



# Pawprints

Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.  
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## GCAR Thoughts of Spring

Spring has sprung! We all love the signs of spring, the warm weather, flowers blooming, grass growing, planting our gardens. But warm weather means mating season for cats and dogs. Shelters across the USA will be bursting at the seams with litters of unwanted kittens and puppies. While there is nothing cuter, realistically there are not nearly enough homes..

You can be the solution, not the problem. Spay/neuter now. Don't wait for a litter to happen. There are a couple of low cost options listed in this newsletter.

We continue to keep weekend open hours at the Giles Shelter. We encourage you to visit your shelter, see what your taxes go towards. Even if you do not plan to add a furry companion to your family, please stop by.

When was the last time you and your dog helped save a life?. **Paws For The Cause** is Walk A Thon being held to raise money for the fight against human and animal cancers. You can walk your dog to honor a pet that has fallen to cancer or just to honor your pet. This event is being held by the Relay for Life. There are bunches of animal activities being packed into 4 hrs of fun. Mark your calendars for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-1pm. At the Community Center in Pearisburg. Check out their web site for the events or to register to walk your dog. [www.RelayForLife.org/GilesVa](http://www.RelayForLife.org/GilesVa)

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### Top 10 breeds of Dogs According to the AKC

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| 1. Labrador Retrievers | 6. Beagles          |
| 2. Golden Retrievers   | 7. Boxers           |
| 3. Yorkshire Terriers  | 8. Poodles          |
| 4. German Shepherds    | 9. Shih-Tzus        |
| 5. Dachshund           | 10. Mini-Schnauzers |

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## Food Lion Donates If You-

Sign up with your regular Food Lion MVP Card! It is free, and Food Lion donates a percentage of your purchase to GCAR. Ask your family and friends to register, too! Register your cards on the Foodlion Share Program web site.

### Paws to Read

Here are the statistics for dogs and cats entering the shelter in 2008

	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
Picked up Stray	254	477
Surrendered	247	297
Reclaimed	89	15
Adopted	82	22
Euthanized	133	466
Released to rescues	169	192

These numbers are high for an area as small as Giles County. Sadly they have increased over 2007. This does involve you as your taxes pay to house these animals at your county shelter. Be a part of the solution. Adopt from shelters. And most importantly spay/neuter.

## Another Option for Spay/Neuter

VAPAWS offers low cost spay/neuters for pets in the New River Valley. Prices summary: Cat Spay/Neuter \$40.00, Female Dog Spay \$50.00, Male Dog Neuter \$45.00, Vaccines - Done with surgery (FVRCP, DHPPC, Rabies, FELV) Additional \$5.00 each, Pain Medications (take home) Additional \$5.00, Dogs who are in heat (Dr must approve surgery) Additional \$10.00, Flea treatment Additional \$5.00 to \$10.00, FELV / FIV Test or Heartworm Test \$18.00

Call 3VA-PAWS for details.



Meet Lisa!

Lisa Egemeier joined GCAR about 1 ½ years ago. She lives in Pembroke with her husband of 8 yrs. Fred and 4 fur children. Bonnie and Clyde, Hobbes and labrador Brenda.

Lisa stopped by the shelter one day and decided to become a volunteer. She states "The best part of volunteering is the human friends she's made, animal rescuers are good people and they are making a positive difference no matter how small. It is so important to find ways to feel empowered instead of feeling helpless. The worst part is lack of volunteers and loading the van at 8am to send the animals on to 'no kill' rescues. It's all good actually."

The Bible say, 'If you do good unto the least of them, it's as if you did good unto Jesus". I think that verse includes animals, definitely.

Thanks Lisa!

### Always Needed

Crates/Carriers	Collars
Leashes	Towels
Small Rugs	Cat Litter
Edible Treats	Scratching Post
Paper Towels	Flea Treatment
Shampoo	Toys

A warm, loving home and to be  
spayed/neutered.

My little dog—a heartbeat at my feet. ~ Edith Wharton



### Pet Peril

A growing number of families are choosing unusual animals as pets, but some of these uncommon critters harbor illnesses that can be passed to your kids. Turtles, chicks, and mice may be carriers of bacteria and viruses like salmonella and herpes, reports the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Non traditional pets can introduce kids to new germs that their immune systems aren't ready to fight," says Dr. Robert Frenck, M.D. a member of the AAP committee on infectious diseases. Before you buy your child anything other than a dog or cat, talk to your pediatrician.

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