We Have A New Set of Wheels!

Early in 2012, the Floyd County Humane Society was chosen by the Alexander McCausland Charitable Trust to receive a $35,000 grant. With great jubilation, the Society chose to use a large part of this financial gift to purchase a much needed cargo van.

In early summer, The Floyd County Humane Society purchased a 2011 Ford E-150 commercial cargo van. The van will be used to transport dogs and cats to other rescues and to transport cats and dogs to spay and neuter clinics. The Society will also use the van to pick up and deliver donated pet food; transport animals to adoption events and to transport tables and tents to adoption events and crafts fairs. Signs have been ordered for the van, so watch for us around town.

The Humane Society also used the remainder of the funds to spay and neuter 44 dogs and 166 cats (mostly members of feral cat colonies) and the remainder of the money went towards adding electricity, ventilation and running water to Darcie’s cattery.

The Society is grateful to the Alexander McCausland Charitable Trust for such a generous gift as it will enable our organization to meet the needs of the cats and dogs of Floyd County. Thank you Alexander McCausland Charitable Fund.

“A Night of Good” with Tippi Hedren and The Cast

On September 15, the producers of House of Good and Evil will be holding a fund raiser for the Floyd Humane Society and the Shambala Preserve at Chantilly Festival Farm. We are excited to co-sponsor this event so check in our Winter Newsletter for updates.
Upcoming Events:

**Stand Up for Strays**

A successful “Stand Up For Strays” was held on May 19 at the First Methodist Church. A BIG THANK YOU to Society member Lynn Gregory for organizing and putting on this event.

We would also like to thank the following people: Sharon Harrell of Flying Fur for the $100 donation; The members of New River Rapids Flyball Team for their Flyball Demo; Susan Barlow & Eli the Therapy Donkey; Chris Luster for sound; Purina (Nestles) & Dottie LaFlamme for their donation; Pastor Rhonda Hobbs for the Blessing of the Animals; all the wonderful volunteers & their spouses for helping; Dede McGrath for her help & support and also a thank you to Reno Scott, Jeff Brown and their dogs for their demonstration. Thanks to All!

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**Paws for the Cause Country Club Event**

A successful Paws for the Cause Event was held on Saturday, August 25 at the Great Oaks Country Club. Over 100 auction items were donated that helped raise $7,000. A big Thank You to Diane Giessler for organizing this event. Kudos also, to all of the Society members who came out and helped with the set up and clean up. Special thanks to those members who provided the delicious food for the event and to Barbara Spillman for the wine tasting and sales.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**September 22, 2012** – Fall Rabies Clinic; various location

**September 29-30** Floyd County Arts and Crafts Festival at Floyd County High School. Saturday, Sept. 29 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, September 30 – noon to 5 p.m.

**October 13, 2012** Virginia Tech vs Duke at Lane Stadium, Blacksburg. Game time to be announced. While attending the game be sure and visit the Floyd County Humane Society’s Concession Stand at the south end of Lane Stadium.

**November 8, 2012** Virginia Tech vs Florida State Seminoles at Lane Stadium, Blacksburg. Game time – 7:30 p.m. While attending the game be sure and visit the Floyd County Humane Society’s Concession Stand at the south end of Lane Stadium.

**November 24, 2012** Virginia Tech vs University of Virginia at Lane Stadium, Blacksburg. Game time to be announced. While attending the game be sure and visit the Floyd County Humane Society’s Concession Stand at the south end of Lane Stadium.
Cats Looking for a Forever Home . . .

I’m Buddy. I am neutered and UTD on vaccines. I was a stray that was taken in by a lady who meant well but was not used to cats. She fed me regularly but not the type of food that is healthy so I was a little malnourished when I went to my foster home. I am doing great now. I love staying outdoors and would be very happy living in a barn as long as someone takes good care of me. I am friendly but not into cuddling. That’s not masculine and I am a masculine cat. If you would like a wonderful barn cat & to meet me, contact Darcie by leaving a message at 540-745-7207 or by e-mailing floydhumane@gmail.com.

Handsome Jack - Black, neutered male, Domestic Short Hair - approx. 6 mos. old, UTD on vaccines, dewormed, Felv/FIV/HW negative, and neutered. After being rescued from a dumpster, I was a little scared. I was not sure if I could tame the lady who rescued me at first. After several days when I thought she was ready, I let her touch me. Now when she comes into my room, I rub around her feet & let her pick me up. She likes it when I head butt her, give kisses on the face even and when I try to lick her in the eye! Just as my name implies I am a very good looking and sweet boy that gets along with all the other kittens. I would really like to be your top cat - I want your full attention. If you are interested in giving me a forever home, leave a message for Crystal at 540-745-7207 or by e-mailing floydhumane@gmail.com.

I’m Luckie, a 2yr. old spayed female orange tabby and am UTD on shots. I will briefly tell you my sad story that I hope will have a happy ending! I was tossed outside by my owners and left alone to fend for myself. A horrible ol’ tomcat attacked me and destroyed my left eye. My luck started improving when a nice Floyd County Humane Society volunteer took me in and got me the medical care I needed. I do really great for a one-eyed cat! :) I am very loving and I want to be with kind people all the time. The only thing now that will make my life complete would be a forever home - preferably with no dogs cause they are scary! (I get along with other cats, my foster family has 11!) Will you help finish my story with a happy ending??? If so, you may contact my foster mom, Cathy at either 540-745-7207 or by e-mailing floydhumane@gmail.com.
Dogs Looking for a Forever Home . . .

I am Amelia; I am approximately 1.5 - 2 years old; UTD on vaccines, and spayed. I am a very smart gal with great intuition! I am ready to find that forever home. I am a sweet and playful gal that loves people and I get along with other dogs. I do love a good chase so it may be best to be in a home without cats - unless they are fearless. If you want to meet me or learn more about me, contact my foster mom Rigel by leaving a message at 540-745-7207 or by e-mailing floydhumane@gmail.com.

I am Petal - like a beautiful flower! I am 3yrs old, a Chow Lab mix, very friendly and affectionate. I love everyone - people and other animals!! I am up-to-date on all vaccines, spayed, and housebroken. I am very adaptable and can be either an indoor or outdoor dog. I am calm and patient and would make a great family pet. If you would like to meet me, please leave a message for my foster mom, Sunny at 540-745-7207 or by emailing floydhumane@gmail.com.

Sampson was left at the dumpster when he was just a few months old. He is a shep/x. He loves to be with people but needs to be with older kids. He would love to have a fenced in yard to himself. Sampson doesn’t like to share with other dogs so he will need to be the only dog in the family. He is UTD on vaccines, dewormed, heartworm tested, neutered, and on heartworm prevention. He is 2 1/2 years old. Sampson loves to play with his ball and tire toy. He has been in foster care for 2 years and is ready for his own family. Please call the Floyd County Humane at 540-745-7207 or email his foster mom Debbie at janrose@swva.net.

Help Support the Floyd County Humane Society

At each of the Virginia Tech home football games, the Humane Society volunteers will be hosting a concession stand. While you are attending these games, please come by our stand located at the south end of Lane Stadium to buy your concessions and say “Hi”. A percentage of our sales helps the society help the dogs and cats of Floyd County.
Hi, I am Harley and the fluffy calico with me is my sister, Shelby. We were adopted from the Floyd County Humane Society by a nice couple, who, fortunately for us, believe that kittens need to come in pairs. We were on a list of cats and kittens in another county to be put down, when the special people from FCHS rescued us. Our new parents are delighted with us. Mom calls us “love bugs” because we love to cuddle and sit on laps already. Mom says that is due to the outstanding foster parents with FCHS that know how to socialize cats and kittens.

We moved into a home with several adult cats and one very large dog and we already run the show. We refused to eat kitten food and use the non-clumping litter box because we wanted to be like the older cats. We have learned what “big girl cat food” is and are using the big litter boxes the adult cats use. Mom says we moved out of diapers and into training pants; whatever that means.

We cannot express our gratitude to Floyd County Humane Society for the wonderful gift they brought into our lives allowing us to adopt Zeke. He is the sweetest, most gentle, loving baby boy! We truly love Zeke and he has quickly grown to love his new forever home and his forever pet parents!

Sincerely,
Diana, Don & Zeke
Hi, my name is Bonnie. Dad named me after the singer, Bonnie Raitt. I was humanely trapped at a green box as a young kitten, spayed, then adopted by a couple in the Humane Society. As you can see, I have become quite comfortable living indoors, with regular meals and heat and air conditioning.

I like that I do not have to worry about where my next meal will come from. For some reason Mom and Dad brought home a 90 pound dog several years ago, to a house full of 10 indoor cats. Mom assured me that he only wanted to play, but he freaked me out when he lunged at me, so I swatted him on the nose. Now we get along just fine. I was the only one of 10 cats to stand up to the dog, so Mom says she thinks I was named after the Bonnie in “Bonnie and Clyde”. We all get along very well now. Yes, I am in the dog’s bed in this picture.

Jason and Frances have settled down fairly well and experienced quite a growth spurt a week or so after they arrived! Much to Jason’s chagrin though, Frances is now the larger and more muscular of the pair. Jason is still the same inquisitive kitty and was the first to fully explore the house. Many a night early on was filled with his calls to her to come see what he found, and only would cease after she begrudgingly left the upstairs to come see the dining room for the fifth time that night. Frances remains the more reserved of the two and Jason remains the ever playful one.

In the last two weeks Frances seems to have figured out that she is the stronger and has actually managed to push him out of the way to get attention and steal the occasional treat from him.

Mike and Andrea

*articles may have been edited due to space restrictions

In Memory of:

**In Memory of our beloved “Oreo”**
Tony and Karen Triplette

**In Memory of Ora Lee Garmer**
John and Judith Bevans

**In Memory of “Jack”**
Scott and Lisa Perry

**In Memory of “Nemo”**
Erika Bolt

**In memory of “Jake”, Marc’s clone and a cat with a lot of attitude. We love you and miss you.**
Dad and Mom

**In Memory of Becky Metcalfe Rose**
Barbara, Tim and Gregg Parris

**In Memory of Becky Metcalfe Rose Brown, Edwards & Co. L.L.P.**
Dear Tabby,

My owner just does not understand that I would love for her to brush me! It feels so good to have my back scratched. I bring her the brush but she thinks I want to play fetch so she throws my ball instead. I would just love to be brushed! Would you let her know how often a dog should be brushed, please?

Thanks, Itchy

Dear Itchy:

I feel your pain, I mean itch. All of us would love for our people to do more than just petting us on top of our head or scratching behind our ears. Bring your owner this copy of the newsletter and your brush and let her read the following. Owners: Regular grooming with a brush or comb will help keep your pet’s hair in good condition by removing dirt, spreading natural oils throughout the coat, preventing tangles and keeping their skin clean and irritant-free. If your dog has a smooth, short coat like a Chihuahua, boxer or basset hound, you should brush them about once a week. If your dog has a dense fur that’s prone to matting, like that of a retriever, then once a week, (a) use a slicker brush to remove tangles (b) next, catch dead hair with a bristle brush and (c) don’t forget to comb the tail. If your dog has a long, luxurious coat, such as that of a Yorkshire terrier, they will need daily attention: (a) every day you’ll need to remove tangles with a slicker brush, (b) gently tease mats out with a slicker brush, (c) next, brush their coat with a bristle brush. If your dog has long-haired with a coat like a collie’s or an Afghan hound’s, follow the steps above, and also be sure to comb through the fur and trim the hair around the hocks and feet.

Information for this question was obtained from http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/dog-care/dog-care-groom-your-dog.aspx

Tabby

ATTENTION STATE EMPLOYEES

Please consider donating to the CVC towards the Floyd Co. Humane Society - CVC#3393. Even $2 each paycheck would be a BIG help!

United Way Campaign donations

Please consider donating to the Floyd Co. Humane Society as a write-in charity. Every donation helps!

Thank You!

Spay and Neuter

As of August, 17, 2012, we have spayed and neutered a total of 506 dogs and cats (102 dogs and 404 feral/barn cats). Our next scheduled Spay/Neuter Transport is October 10, 2012 to Mountain View Humane.
We appreciate your continued support (Memberships due in January of each calendar year)

Membership Form: Name____________________________________________________
Address_____________________________________________ ___________Phone______________
City______________________________State________________Zip___________________
Email Address________________________________________________________________

Enclosed is my annual membership dues ______$5 Student/Senior ______$15 Adult
____$30 Family ______$50 Patron ______$100 Corporate
Make a memorial donation honoring a pet or friend_________ Other______________

The Floyd County Humane Society has several spay/neuter programs that offer financial assistance
to those companion animal owners who are eligible.
Tell your friends and neighbors that help is here!
540-745-7207 or floydhumane@gmail.com

You are invited to attend our meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
at the United Methodist Church in Floyd. See you there!