



Spring Safety

Good-bye to a snowy, cold winter and welcome to spring! Here are some useful tips to keep in mind while enjoying the warm weather with your pets.

Spring hosts holidays that come with decorations and sweets. Most pet owners know that chocolate is toxic, but did you know that Easter lillies and certain buds are too? While plastic Easter grass looks innocent enough, once ingested by your pet, it can cause intestinal blockages and dehydration. As for the real grass, be on the lookout for lawn treatment signs—fertilizers and pesticides are harmful to our four-legged friends.

Before you let the fresh air blow through your windows, double-check to make sure you have screens in place to keep your domesticated animals inside and the wild ones out. Also, when it comes to that crisp air, remember that your pet is susceptible to spring allergies just like you. If you notice excessive sneezing, itching or red eyes, take your pet to the vet for an examination. On your drive there, keep the car windows closed and your pet properly restrained in a safety harness or crate. And before you get back into the car to head home, check your pet's records to make sure vaccinations are up-to-date and that you have a current prescription for heartworm, flea and tick preventatives.

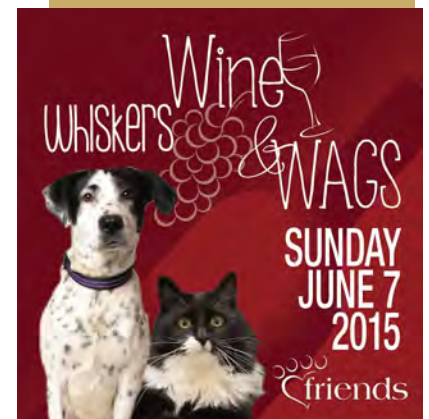
These simple precautions will help ensure that you and your pet stay happy and healthy this spring.

Wine, Whiskers and Wags - Please Join Us

Sunday June 7, 2015 1-5 PM

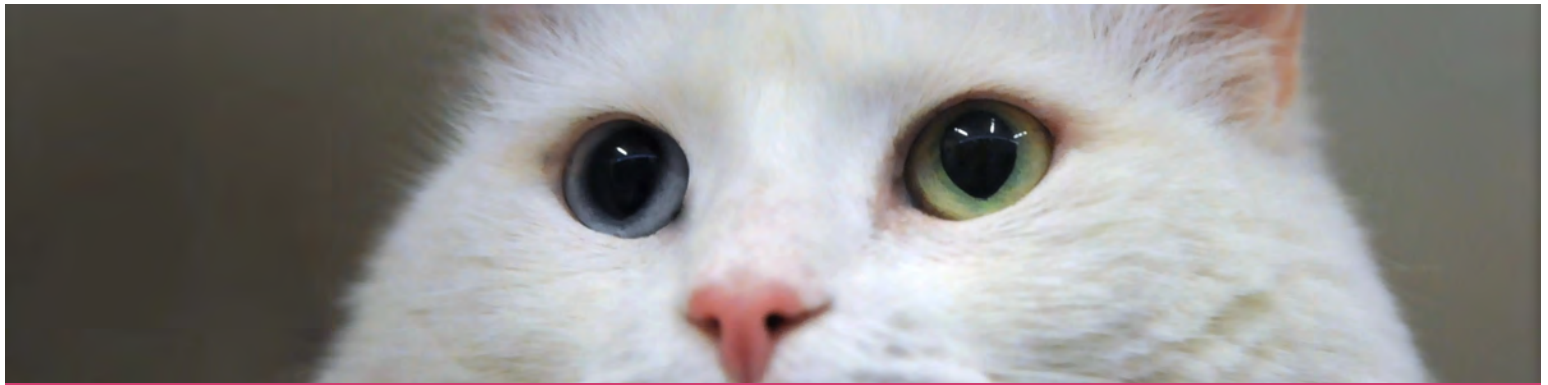
Paradise Springs Winery 13219 Yates Ford Rd Clifton, VA 20124

The event will feature delectable wines, scrumptious catered fare, a silent auction with dozens of desirable items for bid and meet-and-greets with shelter pets. Tickets are \$35 online (through June 5), and \$40 at the event. Ticket price includes a raffle ticket, wine tasting, and catered hors d'oeuvres by Trattoria Villagio on the winery's historic grounds. Dogs and children are welcome, and we suggest bringing chairs and blankets for your afternoon picnic. Special feature this year - Pender Veterinary Centre will be offering free onsite wellness checks. Stop by and "Ask the Veterinarian!"



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SOMETHING TO MEOW ABOUT!

Spay Neuter Grant Awarded

We are pleased to announce that FFCAS was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies at the March 2015 conference. This grant will allow us to fund spay and neuter surgery for more than a dozen community cats, lessening the chances of future homeless pets. Since 2008, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter has been working in conjunction with community volunteers to humanely reduce the homeless cat population in our community through TNR (trap-neuter-return). FFCAS has provided support for this important program from inception and the shelter has begun to see results with fewer feral kitten litters coming in each year. Thank you Virginia Federation of Humane Societies (VFHS)!



Dr. Broadhurst from Pender Veterinary Centre getting ready to vaccinate and sterilize one of many feral cats.

The Matching Challenge Continues!

The Henry Foundation is generously matching up to \$2,000 in contributions, and we're nearly halfway there. Spidey Sam and his sidekick Shadow are excited that donations through this campaign will be doubled. These are just a few examples of how your support will help homeless animals:

- \$100 provides overnight vet care for a sick or injured animal.
- \$69 pays for a spay or neuter surgery for one cat or kitten.
- \$50 provides collars and personalized I.D. tags for 10 homeless animals.
- \$25 provides the dogs an Easy Walk harness and Kong toy for exercise and kennel enrichment.

Please note on your donation check "match", or use this link to donate so the contribution will be counted toward the match. Donate at www.ffcas.org



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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I review all that FFCAS has accomplished over the last nine years and the support that has been provided by the community, I am truly thankful.

In 2015, thanks to the generous support of our many donors, FFCAS will provide over \$100,000 in financial support to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. This will allow for many life saving surgeries and critical medical treatments, support for community spay/neuter, a much needed behavioral modification program and many other life saving programs. I look forward to a banner year in 2016 and hope that you will join us as we continue to support the work of our animal shelter.



We hope to see you at our upcoming **Wine, Whiskers & Wags** event **June 7th** and our **Golf Tournament** on **September 17th**. See a full listing of upcoming events on page 4.

Evelyn Grieve

FFCAS SUCCESS STORIES

THROUGH GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, FFCAS HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP CHANGE THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS SHELTER ANIMALS.

Road Rescue

Road dog, now named Roadie, was living on his own next to a car repair business. When he was safely captured and brought to the Fairfax County shelter he was friendly but fearful. FFCAS funded Roadie's training with shelter trainer Randy Mouri, and happily Roadie quickly learned that people could be his best friends. Roadie was soon adopted by a new family.

Roadie's new mom Joanna has loved dogs her entire life, and she and her family have rescued several dogs over the years. When she first saw his picture on the shelter's Facebook page, she knew she just had to meet him.

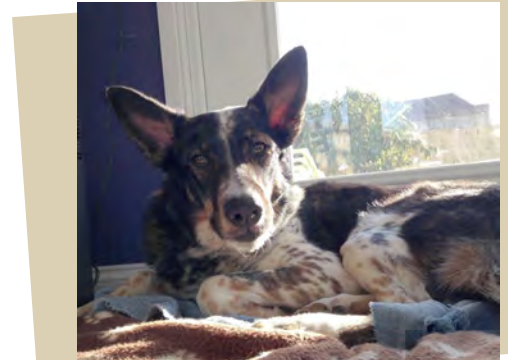
"After meeting him," she said, "I knew he would fit into my home perfectly. Now, February 10, 2015 has become one of the best days of my life. Roadie is adjusting to his new home and he even woke me up this morning licking my face!"

Thanks to all the incredible people who never gave up on this special dog.

...And they lived happily ever after!

In January, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter took in three of the dogs rescued from a South Korean dog meat farm by Humane Society International. Pictured to the right is one of the rescued dogs, Snowball. Shelter staff and volunteers gave the dogs much TLC to prepare them for adoption. FFCAS funded their medical expenses, and all three of the dogs have been placed in wonderful, new homes.

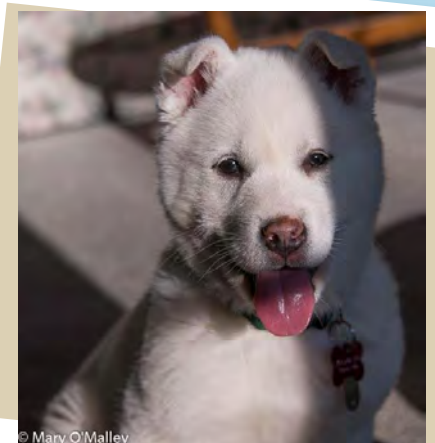
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Roadie



Roadie - with shelter volunteers, Randy and Joanna



Snowball

Friends
SPONSORED PET



Tiger

My adoption fee is only \$25 thanks to:
Tom and Carole Richardson

Shelter Pet Sponsorship Program *Help Get Them Adopted*

Help make the cost of pet adoption less expensive for a future adoptee. Our Shelter Pet Sponsorship program matches local businesses and individuals with shelter pets in order to increase adoptions and save lives. Our approach is based on the principle that decreasing adoption fees and increasing advocacy will help more shelter pets, especially seniors and those with special needs, find their forever homes. Read more and register today at http://www.ffcas.org/?page_id=655. Sponsorship takes as little as \$25 and makes a big difference in many lives!

About FFCAS

The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization located in Fairfax County, Virginia. Since 2006, the FFCAS has been aiding the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in its efforts to help lost and abandoned animals in our community.

More than 5,000 animals, including cats, dogs, small mammals, reptiles and livestock, come to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter each year. The shelter opens its doors — and its heart — to care for each and every animal. But, the shelter can't do it alone. Thankfully, the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is here to help. Through donor and volunteer support, we provide medical care, training, supplies and so much more to help the shelter care for these loving animals. In doing so, we help save lives — together.

FFCAS Board:

Evelyn Grieve, President

Mary O'Malley, Vice President

Jami Ojala, Secretary

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Meet FFCAS Mascot Eddie at Talbot's on April 17

Remembering Rick Collins

On February 7, 2015, we had the privilege of welcoming the family of Rick Collins to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Rick's generous bequest to the FFCAS continues to save the lives of numerous homeless animals. FFCAS President Evelyn Grieve and Shelter Director Tawny Hammond expressed heartfelt appreciation to Rick's family, and unveiled the picture with his beloved rescue dog Bailey and the memorial plaque, which now hangs in a place of honor at the shelter.



Shelter Director Tawny Hammond and FFCAS board members with Collins family.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS TO BARK ABOUT

April 17

Talbots Night of Shopping 5:30-8:30 PM
Talbots at Tysons Corner Center

April 26

Metro Run and Walk
"Break a Sweat for a Homeless Pet"
5K/10K 9 AM - 1 PM Location TBD

May 2

Reston Pet Fiesta 10 AM - 4 PM
Reston Town Center <http://www.petfiesta.org/>

June 4

DoMore24 Online 24 hour Fundraising Campaign

June 7

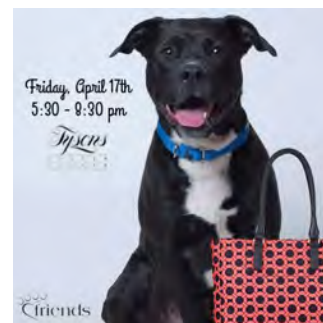
Wine, Whiskers & Wags 1-5 PM
Paradise Springs Winery

June 26 – July 5

World Police & Fire Games
<http://fairfax2015.com/>

September 17

5th Annual Golf Tournament Twin Lakes Golf Course



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