

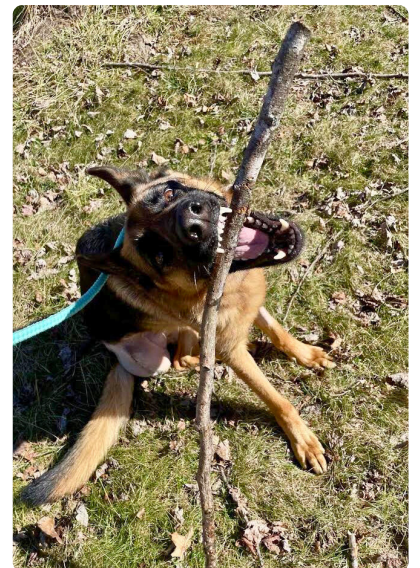
ROCKBRIDGE ANIMAL ALLIANCE

Edition #3 Newsletter December-February, 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter! We are delighted to share stories of hope, compassion, and the tireless efforts of our dedicated supporters. With each passing day, we are reminded of the profound impact we can make when we come together for the well-being of all creatures, big and small. Thank you for joining us on this journey of hope, kindness, and advocacy for at-risk Rockbridge pets and their families.

ADDIE

We had a very special girl this quarter who stole all of our hearts. Addie's mom contacted us at the end of January needing assistance with her veterinary bills. This young lady had a venomous bite that became infected and threatened her life. Addie's right hind leg required amputation. Once again YOU came through with donations to help with the costs. Now, according to her mom, Addie is back to her goofy self and enjoying life!



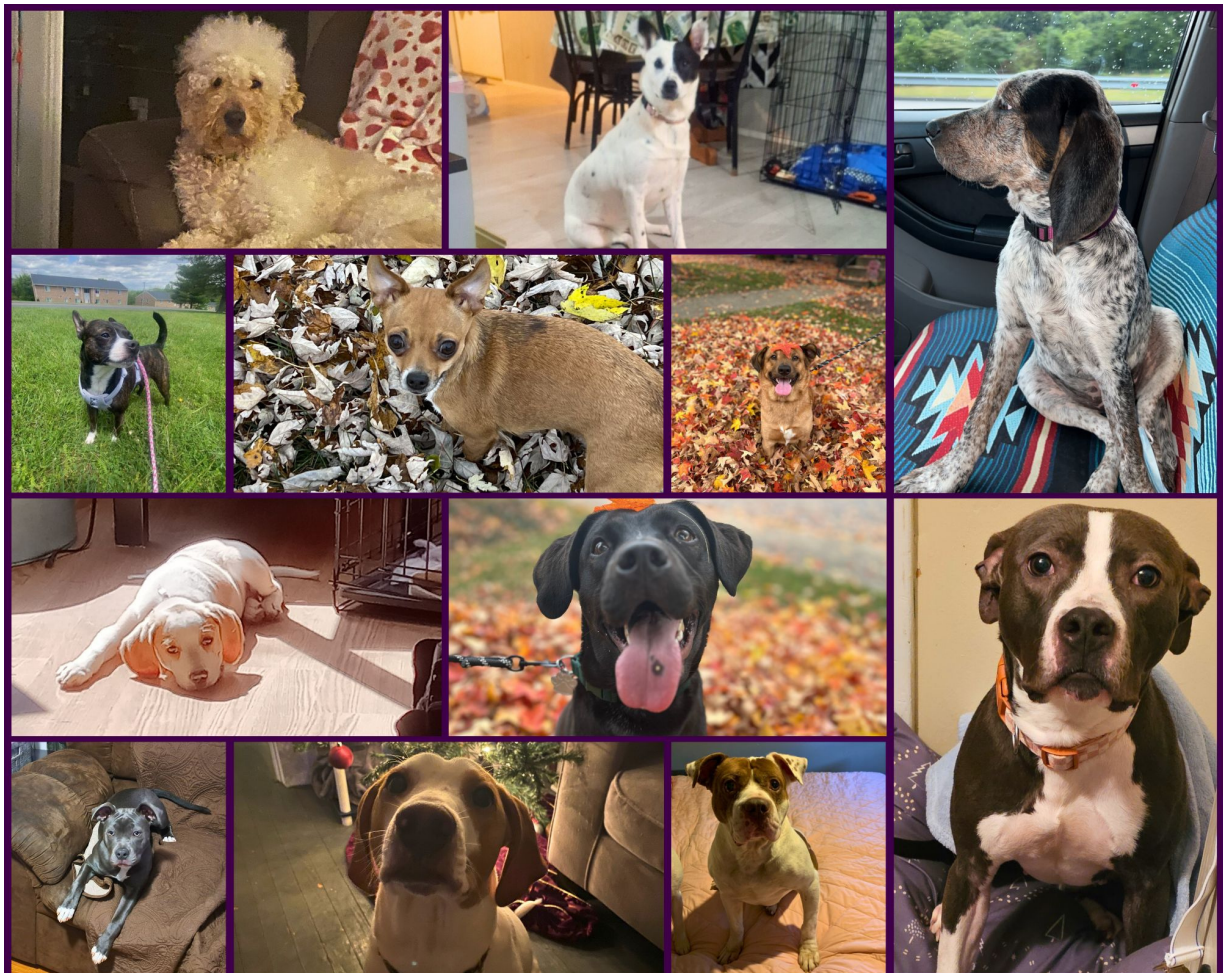
NOODLES FOR POODLES

*RAA is honored to be selected by ZunZun as their recipient for their Noodles for Poodles fundraiser! Everyone get out and enjoy their special offering, **March 15 to 23rd**, and order **Shrimp & Hot Honey Cashew Ramen Bowl** for \$18!!! Support local pets and the new fabulous restaurant **ZunZun** located at **11 E Washington St, Lexington, VA 24450!** You will have a Yummy Time!*



We've been able to assist some well loved babies over the past couple of months. We are eternally grateful to our veterinary partners who make this possible! Below are some of our lucky clients!

SPAY & NEUTER



ANIMAL CRUELTY CONVICTION LIST

Delegate Ellen Campbell introduced HB62 Animal Cruelty Conviction List to the General Assembly this session. Her original bill would have required the Superintendent of State Police to establish no later than January 1, 2027, and to maintain the Animal Cruelty Conviction List and to make the List available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police. The Senate substituted language, which was adopted, and established pending the signature of the Governor.

*Thank you, to those of you who contacted your legislators in support of the bill. Now we will need to contact **local law-enforcement and the Boards of Supervisors** to ensure that the Rockbridge Sheriff's Department, the Lexington City Police Department, and Buena Vista City Police Department acts on this new legislation to protect animals from being adopted by convicted animal abusers from shelters and rescues.*

That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 9 of Chapter 65 of Title 3.2 a section numbered 3.2-6573.1 as follows: § 3.2-6573.1. Local animal cruelty registries.

A. Any locality may establish, organize, and maintain a computerized animal cruelty registry as a database of information regarding persons convicted of a felony violation of (i) cruelty to animals as provided by § 3.2-6570; (ii) animal fighting as provided by § 3.2-6571; (iii) maiming, killing, or poisoning an animal as provided by § 18.2-144; or (iv) killing or injuring a police animal as provided by § 18.2-144.1. Information on such registry may include the name and address of the offender at the time of conviction as well as the offense for which the offender was convicted and the date and place of conviction. Access to such registry may be made available to the public on the website of the locality or local police department.

B. On a form promulgated by a locality or local police department, a person may request removal of his name and information from a registry established in subsection A not less than 15 years after the violation that warranted inclusion in the registry, provided he has no additional felony convictions of an offense listed in subsection A.

C. A locality that has established a registry pursuant to subsection A may adopt ordinances and develop forms to implement the provisions of this section, including the operation and maintenance of a registry and the removal of records on persons who are deceased, whose convictions have been reversed or who have been pardoned, or who have requested removal pursuant to subsection B.

D. All costs to establish, organize, and maintain a locality's animal cruelty registry pursuant to this section shall be borne by such locality.

FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is plowing forward. During the Christmas Holiday we were able to provide toys, collars, blankets, and flea & tick medication for extra-small dogs. For the month's of December and January we provided over 2899lbs of food. Due to financial constraints, we were unable to have a pantry in February. The grants we graciously received are specific to spay & neuter, and cannot be used for food. See how you can help below!



KROGER REWARDS

Thanks to our wonderful supporters who have linked their Rewards Card to RAA! Each quarter we receive a check from Kroger that we use to feed local pets. Connect your card today and spread hope!

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

You can make a monthly commitment to pets supported by RAA who need your help. Through our secure donation link, you can schedule a recurring donation monthly, quarterly, or yearly. Your reoccurring donation helps us continue with our life saving programs.



KEEPING PETS AND FAMILIES TOGETHER

The fact that many families and individuals are faced with giving up their pets due to financial hardship is incredibly unfair. The lack of financial security does not make you a bad pet parent or equate abuse. So, we have adopted a new slogan that clearly states what drives our passion.



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VOLUNTEERS & BOARD MEMEBERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rockbridge Animal Alliance is looking for volunteers to join our wonderful team who are dedicated to ensuring that at-risk pets living in Rockbridge County receive food and veterinary care.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- ✓ Wood Workers
- ✓ CPAs
- ✓ Grant Writers
- ✓ Fundraising Experts
- ✓ Administrative Data Entry
- ✓ Pet Pantry Assistants
- ✓ Quick Books Experts



*RAA is looking for **Volunteers** and new **Board Members**. Do you want to help keep pets with the people they love? If the answer is yes, we have opportunities for everyone. Email us at info@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org*

We have a new location; in addition, to Tractor Supply to drop off food donations. Our new box is at RARA located at 350 Spotswood Dr, Lexington, VA 24450. Donated unopened food goes into the tub with the yellow top!

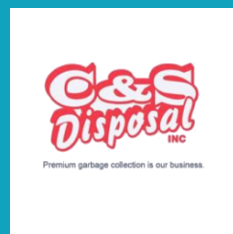
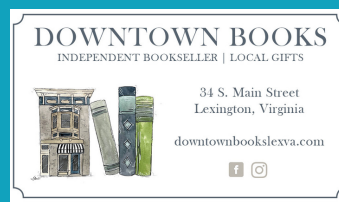


2024 WAGS & WHISKERS FUNDRAISER

We are so thankful to bring our annual Wags & Whiskers Fundraiser to you this year as an on-line auction from June 1st to June 9th. We will be at Great Valley Brewery and Winery June 9th from 12pm to 4pm for an afternoon of fun and excitement. There will be live music performed by **The Ruckus Bluegrass Band**, a 50/50 Raffle, an on-line auction, and activities for the whole family.

Many of our local businesses have already graciously sponsored us or have added an item to the on-line auction in an effort to help us raise our goal of \$10,000! Make sure you don't miss the fun. The link for the auction, 50/50 Raffle, donations, and information about the fundraiser may be found here:

<https://onlinefundraiser.events/Wagswhiskers2024>



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