THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to present the Animal Welfare League's annual newsletter for 2024. This year, as we celebrate our ongoing mission, we reflect on our accomplishments and eagerly anticipate the opportunities ahead.

Founded in 1965, the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck (AWL) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing animal cruelty and

promoting humane treatment. Thanks to the support of our dedicated volunteers and generous donors, we provide essential services such as spaying and neutering, foster care, pet food assistance, vaccinations, and emergency medical treatment.

Throughout the past year, we've made significant progress in fulfilling our mission and improving the lives of

animals in need. As we continue our journey, we look forward to making an even greater impact on our community.

I invite you to explore this year's newsletter and join us in celebrating our commitment to compassion and advocacy. 🤹

JENNIFER HULTZ AWL VOLUNTEER

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MAKING IT HAPPEN:

AWL's Impactful Journey in 2023 and Beyond

Jordan, must have had Animal Welfare League (AWL) on his mind when he spoke about "others." Michael declared, "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, In 2023, we achieved significant others make it happen." AWL indeed milestones: makes it happen for the animals of the Northern Neck! This is possible because of our dedicated volunteers

A great basketball player, Michael and the support of our wonderful community, all working together as a team to help the animals of the Northern Neck.

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MAKING IT HAPPEN

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- rating from Candid (formerly Guidestar), placing the organization • in the top 0.1% of charities nationally in terms of transparency.
- We developed a new, updated logo.
- A committee was formed to explore ways to recruit a veterinarian into the community.
- departments in the Northern Neck.
- our annual Christmas card.
- was held at Ditchley Cider Works.
- We participated, along with the Town of Kilmarnock, in the "Classie Memorial Dog Show."
- Volunteers walked dogs at the Lancaster shelter and covered all vet care expenses for the dogs and cats held there.
- · We collaborated with Northern Neck Partners for Pets in their efforts to build a no-kill shelter.
- A total of 84 dogs and 114 cats were rescued

- AWL once again obtained a Platinum
 394 dogs and 919 cats were spayed/ neutered.
 - Veterinary care amounting to \$221,074 was provided.
 - We helped feed the pets of 900 families by distributing 30,758 pounds of pet food.

AWL's mission is to prevent animal cruelty Pet oxygen masks were purchased and promote the humane treatment of and delivered to volunteer fire animals through education, spay-neuter programs, veterinary care, and adoption. • We held a "Sweets for a Sweet Story" Our vision is for the Northern Neck contest to highlight the value of to be recognized as a compassionate rescue, with the winners featured on community where animals are respected and treated with kindness. Our ongoing · A very successful adoption event, efforts reflect our commitment to these "Pour Your Heart Out for the AWL," ideals, and we welcome you to join us! *

SARA FORD - AWL PRESIDENT



PLANS FOR 2024

- Continue to rescue, provide veterinary care, offer spay/neuter services, and provide food for the dogs and cats of the Northern Neck.
- Continue researching strategies to recruit a veterinarian.
- Sustain our collaboration with Northern Neck Partners for Pets.
- Organize a First Aid/CPR class for pet owners.
- Offer free rabies vaccines at a vaccine clinic.
- Maintain our efforts to raise awareness of animal care needs within the community and collaborate with community members to address those needs.

TEAMWORK BENEFITS CATS AND OWNERS

Fourteen cats from the Northern Neck are now set for healthier and longer lives, all thanks to a generous grant from Banfield Animal Hospital Corporation, in collaboration with Richmond SPCA, The Animal Welfare League, and Northern Neck Partners for Pets. Upon the request of their owners, these cats were trapped at their homes in Westmoreland, Richmond, and Lancaster Counties. On February 16, 2024, immediately following the trapping, the 14 cats were transported to the Susan A. Market Animal Hospital in Richmond. There, they underwent spaying/neutering, received treatment for any medical conditions, and were vaccinated before being returned

This joint effort aims not only to improve the well-being of these individual cats but also to prevent the unwanted births of potentially hundreds of kittens. Additionally, it will alleviate financial burdens and emotional strain for both the cats' owners and local cat rescuers. Special recognition is due to Gus Shelton and Jennifer Rose Bryant for their dedication in capturing and transporting these feline companions.

We are excited about the success of this project and look forward to similar initiatives in the future. We invite participation from fellow animal lovers in our community. *

BY VICKI A. KINSEL - AWL VOLUNTEER



DISCOVERING COMMUNITY



Nestled in Kilmarnock, VA, the local memorabilia, and the Hudson embodying the town's charm.

AWL Thrift Store at 75 South Main family from Reedville enjoys Come experience the warmth of Street is a hub of community bonding over thrift finds with their Kilmarnock at AWL Thrift Store. activity. Regulars like Ms. Norma puppy, Ingram. Beyond shopping, Sears from Urbanna are drawn by the store fosters connections, BY JENNIFER HULTZ AWL VOLUNTEER



AWL PRESENTS

NO-COST RABIES VACCINE CLINIC

RABIESREADY

RABIES CLINIC AT SCOTTIE YARD



CATS AND DOGS WELCOME

JOIN US AT THE RABIES READY CLINIC WITH ATTENDING VETERINARIAN DR. DANIEL ARMSTRONG, A LANCASTER NATIVE DEDICATED TO SAFEGUARDING PETS' HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH EXPERTISE AND COMPASSION.

SCOTTIE YARD DOG PARK

150 N MAIN ST, KILMARNOCK, VA 22482

MAY

9AM -12PM

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BECKY'S LOVABLE "UNADOPTABLES"

All dogs need a place to call home and because she was not doing well. She Becky Stewart provides a loving home had lost a lot of weight and was really for dogs that most likely would have skinny. She had bad teeth, so she had been euthanized at the shelter because stopped eating. We had her teeth they had been deemed "unadoptable". fixed and then she went to another At present she has 3 dogs living their foster for about a year but then came best life. Her description of these back to me. Sandy has been with me sweet castoffs in their new winter coats for 4 years now and I will keep her (from left to right) follows:

"Stewart came from the shelter. He "On the far right is Honey. When she had heart worms and weighed around came to me from the shelter she was 28 lbs. He was skin and bones and had scared of everything. I could not touch sores on his skin. I have had Stewart her unless I cornered her. In the last for about a year and he has turned into year Honey has transformed and now a beautiful dog that weighs 80 pounds! accepts all the love I can give her, but He is 11 years old now and will live the still does not trust new people. She rest of his life with me.

"Sandy is 18 years old. She came to me the first time at age 6 or 7. She Love and tender care for an unwanted had to be treated for worms and when animals is AWL volunteer Becky she got better she went to the winery Stewart's way of life. Becky epitomizes in Irvington and stayed there from AWL's vision for the Northern Neck to 2014 until 2020. The winery called me be known as a humane community

until the end of her life.

loves to sleep in the house with me now. She is about 9 or 10 years old."



where animals are respected and treated with compassion. As an AWL volunteer you, too, can help us to fully realize this vision. Join in the journey.

SARA FORD - AWL PRESIDENT

DONATIONS AT WORK

IN 2023, YOUR
COMPASSION
AND GENEROSITY
PAVED THE WAY
FOR REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS
FOR ANIMALS IN
NEED.





MEDICAL EXPENSES

THE AWL PROVIDED PHYSICALS AND
BLOOD WORK, EMERGENCY CARE,
INJURY & ILLNESS CARE, FOSTER CARE,
VACCINES. THE TOTAL INCLUDES MEDICAL
CARE FOR ALL ANIMALS AT THE
LANCASTER ANIMAL SHELTER.

\$66,156

2023



TOTAL VETERINARIAN COST

SPAY/NEUTER PLUS MEDICAL EXPENSES

\$212,074

IN 2023 THE AWL SPAYED/NEUTERED 1,313 ANIMALS



SPAY NEUTER \$145,918

919 CATS

394 D O G S

693 OF THEM WERE SHELTER-RELATED, INCLUDING FREE SPAY AND NEUTER CERTIFICATES FOR THOSE WHO ADOPTED THROUGH ONE OF THE NORTHERN NECK SHELTERS

Kat Bryant, Spay/Neuter Chairman & Joyce Page Adoption Office



Feed Me, Too!

Supporting Northern Neck Community Pet Families



2023

900



PET FAMILIES

30,758



POUNDS OF PET FOOD

(15.4 TONS)

AWL'S FEED ME, TOO! PROGRAM
CONTINUES ITS THREE-YEAR
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HEALTHY
HARVEST FOOD BANK. WORKING
WITH SEVENTEEN PARTICIPATING
NNK PANTRIES, THIS PROGRAM
REACHES FAMILIES EXPERIENCING
FOOD INSUFFICIENCY, KEEPING
NNK PET FAMILIES INTACT.

FOUR

COUNTIES

SERVING WESTMORELAND, RICHMOND, NORTHUMBERLAND, AND LANCASTER. FOOD BANKS

PARTICIPATING IN THE

TOTAL COST \$49,000

eanne Schiavo, Feed Me. Too! Coordinator

FROM BLACKJACK DEALERS TO PHYSICIANS:

THE DIVERSE VOLUNTEER FORCE AT THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Have you ever considered volunteering with the Animal Welfare League? Our volunteers are a diverse group of residents from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. We have led interesting lives and retired from or still work in a variety of jobs. These are just a few of our present or former job titles:

- Supervisor Nuclear Training
- Corporate Risk Manager
- High School History Teacher
- Physician
- Artist
- Insurance Adjuster
- Tour Production Officer for Academic Travel Abroad
- Budget Analyst for Naval Sea Systems Command
- Environmental Scientist
- Medical Lab Technician
- Bank Teller
- Training Specialist for government contractors
- Flight Attendant Southwest Airlines
- VP Marketing, Insurance Co.
- Middle School Math Teacher
- Blackjack, Roulette and Baccarat games dealer, Reno Nevada

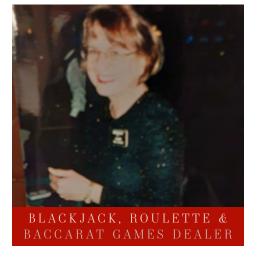
- Senior Executive Naval Intelligence, Dept of Defense
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Driver FedEx
- Stewardess Eastern Airlines
- Co-owner Plant Nursery
- Bank Vice President
- Lingerie Buyer Macy's
- Finance Director Chesterfield County
- Pastor and Teacher
- Admin Assistant Dept of Defense
- Registered Nurse
- Vice President Finance Braniff Airlines
- Managing partner Web Design and Development Company
- Animal Behaviorist
- FBI Special Agent

We are a fun group of women and men. Come join us!! Contact Barb Dietz for more details at 1-804-462-5073.

BY CJ CARTER -AWL VOLUNTEER











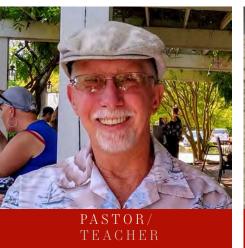


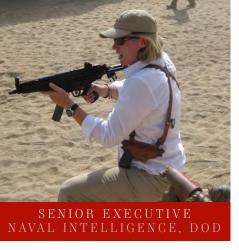












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PAWS N CLAWS 911:

PET CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPANTS

On Saturday April 13th, pet lovers from across the Northern Neck gathered at the Lancaster Community Library for the highly anticipated "Paws N Claws 911: Pet CPR and First Aid Training" event, organized by the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck (AWL). The event, designed for pet parents, pet care professionals, and animal rescue volunteers, offered two informative sessions, each packed with valuable insights and hands-on training.

Participants arrived bright and early for the morning session, which ran from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, and the afternoon session, held from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Throughout the day, attendees engaged in interactive demonstrations and learned essential life-saving techniques, including CPR, choking management, and emergency muzzling and restraint.

Expert speakers led informative lectures on topics such as pet safety, wellness, and handling various emergencies. Attendees left the event equipped with newfound knowledge and practical skills to ensure the well-being of their beloved pets in times of need.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the

dedication of AWL's organizers, the support of the Lancaster Community Library, and the enthusiastic participation of the community. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn and network with fellow pet enthusiasts.

Overall, "Paws N Claws 911: Pet CPR and First Aid Training" was a testament to the Northern Neck's commitment to pet safety and welfare. AWL looks forward to organizing similar events in the future, continuing to empower pet owners and caregivers with life-saving knowledge and skills. *

BY JENNIFER HULTZ - AWL VOLUNTEER







NORTHERN NECK PARTNERS

FOR PETS PLANS TO BUILD

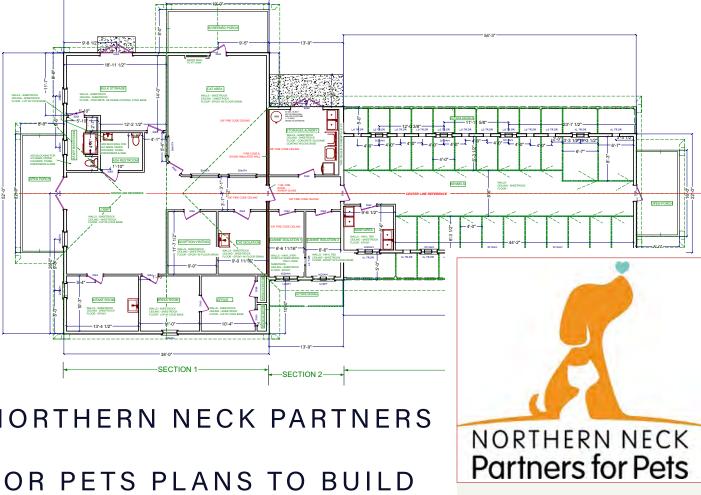
SHELTER IN 2024

Northern Neck Partners for Pets has always envisioned building a state of the art "no-kill" animal shelter to serve the needs of the homeless pet population on the Northern Neck. While that is still the goal, the plans for the shelter itself have been significantly scaled back to allow for the construction of a clean, comfortable and affordable facility that can be constructed in the short term. This facility will have space for approximately 20 dogs and 30 cats. Plans for building the concerned community members, shelter are underway.

Chesapeake Construction Services has been chosen as the builder. As of this date, construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2024. We hope to have our shelter

up and running by Christmas! This is the first phase of a multiphased project that will allow us to help the animals in need NOW but look to the future with the goal of continuing to increase our services. Long-term sustainability will be achieved by creating an annual fund, and through innovative partnerships with organizations such as the Animal Welfare League, which will fund spay-neuter services on an ongoing basis. With the help of we know we can achieve our goal to see this shelter built in 2024!

BY TERRIE DORT -PRESIDENT NNPP



BUILDING HOPE

- Northern Neck Partners for Pets plans affordable "no-kill" shelter.
- Shelter to accommodate 20 dogs, 30 cats.
- Chesapeake **Construction Services** to build, starting Spring 2024.
- Multi-phased project aims for longterm sustainability, increased services.

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AWL EARNS COVETED PLATINUM SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY FROM CANDID FOR 2024

RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SERVING THE NORTHERN NECK COMMUNITY

In the latest recognition of its commitment to transparency and community service, the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck (AWL) has been awarded Candid's prestigious Platinum Seal of details regarding its organization, Transparency for the year 2024.

Candid, recognized as the world's largest information hub on nonprofits, Neck. This achievement underscores foundations, and grants, bestows the Platinum Seal as the highest acknowledgment for nonprofit This accolade transparency. underscores AWL's dedication to openness and accountability in its

Neck community and its cherished

To attain the Platinum Seal, AWL furnished Candid with extensive operations, financial data, and the tangible impact it has made on the lives of dogs and cats in the Northern AWL's unwavering commitment to transparency and its overarching mission.

Candid serves as a vital resource for potential donors endeavors to serve the Northern comprehensive insights into AWL's

objectives, strategies, capabilities, achievements. Interested individuals can explore AWL's Candid profile to learn more.

The AWL expresses heartfelt gratitude to all supporters for their indispensable contributions. Their unwavering support empowers AWL to continue its impactful initiatives, making a positive difference in the lives of animals in the Northern Neck community.



We Want to Say

ank you!

to our amazing volunteers for your tireless dedication and hard work. You make a difference every day!

Barb Dietz Barb Hope **Becky Stewart** Betty Evans Bonnie Williams C.J. Carter Carolyn Whay Caryl Clippinger Celeste Carmody David Mower Dianne Lindsey Donna Kelley Donna Lofton Doris Fisher Dorien Toleman Edie Dunn Florence Harvey Jacqueline Frenyea Jamie Carter Jane Nielsen Jane Unangst

Jeanne Cox Jeanne Schiavo Jennifer Hultz Jennifer Rose Bryant Jennifer Wicks Joan Eremenko Jody Buel Joyce Broadus Joyce Page Judy Bright Judy Harvell Janet Christopher Katie Bryant Karen Mungiu Kay Mock Kim Bolster Linda Hayes Linda Stough Lynn Wright Liza Frye Mariann Disney

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EMERGENCY VETERINARY CLINICS

Anderson's Corner Animal Hospital 8391 Richmond Road Toano, VA (757) 566-2224

Animal Emergency Clinic Fredricksburg 1210 Snowden Street Fredericksburg, VA (540) 371-0554

Dogwood Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center 5918 West Broad Street Richmond, VA (804) 716-4700

Veterinary Emergency Center 3312 West Cary Street Richmond, VA (804) 353-9000

Veterinary Referral & Critical Care 1596 Hockett Road Manakin-Sabot, VA

Peninsula Emergency Veterinary Clinic 1120 George Washington Mem. HWY, Yorktown, VA (757) 874-8115

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DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF PETS

James Conrad-Chase Marilyn Counen-Pippi Margaret Burner-Sadie James McKinnon-Lucky Shawn Donahue-Donnie Luther Rowe-Cooper Robert Hurliman-Tristan & Kije Betty Tillery-my precious pets Bruce Kendall-Zoe Julian O'Bryant-Lucy Joyce Ann Harris-all my lost pets G.Bernard Dungan-Tigger Lucy Headley-Kit Kat Elizabeth Berry-Dutchess Betty Van Fossen-Dog Dog Else Lang-Sophie Lang Valli Mittner-Ben Rappahannock Yachts-Bear Kathleen Broderick-McGee, Harry & Azalea Paul Ditch-Maggie, Kodie & Ursa Vivian Graham-Eddie Michelle Lybarger-Taylor Jane Tims-Sophie Stephen Currin-Dante & Bella Elise Lawless-Knight-my precious pets Elizabeth Appel-Jackie Roy Sheppard-Harley Jack Thomas-June Riley Meeker-Milo James Philbrick-Milly Mae Jennifer Riley-Jack Dog Robert Wayland-Lexie & Rio Rhiannon Burruss-Imbezzler Lynn Ellen Loetterle-Muffin Wade Dunaway-Rambo, Milo, Snotz, Mojo Mark Dale-Bentley

Dana Smith-Annie & Roscoe

Colonial Collectables-Charlie Paula Swann-Lux Luther Rowe-Cooper & Toby Ford Becker-King, Happy & Mia Barbara Richards-Hannah Thomas Sperry-Daisy Judith Baensch-Motley Larry McKenney-Gizmo & Moose Thomas Parrish, Jr.-Zoe Elaine Hanbury-Sophie & Camilla Gregory Steven-Jack Karen Hinebaugh-Tiggles Alfred Miles-Heidi & Gable Jack Billups-Cosby James Neal-Kit Kat James McKinnon-Lucky Joyce Coates-Tempus Jones Arlene Roane-Maxwell Gregory Rehak-Lady, Duchess & Prince Arlene Roane-Maxwell Margaret Quinn-Lenny, Cocoa, Misty & Prince Donna Berger-past family pets Joyce Ann Harris-all my dogs I had & lost William Max-Rock Romulus Sanders-Heidi, T-Bone & Forrest David Williams-Abbie The Stemples-Gracie, Belle & Spike Charlie Pruett-Snowball Margaret Burner-Sidney & Fancy James Brown-Moses Bob Fox-Sophie Joan Henderson-Taylor Edward Priestas-Lady, KC, JettyRose & Raleigh Hedy Glenn-Bianca & Rouge Janet Treakle-Tazz

DONATIONS IN HONOR OF PETS

Robert McKaig, Jr.-Maximum Bob, Esme &

Brenna

Bruner Linda-Earnie

Richard Seymann-Bonham

Chilton Treakle-Precious, Muffy

Rhiannon Burruss-Wolf & Frank

James Johnson-Willie

Sara Ford-Molly

James Breeden-Dixie, Woodrow

Alfred Miles-Gable & Heidi

Carl Lapasky-Nikki

Helga Dunaway-Miss Cathy

Dorothy Gladding-all my pets

Melinda Hatton-Layla, Lilly & Bronson

Alexander Jackson III-Zoe

Harry Stemple-Clover

Steven Scala-Brooke

Eda Evans-my soul mates-pets & persons

Helga Fogerty-Aila

Elaine Hanbury-Sophie & Camilla

Cecil Little-Samantha, Mozart

Straton Beamer-Splash, Pitty Pat & Ed

Rose Marie Smallwood-Callie

Mary Slaughter-Odie

Denis Bouslough-Buddy

Rhiannon Burruss-Bella

Robert Kane-Barnacle, Maggie

Vicki Kinsel-Savannah, Flo & Bailey

David Kraus-Leo

Carin Rauch-Luke

Patricia Fitzgerald-Jackie

Robert Murray-Max

Vivian Graham-Scamp

William Silberman-my pet

Kathleen Broderick-Kip, GG

Connie Conley-Zoey

Helga Dunaway-Kathie

Frank Goyette-Maxwell

Rob Basye-Waylon & Dusty

James Neal-Lionel

Johnny Hayes-Ash

Audrey Lowery-Blossom Belle

Mitchell Haddon-Katie Bradley

Brain Kosinski-JJ & Louise

Nancy Fuch-John Michael

Helga Fogerty-Jingle

Mary King-Max

Robert Murray-Max

Paul Harris-Edna

Betty Tillery-Perky

We apologize if we have missed any beloved pets on our list. It is often hard to tell by the name if it's meant for a human or pet. If you advise us of any error, we will be more than happy to correct it in next year's newsletter. Thank you for showing your love for the animals!

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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AWL CONTINUES ITS WORK TO:

- Reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs
- Promote respect and compassion for all creatures through humane education
- Prevent cruelty to animals
- Assist when food or vet care is unaffordable
- Seek quality homes for unwanted dogs and cats

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

AWL435-0822 Veterinarians **Shelters Radio Stations** Bayside435-2896 Lancaster462-7175 WKWI435-1313 Hartfield776-9219 Northumberland580-6156 WIGO435-1313 Heathsville580-5135 Richmond County333-3611 WRAR443-4321 Kilmarnock435-6320 Westmoreland493-0869 WNNT333-3711 Tappahannock443-2878 Gloucester/Mathews ...693-5520 Warsaw333-3433 Wildlife Refuge313-2240