

IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &
Queen and Essex Counties

January 2018



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A recent search of New Year's Resolutions led to a website with 6 resolutions for a happier, healthier 2018.

Eat something green (or orange or yellow) every day
Meditate
Move your body
Take a deep breath
Do random acts of kindness
Feel grateful and appreciate what you have

These are all very good suggestions, and pretty easy to accomplish. I'd like to add another resolution to the list.

Give back. All of us who volunteer with Indian Rivers Humane Society give back every day. You can, too. It's easy and can be as much or as little as you like or have time for. Here are some suggestions:

Help in our 4 Paws Thrift Store, sorting, pricing, cashiering. The shop is open Wednesday-Saturday. One day a month would help us tremendously.

Foster a dog/puppy or cat/kitten until it can be adopted into its forever home.

Coordinate a pet food drive. We furnish pet food to people to cannot afford to buy it so that they can keep their pets. We also feed colonies of feral cats.

Help with our special events (check our calendar!)

Help with trapping feral cats and transporting them for spay/neuter.

Perform community outreach or education.

Participate in legislative initiatives.

Help with public relations/advertising/social media.

Please come to our monthly meetings held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm until 8:00 pm. On odd-numbered months, we meet at the King William Ruritan Building located at 156 Ruritan Lane, King William VA 23086. On even numbered months, we meet at Tony & George's Restaurant, 2880 King William Rd West Point 23181.

We welcome new faces and new ideas. I hope to see you soon!

Connie

Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

Transfer to Spay/Neuter – RAS
to Barron's, Wednesday, January 10th

IRHS Monthly Meeting –
Tuesday, January 16th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, King William Ruritan Bldg., King William

Brunswick Stew Sale -
Saturday, January 20th, pre-sales only



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

With the recent cold weather and snow, here are some safety tips to keep your dog healthy and comfortable this winter.

Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet when he comes inside. The dry heat of your home can cause itchy, flaking skin. (This tip is great for people, too!).

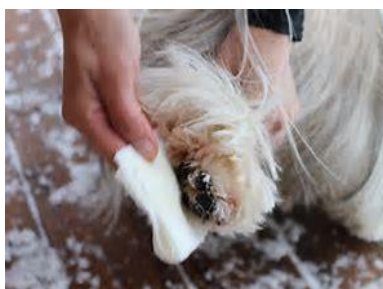


Do NOT shave your dog in the winter. Their longer coat will help keep them warm. Long-haired dogs can be trimmed to minimize ice, salt and chemicals from clinging to their fur.



Keep their feet trimmed and clean, too. Many dogs, particularly short-haired ones, may require a coat or sweater.

After long walks, be sure to wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals. Check their pads for cracks or redness between the toes.



Try not to bathe your dog during cold spells. It can dry their skin and causing excess scratching and skin irritation. If you do have to bathe him, be sure to use a moisturizing shampoo.



You can massage petroleum jelly into their paw pads before going outside to help protect them from salt and chemicals. Booties are another option. Use pet-friendly ice melts at home whenever possible.

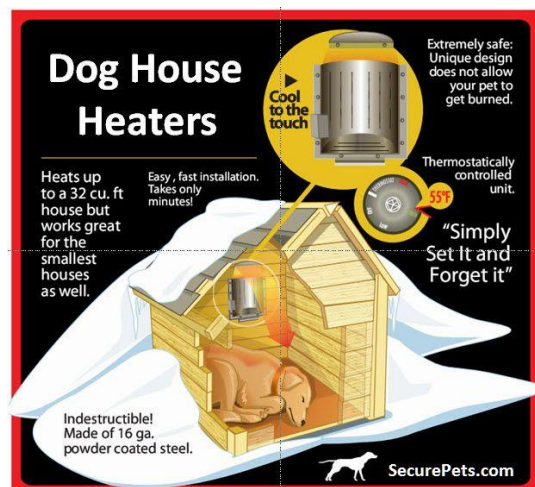


Keep your dog away from any antifreeze drips or puddles. This is toxic. If they do get into it, be sure to call your vet or poison center right away.

You can feed your pet a little more during the winter because they burn extra energy just trying to stay warm. Be sure they have plenty of water, too.

Make sure they have a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from drafts.

If they have to be outside, make sure they have a warm dog house and a source of water that doesn't freeze.



REMEMBER, IF IT'S TOO COLD FOR YOU, IT'S TOO COLD FOR YOUR PET. PLEASE BRING THEM INSIDE.



Anne

ALL THINGS CATS

January 22 is National Answer Your Cat's Questions Day

To celebrate the Holiday, I've put together a few questions from cats, asked from the cat's point of view, of course. These questions may seem like those that would likely be asked by a cat you know and love.

Q: Why do you bring strangers into our home?

A: They're my friends. And they love cats. There's no need to hide when they come over.

Q: Why am I not allowed on top of the refrigerator?

A: I'm afraid you'll fall. And you'll knock stuff over.

Q: Why do you keep petting me when I tell you to stop it?

A: Well, you're so soft and cute and adorable I can't help it.

Q: Why do you get so upset when I go potty behind your bed?

A: Because that's gross. You have a nice litter box. Use it.

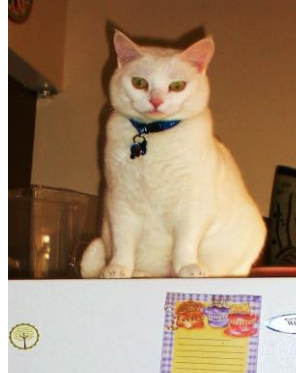
Q: Why do you keep shutting the doors in the house?

A: Lots of reasons, my dear cat. To keep you out of some rooms, to conserve energy, sometimes out of habit or for privacy.



Q: What is outside the window/in this box/on the other side of this door? I must know!

A: I know you cats are curious, but I have a question for you. Do you have to crawl inside/pounce on/bat at everything you see? Well yes, I admit...that's what makes you so endearing.



Q: Why are you disturbing my nap? Could you please keep it down?

A: Excuse me. Of course, I should be more sensitive to your schedule.

Q: What is that you're eating? Can I have some?

A: Not everything we eat is good for you. You already had your dinner. You have a nice bowl of cat food. Oh, okay, here try some.

Q: Why do you waste your time talking into that talky-box contraption when you could be paying attention to me?

A: Yes, I understand by your yowls and meows that you wish to distract me from my phone conversations. But sometimes they can't be avoided.

Q: Why did God make me so adorable?

A: This is to make up for the times when you get into mischief.

What questions do you think your cats are asking you?

I has a question...



Q: Why do you have to get up in the middle of the night, just when I'm curled up against you and everyone is all nice and cozy?

A: Because I have to use the litter box...





Congratulations to our IRHS President on getting married on Dec 23rd!!

Deadline Extended for Fundraising Giving Grid

Our Holiday Giving Grid campaign has some recent changes. The name has been changed to "Fix" The Ferals and the deadline has been extended to 3/31/18.

To date we have earned \$425.00 towards our \$5,000 campaign goal. If you share this with all your family, friends, co-workers and so forth, we hope to get much closer to the campaign goal by the end of March.

<https://www.givinggrid.com/wwwindianrivershmaneorg/>

Note from the Newsletter Editor

Have you adopted a furry family member from IRHS/4Paws? We'd love to share their story and picture in our monthly newsletter.

Have something to share with other newsletter readers? We'd love to read about it.

Send your story/pictures to kathaurand@aol.com
As space allows, we will include them.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kathy

UPDATE ON VINCENT

Christmas marks the one-year anniversary of the second adoption of Vincent. Vincent was originally adopted from 4 Paws as a kitten by a couple who also adopted a dog from another rescue. He was returned a year later because "he couldn't get along with the dog". After discussions with the couple, it was determined by 4 Paws volunteers that the issue was with the dog and NOT the cat.

Vincent was placed in the foster home of volunteers, Kathy Haurand and Charles Yarbrough. Kathy and Charles live with 4 (cat-friendly) dogs and have fostered numerous kitties over the years. It is known that Kathy is one of the "crazy cat ladies" and Charles supports her passion; however, Vincent and Charles developed a special bond. Last Christmas, Kathy adopted Vincent as a Christmas gift to Charles.

For a cat who couldn't "get along with the dog", Vincent looks to be very content!



Vincent and Dixie sitting together in "Daddy's" lap

New law passed this past June in Pennsylvania. Could VA follow?

A new law in Pennsylvania that aims to protect dogs during extreme weather could put owners behind bars.

Under the new law, called Libre's Law, a dog cannot be left leashed and alone outside for longer than 30 minutes in temperatures that exceed 90 degrees or drop below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

Penalties could include fines ranging from \$50-\$750 and 90 days in jail for a summary offense. For a third-degree felony, owners could receive up to a \$15,000 fine and seven years in prison.

1 THE COLD OUTDOORS


See a dog out in the cold without proper shelter? Contact local law enforcement. Dogs left in extreme temperatures, especially without food and shelter, are at risk of hypothermia, death, and frostbite.


DID YOU KNOW?


Animal neglect is a misdemeanor crime in all 50 states.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

 Note the date, time, exact location, and type of animal(s) involved.

 Follow up in a few days if the situation has not been remedied.

 Jot as many details as possible before contacting animal control or local law enforcement with your complaint.

Looking for a Home for the New Year



Meet Lilly. Lilly is about 1 ½ years old and was the sweetest momma cat ever. Lilly is the mom of five, who have all found their forever homes. Lilly is the sweetest, cuddliest girl every. She is a sleek dark gray with a small white bib. and the prettiest green eyes. Friendly with other cats and a houseful of company did not phase her. For more information, please call Carole 804-843-2530.

Brunswick Stew

January 20, 2018

\$8 per Quart – Presales Only
Cash or Checks (payable to IRHS).

Contact any IRHS Volunteer, 4 Paws Thrift Store, 885-3109 X5, or indianrivershumane@gmail.com to place an order. Pick up at the KW Ruritan Building or 4 Paws Thrift after 2pm, or we can arrange delivery.



Anyone wishing to help prepare the stew on Saturday, January 20th, please let Anne know.

irvalene12@yahoo.com

Preparations will start at 6am at the Ruritan building.

Also, let Anne know if you can donate cooked chicken or other ingredients.



Feral Colony gets new Condo

Just in time for the bitter cold winter that we are currently experiencing, Jon Cox, IRHS Treasurer, built a Kitty Condo for a colony of feral kitties maintained by IRHS. The condo is insulated and has 6 cubes for the cats. Two cats can fit in each cube, 3 cats if they are small or want to snuggle. The rear wall opens for easy cleaning. All the wood is pressure treated or 100-year-old siding. Shingles are on the sloped roof. Great job, Jon and I'm sure the cats appreciate it!!



Available for Adoption from TECAS (Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter)
804-443-0726



Ellie



Chief



Munch



Pippa



Joshua



Jax

Available for Adoption from RAS (Regional Animal Shelter)
804-769-4983



Sassy



Jesus



Gabriel



Beth



Naz



Holly

IRHS Christmas Gathering

The IRHS Christmas Gathering and Gift Exchange was held Tuesday, December 19th at the beautiful home of Teresa Glidewell. Here are a few scenes from the event:



JANUARY PET HOLIDAYS



January 2nd – Happy Mew Year for Cats



January 14th

NATIONAL
Dress Up Your Pet Day



National Change A Pet's Life
Day

January 24th

Change A
Pet's Life

