

The Many Victims of Animal Hoarding

We all love our pets, and though most of us can maintain a balance between providing them with a healthy home environment while not compromising our own well-being, some pet owners fall victim to their own good intentions.

This past June, Fairfax County Animal Protection Police were alerted to a hoarding situation and subsequently seized nearly 70 cats from a single-family home. The cats were brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter with a host of medical issues and malnutrition.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter staff worked tirelessly to support the intake and care of the felines ranging in age from newborn to 11 years old. Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter stepped in to help fund the rehabilitation and adoption effort. Supported by donations from our animal-loving community and grants provided by PetSmart Charities and the ASPCA, the cats have received life-saving treatments, daily care and socialization, and spay or neuter.

As of September 13, most of these delightful cats have been adopted, and only eight remain at the shelter awaiting their forever homes.

If you suspect or are aware of an animal hoarding situation in Fairfax County, please contact the police non-emergency dispatch number at (703) 691-2131.

Each year in the United States the ASPCA* estimates a quarter of a million animals fall victim to hoarding. The animals and the people often experience great suffering.

*American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The term "animal hoarding" refers to the compulsive need to collect and own animals for the sake of caring for them that results in accidental or unintentional neglect or abuse.

Most animal hoarders fall victim to their good intention.

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

Though intervention is essential and imminent, it also places a tremendous burden on a local shelter's limited staff, space and budget.



Lily is well again, and enjoying for her forever home. ⇨

Animal Caretakers Joey and Will administer antibiotics to a pint-sized Stella, who has since fully recovered and is in her new home. ⇨⇨



Thank you for your support!





A Full Recovery and a Full Life

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious viral disease that is especially life-threatening in puppies. When eight-week-old Ludwig came to the shelter and was diagnosed with the virus, he was immediately placed into quarantine and provided basic care. However, successfully beating parvo means around the clock veterinary care that includes the provision of intravenous fluid, medication and careful monitoring. Funding such expensive medical treatment of a single puppy compromises our Shelter's ability to best serve the abundance of pets that come through its doors. Fortunately, with the support of our generous donors, Friends was able to step in and see that Ludwig received the treatment he needed to survive and thrive!

Today, the sweet puppy is loving life with his new family. He is adorable, mischievous and an absolute delight to his people. Here is what mom Lauren says:



Helmutt Pupperer simply would not have survived without the intensive medical care funded by Friends. Thanks to individuals like you, today HP enjoys snuggles and tug o' war. Who can resist that darling face? Especially when it's smooshed into the screen door!

“Ludwig is going by his new name, Helmutt Pupperer, but we mostly end up calling him 'Little Bro' because he's playing the role so well to his big sister Gooby. It took a few days for him to settle in, and for him and Gooby to get to know each other, but now they are best friends. This little eight-pound pup manages to hold his weight pretty well when they play rough and tumble. We are loving this new addition to our little family, and I want to extend my thanks to Friends, and to the Shelter staff who helped us adopt him.”

And WE want to extend our thanks to YOU for making our work possible!

Happy Ending Alert!

If you happen to follow us on Facebook, you may recall us sharing a story about Chewy. This little guy came into the shelter with a broken pelvis, and a fractured tail and hind leg.

Thanks to you, Friends was able to fund the surgery he needed. Next came his recovery.

As is often the case for pets that require special care during recovery, Chewy took up short-term residency at the home of one of the wonderful Fairfax County Animal Shelter volunteer fosters. This is where our affectionate tongue-in-cheek expression "foster fail" enters the story.

Foster failure: It happens to the best of foster families; even those who have been doing it for years! In Chewy's case, he won hearts, and it was clear to the temporary family that Chewy had found his forever home.



Pictured above: Delighted with the "foster failure," Shelter staff celebrated the signing of the adoption papers. Even Chewy's wearing a party hat!

Pictured left: Chewy with his new brother/BFF Rocky, with mom Kay, and meeting the family's latest foster, Professor Chaos!

"We could not imagine life without him! He is a sweet and affectionate little guy who charms everyone who meets him! He has the life every dog deserves thanks to Friends!" — Kay





Chandler Bing (O)



This past May Joe and Peter, of The Reef Team with TTR Sotheby's International Realty, hosted Chandler Bing (O), a charity event in memory of their beloved pet Chandler Bing (right). Chandler was well-known and loved by Joe and Peter's friends, and his spirited remembrance event raised funds for several animal welfare groups. Chloe, her mom Friends Executive Director Celia Flye, and Board President Evelyn Grieve (along with Nicolas, Zeus and Eddie) enjoyed a fun-filled evening of bingo at 50 West Winery. As an event beneficiary, Friends received \$2,500 to support shelter pets. Thank you Joe and Peter for lending a paw!

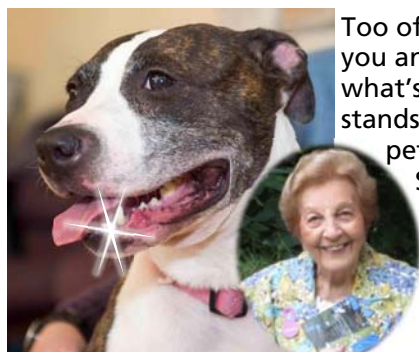


Lenten Appeal for Pets

When the 2017 Confirmation Class at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon was asked who the Church might support through the Annual Lenten Appeal, Daniel Contreras made a novel suggestion! Daniel loves animals, including his own best friend Zeus (right), so for the first time and at Daniel's recommendation, congregates were asked to consider helping shelter pets. With a resounding "yes," Friends was named the appeal recipient. During the service at which the presentation of the generous gift was made to Friends Executive Director Celia Flye and Board Member Rita Altman, Holy Cross Pastor Margarethe Kleiber offered a beautiful sermon pointing to the importance of being good stewards to all living things. In addition to a generous donation of \$1,150 to Friends, Holy Cross donated 140 pet items to the Shelter. Daniel and Holy Cross, thank you! We are so grateful and are honored to be your Friends.



Evelyn says, "Show Us Those Pearly Whites!" - a word from our president



Dental care made possible through a generous bequest from Anne S. Jacobs.

Too often, pets come into the Shelter with neglected teeth. Just like you and me, our pet's overall health is impacted by or indicative of what's going on in their mouths. For several reasons, a rotten smile stands in the way of adoption: unknown veterinary expenses, the pet's pain may impact personality, and let's face it—*dog breath!* Sometimes it's just tough to get past. That's why I am so delighted with Friends' new dental program.

In August, thanks to our most generous endowment gift to date, Friends began funding dental care for shelter cats and dogs most in need. With extractions, cleanings and dental surgeries behind them, these shelter pets can put their best face forward to win the hearts of a new forever family.

Does your pet have DOG BREATH?

Your cat's or dog's bad breath could mean periodontal disease, a metabolic disorder, or even respiratory or gastrointestinal problems.

Your vet can help determine the cause and treatment.

We are eternally grateful for your support. And like Anne, you too can leave a pet legacy.

For information about becoming a *Forever Friend*, please call me at (571) 212-9858. Thank you, Evelyn Grieve

A Few Ways to Get Involved with Friends

Attend an event: www.ffcas.org/events

Host a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to Friends.

Volunteer for Friends:

We're looking for a few event, communications and admin gurus.

Follow us on Facebook and share our posts: www.facebook.com/ffcas

Make a donation: www.ffcas.org/give

Camden raised \$170 with his lemonade stand and bought items for the shelter! He was so proud!

Girl Scout Troops have raised over \$2,000 in support of Friends. Thank you Troops 5302, 6944, 129, 165, 6842, 1673, 1994, 6993, 1769, 5790, 5321 and 2940!

Make a lasting impact and consider including Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in your will.

Questions? Please contact us at (571) 212-9858.



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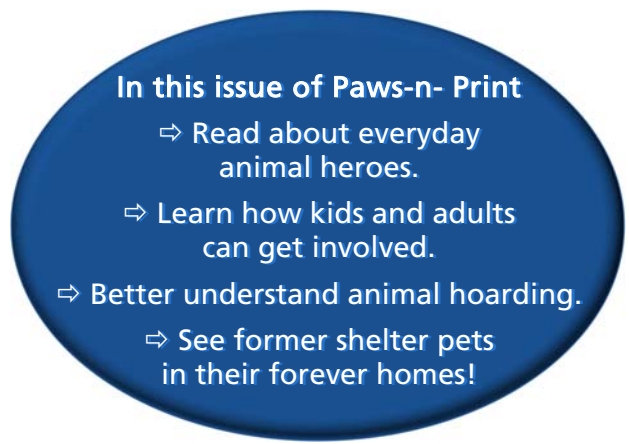
Event proceeds fund important needs beyond what the shelter's budget can provide. Together, we will ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home.

Join Friends as a Corporate Partner!

*Depending upon your level, as a **Corporate Partner** you will:*

- Participate in events like *Putting for Pets* and *Wine, Whiskers & Wags*.
- Design a team-building day at the Shelter.
- Receive recognition on our website, Facebook and print materials.
- Enjoy a Shelter pet visit to your office or event.

To learn more, please email Celia at celia.flye@ffcas.org or call (571) 212-9858.



In this issue of Paws-n- Print

- ⇒ Read about everyday animal heroes.
- ⇒ Learn how kids and adults can get involved.
- ⇒ Better understand animal hoarding.
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About Friends

Friends is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. By funding emergency medical care, behavior training, parasite prevention, dental care and spay/neuter, Friends joins in the Shelter's effort to ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home. Thank you for all that you do to make our work possible.