

ROCKBRIDGE ANIMAL ALLIANCE

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FOOD PANTRY

*Your donations at work! Over the past four months, the Pet Food Pantry has distributed over **7700 pounds** of pet food; plus, flea and tick medication, toys, and a wide variety of treats.*

Thank you to the Lexington Tractor Supply for always supporting us, and to Gleaning for the World who supplies over 80 organizations in Virginia with pallets of pet food.

If you'd like to donate food for our pantry, you can find donation boxes at Tractor Supply and RARA. You can also visit our Amazon wishlist by following the QR code.

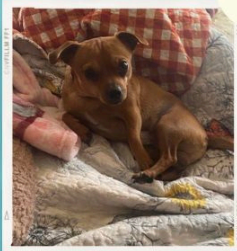
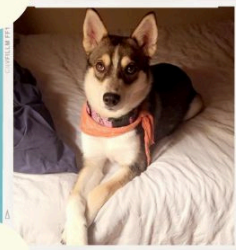
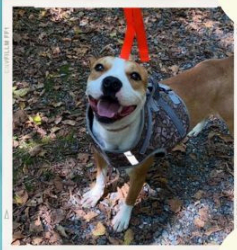
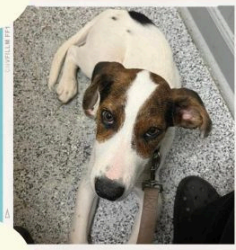
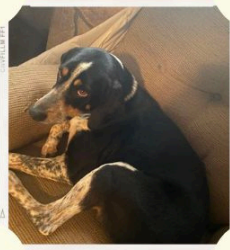
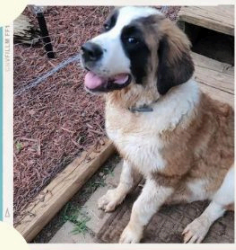
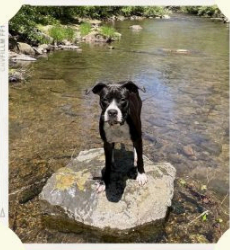
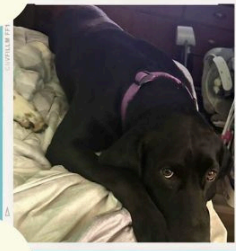
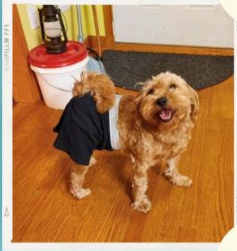
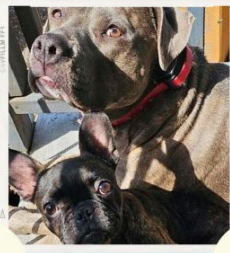
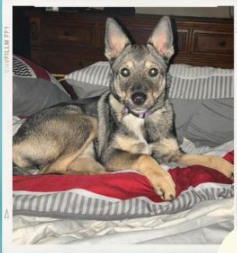


SPAY & NEUTER

Spaying and neutering are crucial for the health and well-being of dogs. These procedures help prevent a range of health issues, including certain cancers and infections. For females, spaying eliminates the risk of uterine infections and significantly reduces the chance of breast tumors, which are malignant in about 50% of dogs. Neutering male dogs helps prevent testicular cancer and reduces the risk of prostate problems.

Additionally, spaying and neutering can lead to better behavior and temperament, reducing the likelihood of aggressive behavior and the urge to roam, which can result in injuries or accidents.

Recognizing the importance of these procedures, we issued 46 spay and neuter vouchers during the last quarter, ensuring that more dogs in our community can lead healthier, happier lives.



All these beloved family members were spayed or neutered this past quarter.

Thank you to the Animal Clinic of Rockbridge, Blue Ridge Animal Clinic, Edgewater Animal Hospital, Lexington Animal Hospital, and The WellPet Group

WAGS & WHISKERS 2024

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt thanks to our community and local businesses for making the 2024 Wags & Whiskers fundraiser a tremendous success! Our event at Great Valley Farm Brewery and Winery featured incredible music by the Ruckus Bluegrass Band. With 61 fantastic items up for auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a special raffle for attendees to win an original painting by Marsha Heatwold, the event was truly unforgettable. We raised an impressive \$9067.08, just shy of our \$10,000 goal. Your support and generosity made all the difference, and we couldn't have done it without you!

*We are immensely grateful to our event sponsors: **C&S Disposal, C.H.E.F.S Catering Company, Tractor Supply, Wellspring Farm, The Cabell Gallery of Virginia Art, CornerStone Bank, Downtown Books, and Anne Valerie Portrait***

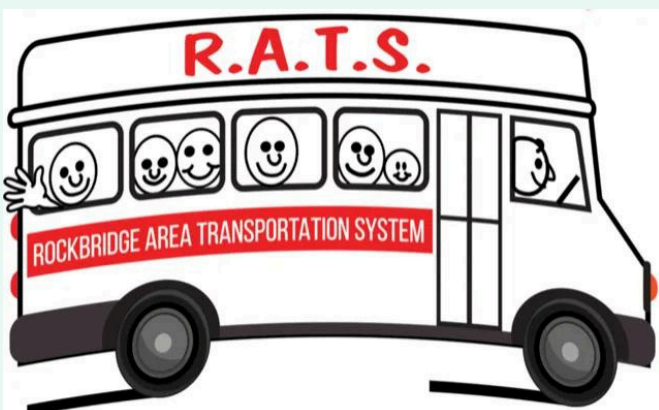


CONNECT & NOURISH

Rockbridge Animal Alliance was invited by Rockbridge Connect & Nourish (CAN), and the Rockbridge Area Transportation System to create a new partnership. CAN seeks to “increase social connectedness by bringing together diverse people to share free, professionally catered dinners, providing free rides to dinners, and linking people to community resources.” It is an incredibly exciting venture for several compelling reasons. This collaboration aims to significantly enhance access to essential services and resources for under-served communities within the county, addressing long-standing challenges and fostering community well-being.

We have set up information tables at the following locations: Buena Vista Fire Department, Thompson Community Center in Glasgow, Goshen Fire Department, Natural Bridge Fire Department, and Rockbridge Baths Fire Department. The diners we've met have expressed their gratitude for the information about RAA, and some have scheduled veterinary, senior wellness, and spay and neuter appointments. Dinners are held on the first three Wednesdays of the month, and rotate locations.

Check-out <https://www.rockbridgetransportation.org/RockbridgeCAN>



NEW T-SHIRTS

We are happy to announce the launch of our brand-new RAA t-shirts for \$20! Show your support for our mission of keeping pets and families together with these stylish and comfortable shirts. Wearing our new RAA t-shirt is a fantastic way to show your support and make a statement. Together, we can continue to make a difference in our community by keeping pets and families together. Order your t-shirt now by emailing us at info@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org.

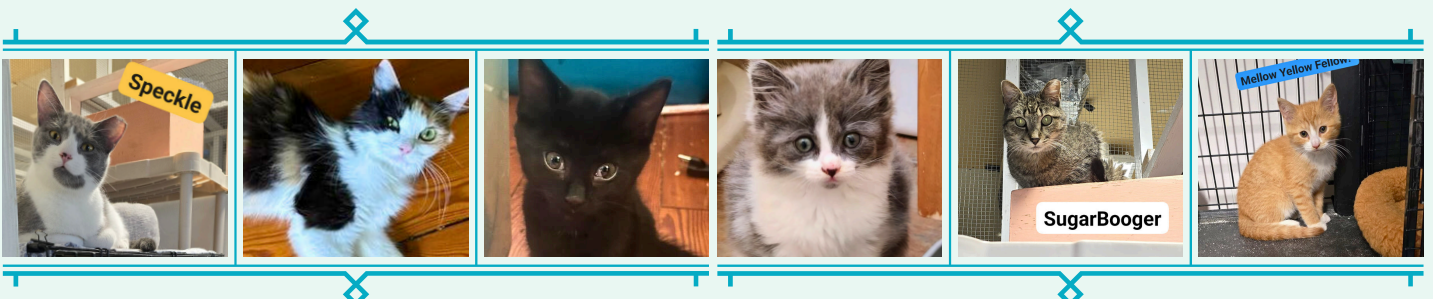


FUREVER FRIENDS LODGE

After 20 incredible years of serving our community, Cats Unlimited and their Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program came to an end on May 1, 2024. But don't worry—Furever Friends Lodge is stepping up to the plate! They're launching a fantastic new spay and neuter hotline to continue the mission. Call them now at **540-460-8229** and be part of this amazing journey that is the best solution for the overpopulation crisis in our community!

Remember, Furever Friends Lodge has an array of beautiful and deserving cats and kittens waiting for their forever homes!

Stay connected with them on Facebook for more updates: <https://www.facebook.com/homelesscatsanddogs/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rockbridge Animal Alliance is on the lookout for passionate volunteers to join our team and perform a variety of rewarding tasks. Be a hero for animals in need—volunteer with us today! Contact us at info@rockbridgeanimalalliance.org to discover the perfect volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule!



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Every act of kindness brings us closer to a world where every animal is loved and cared for. Your unwavering support and compassion are the heartbeat of our mission. Together, we can make miracles happen and change lives for the better.

Sincerely: Maurine M. Houser Board Chair, Jen Coluzzi Treasurer, Mary Harvey-Halseth Secretary, Barbara Merryman Social Media, Dr. Walter Logan Advisor

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