

# IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &  
Queen and Essex Counties

November 2017



## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

I would like to take this time to turn our thoughts to the many blessing that we must be thankful for. We are all thankful for the turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, veggies and pies; our family traditions, past and present; and our family pets.

Let us not forget to be thankful for all the volunteers we now have working in the Thrift Store; the ones that have helped in the past, and the ones who come on board with us in the future.

We are thankful for our volunteers who help trap feral cats; transfer them to the vet, and provide after-surgery care. You are all very much appreciated. We are also thankful for our foster families.

For those that have adopted an animal and provided a home filled with love, we are thankful for you and your new family member is thankful also.

I also want to thank everyone for the wonderful job you did at the Crab Carnival whether working the Thrift Store or the vendor booth. Everyone did an exceptional job!

Now, as President, I want to say thank you for working together as a team. We all have our ups and downs, but we always come through. I am thankful for the great work you each do and the dedication you show. We are all volunteering for the same reason – the animals!

I am thankful for YOU –

Connie



## Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

### Transfer to Spay/Neuter –

Wednesday, November 8th, RAS to Barron's

### Tappahannock Farmers Market –

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-1:00pm

### IRHS Monthly Meeting – Tuesday,

November 21st, 6:30pm-8:00pm,  
King William Rurtian Bld.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shop Til You Drop –

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Tony & George's Restaurant, see flyer in this issue

### Christmas On the Town – Sunday,

December 3rd– Town of West Point

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



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

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

# ALL THINGS DOGS

November is Adopt-A-Senior Pet Month. We all know how cute puppies are, but here are some great reasons to



adopt an older dog.

Older pets are just as loving and loyal. In fact, when you adopt

an adult dog from a shelter, they

KNOW they have been saved and are very appreciative.



Adult pets don't require the constant training and monitoring of puppies; and many are already housetrained.

They are past the teething stage and are less likely to chew up inappropriate items.



There are no surprises to how big they will grow up to be.



You are aware of their personality types and grooming requirements, making it easier to choose the perfect pet for you and your family.



A sad fact is that senior animals are the last to be adopted from shelters. You can save a life and find an easy going best friend at the same time if you look beyond the puppies.



# ALL THINGS CATS



## Kitty Myths

Most people think of cats as fussy, lap-sitting nap addicts! Turn out, some are thrill-seekers who love to hike, sail, camp and surf! Below, are a few misconceptions put to rest:



**MYTH: Cats hate water.** Some like it. Certain breeds, like Turkish Vans, are inclined to swim, while Maine Coons have a history of being great sailing companions. However, don't go throwing your cat into a bathtub or river to testing its receptiveness to water. Let it approach it on it's own



## MYTH: Cats can't be trained.

Many will walk on a leash and come when called. Its different than training a dog, but it is possible. We usually think that cats cannot do certain things, but most often they don't do them because *they don't want to!*



**MYTH: Cats always land on their feet.** While cats have a "righting reflex" that allows them to reorient their bodies in midair to avoid injury, sometimes things happen too quickly. Cats are more likely to survive a fall from a higher height because it gives them more time to righten themselves.

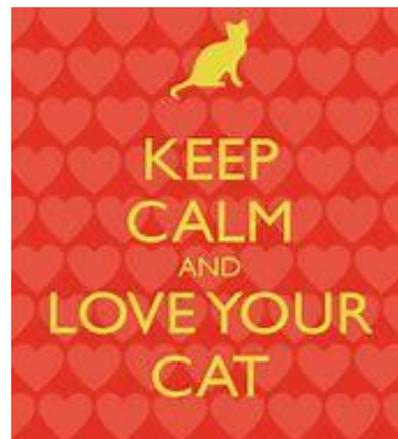


## MYTH: Cats are stubborn and lazy.

Cats are like us humans. Some are lazy and stubborn, but most are not. Providing opportunity for climbing and exercise will bring out a cat's personality. Basically it's a matter of getting to know your individual cat; engaging with it and giving it what he enjoys.



Kathy H



Congratulations to Shelley Hodges who was the winner of our Crab Carnival raffle of the corn hole set!



## IRHS on Parade

For those of you who missed the West Point Crab Carnival parade earlier last month, this was the float entered by Indian Rivers Humane Society/4 Paws! How cute!!



## Creationfest

On October 14, IRHS participated in Creationfest at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mechanicsville, VA. The day included vendors, a bake sale, a bouncy house, and other fun activities.

We had a vendor table, where we sold Christmas gift items for cats and dogs along with other pet goodies. Other participants in this event were Hanover Humane Society, Virginia Equine Welfare Society, and Parrots of Paradise.

Parrots of Paradise is a parrot rescue group. They put on an educational presentation and let folks handle the friendly, beautiful birds.

The highlight of the day was the annual pet blessing. Pastor Lou Florio bestowed God's blessings on 18 dogs, 6 cats, one guinea pig and all the parrots!

Jean



The annual pet blessing at Creationfest on October 14th

# Tappahannock Farmers Market

IRHS was again at the monthly Tappahannock Farmers Market on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Although there were no adoptable animals with them this time, they did have some awesome Christmas gifts for pets and people.



**Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Shopping fun for Moms and Kids!!**



## Indian Rivers Humane Society

Presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Shop Til You Drop

11:00am to 2:00pm

Tony & Georges Restaurant  
Saturday, November 11

The Restaurant will be open for lunch with three (3) delicious lunch specials!

**LUNCH SPECIAL**

2880 King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

Music By

**Simply Us**

Classic Rock and  
Roll & Variety  
Acoustic Music

Face painting and tattoos for children while mothers shop

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be coming from the North Pole to take pictures with kids and pets!!!



LeisureArt  
Painted Glassware

**tastefully simple.**

**Tastefully Simple**

**Avon**

**LuLaRoe**

**LeisureArt**

**31 Bags**

**Scentsy**

**Damsel in Defense**

**AVON**

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**SCENTSY**

**LuLaRoe**  
simply comfortable

Pet Toenail Clipping by

**Grooms By Debbie**

**Debbie Smith**  
Owner / Groomer

For More Information:  
804-824-8640  
johnny.clark@cox.net

## Kittens Anyone?

It was an active kitten season this year and we still have several looking for their "forever" homes.



Harvest



Spice



Murphy



Junior and Goober



## Rebel and Zorro

### Looking for a SPECIAL needs home

This dynamic duo loves to play and snuggle together; they have been inseparable since birth. Feathers on a stick or a bouncing ping pong ball are too tempting to be resisted.

A recent diagnosis of FIV was unexpected as their energy level remains high and they are free from any symptoms. Rebel and Zorro are available for adoption to a household with no other cats or to a household with cat(s) already with an FIV condition or to a household with cats that would not interact by fighting with Rebel or Zorro. See below.

References:

Best Friends Animal Society <https://bestfriends.org/resources/fiv-cats-faqs-feline-immunodeficiency-virus-information>

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine; Feline Health Center; [www.http//vet.cornell.edu/fhc/Health\\_Information/brochure\\_fiv.cfm](http://vet.cornell.edu/fhc/Health_Information/brochure_fiv.cfm)

## GRANT AWARDED TO IRHS !

**TWO MAUDS, INC.** has awarded IRHS \$2,500 in grant money for TNR! We applied last spring, and Anne met with their Grant Director, Sarah Hess, at the VFHS Conference in Charlottesville at the end of March. She did tell us at the time a decision wouldn't be made until October. We should receive the check mid-December. Way to go, team!!!

Looking for Love from **Tappahannock/Essex County Animal Shelter**



Brutus



Jax



Pippa



Joshua



River



Red

Looking for Love from **Regional Animal Shelter**



Bonkers



Samantha



Krueger



Anabelle



Aqua

# NOVEMBER PET HOLIDAYS

November is Adopt-A-Senior-Pet Month



**Stand Up for Senior Pets**



November is **Pet Cancer Awareness month**



Celebrate National Pet Awareness Month



November 1  
National Cook for your Pets Day



**Pet Diabetes Awareness**

National **pal** For Your Get A Pet Day

November 5th – 11th



**NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER Appreciation week**

November 17th



**NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY**

November 19

November 17th  
National Take a Hike Day

