

# Rockbridge Animal Alliance

Lexington, Buena Vista & Rockbridge Co, VA 24450

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**Who is RAA?** Rockbridge Animal Alliance (RAA) is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) founded in 2014. Our goal is to work with the public and support other animal-related organizations to improve the lives of Rockbridge area pets and homeless dogs and cats. We are established to aid in community outreach, humane education, and community assistance programs with an emphasis on access to affordable spay/ neuter services. We work closely with Cats Unlimited, RARA, and other local organizations.

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## LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER IN ACTION

RAA is proud to report that we have successfully spayed and neutered 16 dogs just in the past few months.

Below is Copper, one of the dogs neutered through RAA's low-cost spay/neuter program. RAA and Cats Unlimited received a joint grant from the Washington & Lee Community Grants Committee in June to assist residents with the cost of spaying/neutering their pets. RAA's low-cost spay and neuter program offers dog spay/neuter surgery, rabies shot and recovery medications for \$30 to low-income residents. RAA believes that access to affordable

spay/neuter services is the single most important way to prevent unwanted animals. To date, RAA has helped spay or neuter 16 dogs with another handful scheduled for upcoming surgeries. Hounds, pit-bull mixes and large dogs are given top priority. To take advantage of this program please apply on our website.



## Upcoming Events

### September 17

Pet Food Pantry at RARA  
10am-12pm

### October 8

RAA at Mountain Day -  
Magnolia Avenue between  
20th & 22nd Streets in Buena  
Vista 10am-4pm

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## YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

A generous RAA supporter has allowed us to help Duke, who was living a life on a chain before being adopted by a Good Samaritan. Duke was treated at Blue Ridge Animal Clinic for Demodex mange and parasites and tested negative for heartworms. Next month, he goes in for a follow up visit and to get fixed.

His owner reports he has gained some weight and his hair is starting to grow back. He is very lovable and thinks he is a lap dog.

## PET FOOD PANTRY

Our monthly Pet Food Pantry with Cats Unlimited at the Rockbridge Area Relief Association helps families that are going through financial difficulties healthfully maintain their pets. Since January 2016, we have distributed over 4,500 pounds of pet food. **To help stock our pet food pantry, simply drop off new, unopened cat or dog food at Lexington Tractor Supply. Monetary donations can be made via PayPal on our website or mailed to RAA at PO Box 405, Lexington VA 24450.**

May and June were very successful months for the Pet Food Pantry. In May we helped 243 cats with over 396 lbs. of food and 111 dogs with over 591 lbs. of food. In June there were 331 cats that needed food with over 490 lbs. of food donated and 118 local dogs were given over 664 lbs. of food.

## We need volunteers

Please contact us if you would like to make a difference in the community **Email: [info@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org](mailto:info@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org)** There are many ways to volunteer, from hands on work with our various projects to administrative tasks and advocacy.

- ✓ Working directly with our leadership
- ✓ Helping to build feral cat houses
- ✓ Assisting with community engagement and events
- ✓ Spreading the word on social media
- ✓ Helping to distribute straw and doghouses
- ✓ Helping set up the monthly Pet Food Pantry
- ✓ Collecting food donations
- ✓ Grant writing
- ✓ Public Relations



### Don't forget we have T-Shirts!

Our original design by Joe Castro, Schmittie shirts are available in brown or teal for \$20, sizes S-XXL. A play on Smokey the bear, the front of the shirt says "Remember only you can prevent puppy mills" and the back of the shirt says

"Schmittie the Pitty says adopt don't shop". Shirts can be found at any of our events or we can ship them for no extra cost. All proceeds go towards aiding local pets.

### CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/RockbridgeAnimalAlliance>



## Other ways you can help

### Kroger Community Rewards

RAA is a participating organization in the Kroger Community Rewards program. After you register your Kroger Plus card with the program, a percentage of the amount of your purchases will be donated to RAA. Go to the community rewards website: [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) login, and choose RAA as your charity.

### AMAZON SMILE

Do you do any shopping on amazon.com? Amazon will contribute part of your purchase cost to RAA each time you shop. All you need to do is: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Rockbridge Animal Alliance of your choice of charity. Each time you shop start from the smile.amazon.com link and they will continue to donate part of your purchase to RAA.

### eBay

eBay will also allow you to choose RAA as your choice of charity and donate part of your purchase.