



Pawprints

Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.
December 2009



As we end another year of animal rescue we "paws" to thank everyone who adopted a homeless dog or cat from the Giles County shelter in 2009. We also want to thank everyone who gave a donation, drove to the shelter to deliver food, blankets, towels or other needed items to make the animals comfortable during their stay. We are often asked "How do you do it?" Our answer is "What if we didn't?" The flow of unwanted animals never ends. We could not help the few animals we do without your generous donations, adoptions, spaying/neutering of your pets and animal rescues across the state taking dogs and cats that would otherwise be euthanized. We and the animals are blessed to have your continued support.

For the coming new year make it your goal to spay/neuter your pet, put proper ID on them and keep them safe from harm.

~ Volunteers of GCAR

Chew n This

Keep your pet safe this Christmas Holiday!

Keep pine needles swept up.

Don't use preservatives in the stand water.

Pets can swallow tinsel. Do not use it.

Make sure electrical cords are out of reach.

Do not share chocolate with your pooch.

Keep glass ornaments out of reach.

Kiss under the mistletoe but keep it out of reach of pets.

Remember! Never give a pet as a gift. Many pets given as Christmas gifts are in shelters by New Years Day. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is not the time to deal with a new puppy or kitten. If you think someone may want a pet, give them a basket with a bowl, collar, treats.

Let them research what breed they may want and the responsibilities of pet ownership.

"Volunteer Christmas Wish List"

- μ This day and every other day is a safe, loving home, responsible owners that realize the importance of spay/neuter. ~ April
- μ I wish that the animals know comfort, love and peace this year and always. ~ Melanie
- μ For each and all of the animals to find loving homes and a responsible owner to love and care for them. ~ Linda
- μ I wish more people would come under the influence of animal telepathy and discover how therapeutic and enriching a partnership with an animal can be. ~ Pat
- μ Caring homes. ~ Mary Jane
- μ That people recognize and remember that animals are a gift to us that keeps on giving. A dog is love and loyalty, a cat is endless grace and beauty. When we adopt a pet we get so much and are asked for so little in return. ~ Kerrie
- μ My wish for every animal is a safe, loving home with a completely besotted human servant included. ~ Lisa
- μ I wish all our animal friends a long and healthy life filled with love shared within a caring family. Our goal is to help you achieve this deserved station in life. ~ Thaddeus
- μ My wish is that all dogs get a home where they can be part of the pack and all cats get a home where they rule supremely. ~ Brit
- μ I wish we had enough volunteers so no one felt overworked and we could enjoy the 'bandwagon effect' where everyone really enjoys volunteering. ~ Mary Ellen
- μ I wish their bellies will be full and their feet will be warm. ~ Elaine
- μ I want all animals around the world to have a safe, kind, warm home. ~ Karen
- μ My wish is everyone could experience the love, warmth, serenity and enrichment of having a cat adopt you. ~ Marilyn
- μ To find a home where memories of concrete runs, wire cages, and lonely nights are replaced with fresh air, warm beds, and loving families. ~ Allison



Don't Litter/Spay-Neuter

Contact us by mail

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Lost Cost spay/neuter options for Giles County Residents

VAPAWS low cost spay/neuter – Call 3VA-PAWS
Giles Co. Animal Rescue spay/neuter assistance- 922-3958

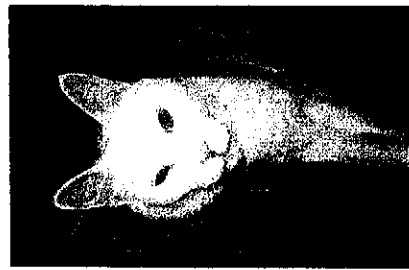


Meet Pat!

When we moved to Pearisburg almost 12 years ago my son Joey one day insisted he wanted a 10 lb. beagle. We went to the animal shelter and the volunteer said, "We just happen to have a 10 lb. beagle." The beagle was 10 pounds because it was emaciated and looked about a hundred years old and missing patches of fur. I tried to talk my son out of adopting "that dog" but he was insistent. After fattening her up and naming her Shiloh, she turned out to be a very sweet two year old beagle who lived the next 10 years as a dog princess. Now Joey and I are both volunteers at the shelter. Even harder than seeing people turning in their pets for trivial reasons, is seeing heart-broken people who turn them in because they have to move someplace that does not allow pets. My sister lives in a community the size of Giles that does not have a shelter. Animal Control by shotgun is a widely accepted practice there. I am grateful that we have a shelter for unwanted animals who may get a second chance to live a good life.

Thanks Pat and Joey!

Check out needy animals throughout the NRV
www.nrvanimalshelters.com



GCAR Success Story

"Fisher", a solid white kitten was adopted from the Giles Shelter about 4 years ago. She was found at a dumpster near the New River. When Animal Control picked her up she had a fish hook in the roof of her mouth. The hook was removed by a local vet and she was then taken to the shelter. Once at the shelter she was given the name Fisher from being found near the river and trying her paw at fishing. One of the volunteers saw Fisher and was "hooked". No one reclaimed the little beauty or wanted to adopt her so she came home with the volunteer.

Fisher has grown into a stunning, affectionate companion. She has a unique way of looking at you and tilting her head as if she is reading your thoughts. Or maybe that is Fisher's way of saying "Thanks for giving me a loving home, spaying me, and letting me give you kitty kisses."

Thanks For Your Support!

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