

ROCKBRIDGE ANIMAL ALLIANCE

Edition #1 Newsletter APRIL~JULY 2023



FOOD PANTRY

*Our pantry has been running strong. We distributed over 5500lbs of food in the past four months. We were thrilled to have members from the ARC volunteer with us during our May Pet Food Pantry! **Matthew** thank you for being a great host!*

WAGS & WHISKERS

*On June 4th we had our 1st Annual Wags & Whiskers Fundraiser at Great Valley Brewery. Music was performed by Jason Hostetter and we had a great time despite the threat of rain. The event was co-hosted with Furever Friends Lodge. We raised \$2300 for each organization. **Jack** enjoyed himself!*



SPAY & NEUTER

*We continue to provide low-cost spay & neutering services through our veterinary partners. During April~July, 23 dogs were spayed or neutered! **This is the incredibly handsome Hercules.***

VET ASSISTANCE

We receive a variety of requests for veterinary assistance.

***Goober** is a rescued 12 year old yorkiepoo who requires sedation to be groomed due to prior trauma. We were able to help him this quarter; in addition, to 5 other dogs.*



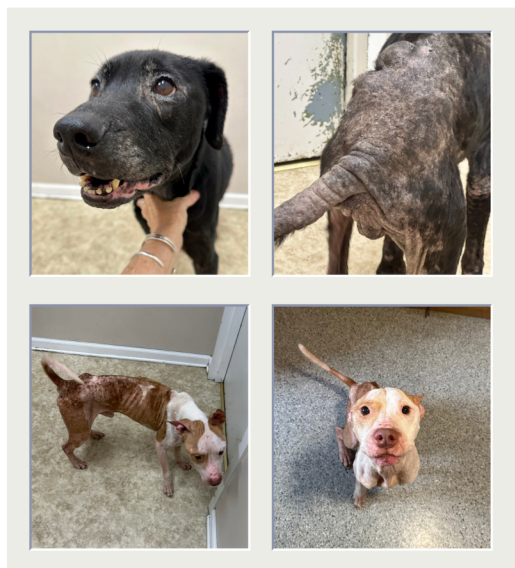
SENIOR DOGS

*We are happy to announce that we received a grant from **The Grey Muzzle Organization**. Funds will be used for senior dog wellness checks, vaccinations, & urinalysis. The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries and other nonprofit groups nationwide.*



CRITICAL NEED

*On July 19th we were contacted in reference to **two senior dogs** being surrendered for euthanasia. **Bella and Mowgli** were severely underweight, had skin infections, and required preventative vaccines, nail trims, medicated baths, anti-inflammatory medication, and antibiotics. Rockbridge Animal Alliance provided funds for their medical care & boarding, as did many supporters through our secure online link. Currently they are being boarded and we are trying to find adopters or a rescue to take them in. There is an on-going criminal investigation regarding their neglect.*



SUSTAINING MEMBER



*Become a **sustaining member** by contributing to RAA monthly. There has been a substantial increase in pet food, by 15% to 20% depending on the brand. Due to shortages at the food banks we have had to pay full retail price some months. Requests for medical care have also increased significantly. Consider setting up monthly automatic payments. Every penny counts!*

TNR

*On June 27th, we were able to trap one surviving feral kitten at a colony RAA supports. She was thin, covered in lice, and had an eye infection. We are currently fostering her and providing medical care until she is ready for adoption! **Smokey** is a sweet, energetic, curious, and loving typical kitten. She will make a wonderful furbaby!*



VOLUNTEER

*As always we are seeking volunteers for a variety of projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Flint at outreach@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org **RAA Board Members** helping with Rockbridge Community Clean-up.*



Thank you to our partners!



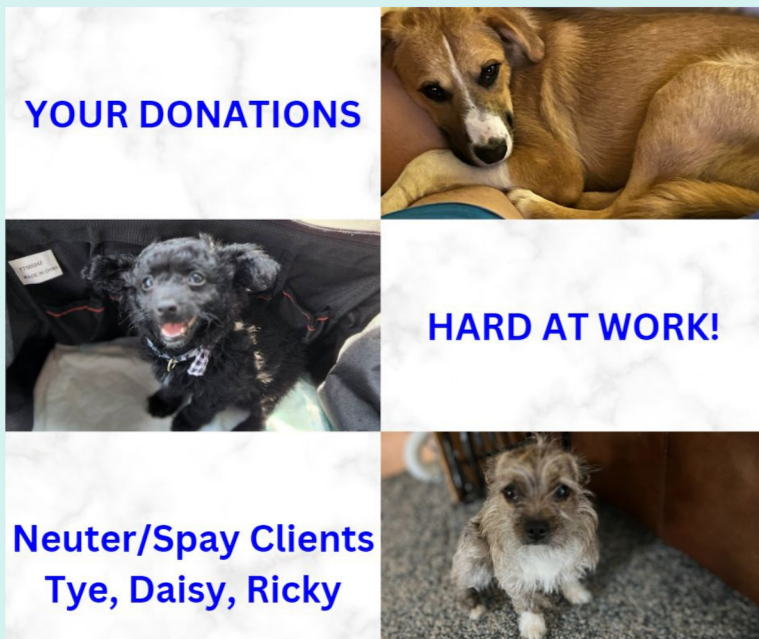
Anything is PAWSable



Message from the Board of Directors

Each person plays an important role in serving our community's pets and our organization's key mission, to reduce the number of pets being surrendered to the shelter. We are humble by the generosity of our community. Your support not only changes lives of pets, but also affects the lives of people and families at-risk living in Rockbridge County, and the cities of Lexington and Buena Vista, Virginia.

THANK YOU FROM: Maurine M. Houser Board Chair, Fred Marmorstein Treasurer, Jen Coluzzi Deputy-Treasurer, Mary Harvey-Halseth Secretary, Stephanie Flint Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Merryman Social Media, Dr. Walter Logan Advisor



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