

IRHS and 4 Paws News

Serving King William, King &
Queen and Essex Counties

Spring 2018



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is coming! I do not know about you, but I'll be glad when winter is behind us; however, it looks like it doesn't want to leave.

Spring for Indian Rivers Humane Society means one thing to us and that is our large fundraiser for the year, Our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament/Wine and Cheese. It will be held at the Country Club of West Point on April 28th, with Tee Off time 8.00. Must be there by 7:00am to sign up, have breakfast and be ready for the tournament. The guys again will work up an appetite for fried chicken and BBQ for lunch.

At 1:00 our Wine and Cheese begins, we will have really nice silent auction items, a table full of hors d'oeuvres and of course WINE. We also have a raffle for a 1-week stay in St. Augustine, Florida. Tickets can be bought ahead of time from Anne Mason, Jean Wightman, Gina Fetterolf, Kathy Haurand, the 4 Paws Thrift Store, Tony & George's Restaurant and Connie Clark. You can also go to our website indianrivershumane.org to pay and we will send tickets to you. Our drawing will be at 4:00 that afternoon.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised over \$11,000.00 and hopefully we can raise this amount plus. Our goal is \$15,000.00. Our programs are completely funded by fundraisers and private donations. Our volunteers put in a lot of time and effort to put this event together. But it's worth it!

We couldn't do any of this without supporters and volunteers like you.

Please come and join us on Saturday April 28th, ask your friends or anyone that likes to play golf, get a team together and join us, they will have a fun time. Also, for the ladies, it's an afternoon of fun, relaxing bidding on the silent auction items and sipping on wine.

I hope to see everyone there. If you are unable to attend if you can find it in your heart to help spay/neuter to keep the pet population down, we will accept donations.

Thank you for your past and present support.

Connie

Visit Us At Our Upcoming Events

Transfer to Spay/Neuter – 2nd
Wednesday of each month, RAS to Barron's

IRHS Monthly Meeting – 3rd
Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm-8:00pm. Odd-numbered months meet at King William Ruritan, 156 Ruritan Lane, King William. Even-numbered months meet at Tony & George's Restaurant, West Point

Golf Tournament/Wine & Cheese-
Saturday, April 28th, West Point Country Club

Locust Grove Arts and Wine Festival - Saturday, May 19th, Walkerton, 10:00am – 5:00pm. Reservations & info @ 804-769-8201



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

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ALL THINGS DOGS

Meet Swiffer! This 9-year-old bundle of love is ready for adoption. He was found fending for himself in a ditch in the rain. Apparently, he had been living on the streets since his owner died in 2011.

He is definitely ready for some TLC. He's fully housebroken and prefers sleeping in his crate. He loves going for walks and playing with toys.



He does have some medical needs. He has a dry eye condition and will require eye drops and eye lubricant for the rest of his life. He's also deaf, but that doesn't hinder him.



He gets along fine with other dogs. He should not be in a home with children due to his hearing loss; however, he will certainly make a fine companion for adults.



Call us today to find out more on adopting Swiffer.

Anne

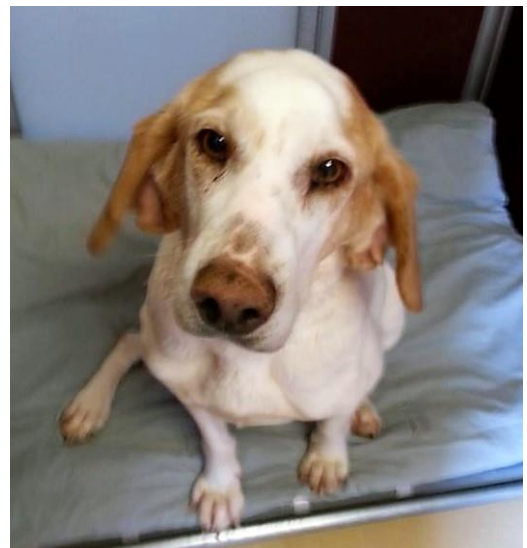
We recently had a very special visitor at the 4 Paws Thrift Store - say hello to Mabel! Mabel was shopping with her mom, wearing her "Easter bonnet" and a pink dress, and enthusiastically greeted one and all who stopped to see her. We hope to see her again soon!



HELP!

These 5 dogs are being cared for at the Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter. ALL are heartworm positive and need treatment before they are eligible for adoption or rescue. We are trying to raise the funds to cover the cost of the treatment for all of them.

Please go to our website www.indianrivershumane.org and click on the DONATE button. Every little bit helps!



ALL THINGS CATS

A call came in to the Cat Hot Line. A man named William called for help with his cat colony. William had a colony of cats and he knew it would only grow if the cats were not fixed.



He called 5 other groups asking for help and they all said they were too busy to help him. He was desperate to trap these cats and get them fixed. But no group was willing to help him.

Then he saw the full-page ad IRHS had run in the paper, informing readers who we are and what we do. He called and left a message. Dorothy called him back, got some information on his location and situation and then emailed me. I told her I was currently working 4 colonies but I would call William and talk to him when I had time. She called William back, explained someone would call him.

A month later, I called William. I told him I was busy but I will get back to him and we will see about trapping his cats. He sounded eager for help and regretted I wasn't able to do anything yet. Every week, I texted William to let him know I had not forgotten him or

the cats. He appreciated those text messages.

I was finally able to get a hold of Gina and Joan (more volunteers of IRHS who do trapping) and told them of William's colony and it was agreed we would meet at William's place with traps and cages on Sunday.

Jon and I showed up a minute before Gina and Joan at the address. Met with William. We started setting up traps, getting cages ready and started to get to work. After about 5 hours, 14 cats were trapped including the house cat. He didn't know if the cat was fixed but it was real friendly towards the female cats so we took the cat with us.

Six females went to Tri County Animal Hospital and 7 males went to Jessica Beath clinic. One



kitten was too small to get a rabies shot so Jon and I put her in a dog cage so she can eat and gain some weight. One female had an underlying condition so did not survive after surgery. The 12 cats were recovering and were to go back to William on Saturday.

That Tuesday, I got a text from William. He said he trapped 2 cats with his dog crate and a string. I was impressed and told him I will stop by that night to pick them up. By the time I got to his place, he had 4 cats trapped. It was also raining steady

with strong winds. We managed to work together in the rain to get the cats into the transfer cages I brought and then into my vehicle. Those cats were fixed on Thursday.



Thursday night I got a text from William stating he caught two more cats. Using only the dog crate and a string. I texted Gina asking if she could get appointments at Tri County for two cats as Jessica Beath clinic isn't open on Friday. Two appointments were made, we delivered the cats to Tri County on Friday morning.

Saturday came, Joan met us at the shelter, we transferred the Tri County cats to us and Jon and I returned to William with a load of cats. The cats were happy to be home, William was pleased they were fixed. William told us there was one cat left. I left him a trap and wished him luck. On Sunday



he called, said he caught the last cat. I sent Jon to pick up

the cat. Monday, March 12th that cat was fixed.

In one week, 21 cats were trapped and all but the tiny kitten were fixed. The kitten is currently in foster care.

It was accomplished through teamwork between the volunteers of Indian Rivers Humane Society and the cat caretaker.

TEAMWORK

William's colony is now fixed, with rabies shots and back home. William is thankful and I thanked him for trapping 7 of the cats which made my work easier. On to the next colony...

Donna

Meet Mary Jane

Mary Jane is the sweetest little kitty ever! She was found as a stray. She is about 9 months old, is spayed, up to date on shots and flea meds. She loves to cuddle and she is a talker. Loves her litter box and cardboard scratcher. **She's being shown at our 4 Paws Thrift Shop** or call Carole to schedule a private meet and greet! 804-843-2530



Meet Little Sister

Little Sister, along with Big Sister, was brought to our largest homeless cat colony with their mother about five years ago. Over the years, she led a pretty good life, sunning herself in the road and playing with the other members of the colony. She grew used to the people who fed her, but she never allowed herself to be touched by a human.



Last January one of the feeders at the colony noticed a shiny new chain in front of Little Sister's house. When she picked it up, she discovered to her horror that it was attached to a cat! Little Sister had stepped into an illegal leg trap. Although Little Sister was immediately rushed to a cat hospital, her leg could not be saved.

Losing a leg is not much easier when you have four than when you have two. While the surgery was completely successful, Little Sister was troubled by her lack of mobility and became largely inactive for several weeks. Today, however, she is becoming a reflection of her happier past. She is up and about, playing with toys and darting about the kitchen where she lives in her foster home. She is still wary about being touched by a human but seems content to allow her foster mom to scratch her ears while she is busy eating.



Little Sister needs to live with someone who can give her a safe place to live and who is happy to have another life in the house but who does not

need physical contact. Odds are, over time Little Sister will learn to appreciate a human touch.

Joan

Meet Lolo

Lolo is a 9-month-old bundle of joy. Still a kitten at heart. Loves to be petted and enjoys playing with other kitties in her foster's home. Shy at first and needs someone to bring out this special kitty's warm side.



Meet Babyman

Babyman was found as a baby and is now approximately 6 months old. He is living with a foster family and is used to being with other cats and dogs. For more information, contact Denise Lindsay at 804-843-4581



Urgent, Foster Homes Needed for Un-Weaned Kittens!



Kitten season has arrived and the Regional Animal Shelter and Indian Rivers Humane Society are in urgent need of foster homes in the King William and King & Queen area. By providing temporary foster care, you would be helping us save the lives of young kittens that may otherwise perish.

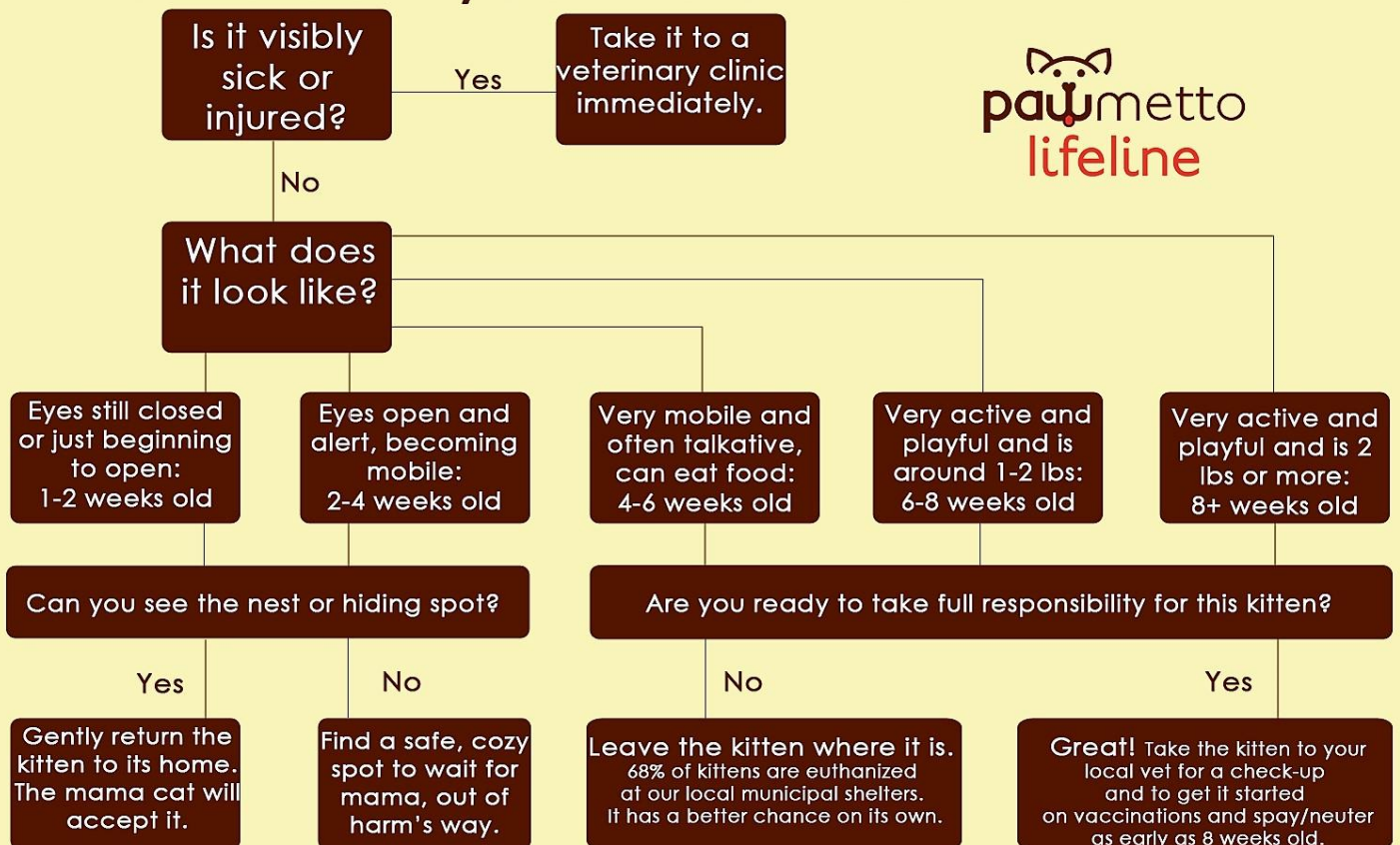
All supplies and training will be provided to care for un-weaned bottle baby orphans, momma cats with still nursing litters, or kittens eating on their own but are too young to vaccinate, and need to be in foster care until they are 8 weeks old.

This would be a great opportunity for a family with older children that could help with the temporary care and socialization of young kittens.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Regional Animal Shelter at 804-769-4983 during our telephone hours Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



What to do if you find a kitten



2018 Virginia Federation of Humane Societies Annual Conference

I attended the VFHS annual conference in Charlottesville in March. The conference is a great way to network with other animal welfare folks, learn best



practices, explore new ideas for adoptions and fund-raising, and come together to enhance our life-saving work. Some of the attendees included public and private shelters, rescue groups, animal control, veterinarians, and other animal advocates.

A variety of work shops were offered covering a wide range of animal welfare subjects. I attended workshops covering the removal of breed labels in shelters; fund-raising planning; creating operating procedures; creating a positive culture; engaging the public; community cats; and animal advocacy. The presenters were fantastic, and there is a lot of great work being done in the animal welfare world.

Regarding the breed labels, many shelters have adopted the idea that all dogs are individuals. By calling them "American Shelter Dogs" or "Mixed Breed Dogs", the focus is on their personality rather than a perceived behavior associated with a particular breed. Besides, just because a dog may "look"



like a breed or combination of certain breeds, does not mean he is. Most dog's DNA test will confirm, and even the test results often

return a percentage of "unknown".

Julie Castle of Best Friends Animal Society gave the key note address. Best Friends is leading the way and setting the standards to make America a No Kill Community by 2025. It takes everyone's participation and commitment to make this happen. IRHS is proud to be a network partner of Best Friends.

As a member of VFHS, we are eligible to



apply for grants through their Spay VA initiative. I am happy to report we were granted \$1,000 towards our TNR program. This money will cover the spay/neuter surgeries of 20-25 cats, which is about the average colony

size of those we have helped.

The conference is not only informative, but a lot of fun, too. I encourage other IRHS volunteers to attend future conferences. It is also open to anyone with an interest and commitment to animal welfare.

Anne

Indian Rivers Humane Society has big news!

Our 4 Paws Thrift Store is going to be moving to 702 Main Street in West Point soon! Just a block down from our current location, we are excited to be in what we hope will be a better, brighter space for our friends and customers.

We have some renovations to do in the space and hope to move in the next few months. In the meantime, we are happy to report that Angela Scott and Margie Hurson have been hired as the Co-Managers of the current 4 Paws Thrift Store effective immediately.

All profit from our store funds our spay/neuter and adoption activities. As always, we welcome your gently used donations to sell, and happily provide tax receipts. Also, we can always use more volunteer help! Just a couple of hours a week would be a great help to us. Sorting, pricing, and displaying merchandise is an ongoing labor of love!

Be sure to watch our website www.indianrivershumane.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/catcaretakersalliance for updates on the new store's status!

Jean



*Recycle Used Ink
Cartridges for Indian
Rivers Humane Society*



Drop Off at
320 Prince St.
Tappahannock
**River Country News
Office**

From The Editor

I hope that you are enjoying this issue of the IRHS/4 Paws Newsletter. In the past the newsletters were published monthly; however, it was recently voted to have a quarterly newsletter instead.

Therefore, I plan to issue the Newsletter in the Spring (April); Summer (August); Fall (October) and Winter (January).

As always, newsletter items can be emailed to me at kathaurand@aol.com.

Kathy

Where can I shop *with my pet?*

Ready for a socialization exercise?
Check out these canine-friendly stores
that allow you to bring your pet when
you shop.



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| ✓ Half Price Books | ✓ Pottery Barn |
| ✓ Gander Mountain | ✓ Hallmark |
| ✓ Academy | ✓ Bass Pro Shops |
| ✓ Michaels | ✓ Barnes and Noble |
| ✓ Hobby Lobby | ✓ Macy's |
| ✓ Ross | ✓ Gap |
| ✓ Sephora | ✓ Old Navy |
| ✓ Tiffany & Co. | ✓ Restoration Hardware |
| ✓ Bath and Body Works | ✓ Tractor Supply Co. |
| ✓ Home Depot | ✓ The Apple Store |

And 4 Paws Thrift Store in West Point !!

Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter has tried many different types of toys for their strong dogs at the shelter. This is the only one that they have found that the dogs can not destroy. If anyone wants to donate some to the shelter, these toys are at Wal-Mart. They need the large and medium size.



Raffle



A 1 week stay in a Beach home yards from the ocean in St. Augustine, FL



Includes a \$50.00 gift card
Value - \$1,250.00
Tickets: \$10.00 per ticket or 3 for \$25.00

Winner will contact owner to make arrangements for stay
The home is an 11-hour drive from West Point



Raffle to benefit **Indian Rivers Humane Society**
Tickets can be purchased at 4 Paws Thrift Store, WP
Tony & George's Restaurant, West Point
Any IRHS member or
contact Connie @ 804-824-8640 or
connie.prince24@icloud.com
Drawing will be held April 28th at the WP Country Club



Sleeps: 6 adults Bedrooms: 2 Bathrooms: 1 Amenities: Wi-Fi Cable large screen tv Luxury linens King bed Queen bed Queen sleeper sofa with memory foam mattress Full size washer/dryer (detergent provided) Propane grill with accessories Tommy Bahama beach chairs, beach towels and umbrella's Beach utility cart Well equipped kitchen with basic spices and condiments Hair dryers Shampoo/body wash Hot/cold outdoor shower with foot rinse Fenced rear yard Outdoor dining and chat areas Front porch Bedroom sink and vanity Deluxe walk in shower Ceiling fans Stainless appliances Granite counters Old Town Trolley pick up for historic downtown is at hotel across the street. *Pet friendly*-1 large dog or 2 small dogs

Don't Forget Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

April 28, 2018



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And

Annual Wine & Cheese Event

April 28th 1:00pm – 4:00pm

The Country Club of West Point
Bring Your Own Chairs if you wish to sit outside



You won't believe the
spectacular items to bid on



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A 1-week vacation at a
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\$10.00 per ticket or 3
tickets for \$25.00



golf tournament

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PRESENTS

Captain's Choice with 4-person teams
Each team will play 18 holes
\$200 per team (includes green fees, cart, breakfast & lunch)
Limited to 15 teams – First Come, First Served
Registration at 7:00am; Tee-off at 8:00am
Payment due April 1, 2018
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

DATE: April 28, 2018
TIME: Registration at 7:00 a.m. Tee-off at 8:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Country Club of West Point
4200 Southern Ave. (Rt. 30)
West Point, VA 23181

Send entry forms &
check payable to:

IRHS Golf Tournament
c/o Connie Prince
PO Box 264
Aylett, VA 23009
(804) 824 8640
johnny.clark@cox.net

ENTRY FEE: \$200 (includes green fees, cart, breakfast
& lunch)
Payment due April 1, 2018

FORMAT: Captain's Choice with 4-person teams.
Each team will play 18 holes.

CAPTAIN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: _____

PLAYER 2 NAME: _____

PLAYER 3 NAME: _____

PLAYER 4 NAME: _____

WILL YOU NEED A GOLF CART: YES___ HOW MANY?___ NO___

Cancellation Policy:

If the golf tournament is cancelled due to weather, a raindate will be announced.
If a team is a "no-show", the entry fee is non-refundable.