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Volunteering Changes (SAVES) Lives!

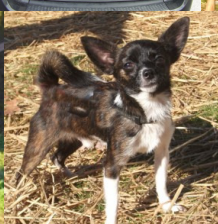
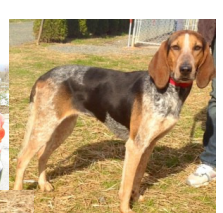
Some of our best members initially said no to volunteering at a high-kill county shelter. When GCAR was organized over 10 yrs ago 0% of the shelter animals were rescued. Our volunteers have changed that to around 47% rescued or adopted because we keep the shelter open on weekends. If an animal has to experience the inevitable, at least we can shower them with attention, walk them, give treats and show them they are loved...all deserve that. For some this is far too heartbreaking an experience to endure. To volunteer one

weekend and see an animal so ready to give love and companionship and the next find an empty cage for no other reason than there are not enough homes is torture; so working at the shelter is not for everyone. There are a variety of other opportunities available that can change the lives of shelter animals...Be a rescue driver. Have a few hours to spare? Do a rescue run with a van load of cats and dogs that are destined for adoption. GCAR will rent the van and pay for the gas. It is a 10 hr round trip. OR would you consider opening your home for 1-3 wks to an animal that is awaiting transport to rescue? This is a crucial component in how many we can save. The foster program allows us to remove an animal from the shelter and open up space that could ultimately save the life of another animal if the shelter is getting too full. The more volunteers we have, the more animals can be saved. Over 100 ways to help without adopting or fostering visit <http://www.sosdogs.org/100-ways-to-help-rescues.html>. If interested, please call 922-3958.



A Happy Beginning

"Optimus" was adopted from the shelter in September 2011 by the Hoang family who said; "Thank you for all the hard work you do for the animals and the community. We are so thankful to have "Optimus" as a member of our family." *Thanks Hoang family for the update!*



Transports save lives!!!!

Help protect your pets from cold weather.



Most pets are happiest indoors and at our sides. For pets that must be kept outside, proper shelter from cold weather is essential. Doghouses must be properly insulated and of adequate size for the animal. Outdoor dogs must also have a constant supply of thawed drinking water, as hydration aids in burning calories and producing heat; caloric intake often needs to be increased as well. Grooming is also important because a matted coat loses its ability to insulate the animal. Even dogs with well-insulated doghouses should be brought inside when the temperature drops below 5° F (-15C). If you are concerned about an animal in your neighborhood, please contact Animal Control 921-3842 or GCAR 922-3958 for assistance.

Attention Crafters

Love Crafts? Love Critters? GCAR is looking for folks to make goody bags and other items. If interested Call 922-3958.

To report lost or stray animal call Animal Control 921-3842
 Animal Shelter 921-2053
 Hours Sat/Sun 2 – 4 p.m.
 Spay/Neuter Assistance 922-3958

Thank you to all the businesses that supported GCAR by donating items for our raffle!! And the winners are:

- Victoria Graham - 2 hr private yoga session with Julie Ferrari
- Joan Kark - 30 min Massage with Sierra Ferrari www.pearisburgmassage.com
- Butch Dowdy - Haircut at Innovations Salon & Day Spa, Blacksburg
- Rebecca Jarrell - 20 min Hydromassage, Chiroworks, Pearisburg
- Debbie Morris - 30 min Massage, Natural SOULutions, Pearisburg
- Amanda Covey - \$50 Gift Cert., Tangent Outfitters www.tangentoutfitters.com
- Jeff Kinder - \$50 Gift Cert., Doe Creek Kennels www.doeckreekennels.com
- Mauricia Shanks - Roll-on Biofreeze from Chiroworks, Pearisburg

Rescue Updates

We love to hear stories of animals adopted from the shelter; and see pictures of them in their forever homes. Send us your pet's story and we'll add them to our Success Stories page on the GCAR website.

THANK YOU!

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| Sinkland Farms | Celanese |
| Town of Pembroke | Tri Co Vet |
| Animal Care Center | Mt. View Humane |
| Bernie Cosell | Frances Heck |
| William & Phyllis Puckett | Jane Bode |
| Rich Creek Lions Club | |
| Bold Springs Veterinary Clinic | |
| Fleeman Plumbing & Mechanical Control | |

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!!!!



WISH LIST

- Leashes (Chain link)
- Collars (all sizes)
- Canned food
- Chain Link Fencing
- Slightly used doghouses
- Carriers (New/Used)
- Gas Cards
- Stamps
- Volunteers**

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