

**VISIT US AT OUR
UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**Car Wash for
Tornado** – Saturday,
July 30th, 10am-2pm,
Advance Auto Parts,
Aylett

**Spay/Neuter
Transfer Van** –
Wednesday, August
10th, RAS to Barron's

Shop Til You Drop –
Saturday, August
13th, 11am-2pm,
Tony & George's

**IRHS Monthly
Meeting** – Tuesday,
August 16th 6:30pm,
Tony & George's

**Tappahannock
Farmers Market** –
Saturday, August
20th, historic
downtown
Tappahannock,
9:00am -1:00pm



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

July/August 2016

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Many animals cross our path doing animal rescue: cats, kittens, dogs, puppies. They are old and young, healthy and happy, and some with medical or behavioral issues. We do the best we can fixing them up and getting them adopted into appropriate homes.

We have two special needs babies right now. You may have heard about them via our Facebook page or our volunteers. We have Tornado the kitty who had to have life-saving surgery, and Hope the puppy who came to us at one-week old.



Tornado was rescued after surviving the F3 tornado that hit Essex County on February 25th. He was frightened, timid, and had some injuries.

We fixed him up, neutered and vaccinated him. He was adopted out to a loving home and has because a wonderful, affectionate boy. Then he started having some issues, and was diagnosed with a rare medical condition where his saliva does not drain properly and accumulates in a pocket on the side of his neck. Surgery was necessary, because left untreated, the fluid would continue to build until he was unable to eat or breathe. Because it is rare, the surgery was performed by a specialist and cost approximately \$3,000.

We have a GOFUNDME page set up to collect donations towards this surgery. Please share the link as much as possible.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2ckgkss>

We will also allocate the funds raised by our summer events towards this surgery.



Hope came to us from a family in King & Queen County. She is the only surviving puppy from a litter of 5 that was rejected by their mother. She is currently in a foster home being bottle fed. This requires dedicated caregivers to provide round-the-clock care. When she is old enough, she will be vaccinated, spayed and available for adoption.

Please consider donating for these deserving animals, or attending any of our upcoming events. We need your help so we can continue to help these vulnerable animals in our care, and others in our community.

Thank you for your support.

Anne

Some of our kitties looking for “forever” homes



Emily



Ginny



Smokey and (the) Bandit



CeeCee



Spook

ALL THINGS CATS

This summer has been a very stressful time for 4 Paws and its group of fosters. In addition to numerous kittens (many of which have needed to be hand-raised), we also have a group of lovely adults that need homes of their own.

Vincent - Vincent is a large dark gray friendly cat with expressive eyes who was surrendered back to us. He was adopted as a kitten in March of 2015 by a family who was taken by his ear tip and named him Vincent. He was returned due to incompatibility with the family dog who was the aggressor. Vincent showed, in our opinion, remarkable restraint in only hissing and growling back.. In addition the cat scratched some furniture despite being redirected to posts around the house.



Currently Vincent is being kept at the shed. We need a foster to evaluate him so he can be placed for adoption. For more information, contact Joan at 757-870-6883.

Purrby and Rebel - They were adopted from us and returned because the owner was moving to a place that didn't allow cats. They were extremely traumatized when moved from their home into their foster's home. They have since adjusted and

Carole, their foster mom, says “They are loving and playful. They both love to be brushed and really like when we play with the laser light.” For more information, contact Carole at 804-843-2530.

Smokey and Bandit –were feral and starving as kittens. They were trapped, fed, neutered and tamed. They should stay together as they are very bonded to each other. They are litter box trained, love attention and purr as soon as you touch them. Their foster mom says they are active and love to play and will sleep with you. They are sweet loving boys that need a home to call their own. For more information, contact Donna at 804-994-7651.

CeCe - CeCe is a small female dilute torti that came to us with her litter of 5 kittens. She was very shy at first, but has become more comfortable with her foster family and likes to have her head rubbed. When you stop petting her, she will playfully nip your hand or wrap her paw around your hand to get you to pet her more. She loves to be outdoors. For more information, contact Kim @ 804-366-1376.

Emily - In late winter, Emily found herself on the street, alone and pregnant. But she was a determined mother and when her kittens arrived, she made a comfortable home for them in a hollow tree trunk. When they were discovered by a little boy, Emily and her kittens were placed in a home for unattached mothers where Emily dedicated herself to raising five fine kittens.

These kittens have all been adopted into their permanent homes and now Emily, facing an empty nest and unable to have any more litters, needs to find a permanent home for herself.

Emily is youthful, on the small side, very calm and quiet, not destructive and good with dogs and other cats. She is particular about how she is handled but loves her neck scratched. Do you have an empty nest Emily can fill? For more information, contact Joan at 757-870-6883.

Ginny - a young friendly, loving kitty who was rescued from the shelter along with her kittens. She raised her four kittens as well as four orphaned babies. Her foster mom says that she is a young girl with a wish to play but remains calm and gentle. For more information, contact Joan at 757-870-6883.

Spook - Spook was rescued from the owners. She was physically abused as well as neglected. She has been living in a foster home for over a year to help her with her healing process. She is friendly to older women, but cannot be around other pets (dogs or cats). She is spayed and up to date on all her vaccinations. For additional personality and adoption information regarding Spook, call her foster mom, Teresa, at 804-514-4296.

Kathy



On Saturday, July 16th, IRHS was at the Tappahannock Farmers Market with puppies and kittens from the Tappahock-Essex Shelter. They will be there again on Saturday, August 20th.



TECAS has new hours! They are open Tuesday through Saturday. 11 am to 4 pm. They are closed to the public Sunday and Monday; however, are adding Thursday evening 6 pm to 8 pm. Go check out the great work that Ellen and her team are doing.



Dog (and Cat) Days of Summer

Adoption Special



We have a **COOL** summer adoption special for you!



Now through September, Regional Animal Shelter will waive the \$20 adoption fee for ALL pets AND Indian Rivers Humane Society will pay half of the low-cost Spay/Neuter fee! **Adopters will pay the other half.** Price depends on the adopter's choice of participating veterinarian. Spay/Neuter fee: Dogs- \$50.00-\$62.50; Cats- \$35.00-\$47.50.

For more information, call Regional Animal Shelter at 804-769-4983 Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm, Wednesdays until 6:00pm, and Saturdays 11:00am-2:00pm.

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Saturday, July 30 Advance Auto Parts Aylett, VA

We are holding a car wash to help raise money to pay for the life-saving surgery for Tornado, a cat rescued from Essex County after the F3 tornado that hit the Tappahannock area on February 25th.



A few of the Regional Animal Shelter's Adoptable Dogs

(804) 769-4983

ALL THINGS DOGS



Honey



Magnum



Rose



Fisher

n, the dog days of summer. We ve being outside during bright sunny days, but there are a few precautions you need to take with your pets.

AT THE HEAT. Make sure your pet has plenty of water and shade if they spend any amount of time outside. Heatstroke can be a real problem. DO NOT EVER LEAVE YOUR DOG IN A CAR EVEN FOR A MINUTE. Also note that certain breeds like the bulldogs and pugs (smushed-nose breeds) can overheat easier than other breeds.

I'm made to be loved, not baked.



Don't leave me in the car.

BEWARE OF BUG BITES AND STINGS. Hopefully your dog is on a flea and tick preventative, but there are other insects to watch out for. Bees can be a huge problem for dogs—many like to snap at them—and while generally harmless, your dog could be allergic to the sting and require emergency vet care. Usual symptoms that require attention include nausea, difficulty breathing, disorientation, lethargy, or other unusual behavior.



SKIN SAFETY. Skin issues and infections can be caused by changes in the air pressure, temperature and moisture. Be aware of any inflammation, scratching, biting, chewing or licking. Dogs can also be sunburned, particularly if they are breed that gets haircuts. There are canine-sunscreens available.



FOOD SAFETY. Everyone loves a BBQ, even Fido. But certain foods are toxic and should be kept away. These include onions, grapes/raisins, mushrooms, and chocolate. Do not let your dog chew on corn cobs. They are indigestible and pieces of the cob can get lodged in the digestive tract causing real problems.



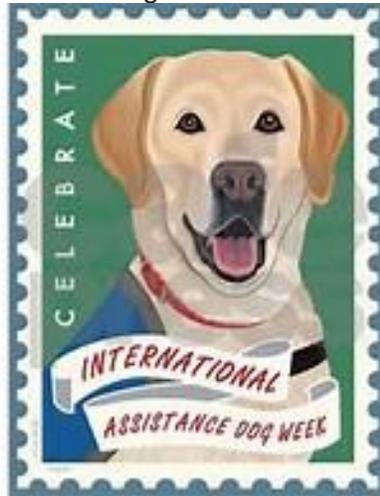
Take it easy and have a happy and safe summer!

Anne

July 31
Celebrate National Mutt Day



August 7 – 13



August 8



Happy International CAT Day

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August 17th

Black Cat Appreciation Day

August 10 is
National
Spoil
Your Dog
Day



Healthy Pets



NATIONAL DOG DAY
August 26th!

CELEBRATING "THE DOG"

August 28
Rainbow Bridge
Remembrance Day

Whether fur, fins, scales, feathers,
or more - In loving memory of
those cherished pets we
have lost but not forgotten

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August 20

International Homeless Animals' Day

