

IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &
Queen and Essex Counties

October 2017



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the hot days of summer, Autumn is now here and Winter is just around the corner. Along with Autumn comes Crab Carnival. IRHS will be having an entry in the Crab Carnival Parade this year. Be sure to look for us and cheer us on our way!

Volunteers have been working overtime in the 4 Paws Thrift Store. We have a generous number of donations of recent and the girls have been working hard to get the store fully stocked and ready for all of the visitors to town. In front of the Store, we will have a booth set up. We are raffling a beautiful set of cornhole boards and will have lots of information on spaying/neutering and adopting.

The cat team has been also working diligently this season. We have quite a number of cats and kittens looking for their "forever" homes. If you have been thinking about adopting a cat/kitten, now is the time to do so. If you already have a feline companion, maybe consider adopting a second one! If you are not able to adopt, we are also in need of kitten and cat food. Donations can be dropped off at the 4 Paws Thrift Store. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Now that school is back in session, and the house seems empty during the day, this is the time to think about volunteering. Volunteers are needed in all phases of the Thrift Store. We will train you and you are able to work as much or as little as you deem possible. Just stop by the Store anytime during business hours and we'll be more than happy to talk with you and show you around.

Hope to see you this weekend!!

Connie

Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

West Point Crab Carnival –

Saturday, October 7th, Main Street,
West Point

CreationFest – Saturday, October
14th, at Messiah Lutheran Church in
Mechanicsville, 8am- 2pm, Pet
blessings at 1pm

IRHS Monthly Meeting – Tuesday,
October 17th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Tony
& George's Restaurant, West Point

Transfer to Spay/Neuter –

Wednesday, October 18th, RAS to
Barron's

Tappahannock Farmers Market –

Saturday, October 21st

3rd Annual Shop Til You Drop –

Saturday, November 11th, Tony &
George's Restaurant, more details
next month

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www.indianrivershumane.org



4 Paws Thrift
801 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181
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Weds, Thurs & Fridays
10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturdays
10:00am – 3:00pm

ALL THINGS DOG

October is National Service Dog Month. We might think of them as our faithful companions, and members of our family. But some dogs also provide many services to their people.



The first service dogs were trained as seeing-eye dogs to help the visually impaired navigate their surroundings. In addition to helping the blind move around, the dogs were also trained to do various tasks like open doors, pick up dropped objects, and alert their handler to dangers. There are also dogs specially trained to help the hearing-impaired.

More and more, we see dogs performing other services for people with various disabilities. Medical response service dogs can notify people who have seizures and other medical conditions about imminent reactions, or be trained to obtain help.



Therapy dogs provide comfort to people with post-traumatic stress disorder, or with other forms of anxiety and depression. They can also be trained to assist autistic people by helping to refocus them, alert them of danger, and guide them out of over-stimulating environments. There are many medical challenges that dogs have been known to assist with alerting and responding to.

Service dogs also include search and rescue dogs, police canines, and drug-sniffing and bomb-sniffing dogs.

The dogs can come in all shapes and sizes depending on the job they have. Their loyalty makes them ideal for performing these services for their handlers. Remember that service dogs are working dogs, and therefore should be respected for their job. Do not approach them or pet them without express permission by their handler.

Let's celebrate all the wonderful qualities of our dogs, and their unique attributes to make our lives better.

Anne



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SHAPES, SIZES & BREEDS



ALL THINGS CATS

Halloween Safety Tips for Your Cat

Halloween is a fun-filled holiday for children and adults. However, for a household cat, it can be a stressful, frightening, and even dangerous holiday. Remember, your pet depends on you to protect him, so please take a few extra precautions to keep him safe during this Halloween season and note these safety-minded tips.

HALLOWEEN CAT SAFETY TIPS



During this time of mischief and pranks, all too often cats become unwilling participants. Keep your outdoor-loving pets well supervised or safely contained in the yard. Better yet, keep them indoors - away from neighborhood hooligans at night. Black cats are especially victims of Halloween pranks.

Even the most social cats should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours. You may even consider setting up a pet barrier in your entranceway to keep your cat from darting out between your legs when you open the door.

Make sure your cat is wearing proper identification. If, for any reason, a pet does escape or become lost, you increase the chances that your pet will be returned to you if it is wearing a collar with an ID tag.

For especially nervous animals, the parade of costumed kids and endlessly chiming doorbells can get to be too much for comfort. There are a variety of calming products designed for storm- and travel-shy pets, which are also useful on Halloween.



Do not allow curious cats and kittens to get into the Halloween candy. Candy and wrappers are potential choking hazards and chocolate can be toxic to cats.

Finally, decorations and Jack-O'-Lanterns are tempting for pets to get their noses into. It's too easy for them to get hurt if left unsupervised, whether it's in a tangle of crepe paper or a singed coat from an open flame. Curious kittens are particularly at risk of becoming burned. Always keep these Halloween favors out of your pet's reach!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN ALL!!



Kathy H

Stop by our Crab Carnival booth this Saturday, October 7th and get your tickets for this impressive set of cornhole boards. Also included are the bags and scoreboard.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

You do not have to be present to win, but you do have to be local enough for pick up or delivery (or meet in the middle).



Don't forget that we have a new on-line fundraiser going on to help support our Community Cat Services. Lynch Creek Farm has some wonderful Christmas wreaths and greenery available, and we earn 20% for all purchases through this link. Check them out! And thanks for your support!



https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/teams/100470-community-cat-services?fundraiser_id=404223



Another Happy Ending!

My name is Karen. I happened to be going thru a bunch of paperwork and I found my dog Murphy's adoption paperwork from 2009!! You fostered him back then! His name at the shelter was Marley and he was a very sweet tri colored puppy that was rescued by IRHS from the Essex county pound. I adopted him from the Sterling shelter in MA.

He is now an 8-year-old spoiled, happy guy!! I have had him since he was 12 weeks old and he is my fur child! I couldn't have asked for a sweeter, loving, kind dog! Nothing phases this guy! Fireworks, the vet...nothing!! He is the happiest dog I have ever had! And probably thanks to you he was the easiest dog I ever had to train!

I hope you still have this email and I hope you are still fostering! You are amazing for the work you have done!! And thank you for helping get the best dog I have ever had get here to MA!!



My apologies I never reached out sooner!! Murphy says hi!! If you would like to keep in touch feel free!! Thanks again, Karen and Murphy

KITTENS AND CATS READY FOR ADOPTION

We have a quite a variety of kittens and cats ready to be adopted into their "forever" homes. Many will be on display during Crab Carnival. If you are interested in a particular cat/kitten, contact Joan @ 757-870-6338



Lilly



Murphy



Zorro and Rebel



Tucker



Sully



Two Un-Named Sisters



Sadie



Harvest



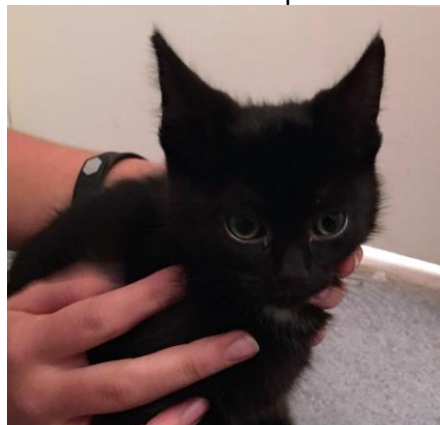
Pumpkin



Spice



Tuxi



Chocolate Chip

National Feral Cat Day

October 16th

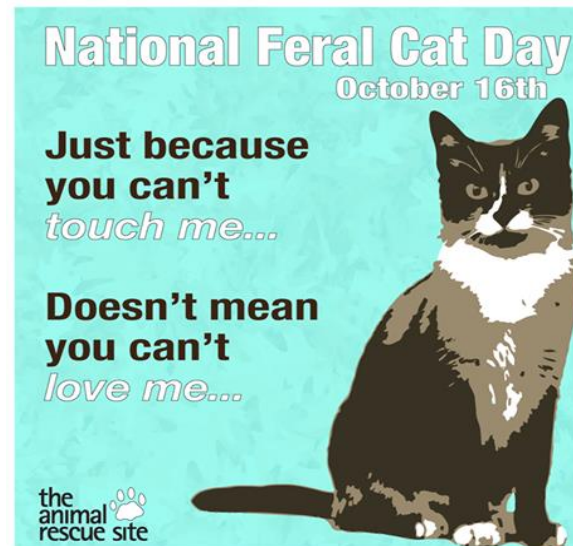
In August of 2001, Alley Cat Allies, a strong supporter of the 'Trap-Neuter-Return' policy, celebrated their 10th anniversary, and launched the first annual Feral Cat Day to promote raising awareness about feral cat colonies and how to care for, and prevent them. "TNR" allows the cats to live out their lives on the streets, without creating more kittens to perpetuate the problem.

Feral Cat Day is best celebrated by alerting people the various issues facing stray cats. Most cities currently catch and impound cats in shelters, briefly attempting to get them adopted before ultimately euthanizing them.

An easily overlooked but incredibly effective method of celebrating is nothing more than getting your own cats neutered to ensure that unwanted kittens will not be born into the world.

Feral Cat Day Facts

1. The occasion is annually held on the 16th of October.
2. The organizers propose a new theme of the day every year.
3. The initiation of the event took place in 2001.
4. **Every cat in the world can get a certain part of attention and concern, not only a feral one.**
5. The occasion is so wide that there are more than 1000 events on the day in the USA.
6. These representatives of the species can't be adopted due to their mental nature.
7. This species is very survivable. The animals can live in any landscape.
8. The best way to help them is to build a shelter during a cold season. It is a chance that they can use it.



In Memoriam

Indian Rivers Humane Society has lost 2 of our members in the last 2 months.

Marsha Moore passed away on August 30th. Marsha was from Essex County and was a willing volunteer at our fund-raising events and adoption stands. Marsha had recently helped with our spay/neuter transport to Barron's Surgery. She was also very involved with helping at the Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter. She had a special fondness for beagles and hounds.

Jackie Sykes passed away on September 22nd. Jackie was an original member of IRHS, serving as both President and Secretary over the years. Jackie was always involved with events and had fostered dogs over the years. She was instrumental in the early years of the organization and gave much of her time and leadership to insure the growth and success. Jackie "retired" 4 years ago, but remained a steadfast supporter.

Both Marsha and Jackie will be truly missed by all that knew them. I know they have been reunited with some beloved pets over the Rainbow Bridge. Rest peacefully, my friends.

Anne



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Can anyone help us provide the lifesaving surgery this wonderful cat needs?

"Lady 3 Paws" came to the Shelter after being found in someone's yard with an injury to her front left leg. The vet determined that it was broken some time ago and the leg will need to be amputated. We need to raise \$500 for the fabulous "Lady 3 Paws" to get her the surgery she needs! She is only 6 months old, social and extremely affectionate, and is otherwise in good health.



Donations to the Regional Animal Shelter's Sunshine Fund for Medical Care will enable us to provide the surgery "Lady 3 Paws" needs, improve her quality of life, and make her a very special adoption candidate! Donations may be made on-line from our web page at www.kingwilliamcounty.us/ras, click on the link under Donations from the drop down menu, select Regional Animal Shelter Donations as "Payment Type", or mail donations to the Regional Animal Shelter at P.O. Box 215 King William, VA 23086.

OCTOBER PET HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

Adopt A
Shelter Dog
Month



OCTOBER IS ADOPT-A-DOG MONTH



NATIONAL Pet wellness MONTH

National Walk Your Dog Week

October 1-7



NATIONAL PIT BULL



AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL BLACK DOG Day

October
1st



National Fire Pup Day

October 1

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH



National Feral Cat Day

October 16



Educate. Don't Discriminate.

National Pit Bull Awareness Day Oct 25th

TheAnimalRescueSite.com

National Cat Day

October 29th

