



Harmony Rescue

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Spring Brings New Life.

What's New?

Harmony Rescue, Inc. (HR) will be entering its seventh year in July; 1839 animals to date.

We have been fortunate enough to receive donations from two large organizations. With the supplies they have given us, we created a mini Pet Pantry. We share this good fortune with the Humane Society's, foster parents, and citizens in need.

We will be installing a large doggy door in the paddock stalls. We are still looking at another building, a play-yard and "jungle gym" type apparatus for the dogs, a couple of cat cages, and fencing in the back end of the farm. The Porch nursery and convalescent room will be refinished.

We appreciate everyone's thoughts, time, donations, and adoptions. From our last newsletter, we officially have a sponsor for Maggie (horse) and Frontline/Interceptor for Tia/Joey/Sam/Katie.

Our PAWn Shop online is open 24x7. See what treasures you can buy and support HR.

We will be at Uncle Billy's Day June 3rd and 4th in AltaVista, VA. Come see us!

Lost and Found



It is heartbreaking to lose a pet. However you can take steps that will be beneficial if you were to lose your pet.

Keep your pet safe ahead of time.

1. Keep pictures current.
2. Microchip and register your pet.
3. Keep secure collars and tags on your pet.
4. Have a current description of your pet on hand.

The first 24 hours are critical especially during inclement weather. You can increase your chances of finding your lost pet with the following tips:

1. Stay calm, act immediately.
2. Dogs will wander further than cats. Start canvassing the neighborhood. Ask neighbors to check sheds, garages, basements.
 1. Recruit family and friends to help.
 2. Hand out and put up flyers. Most animal websites will have a form you can use. Check out FidoFinder.com, craigslist.org, dogdetective.com, Petfinder.com.
3. Bring some treats and water to entice your pet to come to you.
2. Place an ad in the local newspaper and magazine. Some of them are free.
3. Call your local Animal Control facilities (your county and surrounding ones) as well as the Humane Societies or other Rescues. See the WoofCat Library on our website the for a listing.
4. Be patient yet persistent. If your pet winds up at animal control, time and space are two factors impacting the outcome of your pets well being.

Adopt me: My name is Buddy Bear. I am a Lab/chow mix. I am 8 yrs old, updated on shots and neutered. I had heartworm but am okay now and am on prevention. I love to play with other dogs. Kids are great but should be a little older.



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Donations Needed:

- Collars (medium size)
- Pedigree dry and wet food
- Toys - soft stuffed animals, rubber chickens, etc.
- Tarps, blankets, and towels
- Money, gift cards—(Envelope provided)
- Mini-van or cargo van
- Wood chips (for the play-yard)



Adopt me: Meet Blossom (guinea pig). She also has a sister Strawberry who is all red. Both are 2 yr old females. They are fun to watch, seem to be social, and love their baby carrots!

Teamwork:

If it wasn't for the teamwork amongst our own local organizations, approximately 7000 animals would have been euthanized. We all take turns volunteering to drive each weekend to PA/NJ rescues:

Humane Society Amherst Co.
Humane Society Campbell Co.
Humane Society Halifax Co.
Humane Society Nelson Co.
(and SPCA)
Harmony Rescue
Gateway Reg. Rescue
K9 Friends

Heartworm—too many cases

It seems like all we have had are heartworm cases in the last six months. In each case, the dog was not on any heartworm prevention (i.e.; Interceptor or Heartgard), was an outside dog, and/or no testing was ever done. Heartworm is painful and the treatment even more so. Heartworm can cause death. The costs are high in dollars, pain, and whether or not an animal would be euthanized.

Heartworm starts with a pesky mosquito. The mosquito bites the dog and leaves the larvae to invade the arteries of the lungs and heart. These worms can grow up to a foot in length. Don't you feel short of breath just thinking about it? Aside from heartworm, dogs can also get Lyme and/or Ehrlichia. Both cause the animal pain in the muscles and overall slowness in activity levels.

Prevention is easy! Puppies can be started on heartworm prevention as early as 8 weeks. Testing can be started at least by 6 months of age. There are two types of tests; HW and HW4DX. HW tests for heartworm only. HW4DX tests for heartworm, Lyme, and Ehrlichia diseases. Monthly doses of Interceptor or Heartgard and Frontline or Revolution type meds is lot cheaper than HW treatment and will save your beloved pet.

A good resource for more information is your VET and online at <http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?A=610>. Please take care of your pets and pass the word on!

Foster Homes needed

Harmony Rescue would like to increase our base of foster homes. The animals come from all kinds of backgrounds. The one common thing they need is consistent love. Fostering is fun, challenging, and the most rewarding experience ever. Your job is to help the pet acclimate to a typical family environment.

How do you get started? If you are interested, please contact HR at 434-821-3544. We will ask you questions ranging from your home environment, other pets, schedules, needs to take care of the animal, etc. Depending on response and experiences, we will match you with a pet to foster.

How long do I need to foster the animal? It depends but we will work with you on this. Most fostering is anywhere from a couple of day to several months. Our goal is to find the forever home and/or move the animal (to where they can be adopted) when they are ready and confident.

PAWn Shop

Harmony Rescue's PAWn Shop is online 24x7. The PAWn Shop is our store to sell donated items. Items range from animal related products, pictures (signed by original artist), books, and collectibles. We currently have 20 products listed and many more waiting to get online! Although prices vary, most products are under \$10.

Special featured products include our own Corky Critters. These are cute characters made out of wine and champagne corks. They can be standalones or used for decorations in plants or other decorative displays.

Visit www.harmonyrr.com and click on the PAWn Shop button or go directly to <http://shop.harmonyrr.com/>. Tell your friends and family about it. Remember the PAWn Shop for gifts on those special days, birthdays, and holidays.



In Memory of....

It has been a bit of a rough road in the last three months. We lost one litter to parvo and several due to major illnesses. May they all rest in peace and run freely over the rainbow bridge.

Jack (the Donkey)
ChaCha
Pointer pup
Ms Beasley + 7 pups
Jimmy Dean
Stella
Rosie
Dr. Cheryl Welch DVM

Comment of the day...:

I don't want to surrender my pet to the Humane Society because they will euthanize them.

This is the most common statement made when people are looking to surrender a pet. The Humane Society DOES NOT euthanize animals. Most Humane Societies are co-located with Animal Control. Humane Societies work with Animal Control to save animals. However, there are constraints such as space, behavior, time, and other resources. If you bring your pet to Animal Control and there is no space available AND the Humane Society cannot find a foster home, more than likely your pet will be euthanized.

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