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# PawPrints



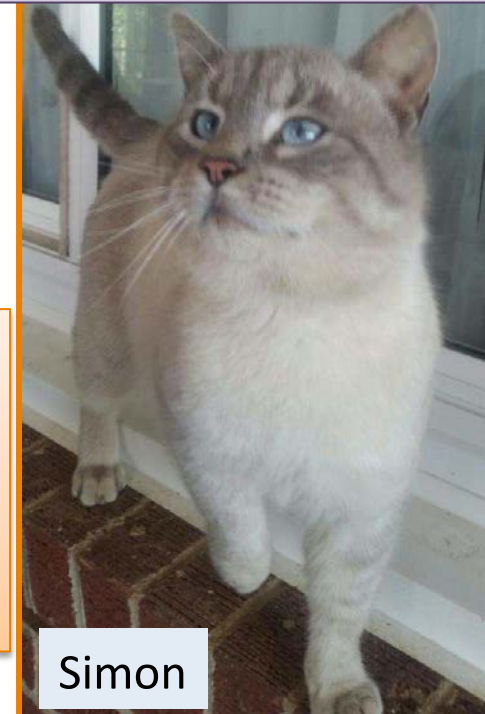
Ruby

## LOOKING FOR A GEM?

Ruby, a young medium sized lab/shepherd mix, is a beautiful gem who will add some sparkle and shine to your life. She came to CCA with a wound on her lower jaw but with lots of TLC and a few meds she is ready to find her home. Ruby must have belonged to someone and appeared to have had a litter of pups at some point in her young life. She is accustomed to curling up on her bed, playing with toys, taking a walk, and basking in attention. While staying with CCA, she spends her days in her play area enjoying the fresh air and sunshine but feels comfy and cozy in her indoor area at night. So far she hasn't had any accidents while inside! Ruby is ready and prefers to be your one and only canine "gem".

## SIMON SAYS.....

Please consider adopting me. This handsome Siamese mix was found roaming around looking for a place to call home. His baby blue eyes will touch your very soul as he looks to make a connection with his special someone. He loves to be petted, turns over for belly rubs, and his motor runs in high gear. He is a little shy as he waits for you to approach him first but isn't that typical of a cat who has such fine bloodlines! He has been fully vetted and is just waiting for his own indoor home.



Simon



**Second Chances OPENS on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 5:30.**

2425 New Easley Hwy.,  
Greenville, SC 29611.

We believe you will agree it was worth the wait!

## **Rufio: A Celebration of Another Life Saved** Lauren Frantz

Concerned Citizens for Animals (CCA) is a non-profit organization that has been working to find loving homes for abandoned and abused pets in the upstate for over thirty years. As the animal caretaker for CCA for the past two years, I have had the privilege of getting to see many former strays get their happy endings. From the kitten who lost his tail after a run-in with a car and got a new home for Christmas to the gentle giant of a dog dumped on someone's farmland who went on to become a PTSD service dog, there are countless stories I could tell of how our work at CCA has changed the lives of both the animals we care for and the people who love them. However, the story that is closest to my heart is that of my own dog, Rufio.

Rufio and his three siblings came to CCA when they were about eight weeks old. They had been living underneath an old truck and were incredibly sick when they first arrived. They were practically starving, their hip bones sharply jutting out from their sides, yet their little bellies were swollen with worms. Three of the four pups had severe hernias; one had a bad infection, and Rufio was nearly blind in his right eye from an old injury. They had had very little interaction with humans before coming to us and were terrified of even the gentlest touch, growling and hiding underneath anything small enough for them to squeeze under. The first time I picked up Rufio, he bit me on the arm, made a horrible screaming noise, and had an accident on the floor. Even as the other pups in the group made progress and gradually began to greet me with wagging tails and excited yips, Rufio always hung back in the corner, snarling and obviously uncomfortable with being touched. While the other pups played tug-of-war with each other, I would sit in the crate with Rufio, tossing treats to him and speaking softly until he got used to my presence enough to tolerate my hand caressing his head. Eventually, he came to look forward to our time together, and when the day came to introduce the puppies to a family that wanted to adopt, I had grown so attached to him that I wasn't sure that I wanted him to leave. Luckily, he decided for me, avoiding the prospective adopter and instead running up to me to ask for reassuring pats and belly rubs. In that moment, I knew that he was going to become a permanent part of my life.

A year and a half later, Rufio has blossomed into the sweetest, smartest, most affectionate dog I've ever met. Though he is still wary of strangers, to those that he loves, he offers his full and unconditional devotion. He is now trained to walk off-leash and enjoys long walks and games of fetch in the field up in front of the house. He has play-dates with other dogs from the shelter (which he loves) and shares a home with my two cats (who he tolerates). He has a large yard to play in during the day and snuggles with me in the bed every night...and sometimes refuses to stop snuggling in the morning to keep me from leaving! He can be a bit of a handful at times (the puppy in him still loves to chew on everything in sight.), but I wouldn't trade his silly antics and slobbery kisses for anything in the world. I was not planning to add a dog to my family when Rufio came into my life, and I certainly never would have expected the feisty little pup who once growled every time I tried to touch him to look at me with such affection in his eyes, but it is one of the best decisions that I have ever made. He has taught me as much or more about love than I have taught him, and I am incredibly proud to be his "doggy mom".



Rufio as a baby above before being rescued and below as a healthy young adult.



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# Memorials & Honorariums

**Kevin & Debbie Simmons** In memory of our beloved friend Melody Colvin, who spent tireless hours volunteering at CCA. We know she would like nothing better than knowing that her four legged friends are being well taken care of.

**James Miller** In loving memory of Tommie Miller.

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**Faye Slatton** In honor of Betty Way.

**Andy & June Anderson** In memory of Chloe, beloved pet and friend to Kathy Barlow.

**Von & Linda McCaskill** In memory of Kim Ledford's dog Pearl.

**Leslie Tripp** In memory of Bradley Tripp.

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**Cathy Campbell** In memory of Pearl, Kim Ledford's dog.

**Monnie Broome** In memory of Winnie, beloved dog of Doug & Nancy Jones.

**Jill Hunter** In memory of my sweet companions, Stranger & Charlie.

**Joanne McCoy** In memory of Karen Sims dog, Isabel.

**Michelle Collins** In memory of Pearl, canine friend of Kim Ledford & Mr. Buck.

**Marcy** In deep appreciation to Dr Fowler and staff at All About Pets for giving me my happy Hannah back.

**Von & Linda McCaskill** In memory of Penny, Donna Huckaby's dog.

**Alice & Dave Geisler** In honor of Dianne Hinson.

**Joanne McCoy** In memory of Abby, Bootie Cothran's dog.

**Louise Young** In memory of Kayah, rescued from the Pickens shelter by the Jeff Wood's family & lived with them over 14 yrs.

**Lee & Anne Sneed** In memory of Pearl, Kim Ledford's dog.

**Peggy Miller** In memory of Mike March.

**Dennis & Sue Lockwood** In memory of Chewy, Gritchen & Maggie.

**Beverly Wyatt** In memory of Pearl, Kim Ledford's dog.

**Catherine Jacobson** In memory of Grace.

**Donna Huckaby** In memory of Pearl Ledford. Pearl your Mom did everything in her power and then some to keep you well and promised you she would never let you suffer. It wasn't easy for her but she loved you so much she kept her promise to you! So Pearl, run hard, be happy, meet all your friends and know you are missed by so many of us!

**Bonnie Holaday** In memory of Bo.

**Marcy** In memory of Pearl Ledford. What a smart girl she was for picking Kim to be her mom all these years.

**James & Melissa Benton** In memory of our cat Storm.

**Betty & Tom Way** In loving memory of sweet kitty, Storm, who brought joy to Melissa, Jamie & Trevor Benton and also to Happy Way!

**Bob Ayers** In memory of Pearl, Kim Ledford's dog.

**Dana Greenberg** In honor of one of Mollie's puppies, Phoebe (formerly Angel.) We adore her, she is so much fun and we want to thank the staff for starting her life with such good care.

**Shelly Coulombe** In memory of Sally Margaret Davis.

**Kim Ledford** In loving memory of Maizy and in honor of the Raymond family. Sweet Maizy was truly a diamond in the "ruff" who was passed over countless times at the CCA shelter, as she waited patiently for a special place of her own. I have no doubt Maizy found that special place when the Raymonds opened their hearts and home to her. Maizy was showered with love, meticulous care and her favorite treats as her time on this Earth wound down. God bless the Raymond family. May they find peace and comfort knowing Maizy is now running pain free while fetching all her favorite toys!

**Terry Brink** In memory of JoAnn Brink's "Dobbie."

**Louise Young** In memory of Kenneth Young.

**Michelle Collins** In appreciation of Marguerite for finding homes for Sneaky & Striper.

**Marcy** In honor of Donna Huckaby who lost her heart to Penny when they said goodbye, but finding another to give to Harper Lee.

**Kim Ledford** In loving memory of Junior who went from a crack house to the CCA shelter before finally finding a home on easy street with Renee and Tracy Franklin.

**Susan Chappell** In loving memory of my veterinarian and dear friend, Dr. Walter Robinson.

**Mary Lou Sigsby** In memory of Homer.

# Thank YOU for helping CCA!

This is what we were able to accomplish with YOUR donations!

## Intake

**126**

28 dogs  
98 cats

## Adoptions

**183**

32 dogs  
151 cats

## TNR Community cats

**245**

136 females, 109 males

## Low Cost Spay/Neuter

**209**

(127 females, 82 males)

CATS: 78 females, 44 males

DOGS: 49 females, 38 males

## Medical Expenses

(including spay/neuter)

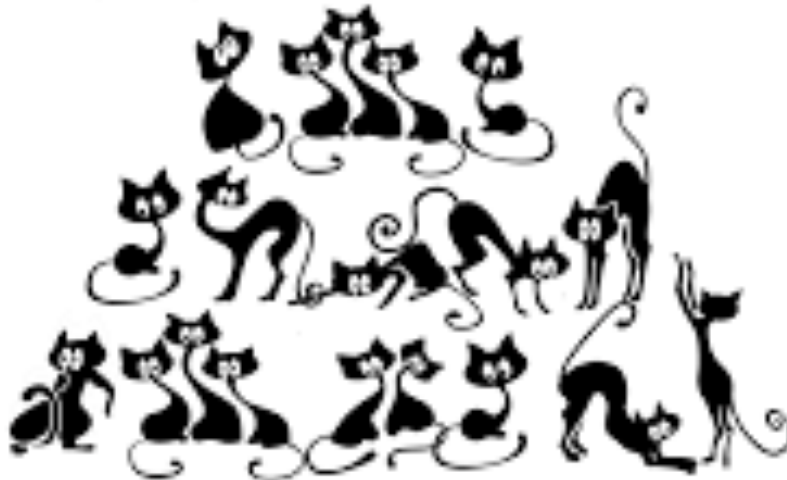
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## Why spay or neuter?



An unspayed female cat, her mate, and their offspring producing an average of 2.8 surviving kittens per litter at a rate of two litters a year adds up quickly.



1 year: 12 cats  
2 years: 67 cats  
3 years: 376 cats  
4 years: 2107 cats  
5 years: 11801 cats  
6 years: 66,088 cats  
7 years: 370,092 cats  
8 years: 2,072,514 cats  
9 years: 11,606,077 cats

Spaying or neutering one cat saves many lives.

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## WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

**REDUCE  
SPRAYING & MARKING**



**REDUCE  
ROAMING**

**REDUCE  
AGGRESSION**



**LOWER  
RISK OF CANCERS**



**DECREASE  
OVERPOPULATION**



**INCREASE  
LIFESPAN UP TO 3-5 YEARS**

Now I have arrived at your home,  
everything is strange, and I don't feel good.


Do not feel impatient  
If I don't sleep in my new basket.  
Yesterday, I slept on a stone floor.

Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food.  
Yesterday, I had to do it to survive.

Do not get angry if I pee on your floor.  
Yesterday, it did not matter.

Do not be sad if I am afraid of your loving hand.  
Yesterday, I did not have one.

Have patience with me, it's your world,  
but not yet mine.

If I trust you, I can give you the greatest  
Gift I have to give.....  
My Heart 

Please never forget, I was a pound dog.  
All I need, is a bit of time to adjust.

Thank you to our donors!  
We can not save lives without you!

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## THE HITCHIKERS

Meet Hershey, Cupid, Godiva (Diva), and Merlot, our newest additions. They have a little story to tell about their arrival.

We were walking along a very busy road hoping to find a place to eat and sleep. Our guardian angel provided a Good Samaritan to give us a ride to CCA. We arrived just before Valentine's Day so our names fit the occasion. We are mixed breeds as you can tell but we do seem to have some lab, boxer, and shepherd in our genes. Heinz 57 variety is certainly an appropriate description for us. At just 12 weeks of age we still need a few medical procedures before we can go to a good home. We will have had our first and second shots as well as being spayed or neutered and been microchipped as of March 15<sup>th</sup>. We still need our third set of puppy shots and our rabies vaccination. If you are interested in adopting one of us, please contact CCA by phone or email.

UPDATE!!!!

We made our debut at Petco on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at an adoption event. We were just too cute so Hershey is already in his new home. Godiva (Diva) has gone to her new home too! Cupid and Merlot are still waiting to join a family of their own. They are hoping their cute pictures will go straight to the right family so they can share their love with them.



Cupid



Merlot

I wanted to thank you again for working with me on this surprise engagement proposal. It ended up going perfectly how I had hoped and it couldn't have been done as I had planned without Godiva! We are now calling her Diamond, as my \*now\* fiancé Marissa thought it was the perfect name for her under the circumstances. Attached you'll find a few pictures from the moment and a few more showing how much Astro loves having a little sister! Thanks again, and we are so happy to give Diamond a new and loving home.

Sincerely,  
Mike



Godiva now Diamond



Hershey

Please help us find the perfect homes for Cupid and Merlot by spreading the word and their pictures!

## **A Tribute to Maizey**

Maizey has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Lori gave Maizey a wonderful home for the last few months. The matriarch of the shelter is now running and playing with all those who went before her. Maizey was buried in the CCA cemetery under the large angel statue as she watches over all the shelter residents until they find their new home. Maizey, you left a paw print on all of our hearts.



## **A SAD FAREWELL**

Junior, a sweet but shy little guy and his two companions came to the shelter in 2003. Nixon, one of his buddies, was adopted within a month. Junior and the other pup, Saluda, went to many adoption events but seemed to be overlooked each time. All that changed when Renee Franklin became a CCA volunteer and fell in love with Junior.

Junior, also known as June Bug, had finally found his new home after seven years of waiting. Renee and her husband, Tracy, had just lost their lab, Rex, so Brandy, their Golden Retriever, needed a companion and Junior needed a home. It was a match made in Heaven! Little did Renee know that June Bug would become a daddy's boy. The Franklin family grew by two as they adopted Kelsey, another CCA rescue, and Rusty, an injured stray. Junior loved everybody and everybody loved him. Their motto was "the more the merrier".

Age began to take its toll on June Bug; arthritis set in, doggie dementia surfaced, and his quality of life greatly diminished. Junior crossed the Rainbow Bridge on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the ripe old age of 15. He was buried in the CCA cemetery and is now the guardian of the shelter as he watches over those waiting for their new homes. He will be missed but will remain in the hearts of the CCA volunteers and the Franklins.

## **CCA Shelter Wish List:**

Canned dog & cat food

No clump litter

Paper towels

13 & 30 gallon garbage bags

Bleach

Pine Sol

Liquid dishwashing detergent

Clothes washing detergent



Items can be dropped off at Second Chances thrift shop or at the shelter.



## I'M HOME

Cassie, a sweet small beagle, must have belonged to someone before coming to CCA. She was found running around wearing a collar but had no identification tag or microchip. She seemed to be house trained and accustomed to getting lots of attention. Although CCA tried to locate her owner, nobody came to claim her. She tested positive for heartworms but has responded very well to the treatment. She just needed to find that special family who would appreciate her beagle talents! She was happy to use her voice to express her desire for food or attention. When it came to taking walks, she was more than excited to go on a short stroll but always wanted to be carried back to her point of origin. Her little short legs tired easily!! Curling up on a bed or next to someone didn't require too much of her energy so she was more than happy to do that often.

Her special family came along on February 24<sup>th</sup> and made all of her wishes come true. Patti and John Frye as well as their dog Pepper made Cassie feel right at home. Last we heard, the family appreciates all of Cassie's beagle talents and of course, Cassie is happy to share her life with them.



## ZEUS---KING OF ALL

Zeus came to CCA from an abusive situation. It took him a while to learn to trust Lauren, our caretaker, and the volunteers. Once trust was established, he became a big love bug! He would lean into whomever was near him to get his share of attention and walked like a gentleman on his leash when



it was his turn to take a stroll. Playing fetch with his ball was a favorite pass time too. Life was good but it became even better as the Rodeghiero family decided he would be the perfect addition to their home.

He has become the center of attention and, as his name denotes, he has become King of All. His new life includes daily walks down by the river, playing ball in his own backyard, and even learning how to ring the bell attached to the door when he needs to go outside. This regal boy has a new lease on life; the pictures say it all.

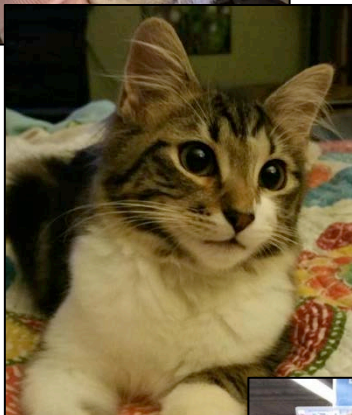
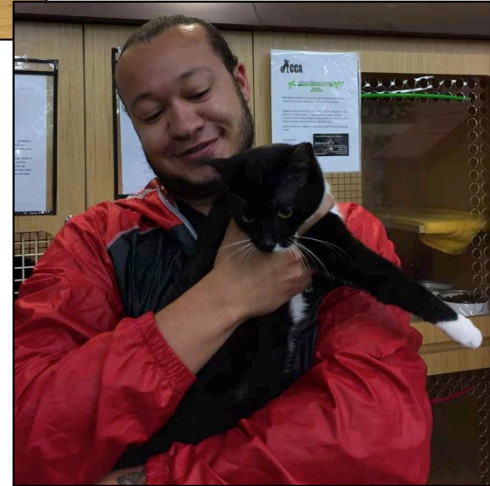


## A VERY SPECIAL GIRL in need of a very special home

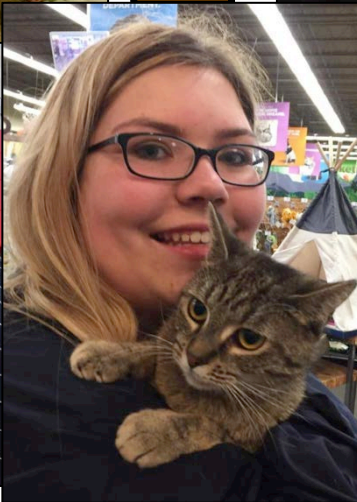
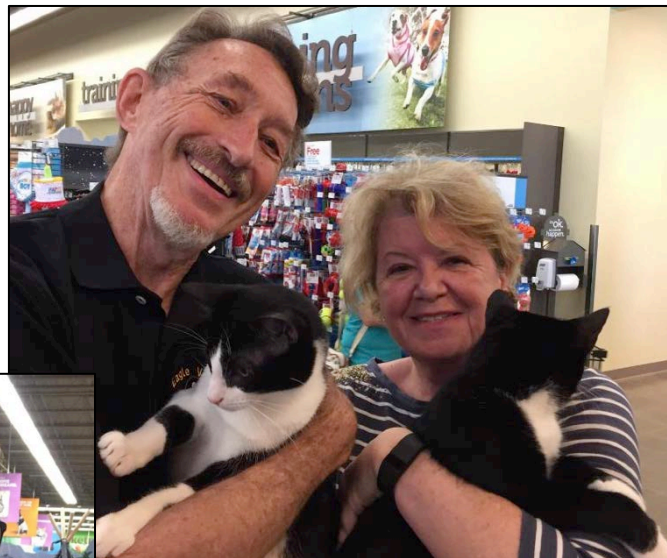
Monica is a female gray tabby kitty. She is about a year old, has been spayed, current on shots, and is ready for a new life!!!!

Survival can be very challenging to a cat that is born without a human family, but Monica is taking it in stride and trying to adjust. You see Monica is trying to recuperate from a pellet gun shooting which broke her front leg and resulted in her leg having to be amputated. She was saved by a wonderful lady who had to leave the country to teach in Argentina. She had been feeding Monica along with 2 other strays on her deck. Two of the cats were taken to a farm to live in a barn where they can help to keep the mouse population down and are doing very well. Monica, on the other hand, will not be able to go outside as she is not able to climb a tree or defend herself. She is super sweet and is adjusting to being held and loved. She will make someone a very special friend as she learns to trust again. Would you be willing to adopt Monica and show her your love? Please contact Joan at 864.616.7831 if you are interested in Monica.

The CCA Cat Team has started the year with amazing forever homes for these beauties...



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These guys are looking for their forever home too....



Rocket



Prada



Diego



Chester



Teddy



Callie



Champ



Violet



Josie

Please call CCA for more information.

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## Memorial or Honorarium Text

If you would like your donation acknowledged to the person or family, please include appropriate name and address. Use separate sheet if necessary. Your donation amount is not disclosed.

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It's been a long time since we've heard from many of our Paw Prints recipients. In an effort to best leverage our resources as well as declutter the mailboxes of recipients who no longer wish to receive our newsletter, we are asking those who do not want to remain on our mailing list to let us know. Please complete the form below and mail it in the envelope provided.

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### **Who We Are**

Founded in 1980, Concerned Citizens for Animals is celebrating 38 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 destroy 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.**