



Paw Prints



CCHS from Afar!

Hello, fellow CCHS advocates! My name is Bryan, and like you, I absolutely love our humane society and its outstanding volunteer community. I'm privileged to say that I am part of this group of fantastic humans! Presently, I am serving in Japan as an Active Duty Marine. When I was in North Carolina, though, I often volunteered my time throughout the week at the CCHS cat house. Before I left, I assisted regularly with medicating cats in the sick room on my way home from work. On many occasions, my fiancé and I showed up bright and early to clean and sanitize the facility, medicate the cats that required it, and provided food and water on major holidays. I genuinely miss being in a position to give back the most that I can to CCHS.

Fortunately, I have discovered long-distance ways that I can assist my shelter people and animals! For those of us not in the area, there are still so many ways to assist the shelter. When fundraisers are posted online, you can share them with friends and encourage them to donate. Doing that, and assisting with formatting documents to help track information, have been primary ways in which I help. In fact, even typing this article helps CCHS! But you don't have to stop at CCHS, you can assist the area that you live in by advocating for animals and their welfare. So, raise your voice and lend a hand to ensure the safety and health of the animals in your local community!

Local or afar, you can volunteer as often or as little as you'd prefer; I promise, there's zero pressure, though the feeling you'll get from selfless actions will leave you wanting more! The first step towards your first wonderful act of kindness is to reach out to us! You can find us on Facebook, or at colonialcapitalhs.org. We hope you'll join us in our mission to help those who cannot help themselves.

Fund Raising!

If you have Fund Raising ideas, please reach out to Lisa Jefferson at fundraiser4CCHS@gmail.com





Comfort for Critters

Comfort for Critters is a national organization that provides blankets to shelter animals. They support over 300 shelters throughout the US. Colonial Capital began its participation in late 2018 and through the end of 2019 we have provided 250 blankets. What's amazing about this charity is that crafty people across the country can step up and send me blankets if I begin to run low. I've gotten blankets from UT, FL and WI. Currently we have been giving blankets to newly adopted kittens and cats. Included with the blanket is a note thanking them for their adoption and a copy of our membership application. I'm thrilled to announce that beginning June 1 we will begin to give our newly adopted dogs a blanket. This has been my hope since I found out about the organization. That where you come in. I need more help. If you sew, crochet, knit or do no-sew fleece blankets, you can help. Check out com-fortforcritters.org for more information and if you need any additional information please contact Elizabeth Harrison @ vueluv@gmail.com.

Visit our Facebook page for upcoming events!!!



Volunteer to Foster

One of the most critical volunteer opportunities we have is being a foster home for our animals. Due to the limited size and space of our facility, fosters are absolutely essential to allow us to continue to make an impact in the community saving lives of unwanted, mistreated and abandoned animals. Often the ability to take in new animals is completely dependent on being able to find a foster home for them.

WHY FOSTER?

- You help us learn the animal's personality
- You help socialize and train the animal
- Fostering increases their chance of being adopted
- Fostering allows you to enjoy the companionship of a pet without a long-term commitment
- You help the animal overcome the stress of being abandoned at the shelter

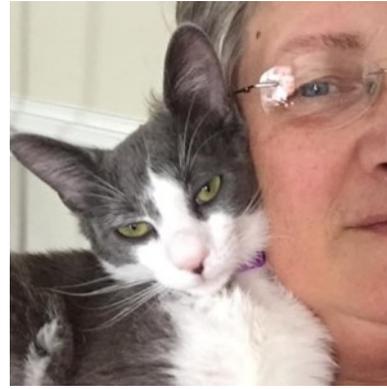
BEST OF ALL
YOU SAVE A LIFE!

You provide the loving home and we provide all food, supplies and medical care.

Spotlight on two Foster Families

McGuire Family

One day while I was working a cleaning shift at the cat shelter a lady stopped by with a 2 week old kitten she had just found. There was not a foster available so I was drafted on the spot. I named him Lollypop and took him home. From that little kitten I developed the love for fostering. There is such satisfaction in watching a fragile life grow strong and then find a loving home. One of my favorite foster moments was having a Mommy Cat with 7 newborn kittens. It was a wonderful experience for me and my 4 year old grandson as we watched this family grow and develop. A little kitten named Georgieann was the most difficult foster for me to let go. She was so very sick and I was not sure she would make it. But Georgieann trusted me to help her and began to fight for her life. I admired her so much and felt like she was my child. But in the end we found the most perfect family for her complete with a pup sibling. When I met her new Mom and Dad I knew they would love Georgieann as much as I did. Fostering is a wonderful experience and I recommend it.



Reid Family

We first started fostering right before Hurricane Florence. We really wanted to make sure that all the shelter dogs had a safe place to stay for the hurricane. After our great experience fostering for the hurricane we decided to continue to foster. All of the animals at the shelter don't deserve to be there so we wanted to help out the best way we knew how. We love having our fosters around and our fosters LOVE all the attention and love they receive in our home.

Our favorite foster moment isn't necessarily one specific moment as it really is many moments. Our favorite foster moment, and the most rewarding ever, is every time one of our fosters meets their forever family and goes home with them. In that very moment all the time and energy we put in to training and taking care of our fosters, is one million percent worth it. We always have that "proud parent" feeling when they have finally found their forever family. It is the best feeling knowing that our foster has found their family and that they will be taken care of and loved for the rest of their lives.

We love every single foster we have had. Both Dan and I have different fosters that were hard for us to let go of. The hardest foster for Dan to let go was Santino from the storm puppies. Santino was our first puppy foster and although we only had him for 3 days, Dan cried when he got adopted. We still sometimes get picture updates from his family to let us know how he's doing and how much he's grown. The hardest foster for me to let go was Regan. Regan was a foster we had for a couple of months and during that time multiple fellow fosters and volunteers asked us why we didn't just "foster fail" her, since they could see how much we loved her. Regan, now known as Stella, ended up getting adopted by one of our best friends in New Jersey, and to this day we still get to see her.





"Furever" Homes Found!!!

2020 started out with a bang at CCHS. We have been so busy with events, intakes and best of all adoptions. We have such a great crew that help with meet and greets, applications, fostering, and adoptions, it has allowed us to have record numbers for our first quarter of the year. You can continue to help by sharing our posts on Social Media, fostering and donating. Here is a brief overview of the numbers for 2020 first quarter.



Adoptions

71 Cats
171 Dogs
3 Rabbits

Intakes

40 cats
128 Dogs

18 dogs transferred to other rescues

Visit our Facebook page for upcoming events!!!

"Why are your adoption fees so high?" We hear it way too often.

"I'm giving the animal a good home, I could just get one for free on Facebook." True, you could. But so much more goes into a "good home" than just taking the cute puppy or kitten home. So here's what that FREE baby will cost you.

Puppy or kitten vaccines series of 3 shots, approx. \$25 each visit. Going to board your baby while you take vacation? Add \$50-\$70 for flu shots for the dog, as well as \$25 for a Bordetella vaccine. (yearly)

Worm treatments. Most babies will end up needing a couple of treatments. Count on \$15- \$20, possibly more depending on severity and medication needed.

Treatments for Ear Mites... those "free" kittens born outside most likely will need this.. \$10-15

Test for Feline leukemia/Feline AIDS \$35 or more

Rabies shot at 4-6 months \$25-\$35

Microchip \$35 (have seen vets charge as much as \$75 for this!)

Heartworm test at 6 months \$35

Monthly heartworm preventative \$10 or so for smaller dogs, up to \$22-\$25 for the big boys. And every month!

Monthly Flea/Tick preventative \$20-\$25 for dogs, \$8-10 for cats.

Additionally, some vets charge an office visit fee of around \$35 each time you bring your baby in.

The big one.... Spay or Neuter. Cats start at \$75, dogs start around \$90, and go up by weight. And that's our low-cost clinic.

Most veterinarians charge a minimum of \$150 for a small dog.

If the dog is heartworm positive, that can easily top \$1,000 to treat. And we do that many times per year, sadly.

We do all of this, every month, every animal. If we have a cat or dog for 8 years (it happens), we provide everything they need. You don't pay one penny more. If you just do the absolute minimum vet care, a puppy or kitten will easily incur \$350-\$400 in medical care in the first year, most likely more!

Rescues don't make a profit on adoption fees. Ever. It takes fundraising, begging, gifts, and a group of dedicated staff and volunteers to make it work. This year we have already spent over \$35,000 on veterinary care, and it's been a relatively uneventful first quarter. We cannot thank you enough for the support you continue to give us both financially and in spreading our message in the community. With the temporary closing of our Flea Market due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will need your support more than ever this year. Please continue to keep us in your planned giving (every dollar helps!), and share the word about CCHS!



The Backbone and Muscle of the CCHS Flea Market

Our Flea Market would never have opened, were it not for the unwavering dedication of our dedicated volunteers. Of note are Larry Cooper, Ken Gossler, Stas Humienny, and Mike Sinclair who regularly come together to ensure that donations are sorted, furniture is moved, trash is emptied, boxes are dismantled, and all associated tasks are completed! These gentlemen devote their time each week on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They donate their hard-earned money to purchase critical supplies necessary for continued operations, and make repairs to items in the building. Whether they are ridding the area of fire ants, or demonstrating their plumbing skills, there seems to be no problem imaginable that our crew cannot surmount! It'd be impossible to list every positive change these fantastic people have affected in our community. Without their continued support and love of our animals, we'd struggle immensely to keep this wonderful slice of the CCHS pie! Thank you so very much!

Colonial Capital Humane Society

Please help us with your Membership or tax-deductible Contribution

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I prefer to receive newsletters via: USPS email CCHS Website

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP:

I am a New Member Renewing Member

Membership Type Friend: \$25

Guardian: \$50

Protector: \$500

CONTRIBUTION:

Patron: \$50 I would like to donate:

Sponsor: \$100 \$ _____

Sustainer: \$500

Benefactor: \$1000

Forever Friend: \$5000

I would like to make a donation in honor memory of: _____

(Please include the name and address of the person you are acknowledging)

Please detach this form and mail to CCHS, P.O. Box 326, New Bern, NC 28563

CCHS During COVID-19

While the world has been uncertain and upended in 2020, few things have remained clear through it all. One of those is the immense amount of heart and work put in at Colonial Capital Humane Society to ensure the health and safety of our animals.

Another constant that has shown through, is that we have a strong and loving community which has enabled us to continue through donations, fostering, and other essential volunteer work.

Many things have changed as we adapt to the current situation and work to protect the health of others. Volunteer support at the shelter has been limited to essential work only, such as laundry and cathouse work. Animal visitations are by appointment only and dog walking support has been temporarily reduced. Within the cathouse, volunteers are limited to 1 person per room (as best as possible), sanitizing the facility has remained steady, and masks are highly encouraged and used. Initially, we saw a significant drop in volunteering at the facility, as those at higher risk had to step back and take well-needed caution for, and care of, themselves. While difficult initially, we've had regular and new volunteers step in to fill the gap in their absence and keep us moving forward. Beyond the physical shelter, other areas of CCHS were also affected. The major fundraising arm of our organization, the flea market, had to close for two months, though are excited to be reopening on 5 June with numerous health procedures in place to protect volunteers and customers. And to our surprise and delight, we have seen a surge in adoption applications for our animals. While responding to all of them requires many volunteer hours and work, we continue to ensure that each member of our furry family goes to the best possible home.

Throughout all of this, the quality of care and compassion provided by CCHS has not changed. We have continued to receive donations of money and food to provide care. Our volunteers have continued to work hard, both at the shelter and away, doing essential tasks and processing applications. And luckily, our key veterinary offices, while implementing their own procedures, have remained open to care for animals within the community and those in our shelter.

In the foreseeable future, we fully expect to continue to adapt and make changes as new information is made available. As guidance from the state and federal level is received, we will continue to respond appropriately and adjust our management practices. Through all of this, we thank the community and our supporters for all of your care and help as we continue to do what we've always done: to provide a safe, healthy, and loving environment for the cats and dogs that call CCHS "home".