



PAW PRINTS

FINALLY—A STORE!



The Fluvanna SPCA has finally found a space in which to operate a thrift shop to support the shelter. It is located in the Village Square Shopping Center in Scottsville, right next to the new Post Office and close to the new Food Lion. Our very special thanks to Mr. Robert Pace who has advanced us the start-up funds.

Our new space became available as of the second week in June and we will start accepting donations at the location on Friday, June 20. Any large items should be taken around to the back of the store.

We also hope to open for business shortly after the 20th but the space is not quite ready yet.

The store will initially be open 4 days a week, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The hours will be:

Friday -- 10am to 5pm

Saturday -- 10am to 5 pm

Sunday -- 1pm to 4pm

Monday -- 10am to 5pm

Donations will be accepted:

Friday -- 10am to 2pm

Saturday -- 1pm to 5pm

Look for the FSPCA sign!

A Letter from the President

After a year and a half hiatus, I suddenly find myself President again. I am not unhappy about this turn of events as it is a very exciting time for the FSPCA.

We are all very excited about the new store and can't wait to start. In addition, we have also been selling on Ebay with some success. Hopefully, these 2 ventures will help increase our income which has been small in the past few years while our expenses have increased.

As an organization whose members are increasingly opposed to euthanasia, the fight to find money to treat our ill animals has become constant. We still rely on our volunteers to save some of our animals. Two such stories appear below.

We are in full swing with puppy and kitten season which will only get worse before it gets better. In response to this, our shelter manager, Debbie Biel, has built up a small network of foster homes. Currently we have 3 litters of puppies and 5 litters of kittens being fostered. Some of these litters have mothers, some don't. A special thanks to all the foster homes for taking the time and effort to care for our babies.

Our adoptions are fairly steady but, as with most shelters, supply exceeds the demand. To help keep our shelter population down to a dull roar, we work with many rescue organizations both in-state and out-of state. We usually do the transports ourselves which very often means two days on the

road. We all feel that the lives we have saved are worth it.

We have been doing adoption outings at Petsmart on Rte 29, every Saturday from 11am to 3pm. In addition to adoptions, we also share in contributions made at the store and are just finishing a \$10,000 Spay/Neuter grant from Petsmart Charities. This last has enabled us to S/N every animal before it leaves the shelter. A very special thanks to CASPCA for actually spaying and neutering these animals at a reasonable cost.

The FSPCA still needs help. We could use two more Board members and also someone with fundraising experience to take over and run that aspect of our organization.

Claire E Waters

Two very expensive dogs!

Duffy's Tail

Duffy arrived at the shelter with a bad case of mange, or so we thought! He had very little hair and none at all on his tail. He was also full of scabs. After giving him the proscribed treatment for mange, Duffy was taken into a foster home to allow his skin to clear for adoption.

Duffy, however, continued to scratch and scratch and scratch. After several Vet visits and many tests, it was discovered that Duffy needed thyroid medication and a new antibiotic since he was resistant to the first. Duffy's hair has grown back and he has a beautiful tail and although his skin is showing improvement, he is still scabby.

Duffy's medical bills have amounted to almost \$1,000, an amount a shelter cannot afford to spend on one animal. Had not some-

one been willing to pay his expenses, Duffy would have had to be euthanized. Duffy's adoptive family, although a bit poorer, think they got the best of it – Duffy.



Kayla Bean

Kayla Bean was abandoned on our property. She is old, blind and deaf. A volunteer took pity on her and offered to pay Vet expenses. We had Kayla checked out and except for her teeth she was surprisingly healthy.

The same volunteer paid to have Kayla's teeth removed and she is much happier for that. Kayla was also put into a foster home and is being adopted by a family who already has one blind dog.

Her Vet bills have also been high and coming into the shelter on the heels of Duffy, Kayla would never have had a chance.

If we are to continue saving these old and ill critters, we will need your continued support.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the people who have helped the FSPCA with their donations of money, supplies and time. If you do not find your name on the list, it is not intentional. We do truly try to remember you all.

First, Pet Supplies Plus, for keeping a supply box by their front door for food and litter.

Then, Pets R Us in Crozet, for all their wonderful donations and also Jacquie Davies who has taken on the job of getting them to us.

Valley Office Machines who maintains our copier at no charge and John Nunley of Better Living

who purchased a much needed washer and dryer for us. Also, Tom Beasley of Blue Ridge Service who donated all the plumbing and electrical installation.

The 6 UVA volunteers on Cavaliers Day who helped neaten up the outside of the shelter. The UVA volunteers from the Madison House Pet Pals program who help us each Saturday at Petsmart.

Rivanna River Dog Training Club who donated the fees from their first practice this year and have voted to make this an annual contribution.

Robert McBain, Kevin Bowman, Bobby Pace and DeAnna

Wolfe for all their wonderful help.

Lori Merritt for the donation of a van. We now have two and both are being put to good use.

Corie Vestigo for a donation of lumber. More storage—hooray!

Christine Harper for all her hard work writing grants and interfacing with the County on our contract.

We are grateful to Fluvanna Self Storage for the unit they have donated for a month.

Thanks also to the many people who stop by the shelter to help clean cages and socialize the cats and dogs.

Some of our Adoptions



Truman (bottom) and his new friend, Hamilton. Truman was adopted by the Henderson's.



TO MY OLD FRIENDS at the SPCA:
HI GUYS. JETHRO HERE, YOU MAY REMEBER ME AS MAVERICK. MY NEW FOLKS CHANGED MY NAME BUT THATS OK, I KINDA LIKE IT. MY NEW HOME IS PRETTY NICE TOO! I HAVE A BIG BACK YARD TO PLAY IN, A WARM BED TO SLEEP ON AND I GET LOTS OF COOKIES. MY DAD LAUGHS AT HOW MUCH MY TAIL IS ALWAYS WAGGING NOW, BUT THEN HE NEVER SAW ME WITH THAT CHAIN YOU FOUND EMBEDDED IN MY NECK. MY WOUNDS HAVE HEALED AND NOW YOU WOULD NEVER EVEN KNOW THAT IT WAS EVER THERE. SOMETIMES I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES BUT THEY DON'T COME AS OFTEN THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT 'TILL MY NEW FAMILY CAME ALONG.

YOUR FRIEND,
JFTHRO PONZINI

Nimbus helping out his Mom, Susie Duckworth. Obviously a very relaxing home to be in.



The Fluvanna SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare society governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Meetings are held at 6:30pm the first Monday of every month in the County Administration building on Rte 15. The meetings are open to the public. Stop by and meet us!

Although we don't label ourselves a No-Kill shelter, we certainly are committed to that ideal and are working very hard to achieve that goal.

The FSPCA is looking for a few good volunteers to help with adoption outings on Saturdays, to transport animals to and from Vet appointments during the week, to help out at the shelter and, now, some volunteers for our thrift shop.

At our February meeting, the FSPCA chose Marty Foster as our 2007 Volunteer of the year and rewarded Cindi Scott with a lifetime membership for all her years of dedication.

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The FSPCA shelter is located on Rte 616 about 1 mile west of Rte 15.

Open daily from 9am to 3pm.

Debbie Biel
Shelter Manager