

The Pet Gazette

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Security for Thrifty Paws

After hearing of recent thefts and an actual break-in at our fundraising store "Thrifty Paws", Rick Jones of Lynchburg Computers donated a brand new camera and security system to ensure that we can keep a watchful eye on our store. This is not the first kind gesture by Lynchburg Computers as they have also donated computers, gift certificates and made various other donations over the years.

It's a shame to think that a person/persons would think that it's okay to steal from the homeless animals of Amherst County. We just never would have expected such an act. The new security system is in place thanks to our kind supporters/volunteers Tony Cerqua and Smokey Tyree.

This store is the lifeblood of our animal rescue and care efforts. We feel much better knowing there is a level of protection against theft. Thank you Rick and Lynchburg Computers!



HSAC Pups on National TV!

Two of Amherst's own made the national stage on Super Bowl Sunday. "Fitz" and "Arlo" are two puppies from a litter of five that came into the HSAC back in September. They had some skin issues and after being treated while in foster care were then transported to one of our puppy rescues in New Jersey. That rescue then forwarded their pictures, along with many others, to Animal Planet as submissions for the Puppy Bowl TV special. The rescue contacted us shortly after to give us the good news. Fitz and Arlo were chosen to be Puppy Bowl stars! Fitz was even in the starting lineup. The Puppy Bowl was developed to showcase the wonderful attributes of shelter dogs across America. It boasted its ninth season of alternative programming for folks who don't watch the game. Evidently the power outage during the super bowl increased the viewership by a large margin. The ratings improved by 53% during the blackout raising the total viewers this year to 12.4 Million! That's about tied with Oprah's final and highest rated episode. Fitz and Arlo are our little stars and we are very proud of them! All of the puppies on stage were adopted before the Puppy Bowl aired.



Upcoming Events:

April 23: HSAC Board Meeting, 3:30 pm, SBC

May 4: HSAC Rabies Clinic, 10 to 1

May 11: Mega Adoption Event, 10 to 3

Ongoing: BOGO cat offer

Thank you Rescue MP3 Project for the calming music!!

We canines at the shelter sure do appreciate the calming music that was donated to our shelter by the Rescue MP3 Project. The Rescue MP3 Project was founded by Pamela Fisher, a holistic veterinarian in North Canton, Ohio dedicated to enriching the quality of lives for abandoned animals in shelters all across the country.

The soothing, vibrational therapy helps us to relax while we are waiting for our future homes and at the same time allows adopters to see us in a more relaxed state of mind.

Not sure that all of you humans understand but shelters can be a little stressful for us after losing our homes and families. Some of us never had a family, so between the loving staff and the mixture of soothing pet tunes, we can feel more relaxed. It isn't just beautiful to our ears; it has been researched and proven to have a calming effect on us!

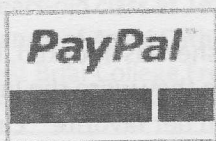
The music has been arranged to promote relaxation and calm behavior. Special musical compositions help us cope with common phobias such as thunderstorms, common household noises and stress. Music can help to create a harmonious environment while also improving our health and behavior.

We thank you MP3 Project for caring and sharing this with us. If you know of a non-profit shelter that may also benefit from this, please direct them to www.rescueanimalmp3.org



HSAC Now Has PayPal!

You can now visit our website www.amherstanimalshelter.org and click on the PayPal button to make a donation. All donations are tax deductible.



Central Va Mega Adoption Event

On Saturday May 11, the HSAC will participate with many of the local shelters and rescues at a large adoption event at the Presbyterian Home in Lynchburg. Shelters will bring pets that are available for adoption, and provide informational literature and have items for sale. This is an opportunity to show off many wonderful family pets that need homes and share shelter information with the public. More information will be available on our Facebook page in the coming weeks.

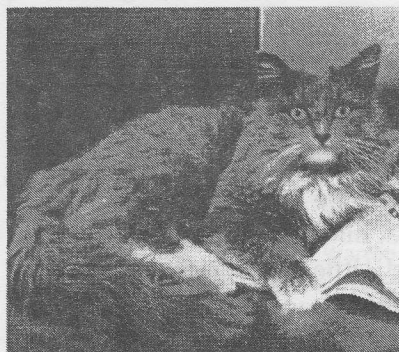


"All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For after all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog."

— Charles M. Schulz

Kitty Corner

Rufus is a lovely long-haired boy about 2 to 3 years in age. He is sweet and friendly, and could use some time with a hairbrush..



Cali is a very sweet, pretty calico already spayed and declawed. She has come to the shelter through no fault of her own and would like to find her forever home.

