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Holiday 2016



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Rainey is a very sweet girl that is ready for a loving home where she can start trusting people. She is currently being treated for a tick born disease and she is getting better each and every day. She needs love and encouragement and we are working with her every day. Rainey is about 2 years old, she has been vaccinated, spayed, tested and microchipped. For more information on this lovely dog, please call the Orange County Animal Shelter at 540-672-1124.



Hot Rod is a pistol. This sweet boy is about 2 years old and sits very nicely for treats. He walks well on a leash. He will do well in an active family home and will make a loving companion for anybody that does not have any cats in the house. Hot Rod has been neutered, vaccinated, temperament tested and microchipped. Now all he needs is a loving home of his own. For more information please call the Orange County Animal Shelter at 540-672-1124.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS!!!!

Did you know you can help the Orange County Humane Society when shopping at Amazon? Just access the site at www.smile.amazon. You'll be asked to select a charity. Type 'Orange County VA Humane Society' in the search box and hit enter. On the next page, select the Orange County Humane Society. That's it, and you're done!

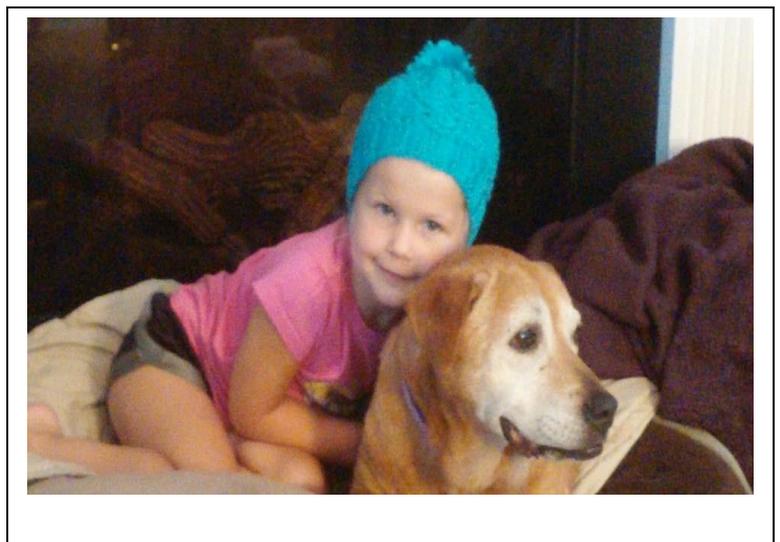
Now when you shop at Amazon, 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases will be sent to the Humane Society. It's an easy way to help us help the needy animals in our area. Thank you for your support.

"Lucy Anne"

Lucy came to the shelter as an owner surrender when she was about 7 years old. She quickly became a staff and volunteer favorite. She is a pitbull mix. She was overlooked everyday by people that would walk by her kennel, maybe because of her age or maybe just because she was a Pitbull mix. It broke our hearts to see her sit there day after day waiting for her forever home. We started sharing her on the Orange County Virginia Facebook page religiously every week hoping that someone would see her and fall in love.

Then a wonderful family came to the shelter and took Lucy Anne home. As Lucy left the building on the way to her new home, everyone was crying happy tears knowing that she was on the way to a home she truly deserved. This was the best day the Shelter had seen in years. It was a joy to watch how happy Lucy Anne was to jump right up in the car that was taking her home.

We would like to thank this wonderful family for giving this great girl a chance and keeping us updated on her progress through the years. As you can see Lucy Anne is very happy and her new family loves her dearly.





Nicole is a sweet, shy cat, barely an adult at 1 year of age. She has a prim and proper look, but when given her freedom to run around she is very playful and goofy. Nicole has been spayed, vaccinated and tested for FIV and FeLV. For more information please call the Orange county Animal Shelter at 540-672-1124



Galaxy is a lovely big armful of cat. He is very calm and easy-going. He is cautiously friendly, and very affectionate when you have won his trust. Galaxy has been neutered, vaccinated and tested for FIV and FeLV. For more information please call the Orange County Animal Shelter at 540-672-1124.



THANK YOU On behalf of all of us at OCHS, a huge thanks to everyone who bought and sold tickets and donated prizes for our 2016 Annual Raffle. Because of your generosity and support, our raffle was an outstanding success!

Congratulations to all of our winners

- \$1,000 ~ Linda Hurff, Locust Grove, VA
- \$500 ~ Melinda Robinson, Gordonsville, VA
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- Salon 20 ~ Joan Nessing, Medford, NY
- Pomme To GO ~ Patricia Phillips, Locust Grove, VA

Rabies...it's not just in the movies

Rabies is a deadly disease that we still see in this area. It is preventable. The vaccine is relatively inexpensive. Any Veterinarian can administer it and usually charge around \$25 to \$45. Isn't your best friend worth that?

Rabies is a disease that is caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is found in mammals to include humans. In 2015 the Virginia Department of Health had 275 confirmed cases of Rabies in Virginia. One case was in Orange County. Of the 275, there were 131 Raccoons with Rabies and 63 Skunks. Cats are the most popular domestic animal that was diagnosed with Rabies last year. Bats also carry the virus.

The first and most important thing you can do is vaccinate all your domestic animals. The Orange County Animal Shelter sponsors a Rabies Clinic every spring and fall. The vaccine at the clinic only costs \$10 per vaccine. You can call the shelter in March or September to get the date for the clinic that is usually in April or October.

If you are bitten by an animal be sure the animal is confined. Call your local health department or animal control. We are not going to come and take your pet and put it to sleep. Information will be taken for a Rabies Exposure report. The health department will then decide what needs to be done.

With that being said we have had a positive skunk in the last few weeks. So please vaccinate your pet for you and your pet. Do not play with wild animals. Keep any trash up so as not to attract wildlife. If you see a wild animal acting suspicious call animal control. Do not pick up an injured or sick animal that you do not know the rabies vaccine status on. Also if you have slept in the same room as a bat or not sure if someone was exposed to a bat call Animal Control. You cannot feel a bat bite. Leave the room and secure it so the bat doesn't get loose. The most important thing is don't be afraid to call the Health Department or Animal Control. They are here to help you.

Dear OCHS,

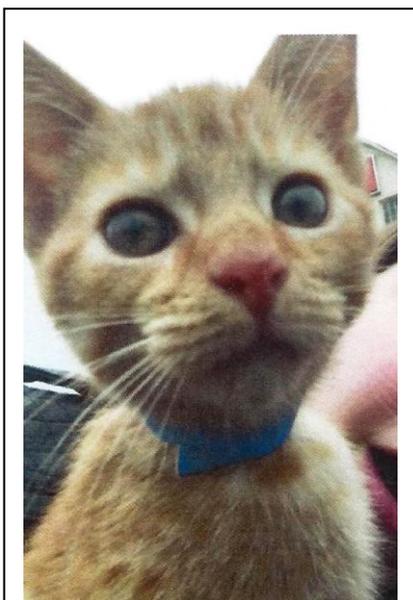
About a month ago I was laying down in a cage at the Central Park PetSmart when this lady came in and asked if she could hold me. I seemed really nice and she was already there to buy her dog gifts for her birthday, so I knew she would be a great mom. I licked her nose and she was sold. She had to call my future Daddy and make sure that he would love me as much as she already did. She went all around the store to get my EVERYTHING I could possibly need.

After we went by to pick up my Daddy from work, I got to meet my new grandparents. I love running around my Nanna and Da's house. They have tons of toys for my puppy cousins and my human cousins. My new mom showed me pictures of the cat she grew up with. Ebony was a pampered cat for 20 years!! My mom pampers me just as much. My next big adventure was going to my new forever home and meeting my big sister.

I was nervous about meeting Lilith because she is a BIG big sister and I am very small. She was so excited to meet me but Mom and Dad were a little nervous too, so Mom held on to me tightly while we sniffed each other. I liked her but I was really tired from my HUGE day so I took a nap while my Mom held me. When I woke up my sister and I started to play and we fell in love with each other. I have so much family now, I can't decide who I love more!!

I sent you some pictures from my first month in my new home. I've been very busy. I learned how to take selfies and love playing with Mom's phone. My Uncle Donny, he lives with us too, travels a lot and I tried to go with him to Nags Head but Mom said I wasn't old enough to travel that far. I like to help out around the house too. If you look at the picture you can see me helping my Dad with the dishes. I insist on helping so much they decided to wash all sharp objects by hand so I can't get hurt (Mom even leaves a little on the plate for me to lick off, only the healthy stuff though!). I love helping Mom out when she works. I even got to see one of her co-workers when I accidentally Skyped him while trying to get comfortable on the keyboard. Mom couldn't believe I was able to do that and said I must be magical! My favorite way to nap is with my sister. Every night we curl up together and go to sleep. Mom and Dad always say how it is so cute but it would be even cuter if we could do it on the giant 5 star rated pet bed that Lilith got for Christmas last year.

I wanted to send you this letter so you knew how happy I am at my forever home! Thank you for taking such good care of me while I waited for my family to find me. I love chasing shiny toys and climbing my cat tower all day and getting to snuggle with my family all night. I will have to send you more pictures of my adventures. Please let all the other cats and dogs waiting for their families know that it is worth the wait and if my Mom has her way a few of them can even come live with me and Lilith. **Love, Alastair (The Durbin Family, Woodbridge, VA)**





WHY I DO WHAT I DO?



Ever wonder that. Ever wonder what would have happened if you had chosen another career path? I think about the long days that have gone into nights. The horrible sights I witness. The holidays spent away from family and think what if I had a 9-5 office job. I thought about this one day recently as I had to euthanize a kitty that was dying. All the pain and suffering I have witnessed. How could I continue to do this? However, as I write this, I look over and see the most handsome orange and white cat who survived the unthinkable. I look at my floor and see the beautiful beagle that sleeps in my bed at night instead of in a pen and not loved.

A black muzzle nudges my hand wanting to play. The muzzle that belongs to my Autistic sons' dog that came to us full of mange and a previous owner that had given up on her and left her for dead in a ditch. Animals are like children. They can't defend themselves. They can't speak. And like children they do so much for us.

My first job in high school was with a veterinarian. Growing up on a farm I had already witnessed firsthand life and death for animals. I loved animals and they brought me such joy. I would always show my cow at the fair, maybe not the prettiest one but the one who showed me love. The black sheep or should I say "black cow" of the herd. I wouldn't win but I didn't care because I got to still show off my baby. When a stray kitty showed up at my house with his leg half cut off I cried and cried. My mom took him to the vet but we were like any other farm family, hardly a dime to our name. So my mom spoke of just putting her out of her misery. The vet saw me crying and knew I had a love for animals and said he could amputate it for just a few hundred dollars but we didn't have that kind of money. So what did he do? He offered me a job, cleaning kennels, volunteering to pay off the bill. I jumped at the chance to save this kitties life. This cat, Snowball, went on to love me for many years. She went with me to vet tech school and stood by my side in my darkest hours in my teenage years. She was there for me through my marriage and raising both of my kids. She finally passed away 18 years after saving her. She is what got me into this career. The life of saving animals. Through my years as a vet tech I helped save many animals and wept with many owners as their best friend passed over that bridge. I can remember doing C-sections at 10 o'clock at night and hearing those puppies first cry. The "hit by car" that would come in at closing and calling my husband to tell him I won't be home for dinner.

Then I later moved into animal control. If you thought, you had seen the worse in an animal hospital you were wrong. Animals left for dead in the middle of the night with no trace of who left them. I can honestly say that yes, I do cry every time that ASPCA commercial comes on. I live that life. That life of rescuing these sweet forgotten animals. Now as the animal shelter director, it is my task to make sure that they are taken care of after the case. And that they are placed in good homes. We try are hardest but sometimes you just cannot predict what will happen. The disappointment when animal control comes in with a case, and you know the dog. It's rare but yes it happens. So why do we do what we do. Why do my employees and volunteers come to work every morning with the hard task of caring for so many animals? Why do our Deputy Animal Control Officers put their badge on and go out there every day not knowing when they will be home? Why...because we are their voice and they do so much for us. Animals are given the task of being caregivers for post-traumatic stress victims. They are taken into hospitals and nursing homes daily to brighten up the residents. When my dad was bedridden and dying it was that sweet beagle that laid by his side day in and day out no matter what.

She gave him that unconditional love that not many humans can. She didn't care that he didn't know her name or that she was even a dog. All she knew was that he was her master and she would take care of him until the end. He was the hand that fed her and took her in. She never back talked him or treated him bad, all she did was show him unconditional love. I will never forget that night a year ago. We were all emotionally and physically drained. It was about 10 pm and we had been going at it all day. I went to turn off the lights in the shelter's medical isolation and to check on our new rescues one last time. Dog crates were lined up with cats. There was one cat lying in the crate stretched out and he looked happy! Happy to be alive and laying on his warm bed made by a volunteer. His stomach full and not a care in the world. I looked at that picture and smiled! A week later every time I walked past another cat he would reach out and smack at me, beg for attention. I would stop and pet him and this would continue. I would ask Gina one day why this one cat out of the 100 plus cats in the shelter kept grabbing me. Her answer, he remembers you. He knows that you are the one that entered that house and saved him. And he is grateful. Do they know? I ask Ruffles as I now look over at him and he just looks at me and smiles. If only he could talk. Yes, I brought him home. My daily reminder of why I do what I do. So why do I do what I do? Take one look at a rescued animal and you will know why.

Ginny Strong, Director, Orange County Animal Shelter

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Dad and Belle

Below: Ruffles



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If you need help posting your pet, please call the OCHS voicemail at 540-672-0069 for assistance.

If you live outside LOW, call OCHS at the same phone number and we will assist you.



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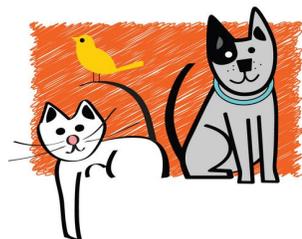
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Adoption volunteers set up crates, walk dogs, and help fill out paperwork. There are at least two volunteers each day, and often University of Mary Washington students are on hand to help out.

If you can spare just one Saturday or Sunday a month, please call or email Allison at 540-848-5570, allisonabbs@comcast.net

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