

# Paws To Consider

Fall/Winter 2008

## A New Leash On Life

By Joan Hughes

Maybe it was those beautiful blue eyes. Maybe her shiny black coat. Something elicited a lot of inquiries about Gracie from people who thought they had found the perfect dog. This sweet and friendly black Lab mix had a lot going for her, but...

Crating a four-month-old puppy for as long as 12 hours at a time does not make for a well-adjusted dog. No dog should be in a crate longer than four hours before being released to relieve him/herself and have some play time. Her owners didn't mean to be cruel, but they worked long hours and simply didn't have the time to properly train and care for such a young dog.

This was Gracie's life for almost a year when, through the intervention of a woman who has rescued many dogs, the SPCA agreed to accept Gracie for adoption.

At Lisa Reid's kennel--Lisa houses our SPCA dogs--it was discovered that Gracie had separation anxiety with a vengeance. She broke a kennel door, jumped a five-foot fence, shredded her bedding, and was an accomplished escape artist from any kind of confinement. Not an easy dog to place.

Despite these drawbacks, a young couple saw Gracie at an adoption day and fell in love with her,

and her placement with them was approved. Since they both had flexible work schedules, they felt that they could work through her behavior issues. But although Gracie was sweet, friendly and obedient when at home with her family, any confinement threw her into a panic that even medication didn't prevent. Gracie came back to us three months later.

She stayed with Lisa, and medication helped, but adoption events came and went and so did many would-be adopters of

this lovely but damaged dog. No matter how promising these prospects appeared to be, separation anxiety was always the deal breaker.

Gracie had been off tranquilizers since December, 2007, and was doing much better when more than a year after her return to us her luck (and ours) changed.

Enter Matthew Randall. His long-time canine companions had died and Matthew felt he was finally ready for a new buddy. Gracie was the one. She went to her new home and is living a dog's life that we wish all dogs could live. Matthew finds no

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Gracie

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## Remembering the Animals this Holiday Season 2008 Annual Appeal

As we officially launch our **Annual Holiday Appeal** we would like to take this moment to thank you for your continued support during these challenging economic times. The key ingredient in our continued efforts and success is **YOU**.



This past year has been the most difficult financial year yet for the SPCA, due to rising costs, the failing stock market and an increasing need for SPCA assistance to many. We ask you in this season of remembering and sharing too please remember the animals and send the largest contribution you can manage to help the SPCA of Northern VA continue helping as many animals as possible throughout the coming year.

Your gift can help provide food, medical care, shelter and a chance of a forever home for lost, abandoned or abused animals. Your gift will also help spay and neuter a dog or cat and minimize the pet overpopulation crisis. Your gift can also help educate children and adults on humane treatment of animals.

If you have a loving pet at home, remember all the homeless animals in the Northern VA area who long to have the same good fortune. **Please help us continue our good work by giving animals in need the gift of life this Holiday Season.**

We trust that as you read the stories here you will learn how valuable your tax deductible donations are and we ask that you please help us continue our good work by giving animals in need the gift of life. We are confident that with your continuing financial support and encouragement we can do just that.

Together we can make a difference!



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*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

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need to confine her. (She's a canine Houdini, remember, and she knows how to turn door knobs, so why bother?) Apparently, when he's away she spends her time on his bed chewing toys

and watching TV. We're not sure of her dexterity with the remote.

She has become quite the party animal, too. A Labor Day gathering was a blast, and she loves to swim in the pool. Now that it's covered for the winter, Gracie has discovered that the tarp makes a wonderful trampoline and bouncing on it has become her favorite sport.



## Why We "Hang In There"

By Joan Hughes

"Don't give up," "stay the course," "hang in there,"--any of these phrases could apply to our determination to find the right home for even the most hard-to-place dogs.



Jenna is such a dog. Some of you may have read about her in the Fall/Winter 2006 issue of "Paws to Consider." The sting operation in which the SPCA took possession of Jenna and 11 other puppies, her extreme shyness, with her tail tucked beneath her, the time it took until she was adopted--all are part of the history of a dog whose earliest days are a mystery but who was damaged nearly beyond saving.

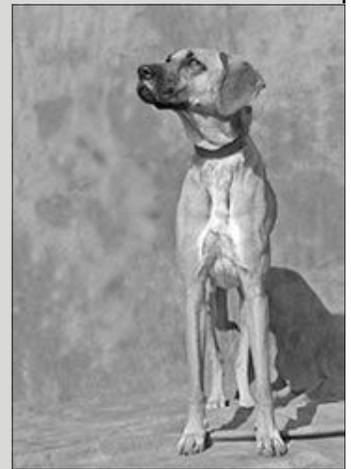
It took six months to find her a home and it was a wonderful home. A couple who had adopted another dog from us thought Jenna would be the perfect companion for him, but he didn't agree and simply ignored

her. There were other problems and Jenna came back to us.

But this past summer Jenna's luck changed. Dr. Diane Moczar, an historian and writer who adopts animals only from rescue groups, saw Jenna's picture on our website and thought she might cure the loneliness exhibited by one of her dogs who was grieving the loss of another canine companion.

A visit to her home disclosed a dog's paradise: three wooded, fenced acres, two welcoming dogs, and a human guardian with love, patience and understanding.

Although she admitted that Jenna was "the most difficult dog and afraid of everything," Dr. Moczar was determined to make the adoption work. She now reports that Jenna is a tail-wagger finally exhibiting the puppyhood she never had. She chases a ball, plays with her canine pals, and runs like a deer through those three acres. There are still some issues but she's "99 percent improved and a happy dog." Perseverance pays.



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# Designer Dogs — Backyard Breeders Gone Bad

By Lisa Reid

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*The VonTrapps* - "dumped" in Luray, VA in the Spring of 2008. Eight dogs were dumped at an abandoned cabin in Jewell Hollow and Animal Control was called to pick them up. One look at the scared dogs in the back of the Animal Warden's truck and we knew we would take them all. They were all ages and had different levels of social skills. It was obvious they were all related. All of the females showed signs of having been bred over and over again. Someone was taking small purebred dogs and breeding them to come up with dogs to fill the new "designer dog" craze.

*Not Again!!* Imagine our horror when we received a call from the shelter to say that it appeared they had four more, all male dogs, that looked like our VonTrapps - once again dumped at a home in Jewell Hollow. Animal Control once again went out and caught them and Amos, Andy, Adam and Alex soon came into our care. During the days the shelter was holding these four- TWO more calls came in from homes in the area; traps were set, and Alex and Capt'n' joined the four we already had agreed to take on! This time, being all males and in a bit better shape than the original eight, which were mostly female - it looked as if the "breeder" was cleaning house. Leads were again followed, but the person who did this AGAIN - was never found.

*No Way ...* This Fall we received ANOTHER call from the shelter. In a different part of the county someone had dumped four dogs in a driveway and Animal Control went to get them. Guess who they looked like!! Once again, these four new



Marta



Amos



Brigetta



Gretel



Frederick



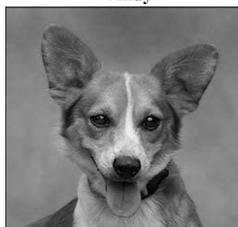
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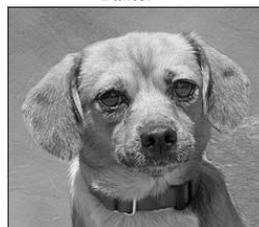
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Baxter



Alfie



Adam



Bennie



Blossom

babes came into our care. This time it was three boys, Baxter, Buster and Bennie - and one girl (who had been bred over and over), Blossom. To this day the Page County Animal Warden has not been able to bring anyone to justice for this atrocity. No one saw the dogs being dumped. The persons responsible have again gotten away with it. What really makes it horrible is that all they needed to do was release the dogs to the shelter. Let's hope this is the end of these cruel acts.

*Rolfe - the Adventurer* The sightings of Rolfe began within a couple of days of Amos, Andy, Adam and Alex to the shelter. From the descriptions folks were giving, it seemed he was likely part of that group. Rolfe however decided to go up the mountain from Jewell Hollow, which put him directly onto Skyline Drive. For the next four weeks the reports came in - he was even hit by a car, only to get up and run off. All attempts at trapping him were going nowhere. Soon the reports stopped coming in, and we feared the worst. It took two weeks, but he showed up at Big Meadows (20 miles from where he started). After watching his routine - a trap was set - and we were able to bring Rolfe home!

*Adoptions* - The SPCA of Northern Virginia agreed to take on the majority of these dogs for adoption. At this point in time, we have placed 10 of these wonderful little dogs in loving homes. They are very deserving little dogs and make great pets. The SPCA/Nova currently has Adam, Bennie and Blossom available for adoption.

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# A Raisin Finds Her Way Home

By Kathleen MacKinnon

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SPCA NOVA often get calls about stray cats. We help as many of them as we can. Unfortunately, we don't have enough foster homes to help every stray cat we hear about. Sometimes all we can do is offer advice and a referral to other rescue organizations. Other times we step in to help.

This is what happened when we received a call in March 2008 about a cat found curled up in a family's driveway. She was conscious but unable to walk without stumbling. Because her situation was so dire, this family had already taken the kitty to Columbia Pike Animal Hospital for emergency care.



Raisin arrives at the hospital

The veterinarian who examined this kitty affectionately named her "Raisin" because of her dark brown coloring and because she was "shriveled up" like a raisin. There were no outward signs of injury, illness or trauma. However, Raisin was emaciated, dehydrated, unable to stand or walk on her own, and had a very low body temperature. The vet said that Raisin appeared to be suffering from a neurological problem either from disease, infection or physical trauma. Once hearing how urgent the situation was, we agreed to take this cat into our care and take care of her vet bills.

X-rays showed there were no broken bones. After running some tests, the vet ruled out various diseases and infections. Raisin responded well to initial treatment to warm up and hydrate her body along with some medications to stimulate her recovery. Over the next couple of days, she regained her ability to walk although she was a still unstable and tilted her head to one side. After closer examination, the vet found a bruise on

the back of Raisin's head and concluded that she had suffered a "blunt force trauma" to her head. Although Raisin's initial recovery was very promising, we didn't know how much progress she would make and whether she would be able to walk, run, jump, and play like a healthy cat. One of the veterinary technicians who cared for Raisin offered to take her home to give her more time to recover so we could assess her progress and determine what quality of life she could have. After a few weeks, we were all amazed at how well Raisin was able to recover from her injury. Today, eight months later, Raisin is



Raisin feeling stronger each day

about 98% recovered with only a slight wobble to her gait every now and then. And, she has, by the way been adopted by the vet technician who cared for her!

No one knows where Raisin came from. Or how long she had been outside fending for herself. But we do know that she would not have survived a day longer if someone hadn't stepped in to help her. For this, we thank the family who found her as well as the vet office and their staff who cared for her and gave her a chance to recover.



Raisin today happily loving each and every day

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# Schatzi, The Maltese Monster

By Edith von Stuemmer

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Schatzi

This little eleven pound two year old terrified shivering ball of fur with the dead eyes, which said “Nothing good is ever going to happen to me”, melted my heart. She is one of the “von Trapp” puppy mill dogs.

I brought her home and introduced her to Minnie, my rescued beagle. That went well, but little else did. She had obviously never seen grass before and didn’t know what it was. For 24 hours she did not relieve herself. Having lived in a cage all her life, being bred numerous times to produce the cute little puppies people would want to buy, she was completely unsocialized.

Progress was slow, but we took it one day at a time. I was puzzled that she never drank water until one day, when I was watering my houseplants, she tried to drink from the can’s nozzle. I thought—of course!! Puppy mill dogs don’t have water bowls, they are provided with automatic water bottles and have to suck in order to obtain water. I taught her to drink from a bowl by putting my finger in the water and then against her mouth.

Slowly she came out of her depression and showed interest in toys and playtime. Then the inevitable happened: adult dogs who have been deprived of puppyhood go through this phase when provided with a secure home.

Schatzi began chewing on and destroying anything and everything she could reach, in spite of being provided with many toys: plastic, paper, a remote control, my cell phone, a bag of birdseed, eye glasses, a tube of Laxatone, a jar of Vaseline, a container of 150 fruit flavored Tums which Minnie the beagle ate. (Emergency call to the Pet Poison Hotline).

She and my six cats operated as a team. The cats knocked things to the floor where she eagerly awaited the “goodies”. Whenever I discovered the mess, she smiled and seemed to say “Did I do good, mom?”



Schatzi and her formerly feral friend “Benny”

Schatzi has finally learned to feel secure. She is playful, feisty, inquisitive and very protective of her home. She is also much loved, although somewhat expensive:

New cell phone - \$90.00

Two new pairs of prescription glasses - \$587.00

Her happy face and wagging tail when I come home - PRICELESS !!!



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# Lilies, Very Beautiful - Absolutely Deadly to Cats

By Sandy Soto

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On April 14, 2007, one week short of their 1st birthday two SPCA/Nova cats adopted by Heather Scoggins were almost killed by consuming

parts of a bouquet of lilies. Unaware of their deadly toxicity she had left the beautiful bouquet displayed prominently on the counter while running errands. Upon returning home she found the vase knocked to the floor (which is not surprising given the rambunctiousness of kittens) and both cats covered in the lily pollen.

Here is Heather's description of her near loss that spring day:

*Discovering the vase on the floor and both Lily and Cider covered in the plant's pollen I simply cleaned up the mess and didn't think twice about it until one of my cats started vomiting profusely. I called the vet*



**Lillian**

*thinking the plant probably just made her sick but I could sense the vet tech's concern when she told us to bring both cats in immediately, as lilies are extremely dangerous to felines.*

*The cats were taken in as soon as we arrived to the animal hospital. The vet brought my boyfriend and me into an exam room to speak with us. Still not fully aware of the severity of the situation, he informed us that despite our quick response, our pets only had about a 10% chance of survival and could die within the next 72 hours. The news was completely devastating and as I began to cry, the vet asked why we would have lilies in such close proximity to our cats when they are so toxic. Before this traumatic experience, I had absolutely no idea of lilies' toxicity or I would never have brought the flowers into my home.*

*After a week of sleepless nights, constant anxiety and guilt with my kittens hooked up to various catheters and IVs in two different hospitals (and a hefty vet bill), they had escaped renal failure, were toxin-free and healthy enough to come home. The vet told us that*



**Cider**

*our cats' survival was just short of a miracle and without our prompt response, our babies would most likely have been dead within hours. The following weeks included routine blood work to secure the cats' health and since then our babies have been healthy, happy, and of course, still rambunctious. My boyfriend and I have grown extremely cautious about what we bring into our home and make accessible to our pets. I know that we were extremely lucky in our experience and I am so glad we were able to act fast.*

Although lilies are flowers commonly used in floral arrangements, and cats often have access to them, most cat owners are unaware of lily toxicity as a potential cause of kidney (renal) failure in cats.

All lilies are potentially lethal to cats. As little as one leaf can kill a cat if ingested, and any part of the plant is dangerous, including pollen.

The key to successful treatment of these cats is early treatment. So if you ever suspect your cat has ingested part of a lily, regardless of how small the amount, rushing your cat to the vet is absolutely essential. More importantly, prevention is much better than an attempted cure, so it is in the interests of all cat owners and lovers to make the danger of lily ingestion WELL KNOWN throughout the community.



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# Silent Stories: Hurricanes, Pets, and Unsung Heroes

By Cyndy Unwin

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In late August, 2005, Americans anxiously waited for news from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf of Mexico and made landfall. We breathed sighs of relief as initial reports indicated the levees were holding, then gasps of horror as we watched a disaster of mammoth proportions unfold. The Katrina disaster took a huge toll on humans, in both lives lost and lives displaced. The story that often goes untold is the lasting effect Katrina has had on the pet population in New Orleans. 250,000 pets were left stranded after the hurricane, and even today, there are many cats still wandering the streets of the city.

Almost exactly three years after Katrina, residents of New Orleans again prepared to flee as Hurricane Gustav threatened a repeat performance. Dawn Lee, a graduate student at Tulane University, prepared to evacuate to her mother's house in Centreville, Virginia. She was worried about all the stray cats around her home, "as common as squirrels" after Katrina, she says. Dawn had been feeding the cats with assistance from ARNO (Animal Rescue New Orleans, [www.animalrescueneworleans.org](http://www.animalrescueneworleans.org)), an organization that provides free food for anyone willing to leave it out for the strays. There was one cat in particular Dawn was concerned about, a black female she named Tomo. Dawn had a soft spot for Tomo because she was so friendly, unlike most of the other ferals Dawn feeds. She was especially worried because Tomo had just given birth to five kittens. They were only days old when Dawn was preparing to evacuate for Hurricane Gustav.



Tomo/Beauty

Dawn was facing a tough decision. She had a Doberman and a Chihuahua of her own that she would be squeezing into her small car for the long trip north. She knew adding a mother cat and kittens into the mix would create even more of a challenge. But she just couldn't leave them behind. Here is Dawn's description of her ordeal:

*When Gustav was about to strike, I found that Tomo had just had another batch of kittens and I didn't really know what to do with her. All of the other strays on the street are pretty feral, so I can't get too close to them; but since I could pick Tomo up and touch the kittens without any problem, I felt really guilty leaving them there during a potential hurricane. The local animal rescue organizations were frantically evacuating all the animals they could and they didn't have room for her and the kittens (kudos to all of them; a couple of my friends volunteered during that time and they spent days loading animals into trucks and driving them hours away). So I put Tomo in a carrier with her kittens and put them in the front seat of my car. That was not an enjoyable trip for any of us. I felt so bad for her. I'm sure it was uncomfortable and the trip was at least 18 hours. At one rest stop Tomo managed to get out of the carrier and I had to crawl under a truck to get her out. Additionally, an hour outside of Fairfax, we got into a huge car accident, and we had*

to wait on the side of the road (one Doberman, one Chihuahua, one mama cat and five kittens, and three people) for my mother to pick us all up.

After arriving in Centreville, Dawn called SPCA NOVA to ask if we had any space for Tomo and her kittens in our foster care network. I was able to pick up the cats a couple of days later and transfer them into our care. Tomo is indeed the sweetest and prettiest of cats; her foster mom renamed her Beauty and she wins over everyone she meets. Beauty's kittens are now at adoptable age and thriving! Check out the SPCA website to see this extraordinary cat and her babies.

Dawn's hope is that Tomo/Beauty and her kittens will find the best of homes here in Northern Virginia. Here are her words again:

*All in all, Tomo has had quite a rough road to get where she is now, and she deserves the best home. If I could, I would have taken her; too bad my Doberman wants to eat her ... or play with her ... I haven't let him close enough to her to find out! I hope hearing her story helps her to find a great home; she really is the sweetest cat!*



Visit [www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org) for info on adopting Beauty or any of her kittens



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# Searching For Happiness:

## Annabel



Like her namesake, Annabel is a lovely little brown tabby lady born in 1997 who only wants to love and be loved. She takes naps with her foster mom, as well as sleeps in her bed at night, along with her foster mom's other kitties. Annabel has integrated herself into her foster home with 3 existing cats with little drama, attesting to her sweet demeanor. She is a little chatty - mixing meows with chirps and cute little noises - which is rather endearing. She is also quite playful batting her toy mice around! You'd never know by her activity level that Annabel is in early stages of kidney disease. She is on prescription food to keep her healthy. Our vet thinks she has many wonderful years ahead of her. Annabel was a stray kitty found outside of an apartment complex. She literally ran out of nowhere and announced herself to a kind woman who was outside walking her dog. We don't know if she was lost or abandoned. At the time she was emaciated although we don't think she had been outside very long. Annabel is a sweet, kind soul who deserves the very best home and a lifetime of love. She will give love back in spades!

*It was many and many a year ago,  
In a kingdom by the sea,  
That a maiden there lived whom you may know  
By the name of Annabel Lee;  
And this maiden she lived with no other thought  
Than to love and be loved by me.  
- Edgar Allen Poe, Annabel Lee*



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and let us know which cat(s) you would be interested in meeting and we'll take care of the rest.

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January 10	July 11
January 24	July 25
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February 28	August 22
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April 25	October 24
May 9	November 7
May 23	November 21
June 13	December 5

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*Tom & Beth Debeau-Anderson*

**"SNOWY" DECHRISTOPHER**

*Virginia & Joe Dechristopher*

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*Angela R & Steve Emerson*

**"MACDUFF"**

*Christine Hargrave*

**"KRAMER" HELM**

*Kyla Helm*

**"HEIDI"**

*Nancy Herndon*

**"HOLLY"**

*Nancy Herndon*

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*Claire Jacobsen*

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*Mollie Mccurdy*

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**"SAFFI" MATTHEWS**

*Dana Meeker*

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*Dana Meeker*

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BEAGLE OF THE CRAIG MILLER  
FAMILY**

*Marsha Miller*

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FAITHFUL DOG**

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LEAGUE"**

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**JON WILKINSON**

*Marsha Miller*

**BIG BROTHER JOHN C WILLIAMS**

*Nell Williams*

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# GIFTS IN REMEMBRANCE

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## In Honor Of

### "NEKO"

*Judy Gilliam  
L Wade Highley  
Dorothy Hogan  
Paul Guerino  
Kelly Saxton  
Donna Vaswani  
Jennifer Watkins*

### "RUBY" ADOPTED DOG

*Sid Khalaji & Elaine Wiggins & Sydney*

### "SCOOBY" & "HEIDI", OUR LOVELY SPCA CATS

*Melissa Anley-Mills*

### SHIRLEY

*Anonymous*

### DEBBIE BERRY'S BIRTHDAY

*Susan Berry & Steven Wainz*

### ANN BIRNEY

*Patricia Rippe*

### KAY BOND'S BIRTHDAY

*Kathleen Wainwright*

### SARAH BOONSTOPPEL

*Bret Ridenour*

### MURPHY BROWN

*Wendy Vaught*

### BRYAN MAURITS BURER

*Frances Cunningham*

### JIM & THERESE BYRNE ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Anonymous*

### SABRINA CORI

*Susan Cori*

### TARA AKA ROSA FYE

*James & Renee Fye*

### BARRY GREENE'S BIRTHDAY

*Cherie Kotzin*

### EYDIE GREENE'S BIRTHDAY

*Cherie Kotzin*

### ANITA & SOLIN HARVEY- VENTURA

*Anonymous*

### NANCY HERNDON

*Irwin Goodwin & Hanna Hunt*

### ROCKY LYONS

*Lillian Devaux*

### KATHLEEN MACKINNON & SPCA VOLUNTEERS

*Jasmine Lee*

### JOHN MANTZ' 60TH BIRTHDAY

*Carol Wilson*

### RYAN KATHLEEN "KELLY" MONAHAN

*Mary Klumpp*

### BETTY RAE POWERS & HER FELINE FRIEND "MORRIS"

*Margaret Powers*

### THE SERVICE GIVEN TO THE CITIZENS OF FAIRFAX CO BY MS LINDEN RENNER, BRANCH MANAGER OF THE GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

*Janice Kuch*

### FRANK RIDGE, ON FATHERS DAY

*Lisa Kritz*

### SUSIE ROSEN'S BIRTHDAY

*Cherie Kotzin*

### SOLEIL LOUISE DAVIS STERL

*Elizabeth Crocker*

### CINDY STEWART

*Kathryn Hannah*

### MOLLY SULLIVAN

*Colin Sullivan*

### MARY ANN ROSS WATSON

*Jonathan Due*

### TO CELEBRATE THE WEDDING OF JAN FORSYTH & DAVID SHELLEY

*Lynn Martin & Scott Forsyth*

## Gifts In Remembrance



The SPCA welcomes donations made in honor or in memory 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 honored or remembered.

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# Upcoming Fundraising Activities and Recent Events

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- **Holiday Pet Photos by Jim Poor**

December 6, 2008  
11:00am - 4:00pm  
Weber's Pet Supermarket  
Fairfax, VA



- **Gift Wrapping**

December 14, 2008  
9:00am - 10:00pm  
Barnes & Noble  
Seven Corners, VA

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## SPCA Annual Dog Wash

In August, we held our 10th annual Dog Wash. The volunteers had a lot of fun making a fuss of all the dogs including quite a few alumni (dogs that have been adopted from us in the past and come back to visit). We offered washing, nail clipping and ear cleaning. Watch out for us again in Summer 2009!





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 CAMPAIGN # 8155**



**COMBINED FEDERAL  
 CAMPAIGN # 94873**



**AMERICA'S CHARITIES  
 CAMPAIGN # 19137**



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