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Message from the CEO

"All you need is love...and a dog." Or at least, that's what a throw pillow I have on my couch says. Wouldn't it be nice if life were so simple?

In our increasingly complex society, it seems that lots of folks have forgotten the basics. That's why we work so hard at the VBSPCA to instill in children the basic character traits needed for a civil and humane society to function.

Webster's defines "humane" as "marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for humans or animals". Some synonyms you will find are kind, understanding and tolerant.

In our Compassion Classroom program, we weave lessons in positive character traits into an SOL-based curriculum. For example, when teaching about famous Americans and their pets, we talk about "Honest Abe".

Did you know Lincoln's dog, Fido, was the first presidential pet ever to be photographed following the invention of the camera? Lincoln also began what is now a longstanding presidential tradition when he pardoned a turkey his son, Tad, had adopted as a pet.

Of course the character trait most often associated with Lincoln, who demonstrated great compassion for animals and people throughout his life, is honesty. Some other fundamental character traits we teach are responsibility, respect, cooperation, self-control, and trustworthiness.

We teach these lessons not only to thousands of students in the classrooms of over 60 elementary schools throughout Hampton Roads, but also in our robust Junior Volunteer program. Approximately 300 teens each year work their way through progressive levels of responsibility, completing tasks such as laundry and cage cleaning, before they are allowed to walk dogs or cuddle kittens.

These Junior Volunteers foster sick animals in their homes, raise money for the shelter, and learn the rewards of giving to those in need, with no expectation of receiving anything in return.

Many of these Junior Volunteers go on to become employees of the VBSPCA, Board Members, veterinarians, or in other ways, humane, compassionate and contributing members of our society.

The VBSPCA is the only shelter in our region that has a youth education program. We employ three full-time teachers. And we take seriously our mission of creating a more humane and responsible community by eliminating animal suffering while increasing human compassion.

That's why we say, at the VBSPCA we are a shelter and more....we are a community of compassion.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Dia DuVernet
President & CEO



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Support the animals today! Visit www.vbspca.com



Humane Education

Junior Dog Trainer & Critter Camp



2017 Junior Volunteer Award Presented to Brenna Frawley

We are pleased to present this year's Sharon Q. Adams Junior Volunteer Award to Brenna Frawley. Brenna has contributed 200 hours of service to the VBSPCA since she joined the Junior Volunteer Program in September, 2012. She not only volunteered at the shelter, but also raised funds through our annual Foo-Foo Follies Groom-a-thon, assisted with adoption events, and fostered shelter animals in her home. Brenna recently graduated with honors from Green Run High School.

Regarding college and career plans, Brenna says, "I made the choice to go after what I am passionate about and expand my education in Animal Science/Pre-Vet at Iowa State University. This passion would never have been discovered if it weren't for my years at the SPCA. I hope to take the knowledge I have gained at the SPCA and apply it to my studies as a future veterinarian."

Congratulations, Brenna!



Featured Product

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This toy is a one-of-a-kind interactive puzzle game for your cat. Simply hide some treats in the compartments and watch your cat as she works to retrieve them. It has three difficulty levels: beginner, intermediate and top-cat, to stimulate and challenge your kitty, even as their skills improve.

Puzzle-style toys encourage the natural instinct to explore, sniff, search, and retrieve hidden rewards.

Made from 30% recycled cardboard and is 100% recyclable. Printed with certified metal-free inks so it's safe for your kitty to chew on.

Lizzie's Training Tips for Jumping

Most pet parents have trouble with their pup jumping. Even though it can be very cute, it can quickly become a problem when the dog is jumping on everyone they meet, or even knocking down children. Management and training are both needed to help your dog understand what they should do instead.

The best place to start is to stop the behavior before the dog can do it. When having guests over, put the dog in the crate or in another room. If you still want to allow your dog to say hello to your guests, wait until the dog is calm, then bring them out on a leash. This way you can control their behavior and not allow them to jump. Giving your guest a treat to reward your dog for sitting is another great option.

Consistent training is essential to get a dog to stop jumping. Teach the dog they do not get any attention if they jump up. Turn around or step away when the dog jumps, and go with the rule "four on the floor", meaning once they have all four paws on the floor, then they get attention and a treat. Everyone in the family must do this in order for it to be effective. Be patient and consistent and you'll have a well behaved pup.



Lizzie Davis: Companion Pet Trainer at Happy Paws, the VBSPCA's training center located in Kempsville across from Regent University.

For more information, visit HappyPawsTraining.org, call (757) 963-8661, or email Info@HappyPawsTraining.org

Sign up for classes today!
HappyPawsTraining.org





Dave Baker

Donor Feature

has a love for animals, especially his dog Callie who he adopted one year ago from the VBSPCA.

“Callie picked me when she came into the meeting room, jumped up on the bench, put a forepaw on each of my shoulders and gave me a kiss. I was hooked – and I still am and could not bear to part with her.”

“When I first visited the VBSPCA to meet my Callie, I was struck immediately by the atmosphere of care and understanding by the staff toward not only the animals but also toward people sadly having to give up their pets and those looking to find new pets to care for – as well as the rapid response to people bringing in sick or injured animals for treatment at the Clinic. It’s a very busy place but also one that is very well organized to serve people and animals alike,” said Baker.

Mr. Baker’s contributions have generously supported our Veterinary Clinic and the upcoming construction of a divider wall to partition an area in the kennels for the quarantine, treatment, and recovery of dogs with common kennel conditions such as upper respiratory infections.

“On my visit to the Clinic this year, the dedication, enthusiasm, professional strengths, and love for the animals, of the entire staff were immediately evident. They are a truly impressive group of people. The VBSPCA fills a vital need, and it does it very effectively, but it does and always will need constant replenishing of its available funds.”

It is truly the generosity of kind supporters like Mr. Baker who allow us to have such a big impact in the lives of so many animals.



Kennel Sponsorship



Our Kennel Sponsorship program provides a unique opportunity for families, organizations, and businesses to directly support animals in need of shelter. Kennel Sponsorships are also a wonderful way to pay tribute to a beloved person or pet. Through this sponsorship, you will be providing the opportunity for homeless pets to find their own loving families. When you become a kennel sponsor by making a one-time donation, a personalized plaque will be placed on one of our dog, cat, or small animal kennels, letting everyone know that you are sponsoring ongoing care for a year.

For more information, visit our website at vbspca.com or contact April Le at 757-689-1932.

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Clinic Services

The VBSPCA medical clinic provides low-cost spay/neuter and other veterinary care services to public pets in addition to our shelter animals. Last year our clinic saw over 14,000 patients. Our goal is to provide the highest level of care to the greatest number of animals by offering high-volume, low-cost care options. It is our hope that our services will help prevent animals from entering shelters due to financial constraints and/or pet overpopulation.

Our low-cost clinic offers illness and wellness appointments, vaccinations, diagnostics, soft tissue surgery, dental care, limited orthopedic surgery, and in-house pharmacy. The clinic serves families with annual household incomes of \$65,000 or less, as market research has indicated this is the income level at which families often sacrifice needed veterinary care due to cost.

Our walk-in vaccine clinics are offered every Monday and Saturday afternoon. Clients must qualify and pets must be spayed or neutered in order to be eligible for services. No appointment is needed for vaccinations, wellness testing, nail trims, and microchipping. This year we have extended these clinics to all Military, First Responders, and VBSPCA Foster Families.

Please visit our website for more information about our location, hours of operation, and pricing. Appointment request forms for the clinic and our mobile spay/neuter unit, the Neuter Scooter, can also be found on our website, or scheduled by calling 757-427-0070, opt. 2

This year we extended our clinic services to all Military, First Responders, and VBSPCA Foster Families, regardless of income.

VBSPCA Walk-In Pet Vaccine Clinic

Prices

Physical Exam* \$18

*Must be paid for each individual animal.

Rabies Vaccine \$22

K9 DHPP Vaccine \$22

K9 Bordetella Vaccine \$22

K9 Influenza Vaccine \$15

Feline FVRCP Vaccine \$22

Vaccine Combo \$40

K9 Heartworm Test \$15

Feline FIV/FelV Test \$22

Nail Trim \$15

Anal Glands \$12

Microchip** \$18

**Includes lifetime registration with Found Animals



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Hurricane Harvey

Texas Transfer

Jenny Teed, VBSPCA Director of Shelter Operations, and PETA's rescue team spent more than a week in Texas and Louisiana rescuing stranded families and animals in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. They worked tirelessly to help people and their pets reach higher ground and find safety in temporary shelters. They also encountered many animals that had been abandoned, some of them locked in crates or trapped in a garage for days with nowhere to go to escape the rising flood waters.

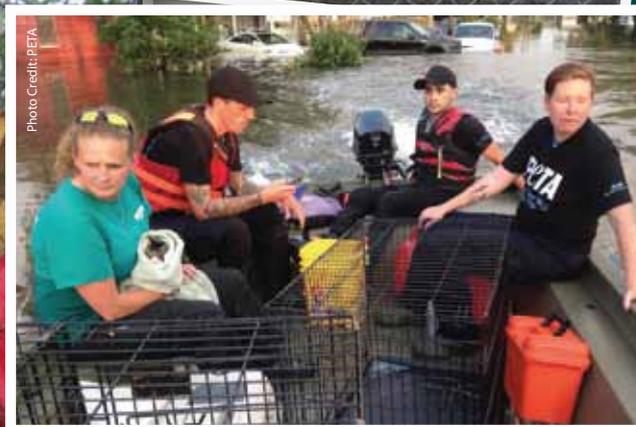
In one area, they pulled 14 puppies and two nursing mothers out from underneath a shed. They came across three abandoned kittens, just days old and without a mother.

After a few days, Adam Loyko, VBSPCA Receiving Coordinator, joined the team in Texas to assist in transporting 63 animals back to ten Hampton Roads shelters. These animals were already in animal shelters in TX and LA before the storm hit. Transporting them to Virginia opened up space for more incoming flood victims to enter shelters in TX and LA where they were hopefully reunited with their families.

The VBSPCA took in 19 dogs and cats from this transfer. Immediately upon arrival, our wonderful team of vets provided medical exams so they could go out on the adoption floor as soon as possible. Some of the animals required extensive medical care such as Puddles who came to us with a broken leg.

We were very touched by the support of our community during this rescue effort. Many of you reached out to help with an offer to volunteer, donate, or adopt. Thank you for your generous support!

We'd also like to acknowledge PETA for leading this effort and providing the resources that made the trip, rescue, and transport possible. Thank you, PETA!



Dancing For Paws

On June 10th, animal lovers and dance aficionados showed off their moves on stage at Chrysler Hall for our inaugural Dancing for Paws event. We had several local professionals and celebrities paired with World Champion Professionals, bringing in nearly \$55,000 for our shelter animals. A very special thanks goes out to Susan Browney, Jan Ellmer, and Barbara Ciara for their expertise and enthusiasm in creating a night to remember.

It was incredible to watch the hard work and dedication put in by the dance contestants and their pros during the three months leading up to the event. Dancers ranged from inexperienced to pro but every single one of them put on an amazing performance!

Barbara Ciara graced the stage as our Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening. Just before intermission, Barbara made an appearance as Cruella de Vil but our trusty Dalmatians chased her off the stage in a playful number, making way for our parade of adoptable animals. Each one of our lovely dance contestants paraded across the stage showing off an adoptable dog, cat, or bunny.

During intermission, the audience was able to vote for their favorite dancer in the People's Choice Award while visiting with some of our adoptable four legged friends.

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 Dancing for Paws on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Chrysler Hall. If you are interested in dancing, please contact us at events@vbspca.com.



Mirror Ball Trophy Winners:

- Anita Blanton, Female Beginner Ballroom
- Alexandra Critz, Female Beginner Latin
- Joe Flanagan, Male Beginner Ballroom
- James Church, Male Beginner Latin
- Stella Norton, Female Experienced Ballroom
- Arriane LeBeau, Female Experienced Latin
- Chelsey Ellmer, People's Choice Award

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HSUS - Sister Shelter Project



Continuing our partnership efforts with the Humane Society of the United States' Sister Shelter Project, Lacy Kuller, VBSPCA Vice President & CFO, and Jenny Teed, Director of Shelter Operations traveled down to Puerto Rico in August. The trip began at the Vieques Humane Society (VHS) where Lacy and Jenny helped with a small renovation project and visited with the animals. During their stay, they met with two VHS board members. They also spent some time exploring the small island, encountering many stray, underweight horses and packs of free-roaming dogs, known as "satos", who were clearly not spayed or neutered.

This trip also included assembly and delivery of 1,000 donated Kuranda beds for the shelters throughout Puerto Rico. This was no small feat but it was completed in record time by a team of volunteers, and the shelter animals are already enjoying their beds.

On the fourth day, shelters from all over Puerto Rico came to Universidad del Turabo for a Shelter & Rescue Training Seminar. Jenny provided a presentation on *Increasing Adoptions* and Lacy presented on *People Power*. Other training topics included *Shelter Best Practices*, *Data Management*, and *Social Media*.

The highlight of the trip was assisting with transport of over 200 dogs – one of the largest transports to date - to shelters in Stateside United States so they can find their loving forever homes. The operation began for Lacy and Jenny at the Santuario de Animales San Francisco de Asis where two over-sized vans were loaded with 38 dogs for the transport.

The passion and love the staff and volunteers had for these animals was incredible. They were working with so few resources and had operated for years without electricity or running water. Even though they still have many animals housed at the shelter, this transport allowed them to focus on much needed renovation projects.

The process of preparing and loading the 200 dogs onto the planes at San Juan Airport began at midnight and went until 4:00 am in order to escape the intense heat of the day. This effort, named "Operation Grey Muzzle", included many senior dogs living in remote, overcrowded shelters for months, or even years. The dogs were all examined by veterinarians and loaded into two planes operated by a group called Wings of Rescue. Many of the local shelter staff members and volunteers helped with the transport and it was very apparent that it was truly a bittersweet moment for them... they were sad to say goodbye to the animals they have loved and cared for but they were so happy for the opportunities that awaited them in the stateside shelters.

Lacy and Jenny flew home with special passengers of their own from the Humane Society of Puerto Rico: Ali, a 7 year old Miniature Pinscher who had recently undergone treatment for Heartworms, and two kittens named Colo and Mascarita. They have all since been adopted.

We are honored and grateful to be part of this program with the Humane Society of the United States. Thanks to the Sister Shelter Project with HSUS, we are able to make a difference in



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Making a tribute gift is a special way to honor your loved ones while making a difference in the lives of homeless animals. For information about tribute gifts, planned giving, bequests, or capital campaign donations, contact our Vice President of Philanthropy, Kimberly Sherlaw at kim.sherlaw@vbspca.com

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Sunday, October 29th

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Virginia Beach Oceanfront

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11:00 am Costume Contest

12:00 pm 1 Mile Walk for the Animals

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