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Advocates for Abused & Abandoned Pets (A3P)

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Message from the Director

A Season of Hope and Heartbreak

We've been crazy busy the past several months with adoptions, events, trapping efforts, and planning for summer camp! We're also continuing to research transport vans and alternative facilities so we can keep growing and help even more pets in need.

We're happy to welcome the warmer weather of spring but with it comes "kitten season," the time of year where shelters and rescues are overwhelmed with homeless kittens (and puppies). Backyard breeding and puppy mills only worsen the crisis. Though kitten season brings precious new life, it's also a time of devastating heartbreak and death.

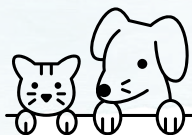
Now more than ever, we need your help to spread the word that spaying and neutering pets is crucial to reducing the number of homeless pets. Kittens found as strays or separated too early from their mothers face extremely difficult odds. Feral and stray cats and kittens (aka, community cats) are vulnerable to neglect, abuse, starvation, predators, disease, and extreme weather. We're also seeing more dogs being euthanized in shelters because of overcrowding and a lack of foster homes. Pregnant dogs, mothers with puppies, senior pets, and animals with medical needs that end up in shelters are at a higher risk of death.

You can also help by advocating for stronger animal protection laws. You can help those who cannot defend themselves by calling, writing, or visiting your local representatives to demand stringent penalties for animal abusers and justice for animals that are victims of human cruelty, neglect, and abandonment. Use the "[Who's My Legislator](https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/)" tool (<https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>) to find your local representatives.

Finally, you can help by fostering pets in need and providing them with safe, loving environments. This frees up shelter space, ultimately saving lives and reducing unnecessary deaths. The suffering, abuse, and killing of innocent animals will not stop until people take responsibility for their pets and/or support those working tirelessly to save pet lives.

We must do better because pets deserve better!

Sherry Turner, Director



Upcoming Events

(All events will take place at our rescue center, unless noted.)

May 22: ["Welcome to Summer" Adoption Event](#), 11am-2pm, 21736 Auto World Cir in Sterling. Visit us at [Subaru of Sterling](#) for a summer cookout (hot dogs & burgers!) and meet some of our adoptable dogs and cats!

May 30: [5th Annual Craft & Vendor Fair](#), 10am-3pm, 9101 Prince William St, Manassas, VA. This outdoor, kid- and pet-friendly event will bring together over 70 crafters, makers, artisans, and small businesses.

June 22-26: ["Pets 4 Life" Humane Education Summer Camp](#), 9am - 12pm. Registration is open for 7 to 9 year old children to attend this fun, hands-on summer camp!

June 27: [Low-cost Vaccine Clinic](#), 10am-3pm, sign up begins at 9:30am. Bring your pets (up to two per family) to our popular vaccine clinic with Dr. Chisolm from [Heart-to-Heart Mobile Pet Care](#). This is a walk-in clinic only.

July 13-17: ["Pets 4 Life" Humane Education Summer Camp](#), 9am - 1pm. Registration is open for 10 to 12 year old children to attend this educational and fun summer camp!

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Rescue Cat Spotlight: Grouch

Grouch is a 14-month-old petite, beauty who has been with us for 10 months. Despite her quiet demeanor, she is quite the acrobat and loves to play! She gets along well with other cats and doesn't mind respectful dogs. She has made progress, but she's still shy, which means she's overlooked by potential adopters. With kindness and a calm home, we know Grouch's sweet personality will shine. Help us find that special someone willing to give Grouch the time, patience, and loving home she deserves!



Kitten Season is Here*

Kitten season is in full swing, and **our rescue has already taken in more than 40 kittens in the past two months.** Though tiny, playful kittens are irresistible and adorable, the reality behind kitten season is heartbreaking.

Life Outdoors

Most kittens are born outdoors to community cats where they face:

- extreme weather
- dehydration
- starvation
- predators
- infections
- injuries
- illness



Every year, animal rescues and shelters brace for "kitten season" when unspayed cats give birth to multiple litters of kittens. Starting in the spring and lasting through fall, shelters and rescues become overwhelmed, struggling to care for the thousands of orphaned kittens, pregnant cats, and nursing mothers who need food, medical care, foster homes, and safe places to stay.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cats can become pregnant as young as four months old and have multiple litters a year.

The most effective and humane way to reduce kitten suffering is through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs for community cats and by ensuring your pet cats are spayed and neutered. TNR stabilizes and gradually reduces outdoor cat populations, and prevents countless kittens from being born into suffering and early death. Spaying and neutering also improves the health of cats and reduces overcrowding in shelters and rescues.

Help us give these kittens the chance to grow up safe, healthy, and loved!

About 75% of kittens born outside die or disappear before they reach six months of age.



How can you help during kitten season?

There are many ways you can help!

- **Foster** kittens or nursing moms
- **Donate** food and other supplies
- **Support** local rescues and TNR efforts
- **Spay/neuter** your pets
- **Spread awareness** about kitten season

*For more info: [Best Friends](#), [PETA](#), [Cat Care Society](#)

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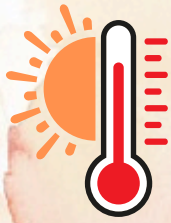
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HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS*

FOR PET OWNERS



Tip 1: Provide lots of water.

Make sure your pet has plenty of water; you can even add ice cubes.



Tip 2: Protect their paws!

If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your pet's paws! Protect your pet from hot surfaces like roads, sidewalks, parking lots, metal, wood, and sand.



Tip 3: Exercise during cooler hours of the day.

Don't exercise your pet when it's hot outside. If you're walking your dog, take breaks in the shade.



Tip 4: Bring pets inside.

Keep pets indoors during extreme heat to avoid heat-related illnesses.

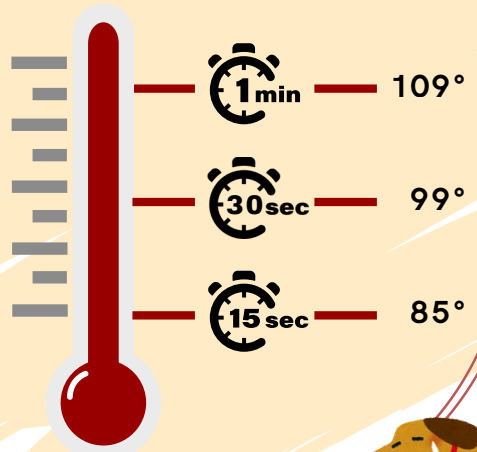


Tip 5: NEVER leave a pet in a parked car!

Never leave a pet alone in a car, not even with the window cracked. The inside of a car can quickly heat up to 120°F, even on mild days!

How hot does a car get?

If it's 75°F outside on a beautiful spring day, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels within seconds!



Every year, hundreds of dogs die from being left in hot cars. These deaths are entirely preventable!

Thirty-two states have "hot car" laws that prohibit leaving animals in dangerous conditions in vehicles.

CALL 911 if you see a dog in a hot car!

*For more info: [In Defense of Animals](#), [American Red Cross](#)

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Rescue Dog Spotlight: Momo & Half-Pint

Brave, confident, 6-year-old Momo and her sweet, gentle 5-year-old daughter, Half-Pint, are on a journey to find their forever home...together! Older pets have a 25% adoption rate compared to younger dogs and spend up to four times longer waiting to be adopted. All pets deserve loving homes, and these gentle ladies are totally worth it.

If you believe in second chances and can provide these two sweethearts a calm, loving home, please consider welcoming these fabulous girls into your family!

Keeping Your Pets Safe on July 4th

This July 4th will be extra special as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence! Though Independence Day is a day to spend time with friends and family and enjoy fireworks displays, it can be a stressful and dangerous time for our pets.

Frightened animals run away from loud celebrations and fireworks, making July 5th one of the busiest days of the year for animal shelters that see an increase in lost pet intakes and families searching for their pets.



Fireworks also affect wildlife. For example, birds and squirrels may abandon their nests because of the loud explosions and bright flashes of lights, leaving their young vulnerable to predators or left to starve to death.

Fireworks don't just scare animals, they can also trigger PTSD in people, especially military veterans. We can help by being mindful of those in our community who may be affected by sudden loud explosions.

How to protect your pet

- Keep your pet indoors in a quiet, safe space.
- Make sure their microchip and ID tags are up to date, in case they run away.
- Ask your veterinarian about medications that might help reduce your pet's anxiety.



If not handled properly, fireworks can spark fires in areas experiencing dry conditions, putting everyone at risk.

The negative effects of a fireworks show can last long after the celebration ends.

So, let's make this July 4th fun and safe for both humans and animals!

For more info: [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#), [Audubon](#), [The MIT Press Reader](#)

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Summer Safety Tip

DON'T LET YOUR PETS DRINK DIRTY WATER

It can cause **GIARDIA** and other digestive issues.



WHY IT MATTERS

Stagnant or dirty water can contain harmful bacteria, parasites, and toxins. One common risk is Giardia, a microscopic parasite that can cause serious gastrointestinal upset.



GIARDIA

is a parasite found in contaminated water that affects the small intestine.

Signs of Giardia in Pets

- 🐾 Diarrhea (often soft, mucus-like, or smelly)
- 🐾 Vomiting
- 🐾 Loss of Appetite
- 🐾 Weight loss
- 🐾 Lethargy
- 🐾 Gas or bloating

Examples of Dirty Water

- 💧 Puddles and ponds
- 💧 Streams and lakes
- 💧 Ditches and storm runoff
- 💧 Stagnant water bowls left outside
- 💧 Mud puddles

Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe

- ✔ Always bring fresh, clean water for your pet.
- ✔ Prevent your pet from drinking from lakes, ponds, streams, puddles, or standing water.
- ✔ Rinse your pet off after swimming or hiking.
- ✔ Wash water bowls daily and keep them clean.
- ✔ If your pet shows any signs of illness, contact your veterinarian.



Giardia can be passed in feces and can even affect humans. Practice good hygiene and always clean up after your pet!



**FRESH IS BEST,
SKIP THE REST**



**A SIP OF DIRTY WATER
ISN'T WORTH THE RISK.**



SAFE ADVENTURES. HAPPY TAILS.





Squirt chilling at The Stafford Dog Club's adoption event!



Thank you to Dr. Chisolm and her amazing team at [Heart to Heart Mobile Pet Care](#) for helping 79 community pets at our low-cost vaccine clinic in February and April! We believe every pet deserves access to quality medical care and Dr. Chisolm's team has been making a significant impact on the lives of these pets and their owners by providing much-needed, affordable services to the community.



Roxy

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Our Annual Egg Hunt

Our recent adoptions (January-April 2026)!



One of our newest bottle babies!

Kitten season is well into its second month and we already have over 40 kittens in our care, many of whom require round-the-clock care, special foods, and bottle feedings. **We are in critical need of kitten food!**

If you're able to help, please consider sending kitten food through our Amazon [wishlist](#).

Thank you for supporting our smallest residents!



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Louie

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Thank you

to our Sponsors, Partners, and Volunteers!!



Aurora

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As a 100% volunteer-run charity, our success depends on the dedication and support of our volunteers, foster care providers, sponsors, partners, adopters of our rescues, and those who donate and provide services. **We are immensely grateful to everyone who believes in the work we do! We can't do it without you.** The more help we get, the more pets we can save!



We extend our sincerest gratitude to the extraordinary women of the Hope Presbyterian Church Women's Group for their amazing contributions! We deeply appreciate their limitless empathy, kindness, and commitment to our mission to help pets in need!



A huge THANK YOU to **Stohlman Subaru of Tysons** and **Subaru of Sterling** for our continued partnership!



Our first "Pasta & Pizza 4 Paws" fundraiser was a resounding success! A huge, heartfelt *thank you* to our amazing sponsors who made this event possible: The Rose Gaming Resort, Subaru of Sterling, Spotsylvania Heating & Air Conditioning, Edge Car Wash, Pawn USA, Britto Orthodontics, Heart-to-Heart Mobile Pet Care, and Emmaline with Jewelry by Design. And a very special *thank you* to Castiglia's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria for their outstanding culinary expertise!



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- Engraved name plate on cage/condo

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- Engraved name plate on cage/condo
- Featured "Pet of the Month Sponsored by ____" on website homepage for 3 months

\$1000



Top Dog

- Recognized on social media; company logo on website partnership page
- Engraved name plate on cage/condo
- Featured "Pet of the Month Sponsored by ____" on website homepage for 6 months
- Vendor table at one HSNV/A3P hosted event

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Pet Pantry*

If you, or someone you know, needs help with dog food, please reach out. This is part of our commitment to help keep pets with their owners. We always need donations to keep the pantry stocked so if you can help, please select pet food items from our [Amazon](#) Wish Lists.

*We are unable to help with cat food due to the number of cats we are caring for.



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 [Yelp](#): Humane Society of Northern Virginia

 [Great Nonprofits](#): Advocates for Abused and Abandoned Pets



If you're interested in supporting a fundraiser or sponsoring the adoption or spay/neuter fee for one of our pets, please email us at: a3padvocates@gmail.com.



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