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ORANGE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY Four Paws Press



PETS IN PLACE

Max came to our attention when he required life saving emergency surgery for his bladder stones. His single owner was experiencing another unexpected financial difficulty and asked if OCHS could help her with part of the veterinary fees. Rather than have her surrender Max or have him euthanized, OCHS paid enough of the fees to make the remaining payments manageable for the owner. Max had his surgery and happily recovered at home with his very thankful owner. 🐾

A Welcome from President Bill

It is hard to believe that 2021 is half over; it is with a very happy heart I can say the country is on the road to recovery from the pandemic. This year with your help, the Orange County Humane Society team has provided care for hundreds of animals and helped many citizens care for their pets.

I am excited to share all the OCHSVA team has accomplished during the first 6 months of 2021:

- Our Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return program sterilized, vetted and vaccinated over 169 feral, homeless cats at a cost of \$18,162. Thanks to our **donors** and the **Andi Bureman Endowment** has allowed OCHSA to sterilize over 3,000 feral, homeless Orange County cats in the last 5 years.
- Medical care was provided for 40 cats and 7 dogs at a cost of \$7,194.
- Our voice mail team and TNR program received over 510 calls from citizens requesting assistance.
- OCHSVA donated to the Wilderness Food Pantry 150 cases of pet food and 1,000 gallon bags of dry cat and dog food and purchased another \$4,057 of pet food to help citizens.



Our web site, [OrangeCountyHumaneSocietyVA.org](https://www.OrangeCountyHumaneSocietyVA.org) is currently being updated after many years; please visit our Facebook at Orange County Humane Society VA to see all the great work being done for animals by OCHSVA.

It is with great appreciation that I acknowledge that so many citizens have been very generous in their support of the Orange County Human Society of VA. **Thank**



you! Thank you! Citizen calls for help continue to highlight the need for our services. Please help us help the animals in need, **donate** what you can, and don't forget to use Amazon Smiles when you shop with Amazon by requesting Orange County Humane Society of VA as your charity of choice. 🐾

Gaia's Journey

For the past four years Gaia has lived in a small sphere, tied to line that was attached to a tree located at the end of a long drive.

She was isolated and lonely. Thankfully she was voluntarily surrendered her to a wonderful lady that lived in the area and asked about her welfare. Gaia is now free to run, chase balls and receive the love of a barn full of horseback riding students. Her rescuer, shero and new guardian Judy called the Orange County Humane Society and with a little help Gaia was spayed, vaccinated and fully vetted for the first time ever. Welcome to your new home Gaia! 🐾



Where in the World is Cola?

A local family rescued a Boston Terrier who had spent her life in a pen, repeatedly bred for her puppies, they soon realized they got more than they bargained for. Six year old Cola had minimal human socialization, so when she saw an opportunity to escape, off she went. Cola was on the lamb for several days when members of the Humane Society were notified about her escape.

Volunteers searched and followed up on many tips that came in from all over the southeast end of Lake of The Woods. Many people saw her but nobody could catch her because she didn't have much humane socialization so she ran from people. Fortunately LOW resident, Beth Winters spotted her on her ring camera several nights in a row so that is where we decided to base our concentrated search.



OCHS arranged for a professional tracking company called Pure Gold Trackers to come with a plan. Pure Gold Trackers owner Sam and OCHS volunteers assembled a 6' x 6' trap in the Winter's driveway along with other strategically placed specialized traps with cameras.

The first night was spent turning loose unintended trapped wildlife from the traps but on the second night success finally came at 2 AM! The 6 foot trap closed on Cola without frightening her.

OCHS continued helping Cola (renamed Penny), by vetting her and finding her a happy home where she can live out her life with a loving Boston Terrier family.

Thanks to Beth Winters for monitoring cameras and traps and allowing her driveway to be turned in to "trap central" and a huge shout out to Sam from PURE GOLD TRACKERS! 🐾



Now living life on the bed!

VET ADVICE: Flea Control



Even if your dog or cat spends minimal or no time outside, you still should practice flea prevention because you can be a flea's entry into your home and onto your pet. If home is a warm weather climate, you should consider **year round flea control**; for cooler climates that experience freezing temperatures, initiate flea prevention in the spring, before the pupae emerge. Flea preventatives vary widely according to what stage of development they address. Some kill adult fleas only while others leave the adults alone but prevent egg hatching to break the life cycle—effective only if the animal never comes in contact with another flea. Discuss the best option for your pet with your vet. 🐾

A Feral Fairytale

Laura and her young family adopted a feral mom and her kitten a couple years ago as barn cats and continues to feed them. OCHS had them spayed and vaccinated and appreciated her kindness. Her children love having them around.



This is his before picture. He's so healthy, fast and feral they haven't been able to take a good "after" picture!

This spring a feral male showed up around the horse barn during the height of mating season and was fighting with another feral male in the area. Laura, being an advocate for animals, could tell he was really looking beat up and called the Humane Society about trapping him and getting him some help. HS loaned her traps and luckily she got him just in time. The vet said he had so many infected wounds on his body he may not have lasted another day.

After a sedated exam and extensive wound care he was put in a kennel at the vets to recover. The staff put antibiotic mixed in his food daily because he was too feral to medicate directly. He was so weak he didn't even mind being caged, just slept and healed.

After a couple weeks he recovered and was neutered, vaccinated and released back to the family's horse barn. Laura didn't see him for a few days and then contacted HS to say he is running around and looks very healthy. Laura's children named him Peanut Butter, but the staff at the vet's office call him Rocky because he is such a fighter! 🐾

Vets are Heroes

A huge thanks to the veterinarians and their dedicated staff members for the contributions made to the animals of Orange County, owned and unowned!

They stretched their days to help the animals that could not normally get the vet care they need. **Orange Vet, Tucker Vet, Paradoxs Vet, Locust Grove Vet, CASPCA Vet** and **Vetss Emergency Hospital** all go beyond expectations and we are deeply grateful! 🐾

An Eartip is a Badge of Honor

If you see me in an outdoor home sporting an eartip it means someone cared enough about me to get me vetted and they are making sure I have the best life possible in my outdoor home.

If I am in an adoption program, it means someone took the time to work with me after rescuing me. They showed me love and taught me to trust and gave me the confidence to love back.



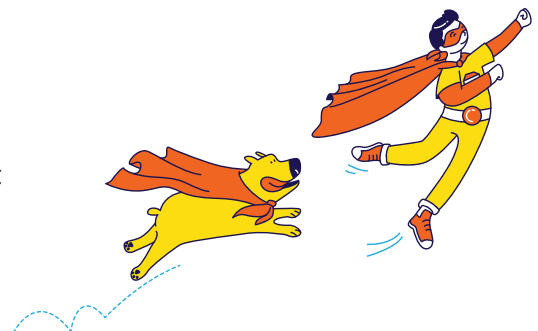
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Savannah Surprise!

A concerned citizen discovered this hungry stray cat in her backyard eating bird seed off the ground so she started putting out some cat food. The cat did not look like an ordinary cat, it was very large and distinctly spotted. It appeared to many to be a Savannah cat.



Months passed and the cat didn't leave the area so the concerned citizen asked another animal lover to trap him/her so that OCHS could neuter and vaccinate under their TNR program. The giant kitty went right in the trap and then into a dog crate overnight but the following day her gender was apparent because she had three Savannah Bengal mix kittens!

Now a Bengal has showed up in the same area that we are assuming may be dear ole dad! A regional Bengal exotic cat rescue has agreed that is indeed their breed and is helping to evaluate social skills and place these beautiful cats and kittens. Hopefully the male Bengal still in the area can also be placed into a good home. Life is a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get! 🐾

Meet Mitheral!

She wandered over from the landfill to the Nichols' residence and had kittens! The Nichols family took her and her babies inside and began to socialize her and her kittens.



Mitheral was still going in and out for short breaks. When the kittens were 3 weeks old she went out one evening but didn't come back! The next morning she came back dragging her injured leg.

Mitheral's elbow joint was displaced probably due to being hit by a car but even with a sedated exam the vet couldn't get the elbow in place. The vet explained that even if the elbow could be put in place there was no guarantee it would stay. Amputation seemed to be the only option.

Before scheduling the surgery, one of our volunteers sent the X-rays to Dr. Bray in C'ville for a second opinion, since he has an orthopedic background. He concurred that the elbow wouldn't stay in place but said he he could sedate, surgically put elbow in place and pin it. The surgery was successful and Mitheral went home to heal with a cast on her leg. The Nichols bottle fed the kittens till mom was back, but even with her cast on she resumed nursing and raising her kittens! After weaning, the kittens were adopted and mama got the cast off, the pins out and was spayed! Mitheral is now definitely an inside kitty!

Thanks to Dr. Bray, Mitheral's leg was saved. The Nichols family stepped up and worked with OCHS to provide care for this mama and her kittens in a desperate time of need! 🐾

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