



PAWPRINTS

Newsletter of Giles County Animal Rescue

Spring 2012

"BECAUSE SOMEONE VOLUNTEERED"



Mario the lab mix was able to recover from a difficult surgery, find a home that appreciates him instead of ignores him at the end of a chain, have his own toys (so he doesn't have to share with his brother and all the love he deserves.



Mina the Siberian Husky was fostered with a knowledgeable dog owner that could handle such a high-energy dog; traveled from Giles to Richmond through a rescue wagon network; placed in the capable hands of Pet Harbor Rescue and ultimately adopted into her forever home.

Spring has sprung and G.C.A.R. Volunteers are taking advantage of the beautiful weather by stepping out into the community. G.C.A.R. is always in need of an extra paw or two that can assist in our efforts; if you have a couple of free hours why not come out and join us at one of the planned 2012 events.

As always, our main goal is to educate about the importance of spaying/neutering. There are just not enough homes for the puppies and kittens born each day. G.C.A.R.'s spay/neuter hotline has gone cold, there has to be a dog or cat out there that needs to be spayed or neutered. If you have a neighbor, friend or family member that has a prolific breeder; but don't know how to broach the subject of having them spayed or neutered (the pet, not the owner). Contact us, we'll be happy to offer support.

We look forward to meeting with you this year and will do our best to provide assistance to all that request it. Give us a Call 540-922-3958.



A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Giles County Animal Rescue.

RABIES CLINIC

At the Rich Creek Community Center

July 21, 2012

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Rabies Vaccines \$10 ea. (Giles Co. Dog Tags will be available for purchase at this event.)

Rabies vaccinations are required by state law for animals 3 mo. and older.

Dogs must be leashed, cats must be in a crate.

Sponsored by Animal Care Center & Giles Co. Animal Rescue

For more information call: 540-921-3707

March Clinic at Newport Rec Center vaccinated 79 dogs and cats. How many can we do in July?

Schedule of Events

- 5/19 Yard Sale (5502 Va Ave, Pembroke)
- 6/2 Yard Sale (5502 Va Ave, Pembroke)
- 6/15-16 Pearisburg's Festival Around Town
- 6/30 Wine Tasting - "Overlook" on Mt. Lake Rd.
- 7/7 Yard Sale (5502 Va Ave, Pembroke)
- 7/21 Rabies Clinic (Rich Creek Community Center)
- 8/4 Yard Sale (5502 Va Ave, Pembroke)

Also available:
DAPP K9 - \$14
RCCP+Felv
Feline - \$21

Giles Co Animal Shelter

540-921-2053

Saturday 2-4 p.m.

Sunday 2-4 p.m.

Weekdays - Call to schedule an appt.



Do you believe in miracles?

You will, after reading Rocky's story on pg. 2.



Homer, The Yard Sale Hound is on the scent of some great deals!

G. C. A. R. YARD SALE SEASON

The first yard sale of the season was a success! Plan to stop by and support G.C.A.R. at one of our next sales scheduled for 5/19, 6/2, 7/7 and 8/4 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

If you have items you would like to donate or if you would like to set up a table at our 'primo' location (5502 Va Ave, Pembroke); for more info, call 626-7409.



If you would like to donate a Kuranda bed visit

<http://kuranda.com/humane/donate-a-bed-program>

Or send a donation to G.C.A.R. (memo: BEDS).

Volunteer Appreciation

A round of a "paws" for Linda Neemia. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the critters and the cause. Thank you!



The DMV donates \$15 of the yearly registration fee of each Pet Friendly license plate sold. It is always a happy surprise when we get a donation from the DMV. This program is designed to support spay/neuter programs.



Bring the little ones, bring the big ones. G.C.A.R. will take all of your empty printer cartridges. This program has been a valuable source of funds for the spay/neuter program.

Wish List

Dog food	Cat Food	New/Used Crates
Volunteers	Gas Cards	Leashes/Collars



Rocky's Miracle

G.C.A.R. Volunteers learn very quickly to expect the unexpected.

Giles Co. Animal Control officers went to the call of a black/white mixed breed dog that appeared to be injured and had gone without treatment. Upon inspection, the injury was on his hind joint. Untreated his foot had become infected and he was no doubt in severe pain.

Animal Control received custody of the dog and immediately contacted G.C.A.R. to see if we could be of assistance.

G.C.A.R. contacted Virginia Tech's Small Animal Clinic (VTH) to request they examine him to better inform us on the extent of his injury. Off to Blacksburg he went. The result of that examination was that he needed to have his leg removed due to the injury going untreated and becoming infected. With estimate for care in hand and newly named Rocky receiving pain medication to keep him comfortable; G.C.A.R. began discussing the plan to try to cover the cost of surgery and to find a qualified foster person that could accommodate the needs of a post-op patient. Emails were sent, phone calls made to the network of rescue friends. News came quickly though from an unexpected source...VTH staff, techs, vets and students fell in love with Rocky and decided to cover the cost of his surgery themselves. What wonderful news! Rocky would get the best care available.

With this miracle driving us forward, the search was on to find a foster home. Rocky would be having surgery within a couple of days, time was of the essence.

Miracle #2.....Mrs. W. a Blacksburg resident and long time client of VTH was visiting the staff at VTH as she often did, since losing her pet 6 months before, and heard the news of a sweet little boy named Rocky. After arriving home Mrs. W. told Mr. W. about Rocky. Could he be the dog that they had been waiting for? Yes! Calls were made and before Rocky even went in for surgery he had a new family waiting for him. G.C.A.R. volunteers and the VTH "family" couldn't be any happier for Rocky; the "W Family" had glowing recommendations from all who knew them. Do you believe in miracles? G.C.A.R. does! Rocky's story proves they happen.

THANK YOU cannot begin to truly express the gratitude G.C.A.R. has for all involved with Rocky's story. We appreciate you all and will never forget the miracle you made happen for one lucky dog. ~G.C.A.R. Volunteers

THANK YOU!

To all those that responded to our cry for help "Foster Food Needed".

Fleeman Plumbing & Mechanical Contractor

Shaena Muldoon & The Palisades

Virginia Tech Vet Hospital

Bernie Cosell

William & Phyllis Puckett

Animal Care Center

Mt. View Humane

Frances Heck

Tri Co Vet

Officer Frank Gough

Al Katz

Ben & Sue Ellen Cline

The Crowe's

The Wegman's

E. McGuire



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