

WINTER 2021

# PawPrints



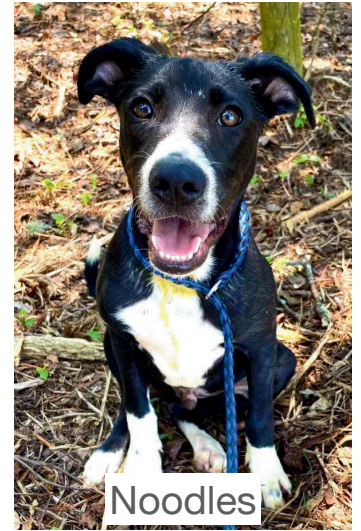
## Rhea

Well-known in the mythological realm, I am most recognized as mother of Zeus. For my role in assisting the Olympians in the 10-year battle for cosmic rulership, I avoided the Abyss and was granted transport to an earthly realm. I now reside in the shelter of gods but hope to grace your home with my presence.

Rhea is a cheeky 3-year-old female vagabond with a penchant for lasers and catnip. She is nominated for "Best Elevator Butt" by Simpsonville Animal Hospital. Rhea is spayed, microchipped and up to date on vaccines.



Rhea



Noodles

## New Years Resolution....

Update all your pet's contact information - microchip, collar and tags - in case they become separated from you either by accidents (they happen but let's make it easier on everyone to reunite you), emergencies, theft, etc.

## Noodles aka Noodle-Doodle

Polished and charming with a signature smile, it is difficult to understand why I am the last pup camping at the shelter from a litter of nine. I walk nicely on a leash, learn quickly, and conduct myself like a gentleman on outings with volunteers and staff. I am also a team player who forms good relationships with other dogs of various ages and temperament. Applications are open for a lifetime of adventures with me!

Noodles is a 7-month-old mixed breed that enjoys hiking and USC football. He is up to date on vaccinations, neutered, and microchipped.



## Counting Our Blessings

As 2021 comes to a close, we have much to be thankful for. Despite the difficulties throughout the year, CCA's generous supporters have stepped up once again. Although the final numbers are yet to be tallied, CCA is on track to reach our goal of helping even more than the 600 animals that benefited last year!

CCA is truly blessed with an abundance of support from our dedicated veterinarians, donors, volunteers, and staff. Without your support, our success would not be possible.

On behalf of the CCA Board of Directors, we wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season and a very blessed New Year!

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## Shelter Wish List

- Arm & Hammer Multicat Litter
  - Dog & cat treats
  - Dog & cat food (American Journey or Nutro brands)
  - Dog & cat toys (all kinds)
  - Peanut Butter - [xylitol free](#)
  - Kongs
  - Pill Pockets
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- Donations can be dropped off at**  
 Simpsonville Animal Hospital  
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# Memorials & Honorariums

Susan Chappell	In loving memory of my uncle, Bob Chappell, Jr.
David Chapin & Pam Ames	In honor of Bill and Sue Burton.
Susan Chappell	In memory of Creighton Douglas.
Betty Way	In loving memory of Merovan, an adorable Puggle (Pug/Beagle), who had a heavenly home with Karen Baldwin and Happy Way was blessed to board her.
Mike & Deborah Mazerall	In memory of Dudley & Casey.
Roy & Sheila McKinney	JoJo's Family.
Lee & Anne Sneed	In memory of Frizz, cat companion to Van Hilderbrand.
Steadman & Adonna Ariail	In memory of our neighbor, Baby, beloved dachshund of Skye Johnson and Chuck Johnson.
Rick & Diane Saint	In memory of our calico, Jessie.
Betty Way	In loving memory of Annabelle Moses and to honor Herb Moses for making a heavenly home for adorable Benji Dog, Happy, who they adopted from CCA many years ago! Happy Way reaped great joy in boarding this precious rescue who's now resting peacefully in the CCA Cemetery next to his charming playmate, Bubbles Smith!
Marcy Dimmick	In loving memory of Cooper, a happy and social boy who will be missed, especially at camp trips.
Marcy Dimmick	In loving memory of Teddy Cooksey, a gentle, handsome and special boy who will be missed by his mom, Kay.
Janet Jones	In memory of Joy Dutcher.
Von & Linda McCaskill	In memory of Brian Fraizer, who's love for life included many animal friends.
IATSE Local 491	In memory of Kenneth Heist, Jr.
Alan & Jane Butcher	In memory of our beloved Cooper.
Betty Way	In loving memory of adorable Corgi, Bear, who had a heavenly home with Adam & Sandi Fesperman!
Sharon Chesser	In memory of Michael Chesser. He loved his dogs!
Betty Way	Heartfelt prayers to Linda Dicus and family in the traumatic loss of your dear husband, Don, and also your adorable Terrier Furry Kid, Winnie, a precious stray in my church family for whom you made a heavenly home!
Betty Way & CCA	Honor the loving memory of Sheila Findlay who lived next door to us for 34 years since 5/2/87 and she had a huge heart for God's Creatures! We also adore her irresistible rescue dog, Sadie!
Teresa Towne	In loving memory of Neal Towne.
Betty Way	In loving memory of adorable Jack Russell, Ferris, who lived a heavenly 18 years and 7 months with awesome Doggie Mom, Karen Baker! While boarding his loving sister, Bear, at Happy Way, we tried them together, and it was a purrfect match, so it was a double joy to board both precious kids who had been strays until they crossed the Rainbow Bridge!
Janet Jones	In memory of good friend, John Allen Mimms.
Helen Parsons	In memory of Sheila Findlay.
Sonya Techton	In memory of Sheila Findlay.
Susan Chappell	In honor of little Job Way.
Julie Dunlap	In honor of Kim Ledford.
Von & Linda McCaskill	In memory of Daniel/Max, the Clemson campus cat and in honor of the employees at the Clemson University Foundation who befriended him and treated him like family.
Donaldson Center VFW Post 9273	In memory of our member, Charles Merz.
Betty Way	In loving memory of beloved companion rescued dog, Stinky, and to honor his angel Mom, Dawn Wells, for providing an awesome farewell tribute in the loving CCA Pet Cemetery in spite of her broken heart! Betty Way was again gently reminded after volunteering for this passionate ministry for 30 years that "it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved!"
Donna Huckaby	In memory of Jack, the cat, who is greatly missed but never forgotten by Angela Crowley. His paw print will always be on her heart.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Teddy and in honor of Kay Cooksey. Although Teddy had special needs, Kay didn't hesitate to adopt him. They had 7 wonderful years together.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Jack, a special feline companion to Angela Crowley for over 14 years.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Max (aka Daniel) and in honor of the McCaskills. Max stole the hearts of many on the campus of CU but there was no greater love than that shown by Linda and Von when they brought Max into their home to care for him the last year of his life.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Dawn Wells' beloved dog, Stinky.

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### A Sad Goodbye... Tribute to Teddy Bear

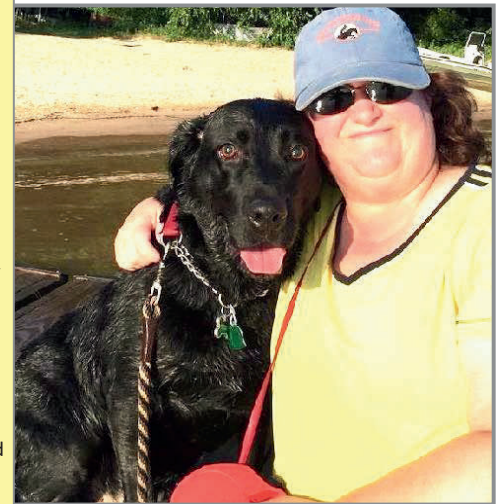
I was fortunate to adopt Teddy Bear on December 23, 2014, which made Christmas extra special for everyone involved. His background (as far as we knew) was that he was kept on a chain most of his life until his owner was evicted from their house and he was turned in by someone to the CCA shelter. In August this year, I made the decision that everyone dreads, which was to help Teddy pass over the rainbow bridge. He was a very special dog and is very much missed every day. He had numerous health issues but you would never know by his attitude until the very end that he had any problems at all.

Before I adopted him the volunteers at CCA noticed a green reflection from his eyes in dim light. He was examined by the vet and he was diagnosed with PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy). This made adoption relatively difficult because he's a bigger dog, black, a bit older and going blind. Paula Dalton volunteered to foster him and gave him some training so he'd be a little easier to adopt. He was slightly withdrawn and timid in new places but with work from Paula and other volunteers, he learned to trust people and learned some basic commands. I was able to adopt him after taking him for an eye exam and learning that he didn't have any secondary eye problems at the time but he would likely have blindness and possibly glaucoma as he aged.

Teddy was playful but also very mellow. He kept my feet warm and loved to prop his head on my knees for a good ear rub. Eventually I noticed he started losing weight and drinking a lot of water so I took him in for an exam and found out he had diabetes. He required blood glucose monitoring and shots of insulin after each meal, and prescription diet. He withstood the shots without any difficulty and eventually returned to good health except for a "roar" when he started to breathe heavy (particularly if it was hot). I was told it was a type of laryngeal neuropathy that some breeds of dogs can develop. Ok, I thought, we can handle that, just keep him from getting too hot.

Eventually, he did develop glaucoma as a secondary condition to the PRA. The pressure became too high in one eye and was climbing in the other. In preparation for his eye removal surgery, they found a heart murmur and in addition to the laryngeal neuropathy, I had concerns regarding how well he might be able to breathe post-surgery. I had the surgery done at Upstate Vet Clinic and they did an excellent job and both eyes were removed with no complications. As he came out of the clinic, he had his bouncy trot and was much happier without the eye pain.

He did well for a while but eventually, his back legs started to weaken and he was having trouble getting up. One morning he decided not to eat and just had an overall appearance of being "done". I felt like he had been through so much and his body language for each step was of a willing and "can do" optimism but this was different. He deserved the reward of running, pain free and full vision, no diabetes in doggy heaven. I know I will see him and rub his silky ears again some day.



Teddy & mom, Kay Cooksey





# Adoptions

A fellow animal lover reached out to us over the summer requesting assistance for a group of dogs that had taken up residence at the home of a dear friend with declining health. This kind woman helped her friend by working with CCA to vaccinate, spay and neuter all sixteen dogs...in the middle of a move! She also made a generous donation of food and thrift store items to assist with our efforts and remains in touch. So far, eleven of these dogs have been adopted. See some of them below.

Maurice, now known as **Boca**, resides in Easley with his family. He enjoys swimming in his kiddie pool, chasing his human siblings, and fetching ball.



Boca



Mingo & Goose

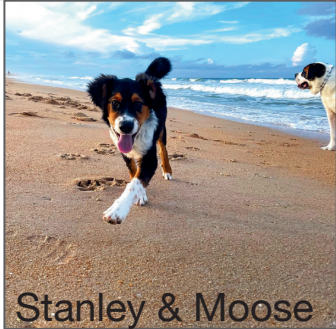
Rosie, now known as **Mingo**, is enjoying her new family in Simpsonville. Over the summer she took her first camping and hiking trips! Inspired by big brother Goose, she plans to take swimming lessons next year.



Mabel

Sarah, now known as **Mabel**, made the transition to farm life in Spartanburg with a fellow rescue group member. She shares a home with other dogs, cats, and cows but that does not stop her from keeping up with her girly side. Mabel is Mama's Princess and keeps herself pretty with regular grooming and girl-only outings. We are so happy for you Mabel!

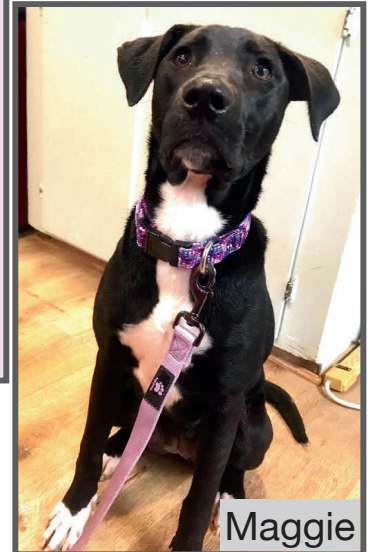
Rowan, now known as **Stanley**, is living a life many humans would envy! He enjoyed his first vacation to Florida soon after adoption and took full advantage of the sand and sun. He shares his home with big (and we do mean big) brother Moose and enjoys running laps upstairs for his entertainment. Stanley recently began training classes and we are looking forward to more updates!



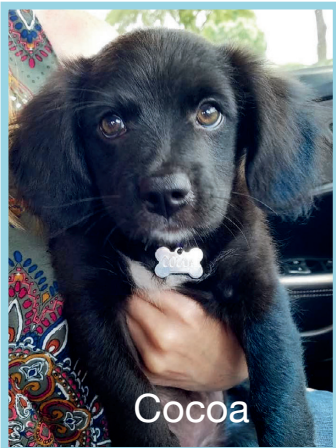
Stanley & Moose



Heidi, now known as **Maggie**, was adopted this month! She is settling in nicely to her new home in Simpsonville and her family reports she is growing more comfortable each day, allowing her personality to show. She recently learned to navigate stairs and is currently enrolled in obedience classes. Since she lives near one of our staff members, we look forward to watching her grow and mature.



Maggie



Cocoa

Mabel's daughter, **Cocoa**, is also enjoying the life of a princess! She models part time in the school parking lot while waiting for "her boy." We have no doubt she will be an IG influencer in no time. She now resides in Greenville with her two-legged family and enjoys the adoration of all.



Lilah & Maggie

Over the summer CCA board members and staff worked together with a fellow rescue organization to retrieve and care for Delilah the Shepherd/Husky mix. Despite humble beginnings, this young lady surprised everyone with her outgoing personality and playful temperament. She quickly became a shelter favorite and caught the eye of animal welfare comrade Barb Watkins and her husband Pete. Their interest began with CCA's foster-to-adopt program, but it did not take long for them both to fall in love with this beautiful girl, despite her disdain for yellow raincoats. Thankfully, her new sister Maggie pleaded the case, and a commitment was made. Nowadays, when "**Lilah**" is not offering fashion advice, she can be found keeping Pete safely in his chair and warming the hearts of all she meets. Congratulations on your new humans Delilah!





# Adoptions continued...

**Silky**, properly named for her soft coat, quietly entered the CCA foster program from a feral colony. Although shy at first, she eventually warmed up to humans and grew in confidence under the care of foster parent Bill. Also known as Sleeping Beauty, her beautiful appearance caught the eye of a local pet sitter whose heart she quickly won. Silky lives in Simpsonville and looks forward to many cuddles and naps with Mom after her retirement this month.



Silky

**Caroline** was featured in our Spring 2021 edition as the Grumpy Face Cat-in-a-Box. She was brought to the shelter with her six kittens and spent a year in foster care. Within days of returning to the shelter, she received interest and finally chose her person. She has since moved to Charleston with mom Ryleigh, who appreciates her unique face and personality. Both ladies love cuddling and gaming together in their downtime.




Caroline

## Where are they now....



Flint & Jade...Bonded as puppies, adopted together and still bonded.

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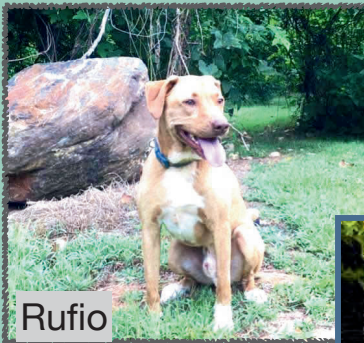
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- To bring a pet out of danger.
- To deliver an animal to safety.
- To find love that others didn't recognize.



These sweet pups were found living under a car. They were afraid of people, had skin issues and would not let anyone close. When they arrived at CCA it took a while for them to learn to trust. Once they were given loving care, they learned how to be happy puppies.

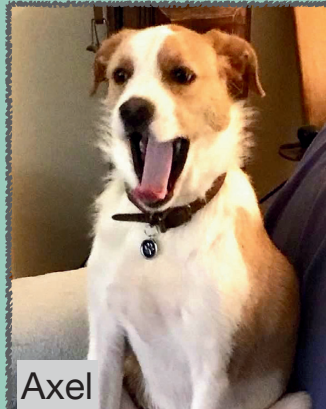
Jax, Rufio and Axel all have wonderful loving homes.



Rufio



Jax

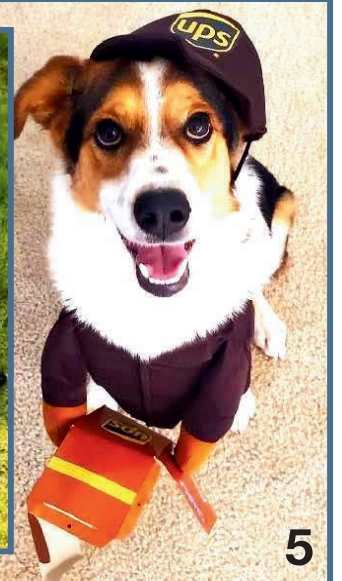


Axel



Amber was adopted by a loving family and is now known as Suri. She never is far from her little buddy's side

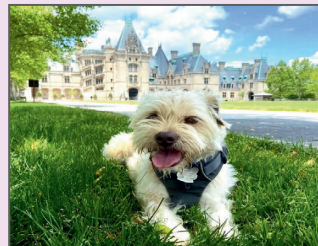
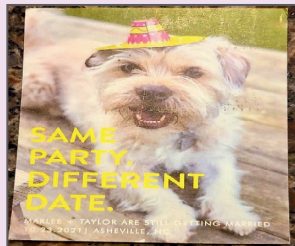
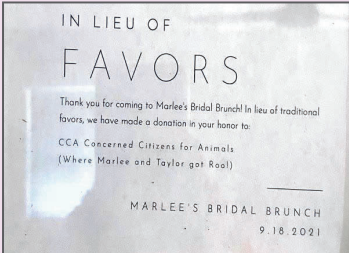
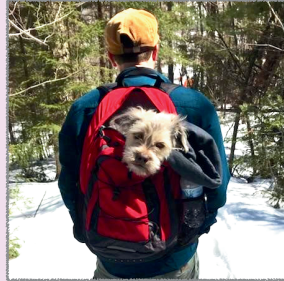
Walter was adopted by a special family that helped him work through several issues. Today he is well and truly loved.



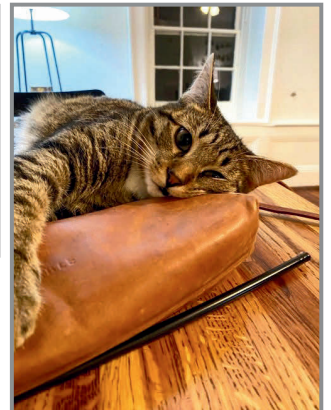


# Roo! Roo! Roo!

Dear CCA: So much has happened since the last time I wrote. Mommy & Daddy have taken me everywhere with them! We left New York City and now we're back in Asheville. We go hiking in the mountains. Sometimes I get tired, but I know I can take a nap. Or catch a ride! Asheville is so different from living in New York City. We do lots of sports stuff here, like football games. And baseball games. And sometimes we go to this really big house with a really, really, really big yard. And then Mommy & Daddy were gonna get married last year, but the covid thing came so they sent my picture instead to everyone who was invited to the wedding, to make up for it, I think! And then finally it was time. We did all the getting ready stuff. And I got to wear a pink bowtie for the wedding. Mommy & Daddy had loving me and taking care of me in their wedding vows. Then everybody went outside to wait for Mommy & Daddy, and they all started chanting my name, Roo! Roo! Roo! Good thing I was already home because I wouldn't know who to go to!! Right now I'm at Grammy & Grampa's house, waiting for Mommy & Daddy to come back from the moon. I'm watching the sky! Until next time, XOXO Roo



**Diego's in school!** Alumni Diego, now known as Cowboy, has recently moved to Charleston to obtain certification as a Medical Student Assistant and Life Coach. Mom reports he is growing like a weed and remains on the mission to clear off every countertop he owns! During his down time, he enjoys watching lizards from the porch, posing as a human with a pot belly, and cuddling with his toy fish. He continues to be part of family vacations and we will continue to be on the lookout for postcards from his journeys. We love you Cowboy!



Where are they now....



Nola

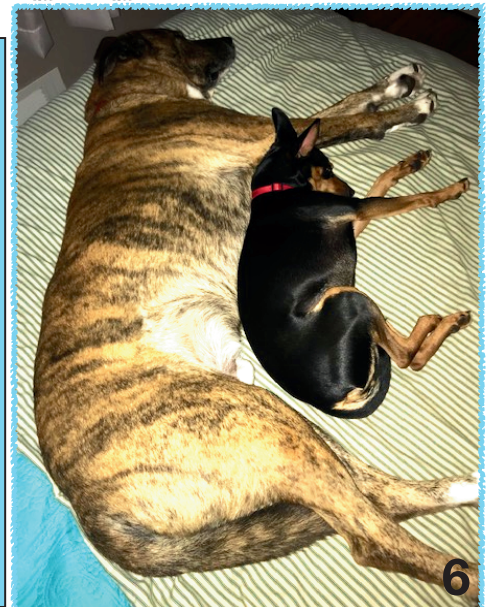


Fonzi

Siblings... Nola FNA Daisy was adopted by a family with several children and two other dogs. She quickly stole the family's hearts. Fonzi FNA Hugo is living the dream. His family has taken him on many adventures.

Update on Bonz and Dixie with the Gardner Family

Today Bonz is enjoying the good life. His family adopted a puppy, Dixie also from CCA. A strong bond has formed between the dogs. We are delighted they became part of the Gardner family.



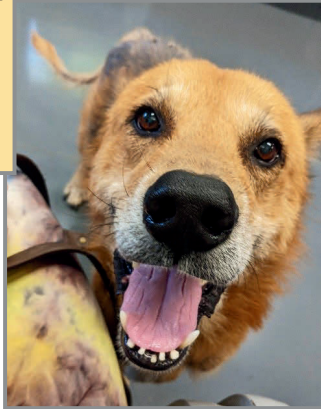
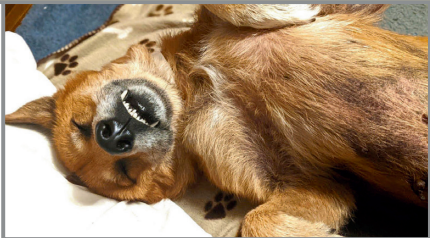


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**Made possible because of donations!**

**Foxtrot:** A Good Samaritan contacted CCA in July regarding a stray dog found dodging traffic in the middle of Wade Hampton Blvd. The pitiable fellow had no tag or microchip and was in desperate need of veterinary care for cracked, oozing skin, hair loss and irritated paws. Acting swiftly, his rescuer collaborated with us to cooperate care for the treatment of severe dermatitis, hookworms, whipworms, and fleas. After a round of medication and tender loving care, Foxtrot's skin has improved tremendously, and new hair growth has begun!

Thank you to all CCA supporters and donors; without you, we could not provide this level of assistance in our community!



**Please meet one of CCA's caretakers...**

Hi I am Sarah! Ever since I was little, I have been an animal lover. When I was younger, I was the kid who would pick up the lizards, turtles, and help the runaway cats or dogs. I currently own a dog named Dakota and a sweet horse named Bubba. At this point, the long-term shelter cats and dogs feel like my own pets as well. Now, I am a college student and plan to become a veterinary technician after school. My greatest joy is helping all of the animals that I can, so I am excited to continue my studies. After moving from Ohio five years ago, I fell in love with the Greenville area. A few of my favorite activities are hiking, spending time, and training my animals, and watching football. CCA has been an absolute blessing for me. I have never had and will never have another job as great as being a caretaker at the shelter. I am grateful to be part of such a special organization and have the privilege of taking care of the shelter animals!



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### **Who We Are**

Founded in 1980, Concerned Citizens for Animals is celebrating 41 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.  
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