



PAWS & REFLECT

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2011- A Very Busy & Productive Year

As we look back on our accomplishments of 2011 we're both impressed and mystified. While at times it felt like we were thrown into the deep end of the pool, we did not drown, and, in fact, survived to win the swim match! Here are the highlights.

In August, the Friends of the Culpeper Animal Shelter, (FOCAS), officially merged with the PFPF. FOCAS, a small, three person team, was making a difference in the lives of homeless cats in Culpeper but lacked the resources to expand their programs to accommodate the growing number of homeless animals.

Combining the groups made the PFPF a larger, stronger and more financially stable organization allowing us to move forward on a number

of important projects.

One of those projects was to negotiate an agreement with Culpeper County to become an official "releasing agency" for the local Animal Shelter. This was accomplished in December. The agreement allows us to work directly with the Culpeper Animal Shelter staff to benefit homeless and unwanted animals within Culpeper County. Each party has specific responsibilities for the care and treatment of Shelter animals.

Special thanks go out to County Administrator, Frank Bossio, and PFPF Vice Presidents, Rose McKinney and Wisser Larson, for their concentrated efforts to work out this agreement. It would not have happened without their

commitment to the cause.

Christmas came early when we opened our mail and found our first grant check from ARF, the Animal Rescue Fund, in Delaplane, Virginia. We applied for and received funds to build two small cat shelters; one indoor/outdoor screened in shelter and the other, an isolation area. We hope to have these two projects completed by April.

As always, the best news of all was realizing the total number of cats and dogs we saved in 2011. This number, once again, exceeded 500 animals.

We are very proud to report all this good news and look forward to your continued support so we can help more animals in 2012!

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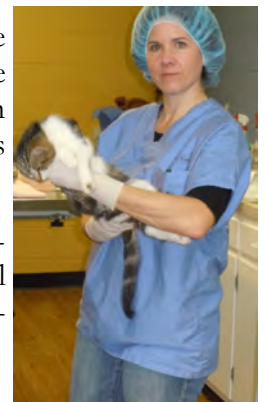
Making a Difference - *Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic, Rabies Clinic - Local Animal Hospital Lends a Helping Hand*

The Culpeper Animal Hospital held a low cost feline only, spay/neuter clinic on November 27, to benefit the PFPF. Drs. Meredith Vargas, Andrea Kellum and Susan Jacobson spayed and/or neutered over 60 cats! A rabies clinic for dogs and cats was also held.

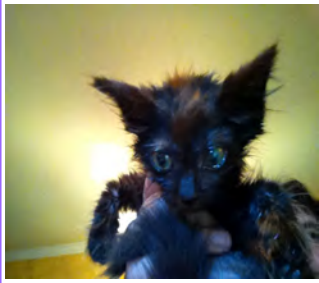
The wonderful staff at the Animal Hospital, in addition to helping with the clinic, also helped with a small bazaar, a yard sale and a wonderful bake sale in conjunction with the clinic. PFPF members Rose & Joe McKinney provided hotdogs and chili.

Special thanks to Rikki's Refuge volunteers for helping out at the clinic and to the Humane Society of Culpeper and RappCats for supporting this clinic. They'll be fewer homeless kittens this spring!

Proceeds benefited the PFPF as well as spay and neuter services in Guatemala, a cause very near and dear to CAH's owners, Juan & Meredith Vargas.



Meredith Vargas, DVM



"IRENE"

← Right after she was rescued - a pitiful sight

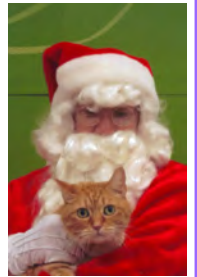
→ A few months later after extended stay in a foster home



Little Irene was rescued from the Culpeper Animal Shelter. A small sack of tiny bones, she weighed less than a pound. She had ringworm and was unable to maintain enough body heat to keep from shivering constantly. After several months of constant cuddling, good nutrition, veterinary care and lots and lots of love from foster mom, Laurie Counts, Irene has blossomed into a very special kitten! Thank you for helping us give little kids like Irene a second chance at life.

A very special Thank You to the following Businesses & Individuals who support us:

- Ayrshire Farm - Ms. Sandy Lerner
- Culpeper Animal Hospital
- Frenchman's Corner
- Kitty Dodd
- Nancy Hughes
- Johna Inskeep, Copy Right
- Joe McKinney
- KK Printers & Stationary
- PetSmart Stores
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- Lloyd/Susan Ross
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- Andrea Steiner



Guess Who? ⇨

Recent Donations & Memorials

In Memory of Robert (Bob) Counts

- Greg & Liz Dubenitz
- Sandy & Peggy Keyes
- Bruce LeVal
- Old People's Riding Club (OPCR)-Piedmont Chapter
- Joseph Ortiz
- Mr. & Mrs. Roy Reiman
- Mary Swartz
- Judith Tartaglia

In Memory of Special Pets

- Liz Dubenitz for "Sammy" & Floosy" Dubenitz
- Andrea Steiner for "Snickers"
- Judy Windingham for "Duke"
- Liz Dubenitz for Hannibal & Mikey McKinney



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BARKARITALLE A HOWLING SUCCESS

Pet Lovers Show Their Unconditional Support for Our Fundraiser



Kelley Jordan & Marisa Pappas look over the fabulous silent auction items.



Alain Verhuegen, Tom & Linda Pembrook, Lynn Verhuegen enjoy their Margaritas!



Mickey Newman, Frankie Kendrick, April Clements



Doctors rule! l-r Dr. Tom Reynolds, Ketsy Chiles, Dr. Mort Chiles, Dr. Wallace Brevard, Gay Wallace, Charla Reynolds



Barkaritaville Invitation Artwork by Andrea Steiner



Ayrshire Farm, l-r Matt Sheedy, Genie Ford, Mimi Steen, Jim Bridgeman, Vicki Bendure, Mickey Gustafson, Larry & Laura Clark



Meredith Vargas, DVM & her husband Juan with PFPF Vice President, Rose McKinney



"We're just Wastin' away in Barkaritaville, looking for that lost shaker of salt...."

Our Sponsors

Waggin Away in Barkaritaville

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One of the many beautiful gift baskets in the Silent Auction

In Kind Gifts

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The Home Farm Store, Middleburg
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Triple Oak Bakery
Liz & Greg Dubenitz

2012 Calendar of Events (as of February 15)

February, "Friends for Life Calendar" - 2013. Entry Forms Available Now! (see enclosed)

Saturday, March 31, 4th Annual Rummage & Bake Sale, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 9 AM - 3 PM. Hot dogs & chili available for lunch. Please call 540 229 5594 if you'd like to donate items.

Sunday, May 20, "Ride for the Rescues" - Brandy Station Battlefield Trail Ride & Tour

10 AM. Approximate riding time 2 Hours. Hosted by Joe McKinney, President Brandy Station Foundation.

Riders should be comfortable @ a walk or trot. Refreshments/lunch after the ride

\$30 donation requested. For more information, please contact 540 829-5995

Alternate Date: Sunday, June 3

At first light on June 9, 1863, roughly 8,000 Union cavalymen crossed the Rappahannock River and attacked a like number of Confederate cavalry under the command of Major General JEB Stuart. This battle was to become the opening battle of the Gettysburg Campaign and the largest cavalry battle of the Civil War.

Today, much of the ground that was fought upon on June 9, 1863, is owned by the Civil War Trust and the Brandy Station Foundation, and is open to the public.

What better way to see this historic battlefield than on horseback?



Saturday, September 15, Flower Power with a Tribute to Meowtown (Motown) - Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction. Check out our web site for more information @ www.peopleforpetsfoundation.org

Would you like to host a fundraising event to help us help the animals? Call or email us.



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