

PawPrints



HOW HANDSOME AM I

This beautiful cat wandered onto someone's porch seeking shelter from the rain. A wet fur coat just didn't appeal to this young cat. The homeowners allowed him to stay and fed him while trying to locate his family. As in so many cases, nobody came forward to claim **Rusty**. CCA stepped up to have him vetted and help find a good indoor home. Rusty does well with other cats but is also happy to have all of your attention with no one else around. Are the piercing green eyes and soft silky fur touching your heart? He is ready to meet you and share his life with you. Please contact CCA at 864-243-4222 or ccaadoptions@gmail.com for a meet and greet with Rusty.

Upcoming Events:

1ST & 3RD weekend of the month Cat adoptions at Petco in Simpsonville on Fairview Rd, 11 - 3 pm

1st Saturday of the month Dog adoptions at Petco in Simpsonville on Fairview Rd, 11 - 3 pm

CCA has a new website design!!

Visit CCAweb.org to see the changes.

General information

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Second Chances Thrift Shop

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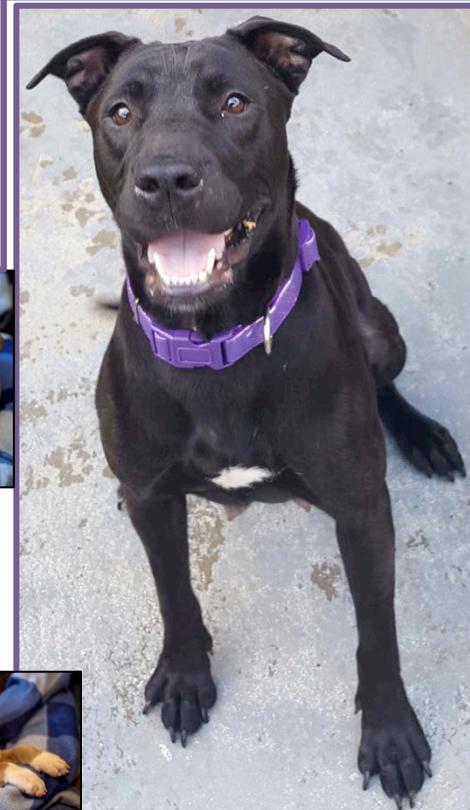
concernedcitizens4animals@gmail.com

Please consider adopting or fostering a shelter dog or cat.

A Rough Start to a New Beginning

This beautiful girl was abandoned in cold temperatures with her six two week old puppies. Before CCA could bring them to the shelter, one of her babies did not make it. **Carrie** is a lab/pit mix with a sweet, loving personality. She walks great on a leash, loves everyone and was such a great mom that she deserves the best home ever. Carrie would make a loyal, loving companion for you. Please contact CCA at 864-243-4222 or ccaadoptions@gmail.com to meet Carrie.

See Carrie's puppies on page 5.



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CCA couldn't have done it without you!

With your donations this is what CCA accomplished in 2018:

Intake

107

27 dogs
80 cats

Community Cat TNR

229

126 females, 103 males

Spay/Neuter & Animal Care

Expenses

\$67,060

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

188

(110 female, 78 male)

CATS: 77 female, 41 male

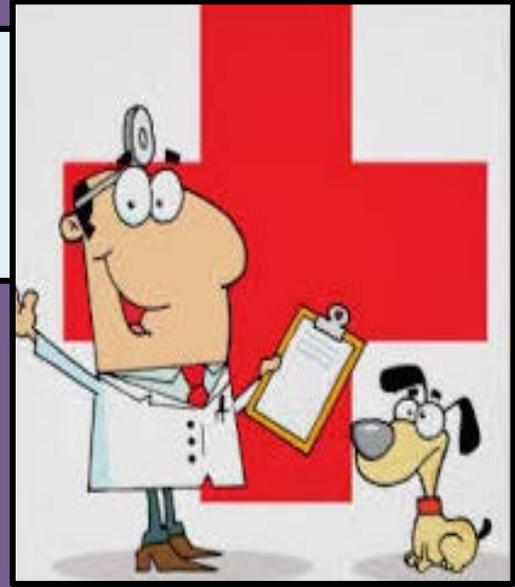
DOGS: 33 female, 37 male

Adoptions

151

32 dogs

119 cats



Because of you, 151 animals are now in loving forever homes & 236 female animals will not be adding to the pet overpopulation in our area! **Thank you for your continued support!**



"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ARE TEENAGERS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A DOG SO THAT SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE IS HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

Nora Ephron



WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

REDUCE SPRAYING & MARKING



REDUCE ROAMING

REDUCE AGGRESSION



LOWER RISK OF CANCERS



DECREASE OVERPOPULATION

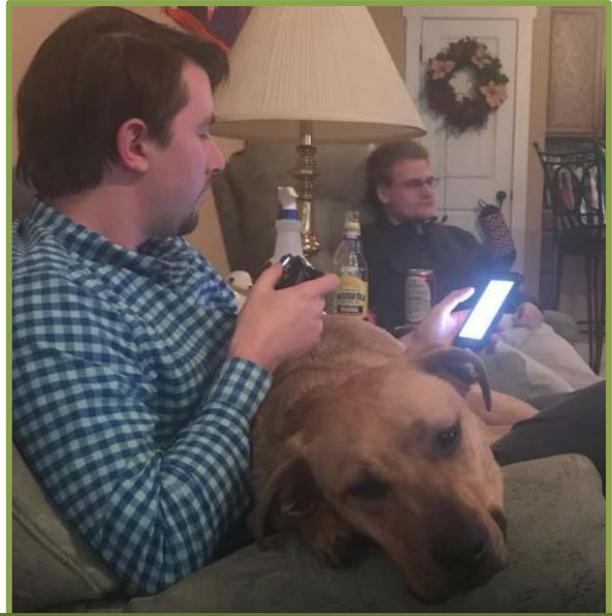
INCREASE LIFESPAN UP TO 3-5 YEARS



JUST TOO CUTE!

Nala, the Calico, and Oreo, the black and white kitten, were rescued through our TNR Program. They were young enough to overcome their shyness to find a loving home together. Canned cat food was the lure that brought them out of hiding and they soon learned to enjoy the attention that always accompanied that aroma of food. As they filled their little tummies, their confidence grew so much so that they soon came to greet you when entering their room. Shawn and Andrea Davis found room in their hearts and home for these two cuties. As you can see by the picture, the children and kitties are enjoying each other.

Simba was the third little cutie that was rescued through the TNR Program. He went home with Taylor and Paula LaRose just before Nala and Oreo found their home. He was the boldest of the three so he found his home just a little earlier. Perhaps his cute little face is visible through his carrier. He didn't want to wait around for a full photo op before heading home!



AN UNUSUAL STAR WARS CHARACTER

Kylo was abandoned by his original owners for being too hyper. We found out his name was Darth Vader but was renamed Kylo by his rescuer. Kylo was not a member of the "dark side". He was a very calm, loving eight month old puppy. So much so that we couldn't believe he was less than a year old. He spent some time at the shelter but all that changed when he met Andrew and Grace Fulmer. He is now part of their family and living the good life. He has had a few training sessions to make sure he adjusted well to his new family. He now has everything that every adopted dog could want; an abundance of TLC, a sofa to stretch out on, and a lap to cover as he shows how thankful he is for his new home. He is a firm believer in the saying that good things come to those who wait.



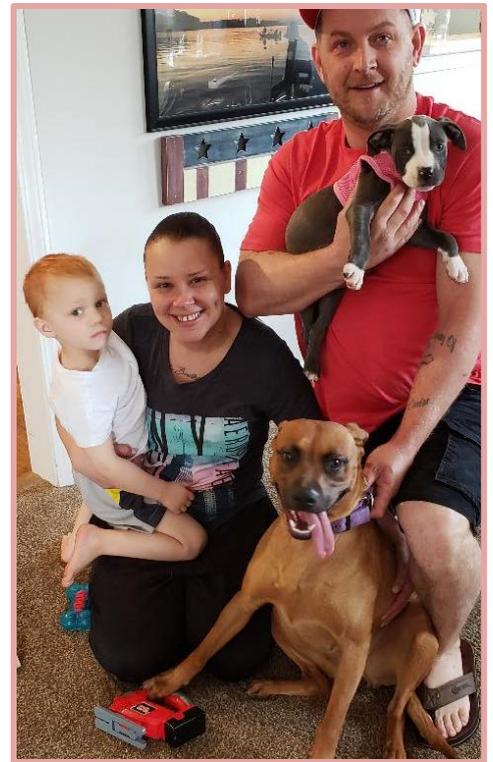
MR. ENTHUSIASM

Fred, also known as Mr. Enthusiasm, and his companion, Ginger, were rescued just in time! An uncertain fate awaited them. Ginger, a quiet reserved young lady, found her home quickly. Fred waited a little longer as he needed a family that would appreciate his zest for life. He was impatient as he waited for his breakfast to be served, loved to greet you with this two front paws on your shoulders, and showered you with sloppy kisses. Surprisingly he was very mannerly when it came time for his walks; he was an outdoor enthusiast. Fred went to an adoption event and won the hearts of Rick and Tammy Campbell as he was on his best behavior. With a few training sessions accompanied by his adopters, Fred is now a true gentleman in every respect. His zest for life is even greater but now his energy is channeled through lots of exercise in a big yard, plenty of TLC, and playing fetch with his very own toys. A warm cozy bed and lots of treats await his return after a busy day.



JUST THE RIGHT FIT

When Zach Becker moved from Detroit, MI to Greenville, he knew his apartment needed more than just furniture. Zach's family has always had cats as pets, so he was beginning to look for the purrfect companion. After checking the local shelters he spotted Adam on Petfinder and decided he needed to meet him. Adam was just what Zach had been looking for, a loving, playful lap cat. Adam now enjoys downtown living; watching people on Main Street and having lunch with Adam each day.



ONE GEORGIOUS GIRL

This sweet little girl is one of a litter of 6 pitty pups rescued from an unfavorable situation. Speak for Animals and CCA teamed up to get these pups a better life. When the pups arrived, they needed a lot of tender loving care. Our caretaker, Lauren, and the volunteers stepped up to make sure each one received the vetting and care needed to become healthy, fun loving, social puppies. Celina has been adopted by Mike, Jessie and Clifford Center. She now has a little boy to play with and two big sisters to fill her days with love and happiness. By the way, she has a new name, Nola, as well as a new lease on life.



SAVED FROM THE STREETS

Fabio had been seen running the streets of Greer for over a year. Many people were feeding him and trying to get close, but this street-smart dog was too wise for them. During an extremely bad thunderstorm he was seen walking in the middle of Hwy 296 dodging cars. A kind person stopped, opened the car door and he jumped right in! Fabio was tired of running. The rescuer contacted CCA for help. By then Fabio was matted and heartworm positive. After being cleaned up and vetted, he was posted on Petfinder and a wonderful family fell in love at first sight. The Bourgeois family came to meet him and decided to make him a part of their family. They visited him several times during his heartworm treatments and, when he was completely healthy and neutered, Fabio was welcomed with open arms to his new home.

Shelter Wish list:

Fresh Step or Tidy Cat litter, canned dog & cat food, peanut butter, toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, Pine Sol, dog & cat treats, trash bags

PLENTY OF PUPPIES

CCA is OVERLOADED with playful puppies!. In February we were contacted by Lori Raymond, a volunteer with Speak for Animals, concerning a litter of pit bull puppies living in harsh conditions. Speak for Animals had all the puppies spayed and neutered as well as the first round of puppy shots. Now they had the task of finding a rescue that had room for all the siblings. CCA was in a position to make room for all 6 puppies. Of course, there were still a few minor medical issues that needed attention. Our caretaker, Lauren, and the volunteers had their hands full. This beautiful litter is extremely loving, playful and very social with humans and another litter of puppies CCA has (see below). One of the little girls named Celina, now Nola, has found her loving home! The other five will be ready for adoption the first part of April.



Looking for a loving forever home

These beautiful Lab mix puppies were left outside in cold temperatures at 2 weeks old with their mom, Carrie (featured on the cover page). Before CCA could bring them to the shelter, one of her babies did not make it. Once they arrived to the shelter, we noticed one of the little girls was having breathing issues. Despite medications and lots of attention, she passed. These beautiful puppies had to struggle to become healthy. Please meet Jewel, Amber, Flint and Jade. They will be ready for loving homes in April.



Hi -
I wanted to let CCA know that Lucky passed away on Friday. He was about 13, and I'm happy to say he spent his time with me as promised - watching tv on the couch. Many thanks for bringing him into my life.

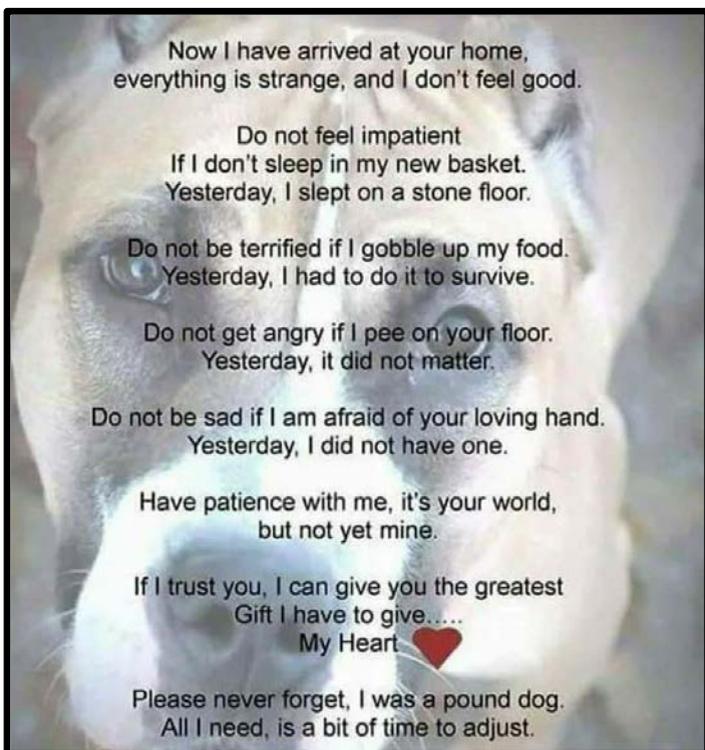
Catherine Watt

Rest in Peace Lucky



Friends with CCA,
Back in December your organization helped my sweet kitty with medial care that my family could not afford to offer her. Wiz Kitty has been able to make a full recovery thanks to your generosity. I appreciate all the financial support donated to my kitty. I appreciate all the hard work you put into CCA. Knowing the financial burden was lifted made my decision on treatment vs euthanasia a no brainer. Again, thank you!

The Brooks,
especially one purring kitty, Wiz Kitty.



Have you seen cats
with ears like this?



These cats have been "ear-tipped" or "notched". This is a surgical alteration showing that a free-living cat has been spayed/neutered. It's part of "TNR", which means "Trap", "Neuter", "Return".

These cats should never be re-trapped or brought to a shelter, unless sick. Instead, they should be left in their neighborhood to provide cat population control. Studies have shown by just being there, they prevent other cats from moving into the area. And, because they have been fixed, they will never have litters of kittens.

Memorials & Honorariums

- Mrs. B. D. Bishop** In memory of our 3 pets we lost recently - GiGi, Booger & Angel.
- Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd** In loving memory of Mae Fant, Amber Fant's grandmother.
- Gale Werner** In loving memory of Chuck Werner.
- Cheryl Rudisill** In memory of Lori Phillips.
- James Miller** In loving memory of Tommie Miller.
- Duke Energy Teammates** In memory of Lori Phillips.
- Kevin & Debbie Simmons** In memory of our beloved friend Melody Colvin, who spent tireless hours volunteering at CCA.
- Ruth Botzis** In memory of Emma, the beloved pet of Stacy & David Wheeler.
- The Cogen & Goldberg families** In memory of sweet Mac, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Shane Sanchez.
- The Cogen & Goldberg families** In memory of Ms. Marsha Strong's pet, sweet Minnie.
- David & Alice Geisler** In honor of Lynn & Bob Sharp.
- David & Alice Geisler** In honor of Dianne Hinson.
- Betty Way** In honor of James Miller and his pit bull, Norm, adopted from CCA, who he adores and is his best therapy.
- Merry Roberson** In memory of Tom Way.
- Kim Ledford** In memory of Festus, feline companion of Cathy and Ralph Campbell.
- Merry Roberson** In memory of Betty Burris Cross.
- Bob & Joyce Stoddard** In honor of Betty Way and in loving memory of Tom Way.
- Mike & Deborah Mazerall** In memory of Dudley & Casey.
- Chuck & Bett McCleskey** In memory of our beloved cat, Sammy Sosa.
- Chuck & Bett McCleskey** In memory of George & Nell Nannarello's dogs, Tim, Pugo and Mr. Chuckles.
- Bill & Lynne King** In memory of Barry Jones.
- Mary Nase** In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kingren.
- Leslie Tripp** In memory of Gregory Benz.
- Boyce, Tom & Mary Alice Bechtler** In memory of Ora.
- Kenneth & Kathi McClure** In memory of Shelby & Betsy.
- James Miller** In honor of Susan Lyerly for the many hours donated to CCA.
- James Miller** In memory of Tom Way.
- Sandy Cogen** In memory of sweet Bailey belonging to Irwin Cohen and Lois Geller.
- Joanne McCoy** In memory of Hannah, Jay Addison's and Ryland Brown's dog.
- Jane Anders** In memory of our beloved cat, Misha. We got you as a kitten and had 19 ½ years of loving our tuxedo gentleman.
- Betty Way** In lovng memory of Tom Way.
- Sandy Cogen & Cindy Goldberg** In memory of Ms. Kellie Lockwood's sweet dog, Dee.
- Jackie Broome** In memory of Muggins, beloved pet of Mary Taylor.
- Bob & Peg Pitcher** In memory of Riley, never forgotten.
- James Miller** In honor of Betty Way and in memory of Tom Way.
- Alicia Shields** I'm making a donation in honor of my brother, David Shields and sister-in-law, Andrea Shields, and their exchange student, Arne. Merry Christmas!!
- Eric Barradale** In memory of Lori Phillips, my Duke Energy co-worker.
- Andrew Alexander** In memory of our dogs of days gone by; Maggie, Hoss, Jenna, and our CCA hound, Alex.
- Mark Kleinfelter** In memory of Michael Kleinfelter.
- Kim Ledford** In memory of Kylee and Derek Manet's sweet little girl, Maggie.
- Kathryne Wiebel** In honor of Robert Stoddard.
- Betty Way** In loving memory of adorable Maggie, beloved furry kid of awesome volunteers Derek and Kylee Manet.

Thank you to all our donors!

We can not save lives without you!

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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.

SECOND CHANCES



2425 New Easley Hwy

Greenville, SC 29611

864-288-3438

Hours 10am to 5:30pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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FOSTERING Saves Lives

Unfortunately, we live in an area where our local county animal shelters - kill shelters - are full. Full to the point that volunteers work feverishly to get animals out so they aren't killed to make space for the next, never ending, incoming abandoned, owner surrendered or lost pet. These volunteers are always looking for foster families to help move these animals from a kill shelter to safety. It's a desperate situation that only gets more desperate during holidays when people dump their "pets" so as not to be bothered with care during travel or family gatherings, whatever. Or there's a divorce. Or there's a death. Or a pet wanders and can't get back home because either they aren't chipped at all or their microchip does not have accurate contact information needed to be reunited with its family. Some animals need major medical care because they're heartworm positive, or they were used as bait dogs and abandoned or they've been out on their own and trying to survive. Some just need a place to hang for a short period of time between getting rescued and going on transport to the rescuing shelter. All of them need a safe place, attention, love, maybe some training and time to find the perfect forever home. It's a rewarding experience that saves lives. Yes, there are tears and that's OK because personally, I'd rather cry over saving them than killing them. Please consider fostering to save lives.

I was your heart for 17 years, then you died. Your "friends" and family left me at animal control... I was alone and scared. Today someone who didn't even know you saved my life...she's a rescuer and will love me until one day I come home to you. ~ "Pocket"

Failure IS an Option

Fitting right in, little Bella was posted as needing a foster home. Karen contacted CCA to help out. When she met Bella it was love at first sight. After a short time of fostering, Karen and Alex decided to adopt Bella. We are very happy for this sweet little girl. There are many of us who are foster failures. We are proud to fail!



Why are animals from the south being transported north for adoption?

Simply put, the north has laws that require people to license their pets as well as spay or neuter them so there aren't unwanted litters.

MICROCHIPPING is great but doesn't help if your contact information isn't current. Please check annually so if lost, your pet can get home!

My personal experience...I'm on my 4th foster. My 1st was a 4 month old puppy with a broken leg who needed out of the shelter by Friday pm or she would be killed because of limited weekend staff. She now lives in a fabulous home in the northeast with her doggie sister, completely healed, wanted & loved. I've had fosters for just 3 days to 5 weeks, depending on rescue and transport schedules. Even the gift of just a couple of weeks is priceless to these animals in need.

If you are interested in learning more about fostering, please contact the following:

CCA - CCAadoptions@gmail.com

Greenville County Animal Care (GCAC) 864.467.3950

Pickens County Animal Shelter 864.898.5936

Anderson County Animal Shelter 864.367.7220

Laurens County Animal Shelter 864.833.9060

Oconee County Animal Shelter 864.882.4719

Upstate Foster Link - Upstatefosterlink@gmail.com

Labor of Love Transport Rescue - laborofloverescue@gmail.com

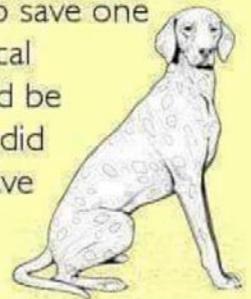
Erica's Waggy Tails - Erica Reimels

Passion for Paws Vermont - Robin Shover

Let'em Live Upstate - letemliveupstate@gmail.com

These organizations have websites or are on FB for more contact information.

Fostering isn't a life-time commitment, it's a commitment to save one life. Contact your local shelter/rescue. Could be best thing you ever did with your life - to save theirs.



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Just a few Benefits of Fostering...

*The shelters are overfull. Any animal that can get moved into a home until adoption saves lives, both of the animal that is moved out of the county shelter as well as the space created for another incoming animal in need.

*Fostering allows the foster to decompress from the high stress of the shelter environment and become fully healthy.

*During fostering, the foster family learns about the foster's needs and personality by assessing inactions with other dogs, children, cats, etc and can pass along solid information on the foster ensuring a perfect fit in the forever home.

*The foster family can help make the foster more adoptable by teaching him basic manners.

*The foster family benefits by watching their foster relax and enjoy living again. There is nothing better!

*The foster family becomes part of a thankful community of volunteers who are saving lives.

THANK YOU
to the PETCO adoption
team for finding
forever homes
for these lucky ones!



Remember...
On the **1ST & 3RD weekends** of the month you can meet CCA cats
and on the **1st Saturdays** of the month you can meet CCA dogs at
Petco in Simpsonville on Fairview Rd, 11 - 3 pm

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Feral Cat Colony Program	_____	Medical Emergency Fund	_____
Apply Where Needed Most		_____	

Brick Orders are \$40 each. Each brick contains three lines with a maximum of 17 characters or spaces per line.

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.

We've missed you!

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.

The option of receiving Paw Prints via email is also available. Here again, just complete the form below and return to us. E-mail is a cost-effective way for us to keep you on our mailing list and reduce the amount of paper in your mailbox.

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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.**