

Summer 2015

Northern Neck
Humane Society

News



Please Don't Leave Us Behind

Thank you for donating to the Northern Neck Humane Society and Echo's Memorial Fund for shelter dogs. Your donations made it possible for us to rescue these wonderful shelter dogs. See their stories below.

and loves people of all ages and sizes. When I picked up Boo Boo he needed meds for a back injury and gum disease, a special diet and doctors visits. Your donations saved his life and he's now a happy guy available for adoption.



Senior dogs like Boo Boo, known to live 16 plus years, deserve a loving home to spend their golden years, Boo Boo's owner passed away and the family turned him in to a kill shelter. Boo Boo is 10 or older and weighs 15 pounds, He's neutered, house trained, up-to-date on his shots. He gets along with other dogs and cats,



Charlie is a pocket beagle. He's 10 months old and also was in a kill shelter. I took Charlie to our vet the day I pulled him from the shelter, which does not provide any health care checks or shots. Poor little Charlie only weighed 15 pounds, had numerous parasites, two ear infections and

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We love our new homes



Thomas was a shelter rescue, heartworm positive but otherwise a healthy and good-looking boy. Thomas was waiting for a family to meet him and fall in love, It took his parents about 10 minutes to decide Thomas was to be theirs, Today he is in a wonderful home, As you can see, even the family cat loves Thomas.



Taylor is a sweet boy who came from a kill shelter in North Carolina. Taylor's time was up and no adoptees had applied, Taylor, a mixed breed, was one of hundreds found in shelters. I saw Taylor's sweet face and knew he was special. Today Taylor has a wonderful home and we are thankful to his family.



Callie was found running down the highway in a rainstorm with her friend Lilly, NNHS took her in. Today Callie is a DC girl enjoying the good life.



Dixie waited patiently for a year for a forever home, today she's a happy girl she has a family of her own.



Lilly was found in a rainstorm looking for shelter, NNHS took Lilly in. Today Lilly is spending time with her family and enjoying life.



Still looking for my furever family



Abandoned in a snowstorm, Hunter was brought to NNHS. Hunter is an older hound who loves to cuddle and play with other dogs. Hunter likes to visit the neighborhood kids. He may have been part of a family. Sadly when hunting season ends dogs like Hunter are often abandoned. Hounds make wonderful pets; they are nonaggressive and love attention. Hunter is waiting for his furever home. Call 804-453-3114 to find out more about Hunter.

How to Remove an Attached Tick

To remove an attached tick, use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or special tick removal instruments. These special devices allow one to remove the tick without squeezing the tick body. This is important as you do not want to crush the tick and force harmful bacteria to leave the tick and enter your pet's bloodstream.

1. Grab the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. Do not grasp the tick by the body.

2. Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick as you are pulling.

3. Using methods such as applying petroleum jelly, a hot match, or alcohol will NOT cause the tick to 'back out.' In fact, these irritants may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound.

4. After removing the tick, place it in a jar of alcohol to kill it. Ticks are NOT killed by flushing them down

the toilet.

5. Clean the bite wound with a disinfectant. If you want to, apply a small amount of a triple antibiotic ointment.

6. Wash your hands thoroughly.

Please do not use your fingers to remove or dispose of the tick. We do not want you in contact with a potentially disease-carrying tick. Do NOT squash the tick with your fingers. The contents of the tick can transmit disease.

Once an embedded tick is manually removed, it is not uncommon for a welt and skin reaction to occur. A little hydrocortisone spray will help alleviate the irritation, but it may take a week or more for healing to take place. In some cases, the tick bite may permanently scar leaving a hairless area. This skin irritation is due to a reaction to tick saliva. Do not be worried about the tick head staying in; it rarely happens.



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was underweight. With proper care and one day of in-hospital IV fluids, Charlie is on the road to recovery, thanks to his foster family. Charlie will be available for adoption July 1.



Meet Buddy, a new NNHS dog Buddy is looking for his forever home. Buddy's a one-year-old male Boxer who's good with people, loves to be petted, is up-to-date on shots, heartworm negative and on preventative.

Why do owners abandon their pets instead of looking for help? Perhaps they don't know that that rescue organizations like NNHS take in needy dogs, provide food, medical care and a temporary place to live while we work to find them a new home. Without your financial support and volunteers many animals end up in shelters,

Shelters do take in owners' pets; they also work to find homes for the dogs they take in. Adult dogs are at risk as they are no longer cute little puppies, They need someone to love them and make them feel secure after being left by their former owner(s). We need volunteers to help walk our rescue dogs, take them on car rides, bring them a special treat. Dogs need to know they are special.

NNHS is an approved rescue for PetSmart and PetCo. We bring our dogs to adoption day events at their stores as well as Tractor Supply. NNHS has been very successful at adopting out dogs when we attend adoption day events. We need volunteers to help on adoption days, It's only a few hours once a month and can make the difference in a dog's life.

Please help us spread the word that over 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized nationwide, an epidemic for our furry friends. Please spay and neuter your pets; it saves lives by preventing over population. There are numerous organizations that provide low-cost and no-cost spaying and neutering. Heartworm prevention cost about \$10 a month, If you cannot afford \$10 a month don't get a dog, Heartworm disease kills; it is not a pleasant death and is preventable.



Cooking Instructions:

Your pet will be done when the temperature reaches 165 F.

Outside Temperature - 79F

Inside Temperature 135F to 192F

Outside Temp 93F Partly Cloudy

20 minutes car interior 125F +

CDC Report -

Car Parked in Direct Sunlight

Temp 80F to 100F

Inside temp - 131F to 172F

IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES

Your pet cannot perspire!



PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THEM IN THE CAR!

It's the Law

Virginia Comprehensive Animal Laws, Title 3.2, regarding the care of companion animals by owner(s). Specifically, each owner shall provide for each of his companion animals:

1. Adequate feed;
2. Adequate water;
3. Adequate shelter that is properly cleaned;
4. Adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species, and weight;
5. Adequate exercise;
6. Adequate care, treatment, and transportation; and
7. Veterinary care when needed or to prevent suffering or disease transmission.



“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring, it was peace.”

Milan Kundera



~ volunteer ~

While Northern Neck Humane Society is a no-kill shelter, did you know that in the last year almost 600 animals were euthanized in other shelters just in the Northern Neck area due to overcrowded shelters and unwanted pets?

Become a foster home for a furry one! A foster home can be that extra step to their furever homes.

This helps with the overcrowding in shelters as well as being exposed



to many positive socialization habits it won't learn in a shelter!

Can't foster? Consider becoming a doggy walker. Walking a dog helps with basic leash training and the dogs enjoy the one-on-one attention. Love and attention helps the dog to gain confidence and build their trust factor.

Monetary donations are also always welcome and appreciated.

Please contact us for information on volunteering/fostering: Call 804-472-2727 or write Northern Neck Humane Society, P. O. Box 233, Reedville, VA 2539.



Use and return the form below to make a donation or become a pet foster parent. Keep this portion for your records Thank you!

Date: _____ Re: TAX RECEIPT STATEMENT

Please check one: Foster _____ Monetary Donation: \$_____

Thank you for your donation to the Northern Neck Humane Society (NNHS) of Virginia. We depend on your donations to pay for shelter, food, medical care, and legal fees (when necessary) to provide protection for those who cannot protect themselves.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor or a foster. You receive no tangible benefit, service, or item having monetary value in return for your gift.

NNHS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so your donation to NNHS is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Sincerely,
Regina Griggs
Treasurer, NNHS

~ Please note that we are not affiliated with any other Animal Rescue Organizations and all donations of time and money are to benefit the Mission Statement of Northern Neck Humane Society. ~

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Thank you for your continued support of the Northern Neck Humane Society (NNHS). Remember, NNHS cannot provide services without your support!

Please make your check payable to: NNHS.

Contribution Amount: \$_____

If you want to foster one of our pets – or receive more information on becoming a foster – please check below, fill in your contact information and mail this form. NNHS will contact you in the form you prefer.

___ I am interested in fostering a pet.

___ I would like information on fostering a pet.

Please indicate contact preference: ___ Mail ___ E-mail ___ Phone

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Phone (optional): _____

Please mail to NNHS, P.O. Box 233, Reedville VA 22539