PawPrints (CCA) Concerned Citizens for Animals



Hi, I'm Ruby! I am a 4 year old beautiful gal, with unique coloring and amazing ears. I love to curl up next to my humans and ride in the car. If you are wanting a water dog, I am your girl! I usually have a bone in my mouth and can even bark and sing while holding my bone. I'm quite talented! Ruby is a very uniquely and beautifully colored retriever/lab mix, 50 lbs, up to date on all health matters, microchipped and spayed.

Please see Ruby celebrating National Peanut Butter Day on pg 7 & celebrating Valentine's Day on pg 8.

Please contact CCAadoptions@gmail.com for more information.



Hi, I'm Hailey! I am a confident, 2 year old girl, who enjoys napping as much as I love food and playtime. You can usually find me rolling or rubbing on something because I am literally a "cool cat". If you come to meet me, I will be the first to greet you before you even walk in, as I run through my cat door to the cat patio to say "hi". I get along with the other cats here but would really love to find a human to call my own! Hailey is 2 1/2 years old, 9 lbs, spayed, litter box trained & up to date on all health matters.

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Upcoming Events!

March 15 11 am - 3 pm Pet Wants Store Anniversary & Adoption Day 1143 Woodruff Rd Ste 1, Greenville

April 4 10 am - 1 pm Sanctuary Church Family Event

302 Parkins Mill Rd, Greenville

April 18 11 am - 3 pm Paws for a Cause

Simpsonville Park 406 E Curtis St., Simpsonville May 16 11 am - 3 pm Redwood Apartments Adoption Event

2 Ashburton Dr, Greer



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CCA couldn't have done it without YOU!

With your donations, this is what CCA accomplished in 2019:

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

112 females, 63 males CATS: 60 females, 32 males DOGS: 52 females, 31 males

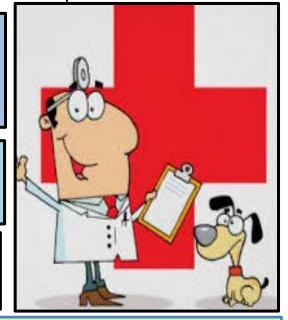
Medical **Animal Care Expenses** \$67,900

Intake 92

Adoptions 136 38 dogs & 98 cats Community Cat TNR 330

186 females & 144 males

Because of you, the lives of 641 animals have been dramatically changed for the better. CCA could not have done this without you. Thank you for your continued support in saving lives & decreasing animal overpopulation.





CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER FOR CCA

Help us raise money to purchase a wall-mounted cat tree for CCA's Upstate shelter by buying a box of hand-crafted, embellished greeting cards!



- · Purchase a box of greeting cards for \$30 and for every purchase, \$16 will go directly to CCA.
- Order your cards online:

- If you have questions, contact

Memorials & Honorariums

Sarah & Keith Long In memory of our darling Fiona on her birthday.

The Bechtler Girls In loving memory of Mary Louise McAlister.

Tommy & Teresa Jones In memory of Barry Jones for his love and care of Felix, Maggie and Sniper the cat that lives on.

JoAnn Brink In memory of my sweet cat, Louie, who was remarkably empathetic.

James Miller In loving memory of Tommie Miller.

Janet Jones Merry Christmas in honor of Mike & Lisa Gault;

Travis & Melissa Spain; & Michael & Brittany Gault.

Amy Tillery In honor of Yoki Pohar's birthday.

Mike & Deborah Mazerall In memory of Dudley and Casey.

Mary Ann Kleinfelter & Robert Cardona In memory of Mike Kleinfelter.

Mary Ann Kleinfelter & Robert Cardona In honor of Mark & Stephanie Kleinfelter.

Tom Roensch In memory of Mary Roensch.

Susan Chappell In memory of my aunt, Beulah Chappell, of Pickens, SC.

Susan Chappell In memory of my precious cat, Mandy, who brought me so much joy for over 17 years.

Linda Blackwell In honor of Betty Way, the sweetest lady I know.

Peggy Kleinfelter In memory of Mike Kleinfelter, who enjoyed volunteering at CCA's Second Chances Thrift Store.

William & Lynne King In memory of Barry Jones.

Michael & Nancy Ellis In Ioving memory of our dad, Charles Alberson, Sr. Dad Ioved dogs so much.

Gladys Barnhill In honor of Dr. Margaret Wyatt.

Diane Turner In honor of Benz, our adopted Boykin Spaniel.

Michelle Griffen In honor of Bill Burton.

Peggy Sellers In honor of my sister, Ruth Botzis, 81st birthday.

Janet Jones In memory of my lifelong friend, Evelyn Gault.

Janice Bond In loving memory of my sweet 18 year old grandcat, Yoshi. He passed away 12/28/2019 in his mom's (Jan Cadman) arms surrounded by his loving and caring family. He will be greatly missed. RIP Yoshi - We love you.

Rick & Diane Saint In memory of our friend Sam Wyche. He loved people and animals.

Steadman & Donna Ariail In memory of Susan Chappell's beloved kitty, Mandy and dog, Hoss.

Steadman & Donna Ariail In memory of Sadie, sweet dog of Robert Abdalla and Debbie Palanza.

Robert & Nancy Pierce In honor of Bill Burton.

Susan Chappell In memory of my sweet cat, Luke, who had to leave this earth way too soon.

Jay Addison & Ryland Brown In memory of our sweet Hannah.

Mark & Stephanie Kleinfelter In memory of my brother, Michael Kleinfelter, and in honor of my sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann Kleinfelter and Bob Cardona.

Mark & Stephanie Kleinfelter In memory of my brother, Michael Kleinfelter, and in honor of his family: Peggy Kleinfelter, Laura Kleinfelter Riemensnider (and family), and Adam Kleinfelter (and family).

Jay & Ryland In memory of Sir Beauregard.

Marcy I am forever grateful to Amanda & Joe Wagner for caring for & Ioving Giz, The Old Man, our boy. Kim Ledford In memory of Ollie, Lynn & Craig Wilson's sweet Frenchie.

Thank you to all our supporters!

We can not save lives without you!

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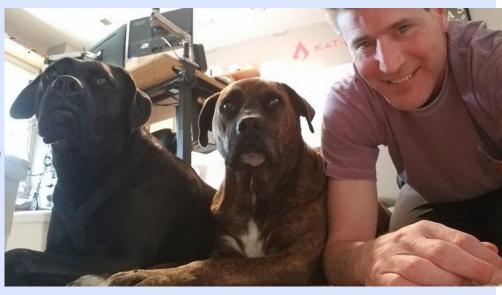
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Community Service

What have you done for your community today?

As a CCA volunteer, what is your role?

My primary role at CCA is to spend time with doggies. I often try to concentrate on the more challenging dogs in terms of behavior and do what I can to help with their development and adoptability. Some of the dogs that arrive at CCA have been in bad situations, because of which they sometimes have a fear of people or other animals. I try to make a 'friend' connection with a dog so they will trust me and be more open to training. From there it is just a lot of repetition. Our goals for adoptability are being able to properly walk on a leash, no biting/jumping on people, and adherence to basic commands like sit, stay, and release. I also assist with general duties around the property. I help with hedge trimming,



keeping the woods trail clear for walking, and pest control. I also get to work on fun projects like building dog houses. And all of us at CCA participate in the adoption events like Bark in the Park and at Petco.

How do you feel being a CCA volunteer?

Volunteering at CCA is one of the most fulfilling aspects of my life. I'll admit that my involvement is somewhat selfish in nature; I am there for my gratification, for what makes me happy. Which is to share love and happiness with kind, like-minded beings. I get that from both the dogs and the other volunteers I work with at CCA. I also recognize the need for citizens to give back to their community in one way or another.

What is your favorite CCA moment?

This one is pretty easy for me :-) My favorite CCA moment was the day I saw Chester at Bark in the Park. Chester was born at CCA and had been there for nearly five years when I arrived. From the day I met him, I could not understand why this wonderful dog did not have a home. He did lack manners and pulled relentlessly when on a leash. However, along with many other volunteers, I worked with Chester for a long time. Eventually, we employed skills we learned from Off-Leash Training, and, within a few weeks, Chester was walking right by his handler's side at all times! I brought him home and used that time to teach him how to act. I worked with him for many months to foster his ability to make personal connections. When I saw him with his new owner, just as happy as any other dog there, it immediately brought tears of joy and the deepest gratitude for Chester's owner. It was without a doubt the proudest moment of my involvement since coming to CCA!

Why would you encourage others to volunteer?

I would encourage those who love dogs or cats to consider CCA as a place to volunteer because, first and foremost, it is a no-kill shelter. CCA is 100% donation funded and about 95% volunteer run. When I leave CCA every week I feel good. I feel...to some degree cleansed, even though I usually leave pretty filthy:-)

I would encourage others to volunteer for the same reason I did: to make you feel better about yourself and your community. The result of that commitment to yourself facilitates the need our society has for services like this.

You recently adopted a CCA pup yourself! Tell us about Maverick.

Maverick is a rugged, young golden lab mix with a ton of energy. After working with Maverick at the shelter, and consistently wondering "why is he still here?!" my family and I decided to adopt him. His official name is now Maverick St. Patrick Stelz. He and my little boy are bestest of buddies, especially during mealtimes when Maverick is sure to be at the side of the high chair for every meal. Johnny is very generous with his food and Maverick has become a master of gently extracting the clumsily offered treats from John's hand. After a week with us, my wife observed that Maverick had not stopped wagging since he got here! His tail has seldom been still ever since. He is a wonderful dog and a wonderful friend! He has been the perfect addition to our family and we have all fallen in love with him!

A wonderful Christmas story...Leonard has been adopted!!!

Leonard, the star of the shelter cats, is well known amongst everyone, even those who have never met him!

A family arrived at the shelter looking for a female kitten that wasn't a black cat. And then Leonard happened....:-) Leonard greeted them through the screened patio before they even walked in the door. He knew he had found his family...now only to convince them! It just so happens that his new dad's middle name is Leonard. With his sweet, cuddly charm and treadmill skills (which he showed off live via video call to a family friend), it didn't take long for Leonard to convince his new family that he was the only one for them!

Upon arriving at his new home, he quickly acclimated himself with everything, checked out his amazing views through the windows, and followed his new best friend, Izzy, throughout the house like he had never known otherwise. We are thrilled to see Leonard finally find his family, in what was a very serendipitous meeting. Merry Christmas!





Tito, Isabelle and Dora were adopted! Thank you Debbie & Van Dawkins for giving them a forever home!

Thank you to all who adopted and saved a life!

Tink, our oldest shelter cat, was adopted at 16 years young! Tink's new mom, Susan, has rescued animals for her entire life and is aware that most people don't seek to adopt older cats. Because recently she had to say goodbye to two of her cats in a short period of time, when Susan came across Tink's story in PawPrints, she knew it was a sign that she needed to adopt her. Susan relates that "millions of people missed out on a wonderful cat". Tink is still her talkative self who loves scratches behind her ears and sleeping with her catnip banana. Susan is thrilled to have Tink as a part of her family and states, "I don't know how much longer she has left, but she's going to live like a queen!"

Look who was adopted!!!



A Place to Call Home

Sweet Abby was found hiding under an RV, covered with fleas and emaciated. A very kind person took her home and attempted to find her owner. When no one came forward, CCA was contacted for help in placing her in a new home while she was being fostered and learning all the rules about living in a house. A young couple with a new son saw her and asked to meet her. After spending some time with her at Bark in the Park, walking and playing with her, it was love. Thanks to Chris and Kelsie Connelly for giving Abby a loving home.





Check out some of our adoptables celebrating...



DID YOU KNOW?

NOT ALL PEANUT BUTTER IS SAFE FOR DOGS! BE SURE TO FIND A PEANUT BUTTER THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN XYLITOL! "Symptoms of xylitol poisoning in dogs include vomiting, followed by symptoms associated with the sudden lowering of your dog's blood sugar, such as decreased activity, weakness, staggering, incoordination, collapse and seizures. If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, take him to your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately..." Courtesy of FDA.gov

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Hi, I'm Elvira! I am a 3 year old girl, who is independent with a side of sass. I have a close-knit group of cat friends here at the shelter and prefer to hang out with them. I like to make cat trill sounds (bird noises) when I'm feeling happy. My boyfriend is a big, orange cat named Larry. We are both more social when together. I have been at the shelter a long time and would love to find myself a real home!

Hi, I'm Larry! I am a big, shy, orange, 5 year old, with a big belly (called a primordial pouch). When my girlfriend, Elvira is by my side, I feel a bit more confident and more social with people. I was found at Perry Correctional and have lived at CCA's shelter ever since. I would love to find my own home, preferably one with another cat, so I can come out of my shell and blossom.



Please remember....



Rule of 3

THERE IS A GENERAL RULE OF 3
WITH NEW DOGS JOINING A NEW HOME...



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THEY'VE FIGURED OUT THEY WILL LIVE WITH YOU AND START A ROUTINE. MONTHS

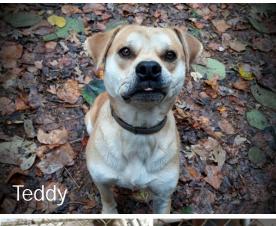
YOUR DOG HAS BECOME A PART OF THE FAMILY. WELCOME HOME!

MOST IMPORTANT GIVE THE DOG A LITTLE TIME! DON'T THROW IN THE TOWEL AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

ENJOY YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND!!

Check out some of CCA's adoptables. To learn more about them, go to "Adopt" at CCAweb.org. Please email CCAadoptions@gmail.com to inquire about adoption, fostering or foster to adopt.



















A note CCA received from The Happy Ways in November, 2019: Job and Betty Way are grateful to our awesome devoted sponsors for the whopping \$7,105 to make us #1 Fund Rai\$er at Bark In The Park for the 36th amazing year! God Bless you all for your continued loyal support of CCA since 1980 to help the helpless and we are committed and passionate to aid every dog and cat we possibly can! The countless Happy Endings rejuvenate us and fuel our determination to promote spay/neuter everywhere! They enrich our lives with Unconditional Love and Joy and make us Happier Citizens! I also salute and thank God for our wonderful volunteers who are the foundation of every successful non-profit organization! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Lots of Love, Prayers and Thanks from All The Happy Ways! Betty's heartfelt letter was received after the previous Paw Prints went to print.

Second Chances Thrift Shop

2425 New Easley Hwy Greenville, SC 29611

Thur, Fri & Sat 10 - 5:30 pm Proceeds benefit CCA's no kill shelter. Call for more information 864.288.3438

Board Members

Bill Burton Kim Ledford Kay Cooksey Lynn Wilson Renee Franklin Marcy Dimmick Second Chances **Garrett Smith** Joan Douglas

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Shelter Manager Samantha Calcatera

Advisory Board

Andy Goodson, Legal Advisor, Dr. Steven R. Shrum, DVM, Dr. Melanie Keller, DVM and Betty Way

CCA Shelter Wish List: paper towels

toilet paper dishwasher detergent dog & cat treats cat scratchers

non Rawhide Dog Bones trash bags (13 & 30 gallon) Kong Wobblers (dog & cat)

peanut butter laundry detergent freezer slat mill motorized cat toys

Drop off locations:

Simpsonville Animal Hospital

1233 W Georgia Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm Holly Tree Animal Hospital

1332 Highway 14, Simpsonville, SC 29681

Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm Second Chances Thrift Shop

2425 New Easley Hwy, Greenville, SC 29611





Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We believe we can match your talents, interests, and schedule to a volunteer pursuit you will enjoy, whether it be working at Second Chances, writing grants and publications, walking and socializing dogs, playing and socializing cats, working TNR colonies... So many ways to help your community and animals in need. Please call 864,243,4222.

A Sad Goodbye...

Chester....We weren't looking for a dog when my neighbor, Renee Franklin, came knocking on my door. She volunteered at CCA and told me there was a dog that was too special to be without a home, so I agreed to come down and meet this dog that was so special. She was right, I could tell from the moment I met him. He would greet folks with a big, toothy grin, and if he was very happy he would sneeze. It was adorable. But his excellent personality went far beyond a cute smile that entertained everyone. He could unwrap his own presents, joyfully shredding wrapping paper like a child who has more fun with a box than the toy that came inside of it. He could catch treats in midair, a skill that earned him more than a few pizza crusts. Although he DID have a sneaky side. When we would leave the house, as soon as he heard the garage door open he would make himself very comfy right up on my bed. But it was a small price to pay for the incredible devotion he showed our family. He was gentle to the very end, never nipping, never growling. He suffered silently with bone cancer, even when our rough and tumble four-year-old was less than gentle. We miss his sweet amber eyes that were always full of love. He truly became part of our family and I am absolutely sure it is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.

Tommy, Marisa, Noa, Riley and Lincoln Clarke





And a note from Rob who fostered Chester.....And quite the escape artist as well!! More than a few times while fostering Chester and working from home would I look out the window to see Chester milling around my yard, freshly escaped and roaming the neighborhood. He ALWAYS knew where he could get a treat!! I will never forget Chester's smile. Every time I saw him he would make sure to let me know how BIG he could smile. Good, good, good boy!!!!

Gizzy, Giz, The Giz, Gizzard, Gizman, The Old Man...

No Giz wasn't a CCA dog so why is there a Memorial for him here? One, because he deserves it and more. Two, because he was a dog in need and with the help of many hands, he was saved and he knew absolute love his last months. He is the perfect example of the perfect foster. I had him for three months before he transported to VT and his rescue there. During those three months, I was blessed with a dog that needed special care, a little extra time because he was a senior and an extra soft bed. I loved taking care of him. He was so grateful for every kind word and touch. It tore me up when he left. And it tore me up again when I heard from his new mom. Never had I cried incredibly happy tears and incredibly sad tears at the exact same time. How in the world can that even happen??? But it did. I was so relieved and happy that he was safe, adopted and already loved three days after leaving me and I was incredibly sad because I missed him so much. His new family only had him six months before he passed, surrounded by his mom, dad and his furry siblings. I am eternally thankful to them



for giving him EVERYTHING in his final months. I am so blessed to have been his foster mom. People constantly ask, how do I give my fosters up? I give them up to save another life. It's that simple. Every tear I cry for Giz and all the others who passed through my life, they've given so much more back. I don't regret a minute with Giz and would do it again in a heartbeat.... to save another heartbeat. Please consider fostering and saving a life. YOU will be the winner. I love you, buddy.

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Who We Are

Founded in 1980, Concerned Citizens for Animals is celebrating 39 years of improving the lives of homeless animals in the Upstate. Through our shelter operation, and a variety of community service programs, CCA offers a second chance to neglected, stray and abandoned animals.

As the oldest no-kill shelter in the Upstate, CCA provides treatment, sterilization, care, and a safe haven for its residents until loving homes are found. Prospective homes are screened, references are checked and home visits made to ensure the animals are placed with responsible, caring individuals and families.

CCA's Feral Cat Program employs the TNR (trap, neuter, and return) process to assist feral cat colony caretakers in maintaining the health of the colony and curbing the colony's growth. Our Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program is effective in alleviating animal suffering by reducing the number of unwanted canine and feline births in the Upstate.

The combined efforts of an involved management team, a dedicated caretaker and an active volunteer force create a powerful influence in the lives of the animals in our care and those in the community we serve.

Mission Statement

CCA shall not euthanize any animal unless it is beyond medical care, and suffering would be the permanent result of medical treatment.

CCA shall operate an animal shelter for abandoned, sick, injured, or otherwise homeless animals.

CCA shall maintain an adoption program to permanently place homeless animals in qualified homes.

CCA shall maintain a low-cost spay/neuter program for the community.

CCA shall strive to prevent or stop any abuse, neglect, or otherwise inhumane treatment of any animal.

Concerned Citizens for Animals is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please consider supporting CCA's work with a tax deductible donation.