

# Paw Print

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## Our Goals

- Help reduce the numbers of homeless domestic animals through public education.
- Promote spaying/neutering to stop animal abuse and the deaths/killing of homeless and shelter animals.
- Facilitate the rescue and adoption of homeless domestic animals of pure or mixed breed lineage.
- Prevent cruelties of any form to any and all animals and to aid in the prosecution of such cruelties.

## About Us

The Prince William SPCA was established to benefit the animals of the greater Prince William County, Virginia area. This all-volunteer organization is dedicated to protecting domestic animals from cruelty, neglect, and abandonment, and stopping the unnecessary overpopulation of companion animals.

Our mission is accomplished through programs designed to 1.) reduce the number of dogs and cats being born, 2.) facilitate animal adoptions, and 3.) enrich the human-animal bond.

We encourage partnerships with the veterinary industry, the local business community, county government officials and other nonprofits that share in our mission. In working with these groups, we hope to make the greater Prince William region a better place for precious companion animals.

The PWSPCA does not have a shelter facility. If you are looking for an animal to adopt, contact the Prince William County Animal Shelter at 703.792.6465 or the Manassas Animal Adoption Center at 703.257.2420.



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## Please Choose Wisely When Selecting a Pet

"Sheds...destructive...barks...digs...can't control...divorce...new baby...going on vacation...moving...boyfriend doesn't like...allergies...not enough time for...too much work...too big...too old...don't want anymore." All of the above are commonly-cited reasons for surrendering animals to shelters. These "reasons" suggest a basic underlying dynamic: that the decision to acquire an animal was made casually, without much forethought and planning, or that the guardian had unrealistic expectations about an animal's needs and how that animal would fit into day-to-day life.

Take for example, Nala, a one-year-old, spayed Golden Retriever dropped off at the Prince William County Animal Shelter in May. Nala ended up in the shelter because her family had no time for her. As with most young dogs, Nala had lots of puppy energy and jumped when she was excited. She would have made a wonderful family dog had she been given basic training. Nala's family did not realize that dogs and cats can live 15 years or more, during which they will be completely and utterly dependant on their guardians. They did not consider the commitment carefully and, sadly, they are not alone. Many perspective pet guardians do not take the time to make careful and informed decisions about animals that are compatible and a good match with their lifestyles. They do not think ahead to life's changes and how an animal will be accommodated during these changes. And, when problems do arise, they surrender the animal instead of working through the problems.

Each year, community animal shelters across the United States take in eight to twelve million unwanted animals, just like Nala. Less than half of these homeless animals leave alive because there is not enough space to house them in shelters. Four to six million animals will be euthanized – around a half million a month nationwide, 575 each hour, one every six and a half seconds. Please do not contribute to these tragic and overwhelming statistics. If you are considering surrendering your pet, there are hotlines, web sites, behavior training, and other great resources available. Draw on this support and exhaust all of your options before taking your pet to the shelter. If there are no other options than to release your pet, please be responsible and take the time to find a new home for your pet – don't let it become another sad shelter statistic.

When the time comes to add a new family member, please choose wisely and adopt from a local shelter or rescue group. And, as always, spay and neuter your pets. It saves lives!

*The facts in this article were taken from the book, One at a Time: A Week in an American Shelter, which depicts a riveting glimpse into this nation's homeless animal tragedy and the innocent individuals caught within it. For more information on this book or help with your pet, please contact the Prince William SPCA at [pwsPCA@pwsPCA.org](mailto:pwsPCA@pwsPCA.org).*



## New Shelter Facility Opens in Manassas

On Tuesday, April 19, 2005, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Manassas Animal Control Services and Adoption Center. Chief of Police John J. Skinner welcomed the large crowd of onlookers, who were eagerly awaiting the official opening of the shelter. Douglas S. Waldron, Mayor of Manassas, and Joan Strawderman, Chief of Animal Control for Manassas, made remarks and led the ribbon cutting ceremony. Afterward, they welcomed everyone inside for refreshments and a tour of the facility. The Prince William SPCA hosted an informational booth during the event.

### About the New Shelter

The Animal Control Services Division of the Manassas Police Department maintains the health, safety, and welfare of the community through timely response to citizen calls for service. They strive to assist citizens with the proper tools and information to become more responsible pet owners. Animal Control Officers (ACO's) respond to investigate reports of animal abuse, neglect, nuisance animals, dangerous animals, and bites involving domestic animals and wildlife. ACO's also maintain a lost and found data

file, issue dog licenses year-round, and respond accordingly to wildlife complaints. The Animal Control Services Division also provides sheltering services for unwanted, stray, and homeless animals. To report an animal related emergency or current violation, contact the Manassas City Police Communications Center at 703.257.8000. If you believe your pet may have been impounded, contact the Manassas Animal Adoption Center at 703.257.2420 or the Animal Control Services Division. Adopt a loving pet at the Manassas Animal Adoption Center, located at 10039 Dean Drive, Manassas, VA, 20110.



(L to R) John Skinner, Douglas Waldron,  
Julie Hogan and Joan Strawderman

## Prince William Board of County Supervisors declare February 22, Spay Day

At the Prince William Board of County Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, Chairman Connaughton presented a proclamation making February 22, 2005, Spay Day in Prince William County. On hand to accept the proclamation were Prince William SPCA President Melissa Korzuch and Vice President Heather Fager. In remarks made to the Board, Melissa Korzuch said, "Due to the pet overpopulation crisis in our country, and in the state of Virginia, millions of adoptable companion animals are euthanized every year at the cost of more than 1 billion dollars annually to taxpayers. It is estimated that each year, one-hundred thousand adoptable animals are euthanized in the Washington, D.C. area." She went on to say, "About 80% of dogs hit by vehicles each year are un-neutered males. Statistics show that 90% of the millions of cats killed on our roads each year are not spayed or neutered. Kitten and puppy season is right around the corner. If residents take action now, they can avoid having unwanted litters of pets and help stop this unfortunate cycle. We encourage all residents to have their animals spayed and neutered to help stop pet overpopulation." Low cost spay/neutering programs are available. For information, please visit: [www.spay.org](http://www.spay.org) or [www.spayusa.org](http://www.spayusa.org).

## Kids and Family Expo Welcomes the Prince William SPCA

On Saturday, April 16, 2005, the Prince William SPCA participated in the Kids & Family Expo held at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas, Va. A special thanks to the Prince William County Animal Shelter for inviting the PWSPCA to share their booth space.

This daylong event was filled with exciting entertainment, awesome amusements and extraordinary exhibitors showcasing the best of County. Prince William SPCA volunteers sold pet and people treats, handed out information on spay/neutering, and raffled off two kids' sand pails filled with fun toys and games. Congratulations go out to Jack Downer and Diane DeGroodt for being the recipients of the raffle prizes. The day was a great success and \$370 was raised for the Prince William SPCA!



PWSPCA T-shirt sales at the Kids and Family Expo  
help support our efforts to save animals lives.

## Donation Recognitions...

In memory of Tuffy, from P.R. and  
Beth Kathryn Banerjee

In honor of Elkie, from Leslie Forcier

In honor of Bill Korzuch, from daughter  
Natalie for a happy first Father's Day!

In honor of Melissa Korzuch,  
from sister Jen



Natalie Korzuch shows  
her support for the PWSPCA.



Spay today...save a life tomorrow!

## Save A Life — Adopt A Shelter Pet!

Are you looking for a new canine companion or feline friend to join the family? Your next loyal pet is waiting for you at the local animal shelter! Several thousand homeless animals come through the Prince William County Animal Shelter each year. Sadly, not all animals brought to shelter find homes. Please adopt your next pet from a shelter — it saves lives!

Visit the Prince William County Animal Shelter's Petfinder site at [www.pwscshelter.petfinder.com](http://www.pwscshelter.petfinder.com) and view a searchable database of adoptable animals. Bookmark the site and check back regularly for new additions or visit the shelter in person to be sure you meet every one of the animals available for adoption!

PWSPCA launched the Friends of the Shelter Program to assist the Prince William County Animal Shelter in placing adoptable shelter animals on Petfinder. The Prince William County Animal Shelter's featured pet listing on the Petfinder site is coordinated on a weekly basis by PWSPCA volunteers.

How can you help PWSPCA continue to grow the Friends of the Shelter Program? PWSPCA is looking for volunteers in the areas of photographing shelter pets and writing descriptions for the Petfinder site. PWSPCA is also seeking animal rescue groups to foster pets when the shelter exceeds capacity. For additional information on how you can support the PWSPCA Friends of the Shelter Program, email [jent@pwspca.org](mailto:jent@pwspca.org) for details.



Volunteer Darla Butler takes a moment to pet a friendly black kitten at the Fancy Cats booth at the DC No More Homeless Pets ([nmhpd.org](http://nmhpd.org)) Adopt-a-Thon on May 1. The little guy was one of many lovable, adoptable animals looking for a new home at the event.

## PWSPCA Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the 2005 Prince William SPCA Board of Directors. The Board is made up of 11 members and one advisor. All members serve on a volunteer basis and give of their time to improve the welfare of animals in the greater Prince William County region. If you are interested in serving on the Board or any one of our committees, please contact Melissa Korzuch at [melissa@pwspca.org](mailto:melissa@pwspca.org). Board elections are held in November and committee appointments are made throughout the year.

Melissa Korzuch, President  
Heather Fager, Vice President  
Jennifer Tomb, Secretary  
Lori Magee, Treasurer  
Darla Butler, Director at Large  
Dave Ghysen, Director at Large  
Ingrid MacDonald, Director at Large  
Dr. Ross Moore, Director at Large  
Sam Newsome, Director at Large  
Brian Oliver, Director at Large  
Joan Strawderman, Director at Large  
Tracy Gordon, Advisor to the Board

## Prince William SPCA Hosts Booth at 5th Annual Pet Fiesta

On Saturday, May 7, 2005, [Gooddogz.org](http://Gooddogz.org) hosted the 5th Annual Pet Fiesta at the Reston Town Center. The Prince William SPCA was there fundraising, passing out information and promoting spay/neutering. Activities included pet CPR training, microchipping, contests and over 50 vendor and animal welfare group booths.

A special thank you goes out to Heather Kerlin, an independent PartyLite representative ([candles4rescues@yahoo.com](mailto:candles4rescues@yahoo.com)), who sponsored the Prince William SPCA's booth. Her donation enabled the PWSPCA to exhibit at the event for free!

Visit our website @  
[www.pwspca.org](http://www.pwspca.org)



## Make a Bold Fashion Statement!

Prince William SPCA t-shirts are now available from our member store. The shirts are available in white and feature our PWSPCA logo in red, as well as our statement encouraging people to take responsibility and spay or neuter their pets. They are available in medium, large and extra large and can be purchased for \$12 plus shipping and handling. Let the world know you're proud to support the PWSPCA and their efforts to save animals lives! Visit our member store at [www.pwspca.org](http://www.pwspca.org) for more information.

A special thanks to Varsity Graphics in Woodbridge, Virginia for their generous support and top-quality t-shirts!

## Support the PWSPCA Through Workplace Giving!

The Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA) makes it easy for you to make charitable contributions through payroll deduction programs. If your workplace participates, you can contribute to the Prince William SPCA through the CFC. Simply complete the pledge card with the amount you would like to donate and designate the Prince William SPCA as the recipient (participant number 7422).

# Your Support is Greatly Needed

## Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to assist in the efforts of the new Prince William SPCA. We are a small group and we need people in order to grow. The following opportunities are available:

### Community Outreach and Public Relations

- Humane education (at schools, etc.)
- Write or contribute articles to newsletter
- Advertise programs, events, and needs
- Assist with publication of articles and radio/TV spots

### Administrative

- Check phone messages and assist callers
- Procure supplies (office, shelter, vet, promo)
- Maintain mailing list and database
- Solicit product donations, services, and "wish-list" items

### Fundraising/Special Events

- Assist with membership drive
- Solicit donations and grants
- Sell raffle tickets
- Distribute and collect change cans
- Assist with mailings
- Plan and assist with special events (cat shows, dog walks, etc.)
- Craft or bake for special events

### Special Services

- Legal
- Photography/Art
- Newsletter editing/publishing
- Veterinary
- Accounting
- Printing/Copying
- Design/Graphics

Go to [www.pwspca.org](http://www.pwspca.org) and download a volunteer application form today!

# Prince William SPCA

## Become a Member

Be part of our growing membership!

Please fill out this form and send it with your check, payable to Prince William SPCA  
Send to: Prince William SPCA, PO Box 6631, Woodbridge, VA 22195

One-year membership fee: \$25 (Members must be 18 years of age or older.)

Name: .....

E-mail Address: .....

Street Address: .....

Phone: .....

Today's Date: .....

## Make a Donation

Help support the efforts of the Prince William SPCA

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