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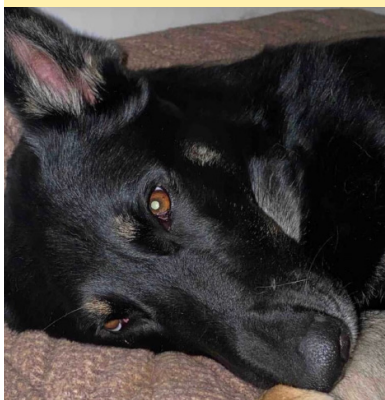
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PETS IN PLACE

Bubba the Chiweenie's family qualified under our Pets In Place program to be neutered at last! In the spirit of helping other rescues, three other chihuahuas from a great dog rescue also received neutering at CASPCA!

Shadow the Shepherd (below) also qualified for surgery through Pets in Place. We are happy to report that he is recovering from successful cranial cruciate ligament surgery. All made possible by sponsors and donors like you! 🐾



Letter From the President

The Orange County Humane Society has been so busy since our last update we want to catch everyone up on our progress and all recognize the people that make the success stories happen.

Our trap, neuter, vaccinate, return program (TNVR) for population control and overall health of feral, free roaming cats has vetted 330 cats. Thanks to the citizens that trapped them, delivered to various vet clinics, picked up and continue to feed them! These folks make it all come together and are very special caretakers of these cats and colonies of cats. Kudos to you!

The second pillar of our mission is our Pets In Place program. Since our last publication we have vetted 179 dogs and cats. Orange County citizens that have a pet that needs necessary medical care and meets qualifications can receive assistance to provide vetting for their dear pet. This program has kept pets and families together by preventing the need to surrender pets to shelters because of an expensive illness or life saving surgery.

Thanks to a group of participating vets, these programs fill a vital need in the community, help keep the cat population down and healthier, and help to keep dogs in their home and out of a shelter. A special heartfelt thank you goes to Andrea Bureman and her desire to continue her passion of helping community cats after her passing provided an endowment fund that supports many of the Orange County Humane Society programs.



Andrea Bureman

This newsletter is also dedicated to the sponsors, donors and citizens that donate what they can when the feral, free roaming cats go in for neuter and vaccines. Without community support we could not meet the needs of the animals in Orange County that suffer. We want to acknowledge their support and dedication to helping us to continue the life saving work. 🐾



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TO OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS

Our sponsors and donors help to provide the funds to pay for the vetting and food for all the animals that are helped through the Orange County Humane Society. The compassion of this group of local businesses owners, leaders and individuals is commendable. Countless cats and dogs of OC have enjoyed and increased quality life and increased longevity because we had the funds to do more for them at the point of exam and treatment at the vets and provided food.

The **Plumbing Express** accepts donations during plumbing appointment time two ways.

1. Customers can write a check up to \$25 to the Orange County Humane Society. Their plumbing customers will be given back up to \$25 by crediting their plumbing work invoice in the amount donated.
2. The other generous way to help the animals is to donate cans of cat food or dog food and Plumbing Express will credit your invoice \$1.00 per can up to 25 cans. All food goes to feeding the feral cat colonies and helping the food bank provide pet food for people in need. For more details talk with Jenn at (540) 222-1498 for all your plumbing needs and help the Orange County Humane Society of Virginia. 🐾



The Plumbing Express receives a Sponsorship plaque from the Orange County Humane Society for their ongoing support. from left: Mark Poyhonen, treasurer. Mike and Jenn Butts, owners of Plumbing Express. Bill Smith, president.

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR) is the act of humanely trapping a stray, feral or homeless cat and transporting them to a veterinary clinic where they will be examined, neutered, vaccinated and treated for routine medical issues like fleas, internal parasites, ear mites and wounds while under anesthesia. After surgery, the cat recuperates in the trap or transfer cage with the people that trapped it for a day or so, then are returned back to the colony habitat where caring individuals provide food, water and some degree of shelter. TNVR quickly stabilizes and reduces the colony's population by ending reproduction.

TNVR has so many benefits for both cats and human colony caretakers.

1. Mating behaviors cease, such as howling, wandering, spraying and fighting.
2. Improvement in the physical health of the cats.
3. Cats are vaccinated against rabies.
4. Female cats no longer endure the stress of repeated pregnancies.

You have helped us sterilize and vaccinate over 2,500 cats in Orange County! Please, HELP US CONTINUE THE TNVR PROGRAM. Please send donations to OCHS, PO Box 852, Locust Grove VA 22508. 🐾

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.



VET ADVICE: What's Bugging Your Pet?

by Anita Walton, DVM, Locust Grove Vet

Warm weather brings a resurgence of a lot of bugs and parasites. Fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, flies, and other biting insects can cause considerable irritation and misery, as well as transmit diseases to our pets. Here is a short overview of those that bug our pets the most.

- **Ticks** don't die over winter, though they are less active. Deer ticks carry Lyme disease, and other species of ticks can transmit Ehrlichia, Anaplasma, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, Alpha Gal and several other diseases. Fever, joint aches, swollen joints, bleeding disorder, and meningitis are some of the symptoms related to tick diseases. Ticks are blood-sucking parasites, so large infestations can cause severe, even deadly, anemia. The tick bite can cause local irritation and infection which can be quite uncomfortable. Tick paralysis is caused by a neurotoxin produced in the salivary glands of ticks.
- **Outdoor fleas** in this area usually appear in spring, with the population growing all summer and peaking in the fall. Fleas are killed off in cold weather, but can live happily indoors year round and in warmer climates. Flea infestations can result in dermatitis, allergic dermatitis, infectious anemia, and can even carry the bacteria that causes cat-scratch fever. Like ticks, they are blood-sucking parasites and can cause severe anemia in heavily infested animals, especially if young or weak.
- **Mosquitoes** transmit heartworm disease which primarily affects dogs, but cats can also be infected. In our area, year-round treatment is a must for heartworm disease prevention because of the resistant strains that have developed. Mosquitoes can also carry diseases that affect horses and humans.
- **Flies** are not a big problem for dogs and cats, but we do see maggot infestations in kittens, injured, sick, and old or debilitated animals who are left uncared for outdoors.

The good news is that there are many effective products to keep these infestations under control and/or prevent transmission of disease. For fleas and ticks there are oral tablets that work well. There is a long-acting flea/tick collar. There are a few good topicals that kill fleas and ticks, as well as help with other parasites that bug our pets, including heartworm. Since year-round heartworm prevention is a must, be sure to use a monthly product (pill or topical) that prevents heartworm disease. Heartworm pills are a prescription drug and are not available over-the-counter. OTC flea/tick product is NOT an effective heartworm prevention medication.

Each pet and each home area may have different risks and will need options that fit their environment and activity level. Your pets' vet is the best source for risk/benefit assessment, information and recommendations. 🐾

Our Community of Veterinarians, Techs and Their Staffs

It is our honor to thank every DVM, vet tech and staff member that participates in our rescue's Pets In Place and Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (TNVR) efforts. Without their willingness to be a part of the solution, the OCHS would not exist. It is the people at these clinics and animal hospitals that make it all possible, from the skilled veterinarian in the operating room, assisted by a kind tech or the individual that checked the cat or dog that is in need of medical care. These veterinary businesses sacrifice profit to help the OCHS TNVR program because they want to be part of the solution that addresses the overpopulation of feral, stray, free roaming cats. Some of these vets come up with a strategy through the OCHS to help prequalified OC citizens with their pet surgery or illness. These are all wonderful people we have partnered with for many years, and they are very much appreciated. This group of participating vet clinics and hospitals is a shining example of how amazing people can accomplish amazing things!

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Thank you from all of us at the Orange County Humane Society, the citizens of OC and from all the voiceless cats and dogs you have helped with life saving treatment. 🐾

Recent Successes!

Speaking of parasites, meet **Jack!** Jack is a feral cat that has a condition called flea allergy dermatitis (FAD). He also had some upper respiratory issues that are linked to his eye infection that is miserable, but common, this time of year. His allergy to fleas caused loss his coat and extreme itching. Through the OCHS TNVR program, his caretaker trapped him and took him to one of our participating vets. He was treated for fleas and other parasites and given a long acting injection of antibiotic. We are going to supply the caretaker with flea med capsules that she can mix in his canned food to try to minimize the flea bites as much as possible. He is too feral to apply topical flea meds. The first picture on left was before his vet visit, the middle picture shows his coat growing back, and the far right photo shows

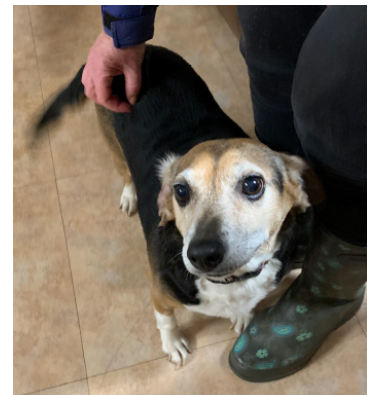


his eye improvement. Jack was already neutered through the TNR program but without a caretaker his life would be miserable. All he needs to live a decent life is food, a bit of shelter and a flea pill mixed in food every month. A bit of sweet talk is appreciated by all the free roaming cats!



Welcome **Cooper** to Orange County, Virginia! Dachshund Cooper depends on insulin but when he and his guardian moved here from West Virginia they didn't have a vet and when they found a vet they discovered the insulin prices here were higher than West Virginia (even though they were just raised there too). We learned that many dogs use a less expensive human version from Walmart but must be monitored to make sure it's a good medical fit for your particular dog's needs. OCHS helped with this repeat monitoring process, and Cooper the trooper is doing fabulous!

Sadie the beagle was abandoned and found her way to the Lumsford house. They gladly started feeding her and doing what they could for Sadie. She had so many health issues they sought help from Orange County Humane Society. Her first vet appointment revealed she was 10 years old, had heartworm, skin fungus, ear infection, parasites, an unhealthy coat and needed to be spayed when she was healthy enough for surgery. The Lumsfords loved her and provided her a food and doghouse. Sadie needed lots of repeat vetting and an inside home. OCHS reached out to a very special senior dog rescue, and they opened their hearts and home to Sadie. OCHS will continue to provide the necessary vetting to get her healthy. Sadie made dog friends at her wonderful new home and has her heartworm, skin and ear issues healed, a shiny coat and is now spayed. Her name should be Lucky Sadie!



Seven year old **Noah's** pet parents needed to re-home him. They tried 20 rescues but could not find help. OCHS helped to network and found a lovely couple in Lake of the Woods. They love her, and she loves her new forever home! 🐾

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