



Paws & Effect



The Newsletter of the SPCA of Northern Virginia

Winter 2013

'Weigh' to Go, Chico!

♥ BY *Joan Hughes*

How much do you weigh? Could you lose nearly half of that weight without jeopardizing your health? A Chihuahua did, and it was almost disastrous.

A family spotted little Chico when they attended a daughter's soccer game in Alexandria during the summer. He was tied to a railing, but there was no food or water nearby and no protection from the sun. The parents and their 12- and 6-year-old

daughters petted him while waiting to see if his owner would show up. Time passed and nobody did. He was skin and bones and they were tempted to take him, but there were license and rabies tags on his collar, so that didn't seem like a good option. As they prepared to leave, a car pulled up. A woman got out,

untied the leash, picked Chico up, got back into the car with him, and drove away. But not before the mother took down the license plate number.

She contacted several animal rescue groups in an effort to locate the woman who had taken the dog, but was unable

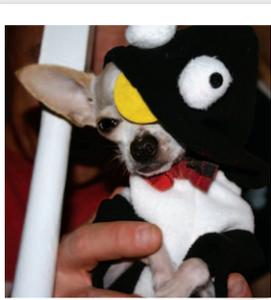
to find any assistance until she got to the SPCA of Northern Virginia. That's when Edith Von Stuemmer, an experienced humane investigator, stepped in. A dedicated volunteer, she takes on the roles of animal warden, diplomat, and detective.

And so began what turned out to be weeks of frustrating phone calls, false information, hours of legwork, wrong addresses, and the discovery that the license plate number the mother recorded was not that of the little dog's owner. But the loose ends were finally tied together and Edith located the owner's apartment. It turned out that she couldn't afford to care for Chico, and she agreed to release him to the SPCA.

Chico's next stop: Town and Country Animal Hospital where our 3-pound package of skin and bones had to have a number of teeth extracted. We humans can sympathize, can't we? Painful teeth can make eating uncomfortable, and in Chico's case, almost impossible. Small wonder that he was so emaciated. He remained at the animal hospital for several weeks to be fattened up and have his health monitored.

When he made his first appearance at an SPCA adoption day, the family who had seen him in Alexandria was there to apply to adopt him. They brought Brouser, their 4-year-old miniature dachshund, a family member since his puppyhood. Canine sniffs were exchanged, and Brouser declared Chico acceptable.

An SPCA representative visits the home of a prospective adopter before the place-



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President's Letter

A Year of Gratitude

♥ **BY Dana Meeker**

At SPCA NoVa, we think pet guardianship and rescue have a beneficial effect on families and communities, and we'd like to be an engine for that good effect. After reading our renamed and

called animal rescue day in and day out – to see our rescues healthy and growing old in homes where they are loved. We'll highlight adoption stories during the year on our website, our Facebook page, or in our print or electronic news-

letters. organizing volunteers on the dog-search front; to our volunteer coordinators; to our dog wranglers, foster families, and phone handlers; and to everyone who responded to an emergency appeal for help.

I also want to thank you, our tremendous members and supporters, who donate supplies, locations, and money to keep the organization running. You spread the good word about our work and Like us on Facebook. You bring your dogs to meet us at the dog wash (photo below and story on page 4), and you sip wine at our wine tasting (along with me in the photo at left; story on page 5). We could not exist without the devotion of so many people to the cause of animal welfare and the belief that animals enrich our lives and deserve our care and stewardship.



I know I don't say "thank you" often enough for the sacrifice, hard work, and personal investment of the many wonderful people who keep SPCA

redesigned newsletter, I hope you will be moved to make a generous year-end donation (form on page 11) to support the work yet to come in 2014.

If you'd like to give a more personal gift to our volunteers, send us an email or letter with pictures and tell us about the animal you adopted from us. Tell us what he or she has meant to you – or even tell us about some silly trait he or she has. That's why we do this crazy thing

NoVa running. So I'm sending out a big "Thank You" now to Kathleen and Barbara, our cat and dog committee chairs who put in hours and hours every week; to Hillary and Karen who have done wonders setting up adoptions for us in Loudoun County; to Lisa for the care and structure she gives to our dogs at Ragged Mountain Dogs kennel; to Mary for our website; to Wendy and Jane for the Guardian Angel program; to Barbara D. for



2013 Successes Pave Way for New Initiatives

♥ BY *Katie McHenry*

This holiday season, the SPCA of Northern Virginia is giving thanks to supporters like you who have made 2013 another successful year – the cats and dogs in our care wouldn't be able to find their forever homes without your donations, volunteer hours, and willingness to spread the word about our organization. We're also excited to share what we have in store for 2014!

Year in Review

So far in 2013, we are proud to have placed 115 cats and 37 dogs in their forever homes (with more adoptions being finalized every day), and nearly 100 cats and dogs remain in our care. We helped secure special veterinary services for dozens of severely injured cats and dogs in our care. These services ranged from surgeries to physical therapy to assessments by cardiologists and ophthalmologists. We have responded to hundreds of phone calls and emails from people seeking advice and referrals regarding behavioral issues with their pets, lost cats and dogs, and financial assistance for veterinary care.

Additionally, we have referred more than 1,600 animals for reduced- and low-cost spay and neuter services via Spay Inc., one of SPCA NoVa's programs for which everyone qualifies, regardless of residency or income. This year, we also worked with shelters in Washington, D.C.; Fairfax, Loudoun, Page, and Shenandoah counties; and numerous other rescue groups.

To stay better connected with our supporters, we increased our digital outreach efforts. This fall we launched an electronic newsletter and started naming "Foster Parents of the Month" on our Facebook page to showcase the volunteers who open their hearts and homes to animals in need until they can find their forever homes.

Meanwhile, because playing hard is essential to working hard, we've had a blast raising money via numerous events hosted in 2013. These ranged from a wine tasting in April (see story on page 5) to our annual dog wash in August (see story on page 4) to the "Cause an Effect" fundraiser at the Chipotle in Merrifield Town Center. These events are valuable not only for raising money, but also for

getting to know our volunteers and supporters. If you didn't have a chance to attend any of 2013's events, don't worry, there are more in store in the new year.

Plans for 2014

Looking ahead to 2014, the SPCA is working to find a central location that can house a cattery. For now, all rescued cats are fostered individually, in pairs, or in litters at volunteers' homes.

As we continue to increase our digital outreach, the best way to stay connected to SPCA NoVa is to sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter at www.bit.ly/spcanova and "Like" us on Facebook, where we will be posting adoption notices, rescue stories, upcoming events and/or companion animal advice.

We are also looking for ways to strengthen our

2013
by the
numbers

115
cats
adopted

37
dogs
adopted

1600+
animals
referred to
Spay Inc.

existing partnerships with local rescue groups and shelters in our community, and we continue to look for new ways to involve volunteers and promote adoptions. If you're interested in joining our family of volunteers, please call us at 703-799-9390 or email us at volunteers@spcanova.org.

From everyone at SPCA NoVa, thank you for your support in 2013! Happy holidays to you and your loved ones – two- and four-legged alike – and we look forward to being in touch in 2014.

Need Help Getting Your Pet Spayed or Neutered?

Spay Inc. provides low-cost spay/neuter referrals for dogs & cats in Northern Virginia

Easy to Apply & Everyone Qualifies!

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or call Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



www.spay.org
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Pooches Get Pampered at Annual Dog Wash

♥ BY *Lyda Gould*

SPCA of Northern Virginia held our annual Dog Wash fundraiser on August 24 at the Weber's Pet Supermarket in Fairfax, Va. This marked

the 15th year in a row that we've held this event!

The dog wash is a great chance for pooches to come get their nails trimmed, ears cleaned, and coats

washed, and it is always a special treat to see our alumni come for a visit and a wash. This year, we saw seven SPCA alumni, plus two alumni of Lisa Reid's Ragged Mountain Dogs! Lisa oversees the day-to-day care of our dogs alongside her own group of shelter dogs through her facility. What a triumph to see these dogs, happy, healthy, and smelling good in their forever homes. We were able to raise just over \$850, and Weber's also donated the

use of their self-serve dog wash for another \$540.

All of our customers – alumni and non-alumni, large and small – came out looking like a million bucks, but we can't say the same about our volunteer staff who, ironically, needed their own wash afterwards. Everyone had a great time on this hot summer day since getting wet is the best way to keep things cool. As we enter the cooler months, we hope you stay warm and remember to brush and groom your dogs regularly until we see you next year!



Supporters Eat, Drink, Make Merry

♥ BY Lyda Gould

The ever-beautiful landscape of the Historic Blenheim Mansion in Fairfax City was the backdrop for our April 13 Tickle Your Whiskers Wine Tasting fundraiser. The event came about when one of our very generous donors, Patty Cake, offered the venue for an SPCA NoVa event after she won the rental at another charity fundraiser in Fairfax City. It was quite the family affair, with Patty's sister, Gina Lynch, organizing the entire event and her brothers, David and Joe



Lynch, serving as wine stewards. A light buffet of Mediterranean fare was served, alongside cheese and wine tastings, while guests enjoyed music from a trio of strings. Many in attendance received wine tips from David and Joe as they cultivated their palettes a little more with advice on the art of selecting and drinking good wine. The weather was on its best behavior, and many took advantage of the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the flowering trees and spring air. Later in the evening, a silent auction was held to

raise additional funds for our beloved SPCA animals. A fantastic variety of items were available in the auction, including a book personally signed by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist Gene Weingarten, which by far attracted the most competitive bidding. Overall, the night was a great success, bringing in \$10,000 for SPCA NoVa!

We send a special thank you to Patty, Gina, David, and Joe for donating such a wonderful venue, sharing their time and expertise, and providing invaluable support to SPCA NoVa. We hope to offer a similar fundraiser again soon, so keep your eyes out for another opportunity to eat, drink, and be merry!



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Include Pets in Contingency Planning

♥ BY *Kelly Johnston*

In early November, rescue and relief teams combed the streets of the Philippines looking to help tens of thousands of animals affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Less than two weeks later, Illinois rescuers were working to reunite people with their pets in the wake of devastating tornadoes. Closer to home, this October marked the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy's landfall on the Eastern Seaboard, killing more than 250 people and uprooting thousands of people and pets.

While the Atlantic

Disaster Preparedness Checklist

- Make a pet emergency kit.
- Microchip your pets.
- Keep your pets collared with ID tags.
- Place a pet sticker on your door/windows.
- Coordinate with neighbors on plans to save your pets.
- Keep a resource list that includes surrounding hotels/boarding facilities that allow pets.

hurricane season (June 1 to November 30) was much quieter and far less deadly this year, we are now heading into the cold winter months, and northern Virginia has also been known to experience debilitat-

ing snowstorms with power outages. While it is always a good idea to review (or create) disaster plans for your household, it is critically important that your disaster plans include contingencies for providing for your pets.

For our full article on disaster preparedness for households with pets, visit SPCA NoVa's website at www.spcanova.org/news. In the meantime, review our checklist of what you can do before disaster strikes to make sure your pets are protected.

Don't put it off! Create your disaster contingency plan for your pets today.





Guardian Angels Needed for Cats & Dogs

Want to help a homeless animal but can't adopt one? Join our **Guardian Angel Program** for as little as \$30 for three months. Your support will help provide for a cat or dog until he or she can be placed into a loving home. In return, you'll get photos and updates on your chosen animal.

Apply Online:
www.spcanova.org/help/ga.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.

2014 Dog Adoption Fairs



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703-385-3766

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January	11 & 25
February	8 & 22
March	8 & 22
April	12 & 26
May	10 & 24
June	14 & 28
July	12 & 28
August	9 & 23

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

Community Partnerships Fix a Squeak, Save Many Lives

♥ BY *Hillary Haag*

The partnerships we have with local shelters, veterinary offices and pet supply stores (where we host adoption events) allowed SPCA NoVa to rescue, care for, and adopt out more than 100 kittens during the 2013 kitten season. They also allow us to remain an active group in the community, which means we are often contacted for difficult cases by our partners because we have a strong reputation for success and the ability to solicit donations to cover the cost of such cases. Soliciting donations is something that our shelter and veterinary offices are not able to do, and we are very fortunate to have a community that continually supports us.

One recent example of our partnering network success involves an 8-week-old female kitten named Squeak.

While in foster care with a local partner shelter, she broke her back leg in an accident. According to her shelter foster mom, Squeak was always a tomboy and very adventurous, so it wasn't a surprise when her back leg became trapped between two bookshelves. She jumped to escape, but unfortunately this didn't give Squeak the results she hoped for, and instead resulted in a compound fracture of her tibia.

SPCA NoVa saw this kitten in the partner vet office and, after hearing about the extent of her injury, reached out to the local shelter. Without the funds to properly mend her, Squeak's future was bleak. SPCA NoVa asked to transfer the kitten to our care so that immediate orthopedic surgical care could begin.

The shelter staff was elated, but the next hurdle was that the orthopedic surgeon with the partner veterinary office was on vacation for a

week. Concerned that Squeak didn't have five days to wait if we wanted to try to save her leg, SPCA NoVa reached out to another local orthopedic surgeon. Despite having a full surgery and consultation schedule that day, the surgeon agreed to see Squeak and performed a complicated surgery to repair her leg that evening. Squeak now has a plate in her leg, which can probably be removed when she is spayed, and is on the road to recovery under the care of a licensed veterinary assistant from the partner vet office. Squeak has a loud purr motor, despite being in strict confinement during her recovery period, and through our

partnerships with the veterinary office, local shelter, and pet supply store, is another lucky success story.

Please consider joining our Guardian Angel program so that we may continue to partner with our community and make a difference with difficult cases. We can't be the world to every kitty, but to Squeak, we could be her world!





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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WAY TO GO! Helena Clark and Emily Goff organized a pet supply drive for their National Junior Honor Society project at Herndon Middle School. In December 2012, they delivered a load of pet food, toys, cat litter, beds, and blankets to the SPCA.

WE THANK CLARK Construction for their generosity to the community. They give each of their employees the opportunity to select the charitable institution of their choice and Clark Construction makes a donation in their name. We thank Lori Humphries and Donald Gibson for selecting the SPCA of Northern Virginia.

THANK YOU TO the following workplace giving programs and their participating employees:

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EVAN STANKARD, WHOSE family fostered and adopted a cat from the SPCA a couple years ago, organized a donation drive and collected cash, food, toys, leashes, and litter to help our many rescued cats and dogs.

THANK YOU TO the Manassas Assembly LT/ International Order of the Rainbow for Girls – a non-profit youth group that teaches girls what matters most – leadership, confidence, and citizenship – for selecting the SPCA of Northern Virginia as their charity and raising funds to support our mission.

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- Rhonda Meter
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- Ana Harvey
- Tracy Brincefield

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THANK YOU TO Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and its employees for their support of charitable causes. During the Baker Tilly Mini-Golf Tournament in July 2012, these employees played for our cause, raising much-needed funds:

- Bella Burgess
- Jean Burns
- Ashley Frayser
- Roz Parrett
- Kelly Swartzlander

THANK YOU TO Weber's Pet Supermarket for hosting our dog adoptions and for donating two-weeks of proceeds from their self-serve dog wash to us.

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- Timothy Black

WE GIVE A shout-out to Sara Rider and her friends Erica Thompson and Jackie Ganter who raised money for our animals and gathered needed cat and dog supplies.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT Troop #5292 (McLean, Va.) donated the profits from their Girl Scout cookies to the SPCA. The Troop of 6- and 7-year-old girls just loves animals and completed a journey patch to learn how to care for animals, which included a visit to a vet hospital to learn and see more.

THANK YOU TO the Petco Foundation for sharing the proceeds of their in-store Breeds in Need fundraiser with the SPCA.

THANK YOU TO Elizabeth and Michael Hoeymans, and their friends Maggie Bujor and Linsey Wenk, for setting up five lemonade stands earlier this year and choosing to give the money to the SPCA to help animals.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH gratitude these bequests:

- Estate of Linda Zeiler
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YES!

I want to help rescue animals in Northern Virginia.

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ment is finalized. In this case, it was apparent that dogs do well in that home. Brouser “strutted his stuff,” tossed his toys around, and seemed to enjoy just showing off.

Chico moved into his new home, and he and Brouser get along like old friends. They play with toys, chase each other, and indulge in quiet squirrel watching from the front window.

When playing tires them out, they retire to their respective pillows to recharge their batteries. Of course, in true Chi-

huahua fashion, Chico is always ready to choose someone’s lap instead.

The younger daughter has appointed herself Chico’s protector. She calls him Cinnamon Buns, or “Bunsy,” now, and the name seems to be sticking (no pun intended). When walking him, she admonishes other children not to pick him up or treat him roughly. He went trick-or-treating on Halloween, but she carried him so as to avoid such confrontations. Oh, yes, he also sleeps on her bed.

His presence has been beneficial for Brouser, too. The little Doxie used to be anxious – and sometimes destructive – when left alone, but he’s more relaxed and better behaved with his new pal around. The whole family feels as though Chico/Bunsy has always been a part of their lives.



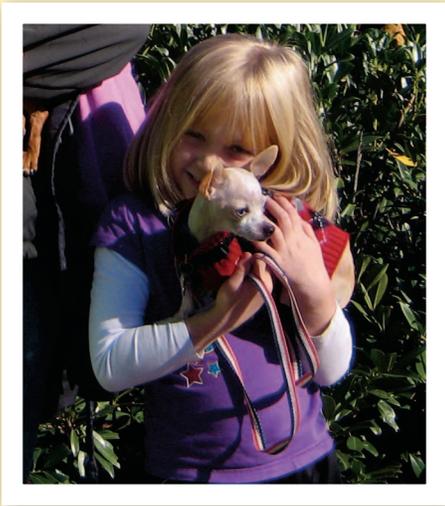
He still has a couple of pounds to gain, but Chico/Bunsy has come a long “weigh” (pun intended).



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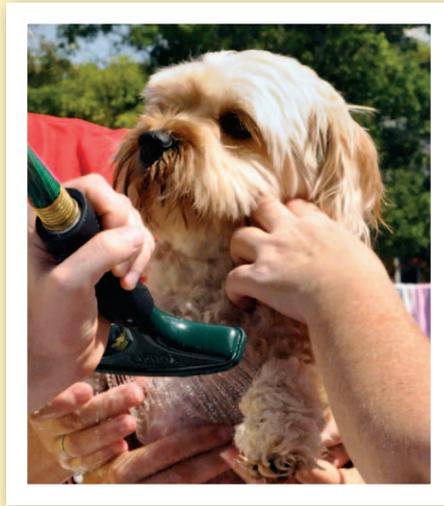
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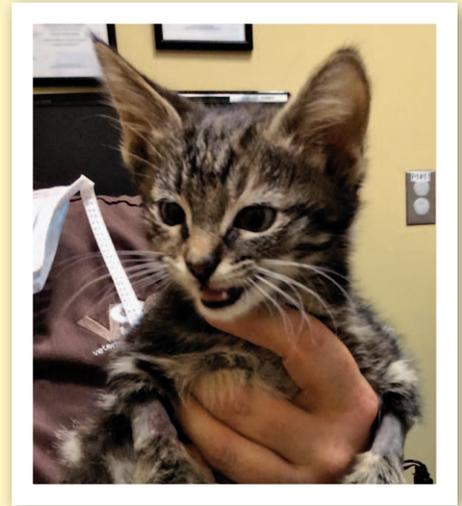
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Serving the Community

Annual Dog Wash raises
money and pampers
pooches

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Working Together to Save Lives

Community partnerships
help mend Squeak the cat

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