

VBSPCA PROGRAMS

2022

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Shelter and Adoptions

The VBSPCA shelter finds homes for over 2,700 companion animals annually, including dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, gerbils, mice, hamsters and birds. These pets find their way to the shelter primarily through owner relinquishments or transfers from other shelters, and we provide them with compassionate care, medical treatment, enrichment, and behavior training to help ensure they find forever homes.

Humane Education

The VBSPCA Humane Education Program cultivates kindness and empathy in children by teaching them to understand and respect the feelings of others. Our programs are built on a philosophy of teaching that integrates respect, empathy, and compassion into educational lessons, stories, and everyday life. The Virginia Beach SPCA humane education programs include in-shelter literacy initiatives, virtual activities, shelter tours, off site educational visits, and our new virtual learning educational arcade.

Clinic

The VBSPCA Medical Clinic offers low cost veterinary services to the Virginia Beach and neighboring communities. In addition to seeing public clients, the clinic also provides veterinary services for all VBSPCA shelter animals. Services available at the clinic include spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchipping, medical testing, grooming, diagnostics, dental and other surgeries, heartworm treatment, and heartworm and flea preventatives.

Neuter Scooter

The VBSPCA Neuter Scooter was designed to increase the number of animals the VBSPCA can spay and neuter each year. By going directly to communities that have less access to veterinary care, the VBSPCA is able to help reduce pet overpopulation. Since 2012, the Neuter Scooter 2.0 has been providing low cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccine clinics, and more to the Hampton Roads area, historic triangle (Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown), and the Eastern Shore. In addition to being a mobile vet clinic, our Neuter Scooter's dual function is that of a Medical Disaster Response Vehicle.

Volunteer

Volunteers play a central role in the delivery of the Virginia Beach SPCA's mission of compassion, and we strive to create a rewarding experience for those who dedicate their time and energy to our cause. Through collaboration and communication, staff and volunteers work together to create a positive and productive shelter environment, providing quality care to our animals and humane education to our community. Volunteers lend their skills and talents to aid VBSPCA staff in all areas of our organization, proving to be an indispensable resource to the Virginia Beach SPCA and the community in which we serve.

Events/Fundraisers

From our signature events to community partnerships, the VBSPCA remains actively engaged with the Hampton Roads Community throughout the year. We offer all kinds of opportunities to have fun while also supporting a great cause. Our signature events include our annual Gala and the Puttin' for Paws Golf Tournament. In addition to our signature events, we can often be found at community events such as Neptune Fest, Pints for Pups, and Bark in the Park. You may even find us pouring beer next to the stage at various music festivals at the oceanfront.

PetSmart

PetSmart stores do not sell dogs or cats, but instead allow animal shelters and rescue agencies to use their space. Adoptable cats are housed permanently in PetSmart's Luv-A-Pet Adoption Centers until they find forever homes. The VBSPCA has cats in the PetSmart Luv-A-Pet Center on Dam Neck Road. Volunteers staff the centers and provide care to the animals and customer service to potential adopters.

Pet Pantry

The Virginia Beach SPCA Pet Pantry Program temporarily provides pet food and enrichment supplies (for dogs and cats) for families experiencing unexpected economic hardship. Food donations from the community are used to support this program, and an application must be completed at the VBSPCA Shelter in order to be considered.

Visiting Paws

Visiting Paws partners VBSPCA volunteers with adoptable or alumni shelter animals, and together they offer brief companionship to residents in nursing homes and retirement communities, a positive distraction to collegiate students preparing for tests, and the joy of animal interaction to those residing in behavioral health facilities.

Beach Buddies

The Beach Buddies program invites members of our community to take adoptable dogs out for an afternoon, offering our canine residents a much needed break from the stress of shelter living. Buddies are able to observe animal personalities in offsite situations which offers valuable feedback to our kennel technicians who will help us find the right homes for these deserving pups.

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19, some of our programs are modified or on hold. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.