rivers Humane Society
PO Box 264
Aylett, VA 23009
(804) 885-3109
www.indianrivershumane.org



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

Thurs & Fridays
10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturdays
10:00am – 3:00pm

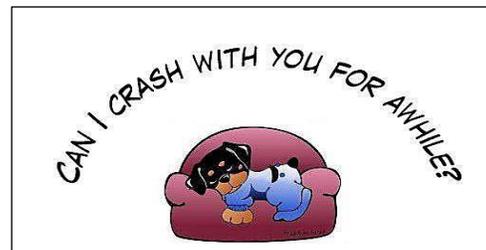
ALL THINGS DOGS

This time last year, I was touting the reasons YOU should foster a homeless pet. And you know what? I still am. We are in dire need of dog fosters. We currently have ZERO dogs in foster care because we need foster homes!



How can you help? You can open your heart and home to a dog until a permanent loving home can be found. We will accommodate you in the type, age, size, etc. of the dog.

What does it entail? You provide a home environment (shelters can be very stressful on animals); basic needs; basic training; and love. IRHS takes care of all medical expenses, and can provide food and supplies.



We also ask that you take an active role in helping to find the perfect home. We use social media (Facebook), on-line resources such as petfinder.com, and occasionally bring the animals to adoption stands or special events. As the foster, you can help spread the word, take pictures or videos, answer questions about the dog's personality, and attend some of the events.

Do you get attached? Absolutely! But when you have placed the dog in a loving home, the satisfaction far outweighs any sadness at seeing them go. Once you've been through it one time, it gets easier with each one. At the end of the day, you have made a huge difference in the life of that dog. You have helped save him from the stressful shelter environment, nurtured him through a transitional period, and placed him in his forever home.



Call us today if you can help. You won't be sorry.

Anne

Hunting Season is over and the Regional Animal Shelter is FULL of hounds looking for a "forever" loving home



Valentino



Ron



Aster



Myra



Brad

ALL THINGS CATS

The 7 Symptoms of Feline Spring Fever

It's not officially Spring, but cats know the season is changing. Here's what to look for:



They wake you up ever earlier in the morning
Daylight savings time? What's that? Cats know what time it really is — time for you to get out of bed!



They demand sun puddles
In the dark days of winter, your cats may have been comfortable snuggling with you or curled up together in their favorite heated bed.
These days, not so much. If the sun puddles aren't immediately available, they'll command you to do something about it.



They pine for the outdoors
As the birds migrate north and the squirrels come out of hibernation, your cat will spend more and more time at the window, hoping against hope that the transparent wall that imprisons him indoors will evaporate if he just stares at it long enough.



Your house becomes a WWE arena
Barely do you have a moment to bask in the quiet spring sunlight with a cup of coffee before your cats begin a wrestling marathon that would put The Rock to shame.



They keep growing and growing
Spring is the time for growth spurts. Your young kitten may be getting longer, taller, and lankier as the weeks wind on.



Zoomies? Oh, heck yeah!
As the days get longer, your cats' Olympic dashes around your house get more frequent — and probably even continue until the wee hours of the morning.



They sing the baby-**makin' song**
If you haven't had your cat spayed or neutered yet, you'll know for sure that it's time: **Your female kitties will start singing arias, while your boy cats will do everything they can to get out and find some passionate *lurrrrve!***

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!



golf Tournament

INDIAN RIVERS HUMANE SOCIETY

PRESENTS

1st Annual Golf Tournament and Wine & Cheese

June 17, 2017
The Country Club of West Point
4200 Southern Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Captain's Choice with 4-person teams
Each team will play 18 holes
\$180 (includes green fees, cart & lunch)
Limited to 15 teams – First Come, First Served
Registration at 7:00am; Tee-off at 8:00am
Payment due June 1, 2017

If the golf tournament is cancelled due to weather, a rain date will be announced

If a team is a "no-show", the entry fee is non-refundable

For more information and/or a Registration Form



Connie Prince
(804) 824 8640
johnny.clark@cox.net

Join us in the Club House from
1:00pm to 4:00pm for our Wine &
Cheese party with Vendors and a
Silent Auction



Wednesday March 8th, 2017

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 March 2017 clinic - PLUS - free rabies and distemper vaccinations (a \$30.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 \$85.

Male dogs \$75.

Female cats \$55. Male cats \$45.

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

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



Update on Haley

Pictured is Haley (featured in last month's Newsletter after having a HUGE growth on the side of her neck). Haley is pictured as she wakes up and stretches after a nap under TECS's manager, Ellen Shifflet's, desk. She is doing great and making a full recovery.



Looking For A Home

This baby pig is up for adoption at the Tappahannock-Essex Shelter in Tappahannock. For more information, contact Ellen Shifflet at 804-443-0726

Can your lost pet find it's way back home?

A microchip will help make a difference!



Microchips provide a record of identification for life.

Nominations for IRHS Officers & Committees

This is the last year of the current term for officers and committee chairs. We are looking to fill some positions. Please carefully consider taking on a leadership position. We have had some interest/inquiries, but we are still looking at these openings.

Officers

President - OPEN (currently Anne)
Vice-President - Gina Fetterolf (current)
Treasurer - OPEN (currently Kia Ware)
Secretary - OPEN (currently Jean Wightman)



Committees

All Things Cat - OPEN (has been open for 1.5 years, although the committee members have kept it running smoothly)
All Things Dog - Margie Hurson (candidate)
Public Relations - Kristen Kite (candidate)
Legislation/Education - Joan Coven (current)
Membership & Newsletter - Kathy Haurand (current)
4 Paws Thrift Store - Teresa Glidewell (current)
Special Events - Connie Prince (candidate)



All these positions are Board Member positions, and thus have board voting rights.

Elections are June 20th, and new officers take effect immediately. We need an official slate of candidates by our May 16th meeting.

If you are interested in any open position, or want more information, you can contact Anne or the current office holder.

Thank you for considering increasing your commitment to the organization.



Virginia Federation of Humane Societies

Serving People Saving Animals

The VFHS Annual Conference will be held March 30-April 1, 2017, in Charlottesville. Anne will attend March 30th & 31st; Kia will attend April 1st and Joan will attend all three days. The VFHS has two Spay/Neuter Grants that will be awarded on the final day of the conference. We have applied for both. Hopefully we will be one of the recipients to help finance our Spay/Neuter programs.

TWO MAUDS, INC.



\$\$Ways You Can Help Fund Our Spay/Neuter and Rescue Efforts\$\$

Bissell Partners for Pets

This program offers us 3 ways to raise money. 1. Earn proceeds from purchases on bissell.com. 2. A chance to win up to \$40,000 a year in giveaways and sweepstakes on Bissell Pet Foundations's Facebook page. 3. Become eligible to receive a FREE Lift-Off 2-in-1 Cyclonic Stick Vacuum from Bissell to raffle or auction.



bissell.com/partnersforpets

Take A Walk!

Exciting news! The ResQwalk app, which enables you to raise money for our rescue each and every time you go for a walk, is now available for download on the app store! You can download the app and help us earn part of this month's donation pool.



MORE GOOD NEWS! The ResQwalk app is now available on both the iPhone AND android platforms! Download it today and start walking for the animals!

<http://goo.gl/GmhTHT> (iPhone)

<http://goo.gl/Kn6R3o> (Android)

Giving Assistant

Turn your shopping into charity! Shop at a variety of on-line retailers and give back to Indian Rivers Humane Society at the same time.

<https://givingassistant.org/np#indian-river-humane-society>

SHOP. EARN. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Giving Assistant shoppers are using their cash back to make a difference for **Indian River Humane Society**.

Bark Box

Indian Rivers Humane Society is partnering with Bark Box. Support us AND get \$5 off when you use our special code: **BBX1IRHS**. Help us raise some serious bones – we get a \$15 donation with every order! Get started at BarkBox.com:

https://barkbox.com/?utm_keyword=shelter_referral&url_coupon=BBX1IRHS



Smile.amazon.com

Log on smile.amazon.com and shop as usual. By designating Indian Rivers Humane Society as your charity of choice, a portion of your total will be donated to us by Amazon. Easy Peasy!



Kroger Community Rewards

Link your Kroger Customer Card to our Organization (#86103) and every time you swipe your card buying groceries, we will receive a quarterly donation.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com



MARCH HOLIDAYS

March is

Poison Prevention Awareness Month



[Pet Health Network](#)

I Support K9 Veterans Day



MARCH 13th

They served to save, and they deserve to be remembered

March 3rd – If Pets Had Thumbs Day

Thumbs Up!



March 5th – 11th

Professional Pet Sitters Appreciation Week



March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



www.policiesplus.org

March 19th-25th
National Poison Prevention Week



March 28th



NATIONAL PUPPY DAY

MARCH 23

