

# Paws To Consider

Fall 2004

## Twice As Nice

Sometimes our rescued cats and dogs are adopted almost immediately. Often, though, finding the right home can present a challenge. This is especially true when there are two animals that we feel should be adopted together.

The animals featured below all came from the same Humane Investigation, along with several other cats. Their "mom" had a kind heart, but couldn't afford to provide food and vet care for all of her pets.

### Max and Goldie



Max (on the left) is a Shepherd mix, and his best friend, Goldie, is a Rottweiler mix. Both are about 5 years old, have spent their lives

together, and are very bonded, so we do not want to adopt them to separate homes.

Because they were outside dogs, although both are friendly and good-natured, they are not used to human attention, and can appear aloof to potential adopters. Max weighs about 50 lbs, and Goldie weighs about 70 lbs, which is an obstacle to finding the right home, since most people who want to adopt two dogs together look for small dogs.

Max and Goldie get along well with cats, as well as children, and once they get to know you, they love to be petted and receive attention. Both are laid-back, and while Max will sometimes play with a ball, they are low-energy dogs, content to bask in the sun and watch the world go by. We think they would enjoy a home with a balcony or deck for summertime lazing, and a cozy fireside for those cold winter days.

### Bumble Bee and Ursula

Bumble Bee and Ursula are beautiful, medium-haired brown tabbies, born in September 2003. These petite girls love to "play fight" with each other...typical sisters! They enjoy watching the world go by from the window and delight in catching bugs. These happy girls greet



their foster parents at the door when they come home at night. Both girls are sweet, loving and playful, but have distinct personalities. They make a wonderful pair!

**Ursula** is very friendly and outgoing. She goes "nuts" playing with her favorite toy...a feather on a stick. Ursula will let you know when it's time to let the games begin! She also loves sleeping on a nice warm lap. She can be a bit demanding when she wants something, but she is so sweet about it that it's hard not to give her what she wants!

**Bumble Bee** is sweet and loving, but a little shyer than her sister. She is, however, *very curious*. And she *loves* a good treat and a good meal! She's not a picky eater like her sister. Bumble Bee loves to play with her toy mice, and does so independently. She is not the least bit demanding, although she definitely enjoys attention and affection.

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## When Two Are Better Than One

Literature on the benefits of adopting two cats together abounds. For dogs, however, the evidence is anecdotal. Like cats, dogs enjoy the companionship of their own kind, a factor in the growing popularity of dog parks. Most multiple-dog households have stories of bonded canine buddies that behave much like human siblings, sharing toys and beds, but also sometimes squabbling.

The SPCA of Northern Virginia requires that young kittens be adopted in pairs, unless there is an existing kitten or young cat at home. This ensures that the kittens we rescue, nurture, and love are adopted into homes that offer the best possible environment for their social development.

The following is reprinted from Cats International ([www.catsinternational.org](http://www.catsinternational.org)):

While we may pride ourselves on how we pamper our pets with the best of everything, we may be denying them what they need most—the companionship of one of their own species. Most feline behaviorists agree that cats generally lead healthier, happier lives if there is another feline in the household. Even if the cats never become bosom buddies, just sharing the house with another living creature while you are away helps to break the monotony and loneliness. Of course, if they become playmates, there is the added benefit of exercise and entertainment that is especially needed by kittens and young adult cats. Many cases of playful aggression directed toward the owner as well as various forms of household destruction, can be prevented if the cat's energies are focused on a playmate. Young males (3–24 months) have an especially strong need for a “buddy.” While owners of rambunctious young males often hesitate to take on another cat, those who take that “leap of faith” and get another young male are generally delighted to see how much the “boys” enjoy each other.

For more on adopting a cat as a companion for your cat, or for cat and dog behavior and health information, see our website at [www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org). Click on Behavior & Health from the top pull-down menu.



## Happy Endings

*The following animals were featured in previous newsletters and Annual Appeals. We are happy to report that all of them are happy and healthy in their new "forever" homes!*

### Rebel



Rebel came to the SPCA from an animal sanctuary in the fall of 2001, having been identified as adoptable. Little was known about his life prior to his arrival at the sanctuary, but one look at his handsome, intelligent face and muscular body told you that this was a dog searching for a very special person.

That search lasted 2 ½ years. In February of 2004, Vince and Angie Bryner came to an adoption day, looking for a hard-to-place dog with an interesting background. Rebel fit the bill perfectly, and in less than a month had joined the Bryners and their three cats at their home in Chantilly. Angie writes, "Since Rebel's arrival, he's taken over the sofa, the center of the bed, absconded with every throw pillow in the house, adopted his own cat, stolen an entire roast chicken off the counter, and insists on waking us up at 6:45 a.m. for "walkies" by standing over our heads and drooling on our faces. We love him so much we think we're going to burst. He's a great, goofy, groovy mutt and we're proud to be his adopted pack."

### Jasmine

Jasmine and her seven puppies became SPCA dogs following a humane investigation in the summer of 2002. Severely malnourished, emaciated, and infested with ticks, fleas and worms, Jasmine was nonetheless friendly and sweet toward people.

As is usual with puppies, they found homes quickly. Jasmine became the foster mother to orphaned pups in the SPCA's care and saw each of them adopted in turn, but as the months turned into years, she waited for a home of her own.

Then in August of 2004, Brian Berry and Stephanie Bridgewater of Vienna came to Weber's to find a companion for their dog, Diesel. Jasmine, who had always been picky about her canine friends, took to Diesel immediately, and the couple knew they had found their new family member.

Stephanie says of Jasmine, "I always wanted a dog that was loyal and a companion but not too needy. Jasmine has become my shadow. She follows me everywhere, sniffing and nosing around but never far away. She is just a happy little girl. We really enjoy having her in our lives."



### Kamikaze



Kamikaze's fearless and carefree nature got her into trouble as a very young kitten. After jumping off a bookshelf and breaking her leg, she was taken to a vet to be euthanized. Luckily, her life was spared by a kind vet who surgically repaired her leg, and asked the SPCA to find her a home. She will always have a stiff leg, but this has not slowed her down one bit!

Janice Seeger and Clifford Shaw adopted Kamikaze (now called Angie) in January 2003. They tell us that Angie has settled in very well with her feline sisters, Sally and Rita. To everyone's surprise, Angie can run as fast as Rita, even with her bad leg. The problem is that Rita loves to be chased, but not caught! And, Angie has become a favorite "licking" companion to the big alpha cat, Sally.

Janice and Cliff say they especially love how Angie greets them wildly at the door each night. They say "Angie loves everyone, human and feline, and that they love their 'affectionate Angie-cat' in return!"

### Twiggy

Twiggy was a stray cat that came into SPCA's care in the summer of 2003. She was severely emaciated, suffered from pancreatitis, and was very close to death. After a lengthy recovery period, Twiggy rebounded fully and amazed us all because she is so "full of life." Twiggy was adopted in the summer of 2004 by Pamela Schrop and Lars Eidsness.

Pamela and Lars renamed her Bettie after a curvier pin-up girl! They tell us that Bettie has been a wonderful addition to their family. She became fast friends to their senior cat Benji. They say Bettie loves to follow them around the house like a puppy, shares their morning coffee with them, and likes to give kisses. They say giving kisses is "her way of saying good night and good morning, which is very sweet." They say Bettie "does occasionally start before the alarm clock goes off in the morning, but that's just part of why we love her!"



## Meet “The Miracle Worker”

If you’ve been to an SPCA dog adoption fair in the past six months, you may have met the new SPCA dog trainer, Tony Orange of DOGWORLDabc. Although the SPCA dogs have always received training in basic commands from Lisa Reid, Tony works with our dogs at a more advanced level, which we feel has made the transition into new homes much easier. He teaches the dogs to sit, stay, down, come, and heel, and has even done some off-leash work at an advanced level with a few.

Tony began his career as a dog trainer with a Richmond organization called Save Our Shelters. Over time, his natural ability and rapport with dogs led Tony to the position of Primary Dog Handler, and earned him the nickname “The Miracle Worker.” Last year, Animal Planet chose to highlight “The Miracle Worker,” for their popular series, *Cell Dogs*.

In January, Tony relocated to Northern Virginia, and founded DOGWORLDabc, offering private in-home training. Sessions are held one-on-one, and are tailored to each dog’s individual needs. Tony describes his method of canine education as “training with love and discipline.” He uses positive reinforcement with minimal corrections.

SPCA dogs are also trained one-on-one, and Tony follows up each adoption with an in-home “refresher” session for the dog, and family instruction to ensure that the dog will respond to their commands.

For those families with busy schedules, Tony offers an obedience learning camp program at his training facility in Sperryville.

For more information about Tony, visit [www.DOGWORLDabc.com](http://www.DOGWORLDabc.com), or stop by a dog adoption fair and ask to meet “The Miracle Worker!”

(pictured with Tony, top to bottom: Daisy, Patsy, and Katie)



# Taming "Feral " Kittens

Most people think of kittens as cute, playful little creatures that respond to their human guardians as loving and nurturing "parents." But not all kittens start out this way. Many of the kittens that SPCA NoVA takes into our care are "feral." They were born from mother cats (and usually fathers as well) that are essentially wild animals. They are "wild" because they have not been socialized toward humans. Feral cats are the direct result of human neglect and abandonment and are not indigenous to the U.S. They can be found literally everywhere across our region...in rich and poor neighborhoods alike. Feral cats come from domesticated cats that have reproduced offspring, usually outdoors, without human interaction. The result is thousands upon thousands of wild kittens who become wild cats and continue reproducing—if they survive—year after year. A female cat can produce up to three litters a year. Litters are typically 4 to 6 kittens, but we've rescued a few litters with 8 kittens. That's a lot of cats!

During kitten season (April through September each year in the United States), SPCA NoVA gives high priority to rescuing and taming feral kittens. It's challenging, not only because there are so many of them, but because they need to be caught when they are very young if there is any hope of fully socializing them. When people ask us, "Can feral kittens be tamed?" we tell them...well, that depends. It depends on their age and whether they are properly socialized. It also depends on learned behavior from their mothers and probably, to some degree, genetics. Extremely feral cats tend to produce extremely feral kittens. And, of course, kittens have their own personalities. Their individual temperaments vary, which influences their socialization.

As noted above, a kitten's age is a critical factor. Ideally, feral kittens are rescued and begin socialization at 5 to 6 weeks of age. At this age, they can eat on their own, and are usually young enough to quickly learn to trust people. Generally, the younger the kitten, the easier and more successful the socialization. In our experience, kittens that are 8 weeks of age or younger can usually be tamed and can become wonderful, loving pets. Older kittens that have had little or no physical or social contact with humans can sometimes be socialized with a great deal of time and effort. Often, these older kittens may bond with their initial caretaker, but rarely learn to transfer that trust to other humans.

Properly socializing a kitten takes commitment, patience and unconditional love for animals. The taming process typically takes from 2 to 6 weeks. When successful, the outcome is one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever known! The "Steps in the Taming Process" described below was developed by one of our seasoned volunteers, Sandy Soto, based on research, as well as years of experience. The process has variations, and can be adapted to suit different environments and individual temperaments.



## Steps in the Taming Process

### **1. Containment in a cage or large pet carrier**

Place the kittens in a cage or large carrier that already contains food, water, litter box and bedding. It's helpful if the cage or carrier has food and water bowls that are attached to the doors so you can fill them without placing your hand inside. If you do not have a cage, or your carrier is too small for a litter box, place the kittens in a small room—like a bathroom—in the carrier. Place the litter box in the room and leave the carrier door open (or remove it). Worn human clothing used as bedding can help get them used to the smell of humans.

Feral kittens may hiss and spit at humans because they are terrified. Kittens that act the most ferocious are usually the most frightened. They are capable of scratching or biting and will probably try to escape if given the chance. To the kitten, you are a predator and it is fighting for its life. Kittens must learn to feel safe. Visit them frequently and talk to them quietly. Always move slowly.

### **2. Handling**

Select the least aggressive kitten, place a towel over it, and pick it up. If the kitten stays calm, pet it gently on the head from behind. Never approach from the front. A hand coming at the kitten is frightening.

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If the kitten remains calm, grip it securely by the nape of the neck, put the towel on your lap and set it on the towel. Stroke the kitten's body while speaking in soft, reassuring tones, then release. Make this first physical contact brief. Go through this process with each kitten. After all have been handled, give them a special treat. Human baby food or Hills A/D canned food from a spoon is a great icebreaker. Repeat this process as frequently as possible. Brushing with a soft pet brush imitates the action of the mother grooming the kittens and will help to transfer its need for parental love to you.

Never stare at the kittens for prolonged periods. This is aggressive body language to cats. Avert your eyes frequently and lower your head often to display submissive behavior. This will be less threatening to the kittens. Play with the kittens using "kitty tease" toys (a tiny piece of cloth tied to a string which is tied to a small stick) or lightweight cat toys. Don't leave strings—or any other object that is small enough to swallow—with the kittens. This can be fatal.

Leave a radio (or TV) with them tuned to a talk radio station whenever you are not with the kittens. This will help them become accustomed to human voices.

### **3. Separating kittens**

When socializing multiple kittens, it is sometimes necessary to separate them from one another to initiate their socialization with humans. This may sound harsh because our natural tendency is to want to keep them together. However, siblings will naturally bond with each other and we want them to bond with humans. Not all kittens will need to be separated from one another. But those that do not respond well to humans within a couple of days or those that are older than about 8 weeks of age when rescued might need to be separated from other kittens and allowed to interact only with humans for anywhere from a couple of days to a week. This separation is only temporary and kittens can be reunited with their siblings or other kittens once they form a bond with humans.

### **4. Offering treats**

Food will play an essential role in kitten socialization. Offer them treats often. It is especially effective to offer them a couple of spoonfuls of human baby food each day (meat only). Kittens *love* baby food! Start by putting a little bit of baby food on their mouth or nose if they will not come to you. Once they realize they like the taste, offer them more on a spoon a few inches from their face. Gradually, hold the spoonful of baby food further and further away from the kitten and closer to you. This will entice the kitten to come toward you. Once they do this, and they get the positive reinforcement of the food, they will learn to not be afraid to approach you.

### **5. Containment in a small room**

Within a week kittens usually make considerable progress. Each kitten will develop at a different rate. At this point, they can usually have access to a larger room; they can be placed back in the cage if they appear too scared and only want to hide. Some hiding places are okay, as long as kittens can be easily reached and picked up. A large room may overwhelm a timid kitten and cause increased fear. Bedrooms can be a problem. If kittens become frightened and go under the bed it can be difficult to get them out and stressful if you try to force them out. Kitten-proof the room before letting the kittens out. Seal up any nooks and crannies where frightened kittens may enter and become trapped or inaccessible to you. Bathroom sinks often have spaces between the kickboard and the cabinet just large enough for the kitten. Block access to areas behind bookcases and heavy furniture where the kitten can become wedged. Be careful of open toilets and anything that can be climbed on or pulled down. Remove small and breakable objects, as well as plants (many are poisonous).

### **6. Exposure to other humans**

When the kittens no longer respond by hissing, biting, and scratching, encourage friends and family members to handle them as often as possible. It is very important that they socialize with other humans. Feral cats tend to bond more easily with one human, so they will adjust best to a new home if they are socialized with multiple people before being adopted out.

# FUNDRAISING NEWS

Fundraising is an essential part of the SPCA. We are not just raising money, we are raising awareness. Each function or event we attend as a group spreads our message. These events also bring the volunteer network closer together on a common level of interest—the animals! Several fundraising events are in the works. We need your help to make all this happen. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for an event. Give us a call at (703) 799-9390, or sign up for an event via our website—[www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org).

## Events and Activities

The SPCA has had several fundraising events and activities this past spring and summer, and we have more scheduled for this fall!



We kicked off our spring events in April with our annual Yard Sale. In May, we took part in Pet Fiesta at Reston Town Center, co-sponsoring the Mutt Strutt and the bake sale booth. One of our dogs for adoption, Watson, even made his debut on the runway as a model in the Doggie Fashion Show (see photo at right)!



August brought our 6th Annual Dog Wash, which became a Dog Spa with the addition of canine massage to the menu of bathing, nail trimming and ear cleaning.

September brought the National Capital Cat Show, and in October the 2nd Annual SPCA Wine Tasting kicked off the month.

On November 6th, our dogs will be featured at the annual Beastie Bazaar at Ayrshire Farm in Upperville, VA. We also plan a holiday photo session with the talented Adam Matus of Images4View Pet Photography on November 13 at Weber's Pet Supermarket in Chantilly. Our twice-yearly Pet Tattoo Clinic will share space at Weber's with the photo session on that day; plan to protect your pets in case of theft or loss by having them tattooed, then let Adam capture their personalities in a portrait!

Still in the planning stages are our annual holiday gift-wrapping days at Borders Books, and a canine massage class by Tomoko of Pawsitive Touch Canine Massage.

For dates, times and more information on these and other fundraising activities, visit our website at [www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org) and click on Events from the top pull-down menu.

## A Dog's Prayer

Author Unknown

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest - and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

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# GIFTS IN REMEMBRANCE

## In Memory Of

**BEATRICE BAUER**

*Dana Bauer & Peter Leikind*

**JO FIELDS**

*Joyce Gubbins*

**DOROTHY (DOT) JACOBSEN**

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**"ALF VON DER LENG," DEVOTED GERMAN SHEPHERD**

*Homer Ambrose*

**"ZOE"**

*Linda Custer*

**"CINDERS"**

*Sharon Dyer*

**"SPIRIT," DOG BEREAVED BY RAMONA & CAT ECK**

*Susan Frikken*

**"RODNEY" JOL**

*Sarah Hamrick*

**"SPITSA," CHERISHED BY HER DEVOTED RETSINAS FAMILY**

*Barbara & Jerry Hanweck*

**"ABBY," BELOVED CAT OF MONTE & MICHELLE HILL**

*Don & Pat Hill*

**"TOM," BELOVED CAT OF ROBIN BREN & BETH CHAPMAN**

*Jonathan & Betsey Hudis*

**"LAMB CHOP," HER BEST FRIEND**

*Tess Johnston*

**"HOBBS" & "SAM" KOFALT**

*Craig & Sara Jones*

**"DICKENS" MARSHALL**

*Lauren Larson*

**"CODY" RENGERS**

*Carol J. Levie*

**HER BELOVED CATS**

*Diane McCain*

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*Dana Meeker*

**"SUNSHINE," BEST FRIEND FOR 14 YEARS**

*Edith von Stuemmer*

**"MARLEY"**

*Jennifer Moenius*

**"CHICKIE" & "LADY"**

*Joan Morgan & Patrick Mullen*

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*Mrs. Edward J Murty*

**"CHELSEA"**

*Elizabeth Potter*

**"NICKY"**

*Joe & Alice Richardson*

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**"MR MAX"**

*Rob, Robin, Meredith & Becca Stern*

**"LILLY" GODWIN**

*Adrienne White & Irene Hoffman*

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*Anthony Rowland*

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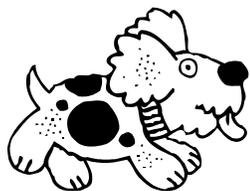
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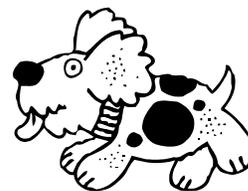
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## 2004 DOG ADOPTION SCHEDULE

12:30 - 3:00

(schedule is subject to change—check our website)



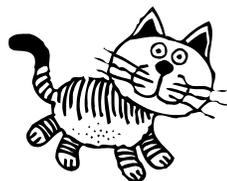
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Saturday, October 9  
Saturday, October 23  
Saturday, November 20  
Saturday, December 4  
Saturday, December 18

*2005 dates will be posted on our website when the schedule is finalized.*

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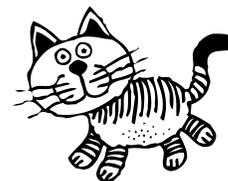
**Weber's Pet Supermarket (Fairfax)**  
11021 Lee Hwy  
(703) 385-3766



## 2004 CAT ADOPTION SCHEDULE

12:00 - 3:00

(schedule is subject to change—check our website)



### WHEN

Saturday, October 16  
Saturday, October 30  
Sunday, November 7  
Saturday, November 20  
Saturday, November 27  
Sunday, December 5  
Saturday, December 11  
Saturday, December 18

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### WHERE

Alexandria  
Springfield  
Fairfax  
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Alexandria  
Springfield

### LOCATIONS

**ALEXANDRIA**  
**PETsMART**  
Potomac Yard Shopping Center  
3351 Jefferson Davis Hwy.  
(703) 739-4844

**FAIRFAX**  
**Petco**  
10708 Lee Hwy.  
(703) 352-3300

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6535 Frontier Drive  
(703) 922-4990

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