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CINCO DE MEOW 2009

For the third year in a row our generous donors made our Cinco de Meow fund-raiser a great success. We collected over \$7,000 in donations.

On behalf of the FFCAS Board of Directors, the Fairfax County Shelter staff and the animals we've been able to help, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the people who made this event such a success. In particular, I'd like to thank all the people who kindly donated this year's auction items, those who gave their time and talent as volunteers, those who donated money to our fund raiser and everyone who came out to participate in the event.

It's only with your continued support that we can achieve our mission to support the work of our animal shelter and help the homeless animals of Fairfax County.

Sincerely,

Evelyn C. Grieve
President, FFCAS Board of Directors

NEWS: FFCAS sends Fairfax County Animal Shelter volunteers to neonatal kitten training.

For the second time this year, the FFCAS will be paying the registration fee for 6 shelter volunteers to attend a this valuable training that teaches participants how to properly feed and care for neonatal kittens. Once they complete the training, these volunteers will be able to foster some of the many unweaned kittens the shelter receives each year.

FFCAS SUCCESS STORY: EDDIE

Eddie was gravely ill after a rock he swallowed became lodged in his digestive track. Unable to afford the life-saving procedure he desperately needed and with Eddie near death, his family had little choice but to sign him over to the shelter.



With help from the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS), Eddie was able to get surgery to remove the obstruction. Within weeks, Eddie was good as new and found a new loving home and a second chance at life.

NEWS: Puppy mill dogs get a new start

When Shelter Director Karen Diviney got the call from an HSUS representative asking for assistance with 13 poodle and maltese mix dogs from a Pennsylvania puppy mill raid, she knew that there would be challenges getting them ready for new homes. Although most of the dogs were in good health, many needed grooming, socialization and dental work in addition to the expected routine care and sterilization.

"We wanted to help, but in these difficult financial times, the shelter's year end budget just could not afford the dental and grooming services needed," said Diviney.

The shelter tuned to the FFCAS, who immediately stepped forward with the funds. In addition to the dental procedures and the much needed grooming, FFCAS paid for an electrocardiogram for one little poodle mix with a heart murmur.

"Our donors make it possible for us to help" said FFCAS Vice President Cynthia Kochendarfer, "We are grateful for the generosity of our community."

To date, 11 of the 13 puppy mill dogs have already found new homes.



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Your support helps us provide vital resources and care to animals suffering from illness, injury, neglect, abandonment or abuse.

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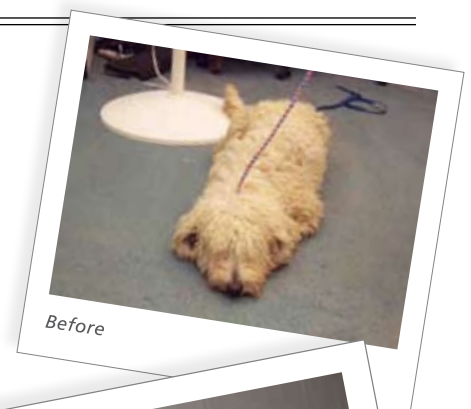
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FFCAS SUCCESS STORY: GABRIELLE

When Gabrielle arrived at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, she was so terrified she flattened herself into the floor. Under the dirty, long matted coat was a sweet—but shy—three year old dog in desperate need of a loving new home. FFCAS was there for Gabrielle, proving the funds needed to give this rescue a new look and new confidence.

Happily, Gabrielle has been adopted. Her new mom says she has quickly responded to the love and attention she's been receiving in her new home. This once frightened and unsocial poodle mix is now an outgoing social butterfly who loves meeting everyone in her neighborhood.



Before



Gabrielle after her grooming