



Paws & Effect



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Turn Lost into Found

♥ BY *Angel Fischer*

When my husband and I adopted two kittens from our local humane society in Rochester, N.Y., they were already microchipped. As soon as we got Mango and Dash home, I also insisted our indoor-only kittens learn to wear collars with their names and our phone number on them – just in case they ever managed to get outside. While I knew the two best preventative measures to protect my kittens in the event they got lost, I was completely unprepared when Dash lived up to his name and dashed away shortly after we moved to northern Virginia.

My husband and I did the obvious things first: go out searching and make posters, but we have since learned there are more things to consider when a pet goes missing. Whether you're looking for a cat or a dog, most of the steps to finding a lost pet are the same:

1. Start Looking & Get the Word Out

Begin where you believe your pet escaped; look in every conceivable hiding place on your property; and then move outward. Take a flashlight with you – even during the day – because cat and

dog eyes are very reflective. As you expand your search, make sure you have a photo of your pet to show people you see. Enlist your neighbors, delivery personnel, and anyone else regularly in your neighborhood to help in the search, or to at least keep an eye out and spread the word. Also, give people specific instructions on what to do if they see your pet. Depending on your pet's personality, it may be better to have people contact you rather than approach your pet.

2. Use Enticements

While you're out looking, take your pet's favorite treats and/or toys – anything that may get their attention and lure them out of hiding. Put food, water, bedding, or other things with familiar scents on them outside in a safe place to attract them back to your home.

3. Network

Contact local shelters to file lost pet reports and increase your search resources. Take advantage of social media – post on Facebook, Twitter, and other sites on both your own accounts and local shelter and rescue pages. If your pet is microchipped, contact the microchip company to report the loss and to make sure your contact information is up to date. There are also several websites that assist in pet retrieval, many of which you can find on the SPCA NOVA website at www.spcanova.org/lost/index.php.



ABOVE: Naomi ran away three times before settling into her forever home. Read her story on page 8.

TOP: Mango and Dash have been wearing collars since they were kittens.

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Pet Safety this Summer

♥ BY *Dana Meeker*

In January of each year, animal shelters and rescue organizations file their statistics for the prior year's activity. SPCA NOVA handled 398 animals in 2014. Many of the animals we receive are strays, or what I call "secondary strays," which means they first came into another rescue or shelter as strays and were not claimed while they were there. Of our 398 animals, only two, both cats, were reclaimed by their owners while in our care. Statewide, according to analysis of all Virginia shelters' reported numbers by outthefrontdoor.com, 49 percent of stray dogs are returned to owners but only an abysmal six percent of cats.

This tells me that there are a lot of animals getting lost and maybe folks need some help getting their animals back home. In this issue, we give you some valuable, field-tested

information about how to find your lost pet (on the cover), and we share the story of how SPCA NOVA alum Naomi was lost and found, not once but three times, using many of the tips we have given you (see page 8).

As summer approaches, I'd like you to consider your pets' safety as your thoughts turn to plans for vacations, road trips, summer cookouts, and parties.

Every year, pets are lost when families go on vacation and leave their pets in the care of unfamiliar or inexperienced caretakers. Share information with your pet sitter about your dog's or cat's habits so that Fido's habitual dash for the door or after a squirrel doesn't end badly. Make sure your pet sitter knows how to hold your pet's leash so that it cannot be easily yanked from their hand. Let your

pet sitter know your cat's favorite hiding spots so they can seek him out on each visit.

Backyard playtime and cookouts mean there will be a lot more comings and goings than usual. With small children, there is only so much you can expect, but try to instill awareness in your family and guests to close doors quickly and firmly as they come and go. You may want to consider closing your pet in a comfortable room when you are expecting guests.

Summer is a great time to relax and spend quality time with your family. I hope you fit in some extra play time with your pets as well. Have a safe, fun summer!



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July
11 & 25

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8 & 22

September
12 & 26

October
10 & 24

November
7 & 21

December
5 & 19

Schedule is subject to change, so please check our website for updates.

Coco and Nutmeg Cozy at Home

In November 2009, a litter of five kittens, seven weeks old at the time, came into SPCA NOVA's care after their mother was hit by a car. Two of these kittens, Ashley and Tigress (now known as Coco and Nutmeg), were lucky enough to be adopted by Lindsey and Stephen Medlock, who recently provided us with an update:

Happy Tails!

Coco Mademoiselle and Nutmeg Matilda have lived in their forever home for a little over five years surrounded by toys, treats, and love. Nutmeg is an avid bird watcher, who can often be found with her head inches from the window, monitoring local crows and geese. Her littermate, Coco, is a true lap cat and even paws at the covers on the bed at night to be tucked in!

Coco and Nutmeg still have the same active sense of adventure they did when they were

kittens. They love to play, whether it be retrieving toy springs, chasing catnip mice, working through a treat puzzle, or just chasing each other. At the same time, they are very affectionate. They greet us at the door with their tails quivering when we return home from work, ready for belly rubs and dinner. They are both quite chatty and love to chirp at us, which we find adorable. Coco really knows how to ham it up when she wants a nibble of fresh fish, chicken, or anything else her humans are eating!

We absolutely love Coco and Nutmeg. They have brought us so much joy over the years and we thank SPCA NOVA for matching us with our darling little love bugs!



Thank you, Lindsey and Stephen, for giving Coco and Nutmeg the best home possible!

SPCA NOVA loves receiving updates from our adoptive families, knowing that our cats and dogs are living happily ever after with their dotting humans.

If you've adopted your cat(s) and/or dog(s) from SPCA NOVA and would like your story posted online on our Cat or Dog Alumni Pages, please send an email to: webmaster@spcanova.org. Don't forget to include photos!

Cat Alumni Stories:
www.spcanova.org/adoption/alumni_cats.php

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www.spcanova.org/adoption/alumni_dogs.php

Report Animal Cruelty!



Investigating reports of cruelty, abuse, neglect, and abandonment is one of our most important functions. If you see (or suspect) animal abuse or neglect, please call us.* All information is kept confidential and will never be released.

SPCA NOVA Humane Investigation Services
(703)799-9390, Ext. 1

* Our court appointed humane investigator is only certified in Fairfax County but will be glad to assist with guidance and advice for other areas as well.

Shopping Can Save Lives!

Shop at the iGive Mall, Best Bully's, or Big Dog Cares through the links at the bottom of our home page, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to SPCA NOVA!



Start your shopping at www.spcanova.org

Lost *from page 1*

4. Advertise

Make signs that include in large, clear letters, “Lost Dog/Cat,” a photo and brief description of your pet, the date lost, and contact information where someone can reach you or a friend at any time. If possible, offer a reward, but don’t list a specific amount. You may also want to omit a unique characteristic of your pet to verify the honesty of anyone who calls claiming to have found them. Post the signs in your neighborhood, at local stores, area public bulletin boards, and vet offices. Just be aware of posting laws so you don’t waste time and effort on a sign that will be removed. Another option to consider is paying for a robocalling service that sends out calls to your neighbors to notify them of the lost pet.

5. Set a Humane Trap

If you haven’t found your pet after a couple of days, rent or borrow a humane trap from a shelter or animal rescue organization – or find someone who is skilled at using them. This is especially effective if you have a good idea of where your pet is, but they don’t feel safe approaching you or other people. Food placed in the trap can lure them in, at which

point a mechanism is tripped to close the cage. Only use traps when you can monitor them every hour or so because some pets may panic once trapped, or you could inadvertently trap other animals (which you can simply release).

6. Hire a Professional

If you’re still not having any luck finding your pet, you may want to consider hiring a pet detective or pet tracker who uses dogs to find animals by scent.

7. Don’t Give Up

It can take days, weeks, or longer to recover your pet, so don’t give up the search. Revisit places you think are good hiding spots; try searching in new locations; continue to check in with shelters and social media. Just don’t give up!

Special Tips for Cats and Dogs

Indoor-Only Cats

If your indoor-only cat escapes, there’s a good chance they aren’t really lost, but hiding. Cats are territorial, and an indoor-only cat, whose territory is inside your home, will feel lost outside and want to find a safe place to



The drain where I found Dash was just a few yards away from our apartment. He was perched on the inner ledge.



hide. These cats may also not respond to your voice out of fear of predators finding them. Search high and low and in any nook and cranny you can find. Also, search at dawn and dusk when cats may feel safest to venture out of their hiding places.

Indoor/Outdoor Cats

Indoor/outdoor cats have already established their territory outside, so if your cat goes missing, it means something has probably happened to them. Most likely, these cats have been driven away by an animal or person (figuratively or literally), have become trapped, or are ill or injured. When conducting your search, consider if anything has changed in your neighborhood, such as new construction. If you’ve recently moved, it’s possible your cat is searching for their old territory.

Dogs

The size and fitness of your dog will help determine the initial scope of your search. A small or frail dog won’t be able to go as far as a large or

healthy dog. Since dogs spend more time outside than cats, think about their favorite spots and check those first. Include area dog parks in your search and sign distribution. Also, dogs will most likely be out in the mornings through afternoons and be sleeping at night.

Prevention

I’ve already mentioned that microchipping and ID collars are good preventative measures to protect your pets. Not only do they give a stranger who recovers your pet a means to contact you, but they are also useful even from a distance to help searchers differentiate between a pet with a loving home and a stray dog or feral cat. With dogs, it’s best to always use a leash when outside to keep them from chasing a distraction. Finally, take photos of your pets. Not only is it a great way to document your life together, but a recent photo can be

crucial to finding them if they go missing.

My Story

By now you may be wondering what happened to my cat Dash. After he had been missing for 10 days, we began to lose hope, but that evening as my husband and I were driving to dinner, we spotted him trotting down the sidewalk just a few buildings away from our apartment. I tried to get him to come to me, but he was terrified. A car drove by, and I lost sight of him. Then a few minutes later, I heard a cat crying. I followed the sound to a drain by the side of the road where I was able to grab him by the scruff and get him home safely.

That was three years ago. If I had known then some of the things I know now, we probably could have found Dash even sooner.



Today, Dash seems content to keep his exploring inside our home.

Hot Event Raises Cold Cash for SPCA NOVA

On Sunday, April 19, nearly a thousand Northern Virginians descended on the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner for the second annual Yelp Fire and Ice Ball. Most attendees dazzled in



either red or white, in keeping with the fire and ice theme, and while there was no cost to attend, organizers suggested a \$10 donation at the door, with all proceeds benefitting SPCA NOVA.

Event sponsors ranged from Pretzel Crisps and Krave Jerky to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Dolce Vita Salon and Spa, all of whom offered demos or free product

samples. Guests enjoyed performances from Cast of Thousands, live music via Triforce Quartet, and spun beats courtesy of Electric Entertainment.

Positioned at a table laden with brochures and newsletters, as well as "puppy pops" and Kit Kats, SPCA NOVA President Dana Meeker and volunteer Katie McHenry accepted donations and exchanged rescue stories with fellow animal lovers. By the end of the night, the event had raised more than \$3,500 thanks to Yelp's nomination of SPCA NOVA as this year's beneficiary.

SPCA NOVA would like to thank everyone at Yelp NoVa, especially Yelp Community Manager and self proclaimed "crazy dog lady" Gretchen Powell, for providing

Nearly 1,000 people attended the ball and were entertained with special performances, food, and free product samples.



SPCA NOVA President Dana Meeker hands out goodies and accepts donations at the Yelp Fire and Ice Ball.

us the opportunity to fundraise at such a wonderfully unique event. If you're interested in learning more about future Yelp-sponsored events, you can follow them locally at Facebook.com/YelpNoVa or on Twitter via @yelpnova.



The Human (and Feline) Benefits of Fostering

♥ BY *Katie McHenry*

As an eight-year veteran of SPCA NOVA's foster program, I have welcomed 18 cats into my home – cats who would otherwise be fending for themselves on the streets or facing the risk of being euthanized at a local shelter. I've cuddled with them, fed them, taken them to vet appointments, given them their medicine, and eventually allowed another caring soul to adopt them, finally giving them their forever homes.

"But aren't you afraid of getting attached?" my friends ask me. I remind them that my decision to foster isn't about me, it's about the cats. Sure, I get attached to these little souls, but once one cat gets adopted, another enters my life, never letting me dwell on the departure for too long. In a way, it's like a revolving door, and it's not

as difficult as everyone imagines it to be.

Below, I've listed my top reasons to become a foster parent, in the hopes that more people will agree to give it a try! If a sentimental sap like me can do it, then anyone can. The most important criteria are a love of animals and a desire to see them live happily ever after.

1. Fostering saves lives

According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), some 3 million cats and dogs are euthanized in the U.S. each year; that's one animal every 11 seconds. While HSUS also estimates that there are approximately 3,500 animal shelters in the U.S., these organizations don't have the capacity to take in the millions of animals in need of help. Sadly, most shelters are forced to euthanize perfectly healthy animals to make room for new arrivals. Organizations like SPCA NOVA have rescued countless cats from death row, including mothers with their kittens, and the only way we've been able to do so is because of our network of committed foster parents.

When people ask me if it makes me sad to even-

tually give up my foster cats, I answer honestly: "Maybe a little at the time, but what makes me far sadder is the thought of standing by while millions of animals die in shelters every year."

2. Fostering is a convenient way to give back to your community from the privacy of your own home

I've volunteered at numerous places, donating Saturdays to building houses with Habitat for Humanity, preparing and serving food at soup kitchens, manning fundraising events. While the aforementioned examples have been rewarding, I honestly don't have the time or energy to commit to this type of volunteer work more than a few times a year.

Fostering, however, is something I do daily. It doesn't wear me out; it doesn't take much of up my time; and I'm rewarded for my efforts every day when I look at my foster cat's relaxed form, curled up on the sofa beside me, knowing he'll never again worry where he'll sleep or get his next meal.



Biscuit normally isn't a cuddler, but he makes an exception for Katie while she is home with a cold.

3. Foster parents get all the benefits of animal companionship – without having to foot the vet bill

SPCA asks you to cover the cost of the basics: food and litter, although if you're not able to, they will buy those items for you. SPCA always covers the most expensive bill of all: vet clinic visits. Thus, if you want the satisfaction of a furry friend to greet you at the door when you get home from work, but you're not in a position to pay for veterinary care, fostering is your best bet!

4. You can decide how long you want to foster: short or long term

Perhaps your job requires you to travel to California every few months, and you feel it would be unfair to adopt a cat who would be alone in your Virginia apartment



Katie has fostered 18 cats in eight years, and it all started with Chloe and Don Juan.

so often; nonetheless, you would enjoy some feline companionship on occasion when you're home. Why not foster for a few weeks or months at a time? In fact, short-term foster parents are an enormous help when there are emergencies and during the holiday season when some of our regular foster parents are on travel. When you fill out your foster application, you can explain the situation and offer to foster periodically. Every bit helps.

5. You learn so much about feline health, nutrition and behavior

Nothing will educate you on feline health and behavior like fostering will. I've fostered cats

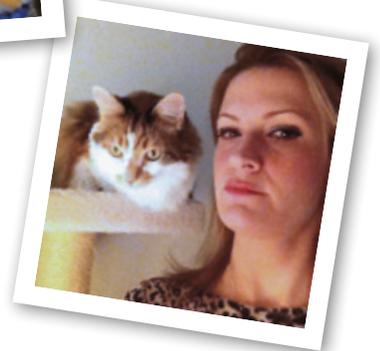
with FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus), such as my current foster, Biscuit, and former foster, Julius (who was renamed Kango upon his adoption); hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (a heart condition that affects cats and humans alike), which was diagnosed in my former foster kitty, Tally (but which didn't stop her wonderful human family from adopting her in December 2013); IBD (inflammatory bowel disease), which my foster, Mitzi, had; play aggression and various other health and behavioral issues. In the process, I've become an expert!

I've learned about the pros and cons of the raw diet, limited ingredient diets, grain free diets and high fiber diets; I've also learned that FIV is manageable, and that FIV-positive cats can live long lives so long as cat guardians remain proactive about their cats' care.

I even learned a trick to entice picky eaters: sprinkle Purina FortiFlora on their food (you can buy it from the vet or



Fostering cats with special needs, like Julius with FIV (left) and Tally with a heart condition (below), has given Katie an opportunity to learn a lot about feline health and nutrition.



order it on Amazon.com – no prescription needed). FortiFlora is a probiotic powder you add to your cat's food to maintain a healthy digestive system – apparently, it doubles as some kind of feline cheese sauce, persuading finicky cats to eat their “vegetables.”

6. If you bond with your foster cat, you may be able to adopt him!

If, after a few weeks or months, you have fallen head over heels in love with your foster cat and feel that you can't live without him, you can pursue adopting him. There is a formal application and adoption process that applies to everyone wanting to adopt one of our cats. SPCA NOVA will need to make sure your

home environment is the right long-term match for you and your foster cat, and that you are in agreement with our policies. In the animal rescue world, these adoptive pet parents are jokingly referred to as “failed fosters.”

Cat Foster Applications

If you haven't fostered yet, I highly recommend giving it a try! You truly have nothing to lose, but so much to gain. To fill out an SPCA application, please visit www.spcanova.org/forms/catfosterapp.php.



Mitzi was a special foster cat and one of Katie's favorites.



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No More Journeys for this Jindo

♥ BY *Joan Hughes and Dana Meeker*

“Don’t you like it here?” might have been Keith Wells’ question to Naomi, the red Jindo he adopted from SPCA NOVA a little over two years ago. Naomi had a history of running away, and the last time, she was gone for 45 days before being found eight miles from Keith’s home. No doubt about it: Naomi is a dog with wanderlust.

Naomi – originally called Roxie – was first picked up as a stray by Fairfax County Animal Control. Since nobody claimed her, nobody knows how long she was out and about.

The Fairfax County shelter transferred Roxie to SPCA NOVA in January 2013 when her wait period was over. The Jindo is a Korean

breed, used as a hunter of small game in its native country. Her good looks quickly garnered her an application at an adoption fair. Two days into her two-week trial placement, Roxie charged and escaped when her would-be adopter opened an outside door. We feared for Roxie, lost in the unfamiliar Fair Lakes area surrounded by major busy roads. Volunteers posted and handed out fliers, we set up and monitored a motion-activated wildlife camera and hired a scent dog and tracker to try to trace Roxie’s steps. After a couple days, our efforts were rewarded – Roxie walked into a baited dog trap and this adventure was over.

After the first applicant decided maybe Roxie wasn’t the right dog for her, Keith Wells started coming to the adoption fairs to win over Roxie’s heart. He came to every fair and sat with her and talked to her, trying to make her comfortable. Finally, in July 2013, he moved into a new house and took Roxie, who was now named Naomi, to begin his two-week trial placement. On one of their walks, Naomi was spooked by a passing truck and pulled Keith off his feet and yanked the leash out of his hands. This time she stayed close to her new home

but would not come home. Keith put out fliers, a live trap (which Naomi would have none of) and food at places she was frequenting. Because of the fliers, the neighbors knew she was lost, and when she was sighted in the back yard of an abandoned house, one of them was able to shut the gate behind her. Another one-week adventure ended.

Fast forward two months to September. Now officially Keith’s dog, Naomi ran away again, and this time she was gone for 45 days. In this case, fliers were not enough. We used FindToto, a robocalling service, which elicited additional sightings to help us narrow down our search area. SPCA NOVA volunteer Lisa Reid, God’s gift to dogdom, set up a baited pen in the yard of one of the neighbors who had been feeding the elusive truant. Naomi couldn’t resist Lisa’s lure. There was a “gotcha” moment as the pen’s door closed behind her, and Naomi’s runaway days were over.

Keith gives Naomi high marks for the intelligence for which the breed is noted. Her desire to



Naomi’s wanderings are now limited to supervised outside time.

please has made her obedient and easy to train. She’s protective of her human, and she’s a good watchdog.

It’s said that Jindos practically house train themselves. Naomi is no exception, her only transgression being one time when she wasn’t well. How many dogs can claim that?

And trustworthy? She’s never been destructive of Keith’s personal or household items. When a steak was left on a table within Naomi’s reach, she didn’t touch it. Because she can be trusted, Naomi has free run of the house when Keith is at work.

Perhaps Naomi has come to realize how fortunate she is and has no intention of plotting another escape. Perhaps her wanderlust has finally been satisfied with a life of companionship with someone who provides her with loving care and long walks.



Naomi’s journey is over! A special baited pen finally lured the wayward dog into a neighbor’s yard.



Gifts in Remembrance

SPCA NOVA welcomes donations made in memory or honor of someone special in your life. Please include the name and address of the person you would like notified of your donation, along with the name of the person or pet being remembered or honored.

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~ Mary Portelly

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- Global Impact
- United Way

A STANDING OVATION to our adoption partner, Pet Valu in Lovettsville, and their generous customers, who donated over \$9,300, the proceeds from their calendar sales, to the SPCA of Northern Virginia.

BOWSA WOWSA! (**THAT'S** dog for "Way to Go!") to the children of the Kilmer Center, who made and sold dog treats for a service learning project, the proceeds from which were donated to the SPCA of Northern Virginia so that they could become a Guardian Angel for an SPCA rescue.

ANNABEL ANDERSON, 7 years old, became Oreo's Guardian Angel. But that wasn't enough. In addition, she raised money herself selling hand-made posters in her neighborhood and then, on her seventh birthday, she asked the guests of her birthday party to donate money for Oreo instead of giving her birthday presents. What an extraordinary young lady!

COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL seventh-graders John Kelly, Tatum Lohmar, Connor Hohl, and Bradley Carvajal planned a very special community service project. They set up a table on Great Falls Little League opening day and spoke to guests and handed out brochures to educate everyone about responsible pet ownership and to show people how they can recognize and stop animal cruelty and neglect. They sent a powerful message and people responded. The crew raised \$174 for the SPCA's programs.

A SPECIAL SHOUT out goes to Lindsey Buranych Medlock who has provided much needed support to so many of our special kitties through our Cat Guardian Angel program.

WE THANK PATRICIA (Patsy) Leininger for her ongoing support of our Spay Inc. program. Patsy donates all proceeds from the Canine Good Citizen certification tests she administers to our Spay Inc. program.

TWO SPECIAL YOUNG ladies, Marissa and Jasmine Perilla, both asked the guests at their birthday parties to make donations to the SPCA of Northern Virginia. Their parents are so proud!

HEIDI KOOLMEES AND Matthew Glover had a birthday party together in January. In lieu of gifts, they asked families to bring donations for the animals. In addition to monetary donations, guests donated cat litter, food, toys, bowls, beds, and other supplies.

DURING THE HOLIDAY season, Clark Construction Group asked each of its employees to select a charity to which Clark Construction Group would make a donation in that employee's name. We thank Clark and Lori Humphries and their employee who selected the SPCA of Northern Virginia to benefit from the company's generosity.

THANK YOU TO American Express for their Members Give program that connects its members to causes that are important to them.

LONGTIME SPAY PARTICIPATING veterinarian, Dr. Kastner at Sunshine Animal Hospital, in addition to providing our clients with a great price for spay/neuter surgeries, has donated \$5 back to the SPCA of Northern Virginia for every spay client.

THANK YOU TO Jamie DeSimone, of Keller Williams Capital Properties, for donating \$250 after settlement when her clients Sarah & Jasper Clark selected us under Ms. DeSimone's "Homes for All!" program.

ANIMAL-LOVING EMPLOYEES IN MBP Corporate and Fairfax Branch organized and contributed to a supply drive for the SPCA's animals. They collected lots of cat and dog food, blankets, toys, bowls, treats, collars, and leashes.

THANK YOU TO the DC Bocce League and to Old Dominions Official Bocce Team, DC Bocce League Spring Champs, for their generous gift in December.

YES!

I want to help rescue animals in Northern Virginia.

Your tax-deductible donation to **SPCA of Northern Virginia** makes it possible for us to rescue animals in need, provide them with shelter and nutritious food, medical care, training, and nurturing care, all in preparation for adoptions into homes of their own. Thank you for being a force for animal welfare with your generosity!



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Membership (one year):

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Sign me up for your: e-Newsletter Print Newsletter

Make checks payable to **SPCA of Northern Virginia** and mail to:
SPCA of Northern Virginia, P.O. Box 100220, Arlington, VA 22210

If your company participates with the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), designate donation to “Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Northern Virginia.”



United Way NCA Designation Code
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CFC Designation Code
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If your company participates with the America’s Charities Campaign, you can donate to the SPCA of Northern Virginia, #19137.

The SPCA of Northern Virginia is an IRS-registered 501(c)(3) charity, EIN 54-1627788, listed under the name Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Northern Virginia.

It’s Time for the SPCA of Northern Virginia’s Annual Dog Wash Fundraiser!



**Saturday, August 29
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Weber’s Pet Supermarket
11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

Come out, and our volunteers will **pamper your pooch** with a bath, nail clipping, and even ear clipping!

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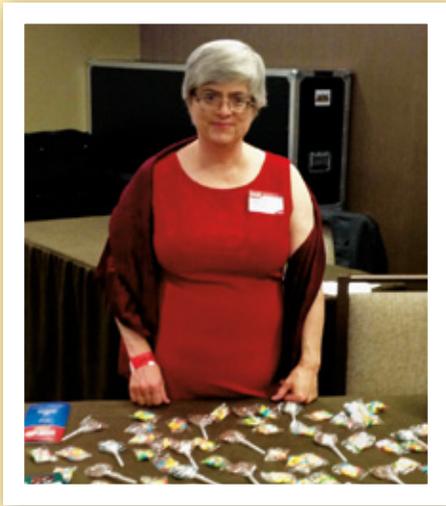


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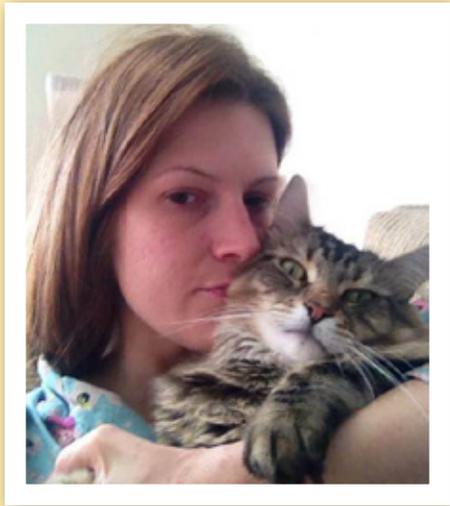
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Raising Money to Save Lives

Yelp Fire and Ice Ball benefits SPCA NOVA

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Fostering Cats Has Many Rewards

Cats aren't the only ones who benefit when volunteers take them in

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