



Shelter News

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SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND NEW WEB SITE ARE PLANNED

Following up on our tremendously successful new shelter dedication ceremony and open house last October, we are planning a second open house later this Spring. Since the October event, we have been hard at work putting the final touches on the new facility, including the floor sealant and additional insulation in all three buildings, lighting in the main shelter building, cabinets in the clinic, and installation of cat and kitten pens and cages as well as dog pens and runs in the main building. We also plan to complete landscaping the shelter grounds in time for the open house. Further, we are in the process of ordering engraved bricks, plaques, and signs to honor the many kind supporters whose generosity made the new shelter possible. The bricks, plaques, and signs will be installed and on display during the open house.

We still have room for additional engraved bricks and plaques so if you would like to honor a special friend or companion with an engraved brick or plaque, I encourage you to do so by making a donation using the form provided on the back of this

newsletter. Donations received before the end of March will be recognized with bricks and plaques that will be on display during the open house. The save-the-date cards will be mailed shortly. We hope to see as many of you as possible so that we can thank you personally for all that you do to support our efforts on behalf of the animals.

Also, I am happy to announce that in the near future we will be unveiling a new web site. With the help of a professional designer, several of our Board members have been hard at work over the last several months developing an entirely new site that will feature all new graphics, photos, complete information on our programs and activities, information on the new shelter, and more. This new site will be a great addition to our ongoing efforts to enhance communication with our supporters. We will let you know as soon as the new site is up and running. In the meantime, on behalf of the Board and our staff and volunteers, thank you for your continuing support.

Dave Evans, President
Southside SPCA

Trudy, a small lab mix, with her new owner accepting her Girl Scout gift bag.



Girl Scouts from Troop 892 in Powhatan helped at the PETS MART adoption event for two Saturdays in January. They spent the days pampering and walking the dogs. Each Girl Scout also put together an adoption gift bag for dogs to be given to the new pet owners. Our thanks goes to Troop 892 for their help and donations.

Hidden Jewel takes 7th place in Contest, Southside SPCA to receive over \$ 4,000.00

You may have heard about Circuit City and Kodak's contest to "Find the Next Firedog" and voted online for Hidden Jewel. Some of you even helped spread the news.

Based on the contest and votes received, Southside SPCA will get over \$ 4,000.00 to help the animals. Our thanks go out to Kodak, Circuit City, the Chilsons and many others for their efforts to get the word out about this contest!

One cat for each bed in the house



Photos of Jordan (7) and Alison (5) Vonderharr with their three kittens Jumpy, Poe, and Ariel. The kittens were adopted from the Pet Club store on Huguenot Road.

The Vonderharr family adopted these siblings at the same time and say they are thrilled with their new family members.



Want to adopt a cat or kitten?

We have adoptable cats at two Pet Club stores located in Richmond, 7 days a week:

- Ridge Shopping Ctr.
1517 N. Parham Road, Richmond, 282-0790
- Huguenot Village Shopping Ctr.
2009 Huguenot Road., Richmond, 272-3540

Cats are like Cookies... You can't just have one!

Have you considered adopting a cat or kitten, but are afraid of how your existing cat will adjust? Well, you're not alone. There are several easy steps to take to make the transition smooth and successful.

First, cats that have lived with another cat at some point in their lifetime will more readily accept another cat or kitten. If your existing cat has never been exposed to another cat, a juvenile cat (under 12 months) is generally recommended.

If you currently don't have a cat in your home, experts encourage families to adopt two or more at the same time. Cats are like cookies, nobody can just have one, and bringing two or more in at the same time will relieve the hassle of introducing another later on.

If you already have a cat, you should follow these simple instructions when bringing a new cat/kitten into your home:

1. Provide a "safe room" for the new cat for a minimum of 1 week. This will give the new cat a chance to adjust to its new home and owners and a chance for the existing cat to take in the new scents.
2. Rub an old sock on the new cat's fur and give it to the existing cat and vice versa. Do this each day for the first week. This will allow them to adjust to each others scent.
3. Finally, remove the new cat from the safe room allowing the existing one to explore the room. During this process place the new cat in a crate (protecting both and giving the existing cat free range).
4. After a week you're ready to introduce. Giving food or a treat during this time can be a good distraction. Just remember to use two different bowls several feet apart.
5. Cats are territorial creatures, so expect some squabbles. Cats do truly enjoy the company of other cats, and if introduced properly, the whole family can reap the benefits of another friend.

Just remember, take it slowly!!

Help our partner - Animal Shelter Inc. win a Million Dollar Makeover!

Many of you are familiar with our Homebound Hounds Program. In partnership with Animal Shelter Inc., we have rescued, immunized, and transported over 6,000 unwanted puppies to Sterling, MA. They are then spayed/neutered and adopted to loving homes. **Animal Shelter has helped unwanted animals from VA for many years, and now they need our help!**

Please join the **Zootoo** Community and help Sterling Shelter earn points.



When you register, use the below path to include the referrer for even more points!
<http://www.zootoo.com/register/referrer/leigh>
Make sure you:
put the shelter **ZIP CODE 01564**
and choose Animal Shelter Inc., Sterling MA.

The top 20 shelters receive prizes so even if they aren't the top point scorer, **they can still win at least \$5,000.00! Please help keep Animal Shelter Inc. in the top 20!** Activity on Zootoo is measured with points. Each review, rating, referral, comment, and picture upload earns points so visit the site daily and add photos, comments, and ratings to earn more points. **Its Fun, Easy and Free!** Contest ends March 31, 2008.

A Thank you for Bailey's Life

Hey guys,

Some of you may remember Bailey, the German Shepherd Mix. I met her at PETSMAST back in early 2003. We became fast friends in no time. She would follow right on my heels from room to room, sit with me on the couch while watching TV, go for walks with me out at the park, and loved to jump up and tuck her head under my arm for a big hug as soon as I'd get home from work. She met all my friends and family and became good friends with them, and traveled to several states on adventures with me in the car.

About three happy years after I adopted Bailey, she started bleeding very heavily from her nose one night. I rushed her to the Veterinary Emergency Center on Cary Street at 2 am. She was diagnosed with Erlichia, a rare tickborn disease that causes rupturing blood vessels, and spent almost two months in intensive care.

Bailey had another good year and a half of love and playing, then one day she became sick and could not hold any food down. After three days [at VEC] she was finally diagnosed with cancer. It had proceeded too far too fast to be treated, and we had the sad job of, out of pure love for her, giving her a merciful and painless end.

Bailey came to me with dull eyes, scared of anything that looked like a stick; her first home obviously treated her very poorly. At her second home, the home we gave her, the home the Southside SPCA helped give her, she was loved 24/7, and spent almost every night sleeping either right next to our bed on her cushy padded wool bed, or right next to one of us in the bed.



She was played chase with all over the house with her favorite bone, and taken to the dog park lots to sniff around at other dogs. She taught a puppy how to be a wonderful dog, and her eyes sparkled every day with laughter and love. And when she left this world, she was surrounded by a room full of people who loved her. She received, and GAVE, incredible amounts of love.

Everything the Southside SPCA did for Bailey's extended stay was well worth it. By never giving up on her, by always trying to find her a home, you gave her a better life than many dogs could ever dream of.

Thank you for all you do. I hope this story, though sad in its own way, has also inspired you to CONTINUE to do what you do. You truly make a difference.

I have attached a picture of Bailey, in hopes that someone will be inspired by Bailey's life to reach out to an older dog.

Sincerely, Robert W. Wall

Happy Endings



Hello,
I recently adopted a little yellow puppy from Animal Shelter Inc. in Sterling, MA and I think the puppy I adopted is one of Betty's (born 9/22/07). We named her "Maebly" and she is doing well adjusting to our home.

She's very smart and gives our 100lb retriever mix a run for his money. Just thought you might like to hear how one of her pups is doing.
Cheers, Dominique

I thought you might like to see a picture of Maggie - the pup I adopted from your shelter in October. She's very happy and a pure joy. Everyone who meets her can't believe how sweet she is.
Thanks!
Deb



Juno (center) and Tucker



Juno with a visitor and her owner

Just wanted to send you some pictures of Juno, that's what we have decided to call her. So far she is doing great and getting along really well with the other dogs. She has become Tucker's sidekick and basically copies everything he does.
So far she has had no accidents in the house and hasn't tried to eat anything we didn't give her. Hope everything is going well and I will send you more pictures as we get them.
Andrew

Hello. My name is Babygirl and this is the story of my happy life. I started off lost and abandoned and ended up at Southside SPCA where nice people helped me find my Mommy. I was adopted in September 2006. My mom trained me to be a psychiatric service dog.

My jobs include helping my mommy cope with panic/ anxiety attacks, paranoia, angora-phobia, and OCD. I help her to go out of the house to do everyday things like shopping and running errands that she couldn't do before. I now live on a 42 acre farm with plenty of room to romp and play with my 4 sisters and 2 brothers, but when the time comes to work, I proudly wear my uniform and shoot into action. I take my job very seriously, and I am a crucial part of my Mommy's and family's lives.

Babygirl!



[Editor's Note] Baby Girl is a sweet but rambunctious Boxer mix who was found wandering the streets of Meherrin. A good Samaritan tried to keep her, but she repeatedly wandered off apparently searching for her destiny.
Southside SPCA accepted her, and she was transferred to a shelter in CT for adoption but could not adjust to a standard shelter environment and was returned the following week.
Baby Girl was a favorite of our adoption counselors, who observed her playing nicely with an obnoxious 3 lb Yorkie puppy--not an easy feat for a 50 lb dog, but she made it look easy!

Want to share your Southside SPCA Happy Ending?
Email the shelter at info@southsidespca.org
and include a picture if we can share it.

Memorials and Honoraries:

In Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Tevendales by Rebecca Thomas
Alex & Mary Slaughter by Heidi Traulsen Gregory
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Windle by Rebecca Thomas
Buddy, son of Massey & Bubba by James M. Baker
K. Markwood by Rebecca Thomas
Jazz, Mr. BoJangles, Chewey & Baby Girl
by M. Diana Thomason
Ellen Altman by Catherine Obrian-Baxter
River Farm Critters by Celia & Richard Elzay
Shania & Lakota by Darla McKimmie
Linda Hochstein by Justin Hochstein
Dave & Betty Evans by Kathryn Phillips
Allen & Marie Duncan by Brian & Kathryn Kane
Sugar & Lydia by MaryLou Van Derlaske
Sheba by Joseph C. Lang
Ann Good by Jeanette Barton
"All the Froto-s out there" (stray dogs)
Dr. Waverly Cole by Jerry & Daphne Cole
Allison Martin by Sarah Stokes
Betty Evans by Wendy Richards
Jeanie Grandstaff by Wendy Richards
Kay & Cotton Billingsley by Holly Billingsley
Kay Billingsley by Nancy & Thomas Chewning
Cotton & Kay Billingsley by Martha B. Stearns
Kay Billingsley by Emmett & Barbara Smith
Pepper (aka "Lambchop") by George & Susan Bagby
Maggie, our rescue beagle by Page Sutherland
"April" & Dr. Waverly Cole by Russell C. Scott
Pat Hicks by Belinda Coles
John B. O'Grady by Carla S. Gibson
John B. O'Grady by Anita M. Shaia
My husband Tom, for all the love and care he has
provided for Lynchburg cats by Brenda Wampler
Ruth Murphy's birthday
by Fuqua Lower School Faculty and Staff
Jackie, Sweetpea, Tiggie and Austin Erickson
by Martha Pope
Judy Moss by Louise E. Hart
Patrick by Marilyn Newton
Bobby-Jo by Neil J. Humphreys
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Evans by Preston & Liz Bryant
Charles Boyd by Mary K. Boyd
Zack & Zoe McGaw & Noel Murdock
by Sandra E. Erickson
Pudgie - The best 3 legged cat by Laura Slaughter
"Marion", my adopted SPCA cat by Kathy
Winston

In Memory of Dwight H. Good

Nottoway High School Faculty and Staff
Thelma W. Hall
My beloved husband by Ann Good
Madelene L. Greene Ann Good's Secret Pal at Nottoway
High School
Sandy Wyatt
Bob & Jennie Howe
Jennifer Bradford
Nottoway High School Faculty & Staff
(Activity Fund)
Alliene Franklin Sue Ellen McMichael
Anne & Jim Stinson

In memory of Daniel R. Crenshaw

Rebecca Jackson
Sue & Forrest Thomasson, Sr.
Thursday's exercise group
at Bon Air Baptist Church
(Group leader, Barre Schreck)
Charlotte & Robert Cervarich
John & Joyce Walker
Stephen L. Beale
John H. Muhlke, III
Dr. John S. Peery
Rebecca & Eden Jackson
Preschool Class
(Marshall, Josh, Paul, Gracie, Ryan, Ashley, Mabel,
Andrew, Carter & Heather)
Janie B. Cannon
Mary W. Coghill
Cynthia & John Sanborn

In Memory of Howard J. Kahn:

Fonda Martin
Mark & Marilyn Swenson
Joan & Macy Hudson
Joyce R. Lewallen
Betsy Preston
Beth & Raymond Woodall, III
"The Big Eight" (Barbara, A.G., Emily, Betty, Joan,
Julia, Effie & Louise)
Elizabeth K. Browning
Fred Ridgway
Mildred Walker
Henry & Mollie Gregory
A.S. McKenney
Pattie & Richard Mayberry

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

William I. "Goat" Nunnally by Joseph F. Morrisette
 Nicholas W. Orsi, III by Joseph F. Morrisette
 Sandy, my dog adopted from the Southside SPCA,
 by Helen F. Gettle
 Sammie by Joan T. Raynor
 Jimmy Buffett, my parrot by Joan T. Raynor
 Sunny by Charlotte Pierce
 Poppy, GiGi, Tiger, Sugar & Newsy
 by Diana Thomason
 JoJo, our little boy, he will be missed & loved forever,
 by Laura Mouser
 Mackie Garris by Rose McCoy
 Newton by Melvin I. Solomon
 Paul H. Riley by Glema M. Riley
 Guy by Brenda Rion
 Maui by Rebecca Thomas
 Maxx, Bandit & Bailey by Kimberly Parker
 Peaches & Skeeter by Jane Boettcher
 Annie by Karen Kreger
 Sir Bud Dry by Teresa Adams
 Nunzio Loggia by Evelyn Harland
 Ceeme Webber (17 Yr-old beloved pet of Ludi & Butch
 Webber) by June Rayfield
 Kitty Coomans by Bonnie J. Prims
 Jacqueline J. Wall by Dr. Nancy Ann Andrews
 My "Heidi" & Mary C. Booker by Betty Anne Fretwell
 Bart & Emily by Carolyn Ridgely
 Anna & Morgan by Judith Winstead
 Max by Cheryl & John Yingling
 Ruby Q by Julie Munn
 Daniel R. Ryan by Mary Ryan
 Bailey Stephens (1995 - 2004) by James F. Stephens
 Lucky Borum & Chief Borum by Frances Borum
 Tyler Corning by
 Buddie & Betty Lea Cox, Dana & Kim Cox & Family,
 Kevin Cox, Kitty & Jimmie Elseasser
 Ann V. Lang by Joseph C. Lang
 Charles R. Sherbno, USMC by JoAnne Gibson
 Lucy Crenshaw by French & Co.

In Memory of Thomas Latane' Winfred

Grace Hospital Alumnae Association
 Elizabeth A. Newcomb
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis C. Collier, Jr.
 The Beulah Sanctuary Choir Julie B. Munn
 Kenneth E. Nickels
 Bon Air Baptist Weekday School
 James & Ann Embrey
 Sandra Kerr

In Memory of:

Cutsie, Boydee, Violet, Joe & Rockwell
 by Jane M. Sheema
 Pumpkin by Carolyn Bourdow
 Mary by Elizabeth C. West
 Colby & Timber by Denise Wright
 Ferdinand, Phillip & Simon Hoban by Mary Hoban
 Ann V. Lang by Joseph C. Lang
 Taffy by Elsie Burnham
 Lucy & Fred, beloved dogs of Elvin Wright, Jr.
 by Allison Martin
 Paddy, Linda Johnson's beloved dog by Allison Martin
 Oreo, beloved cat of Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Martin, Calvin &
 Katy Martin by Allison Martin
 Hoover & Wally, beloved pets of Allison Martin
 by Allison Martin
 Olivia by Jim & Erica Millner
 Domino by Mary Lou Van DerlaskeGary & Madeline
 Cason's beloved Biff by Alan Hutson
 Wayne Bagley, who loved his stray dog "Froto"
 by Carolyn Leslie
 Tootie, The much loved and faithful pal
 of Herman "Pie" McCann by Lola M. Miller
 Boots & Trixie by Vicki L. Kiger
 Luci, long-time poodle companion of Norma Williams
 by Evelyn C. Hume
 Jacqueline Wall by George P. Elliott
 Charlie, British bull terrier of Jeffrey & Tamra Witt by
 Alan Hutson, Sr., Jane Hutson & Alan Hutson, Jr.
 John (Sonny) Crostic by Patsy Crostic
 Alice C. Jones by Patsy Crostic
 Marie C. Hagen by Patsy Crostic
 Hope by the Mazur/Gallagher Families
 Sam & Puppy by Marilyn Newton
 Buster by B. Raugstad
 Jessie by Debbie Williams
 "Addie" Rohas by Mary & Rick Rohas
 Hannahs - Charlie by Leander S. O'Neal
 Troika, Mimi & Chong, my first dog and sweet childhood
 kitties by Martha C. Pope
 Mr. E.S. Chappell, my father,
 by E. Tyree Chappell & Holly C. Davis

In Memory of Robert V. O'Connell:

Ann Good	Patricia Johnson
Brenda Rion	Nicky Cogar
Clarence Hawkes	David Dalton
Carolyn Vaughan	Jane Hohn
Dicky Ingram	

