



Animal Welfare League Of Queen Anne's County

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MORE THAN JUST SECOND CHANCES

Welcome to the Jungle

A bit about animal registrations and county pet obligations

In Queen Anne's County and in the state of Maryland, there are certain obligations that you must fulfill if you are a pet owner.

Maryland law states that any pet dog, cat or ferret over the age of four months, must be adequately vaccinated against rabies. This means that they receive the vaccination from a licensed veterinarian. That can be accomplished by making a vet appointment or checking into when the next rabies vaccination clinic is happening in your area. Rabies is a deadly disease and it is very important to protect your pet against it.

Once your pet is vaccinated against rabies you should look into your local county law to know what your legal obligation is to your county. In Queen Anne's County you must register your dog, cat or ferret. This is a lifetime registration so once you do so you will not have to do so again as long as you and your pet live in the county.

The county registration requires that your pet be microchipped. This is not a tracking device. This is a small rice sized device that is placed right underneath the skin between the animal's shoulder blades. It is put there

like a shot, so this does not involve surgery, it can be done very quickly. The purpose of the device is if the animal ever gets separated from home and picked up by someone and/or brought to any animal shelter or vet's office, they have a special tool that will pick up the number in the microchip. That number is then looked up and will be associated with the owner's information. This helps the pet find their way home much faster. Again, the microchip is not a GPS, it cannot tell you where the pet is at all times, but if picked up, it will relay the owner's information. Animal Welfare League of QAC can microchip your pet for \$10 during open hours, Tues- Sun. 11-5.

Now that the pet is vaccinated against rabies and microchipped they can be registered with the county. You can stop in at AWL and fill out the paper work, bringing a picture of the pet and a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate. Or you can go www.qac.org, head to the Animal Control section of their website and fill out the paperwork at home and send it in. Lifetime registration is \$10 per pet and a small mailing fee so that the registration tags can be sent.

Success by the Numbers: May 2016!

10 Dogs, 5 Cats, 5 Small & Farm Animals Adopted

11 Dogs, 4 Cats Reclaimed (lost & picked up by their owner)

3 Dogs, 9 Cats, 2 Small Animals Transferred to Qualified Rescue

Importance of Heartworm Preventative

'Tis the season of the mosquito and when it comes to mosquitos and your pets it can be a deadly combination. Infected mosquitos can bite your pet and give them the parasite that causes heartworm disease. This disease is caused when heartworm larvae are passed along and, after hatching, the parasites can grow up to one foot inside an animal's body. This can cause progressively worsening symptoms, including coughing, fatigue, difficulty breathing, and issues with the lungs, heart, and liver.

The cost of preventative for your dog costs about \$5-15 per month and it is purchased through your veterinarian. The cost of treatment once your pet has been infected can range from \$400-1,000. In addition, it can take around 270 days or more for your dog to recover from heartworm treatment.

The process is very is very hard on their bodies, they have to be kept calm with minimal activity throughout the treatment and some may not be able to survive treatment.

Cats can also be infected with the disease, but unfortunately, unless the cat's body is able to fight it off, there is no treatment. Thus, they will die from the disease.

Meet Prince and Raine. They are both young, very active pups. As happy go lucky as they are, these two are recovering from a heartbreaking past.



RAINE

The owner was unaware of how to properly care for his dogs and Animal Control was forced to seize Prince and Raine when they found the two underweight and being provided with housing that did not meet minimal standards. They immediately took the pair to Chesapeake Veterinary Hospital where they were seen by Dr. Dexter and diagnosed with both lyme disease and heartworms. The treatment for heartworms is a long, painful, and expensive road. These two are looking for a foster or potential adoptive home that is willing to keep them calm and comfortable over the next several months while they go through their treatment.



PRINCE

Flea and Tick Season

Protecting your dog or cat from fleas and ticks is an important part of responsible pet care. But it's not easy. The fleas and ticks on your dog or cat are only a small percentage of the number in the animal's environment. Fleas and their eggs can live outside in grass, soil and even crevices in sidewalks, while inside they live in rugs and carpets, cracks in floors, bedding, etc.

The basics

Comb your pet regularly with a flea comb, vacuum frequently and dispose of the bags immediately after use, mow areas of the lawn where your dog spends time, wash pet bedding weekly, and wash your pet with a pesticide-free pet shampoo. In addition, to protect cats from fleas and ticks, as well as a host of other outdoor hazards, cats should be kept indoors at all times.

Flea and tick products

Although you can find shampoos, sprays, powders, monthly treatments and other products to control ticks and fleas at stores and veterinary offices, deciding what products are safe to use isn't simple. Studies have found potential hazards with certain ingredients, so discuss which product is safest with your veterinarian and always read the label carefully.



Source:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/controlling_flea_ticks_pets.html

Medical Tails

Staring at the before picture, your heart aches for the pain this sweet little girl must have felt. Angel is a 7 year old Lhasa Apso who was brought in by Animal Control with the worst case of scabies any of us have ever seen.



Dr. Rice with **Town and Country Animal Hospital** immediately started Angel on her road to recovery with frequent progress visits. One of our volunteers immediately connected with Angel's forever grateful personality. After several months, Angel's coat is itch free and she is happy in her forever home with her new mommy and fur brothers and sisters.



These two goof balls were surrendered for going head to head with the other dogs in their home. Now these two are going injury for injury as they each prepare themselves for ACL surgery. Lexi had a pre-existing tear; however, Reno earned his here at the shelter. Not all of our medical cases are ones that originated outside the shelter. Some of our medical expenses are because of accidents that happen right here in our facility. Pet proofing only goes so far, as most pet parents know, but we like to see all of our babies get their boo-boos fixed.



Want to show your love to the shelter pets?? We can always use your help in a variety of ways:

Donations:

Monetary or any number of items on our Wish List:

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| Paper Towels | Bleach |
| KMR Kitten Milk | Towels |
| HE Laundry Soap | Pet Toys |
| Office Supplies | Pine Sol |
| Canned or Dry Cat & Dog Food | |

Volunteer your time! We have a wide variety of activities that volunteers can do that are all invaluable. Things like walking dogs- great exercise!, to cleaning, laundry, cat cuddling, dog baths, facility improvement- gardening, painting, fixer-upper projects, and administrative tasks.

We have also had several school groups, girl scouts and similar groups come in for service hours or projects or just for meetings and learning opportunities.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities give us a call 410-827-7178 and ask for Patty Benton or email her at patty@awlqac.org.

We Couldn't Do What WE Do Without YOUR Support!

Special Medical Stories

We are able to help these animals thanks to all donations made to our medical fund.

Thanks to your donations made to our medical fund, we are able to help animals get the medical attention they desperately need. This is the greatest expense that AWL incurs. As an open admission shelter we never know what is coming through our doors. We may not have any animals come in for several days and then all of a sudden we are brought a dog hit by a car, a group of kittens that are all sick, a cat that cannot urinate. To be able to help these animals and not have to euthanize them simply because they are not immediately adoptable, we rely on our fundraising events and the public's generous donations. Here are just some of the wonderful animals that the medical fund has been able to help :



These are one of our litters of kittens that have come to us from a farm with a cat overpopulation problem. As soon as they came to the shelter they immediately went to [Mid Atlantic Cat Hospital](#) where they were diagnosed with feline calicivirus. This ailment is a viral infection that causes upper respiratory symptoms, mouth ulcers and sometimes can cause the cats to limp. The kittens also have some eye ulcer issues. Luckily, with good vet care, a little medicine and lots of food and love, these beautiful kittens are on the mend and will soon be ready for adoption. We have been happily able to help rehome these sweet kittens and help the land owner fix the adult cats on his property so he won't have more litters.



Rocky & Raleigh are two senior dogs that were brought to us after someone rescued them from being abandoned in a parking lot. Rocky (all tan), is basically blind and has chronic dry eye. Both dogs have severe dental disease and need extensive dental work. Both dogs are in a wonderful foster home, Rocky is on meds to help make his eyes more comfortable, and soon they will be getting the necessary dental work. Then on to their forever home!!



Faire Maiden is a little 8 year old man who came to us with a severe upper respiratory infection. After massive amounts of weight loss and multiple treatments, Mr. Maiden was finally on the road to recovery. We then discovered that Mr. Maiden was also suffering from severe dental disease. He is scheduled to have extensive dental work done and is expected to make a happy, healthy recovery. Mr. Maiden will then be on the lookout for his forever home where he can be spoiled with canned food every single day.



These three kittens were brought to us in sad shape. Dirty, clearly very sick and congested, these kittens needed a lot of help. Staff cleaned them up, bottle fed two of the three that didn't want to eat on their own, started them on antibiotics and cleaned their faces several times a day- keeping their eyes clean and medicated. The kittens also benefited from going into a "steam box" a couple times a day to help with their congestion. As pictured above, you can see that the smallest kitten, either due to birth defect or trauma at an early age, is missing a foot on one of her back legs. They are also well on their way to being healthy and adoptable.

Featured Adoptable Pets!!



Big dog lover alert! Oakley is a 9 month old American Bulldog, just a pup, everything is still a learning lesson for him. His ideal home would be a family with children, where he can continue to get the attention, exercise and love. Continuing his obedience training would be a plus, he does enjoy his female canine friends more over male friends. If you are a big dog lover don't miss out on the chance to scoop this handsome guy up!

Meet Ms. Honey (brown and white) and Matilda are two sweet and social guinea pigs. They would love to find a home together where they can be your new low maintenance pet. They are easy to take care of and a lot of fun to watch and play with.



Looking for a well behaved dog for your house? Look no further than Emmy! Emmy is a 6 year old Boxer/Lab mix who loves children and adults of all ages. She would prefer to be the only dog in the home. She is a beautiful and loyal pet who wants to join your family!



Roly poly beautiful one and half year old female tuxedo cat Deidra is looking for a full time lounging chair. Deidra is a fun relaxed kind of girl who enjoys playing with toy mice, eating, belly rubs, and other kitty friends

June Calendar of Events

Ongoing Events:

- ❖ June 4th, Open House, vendors, gifts for Father's Day, & visit our adoptables
- ❖ June 11th, Open House, yard sale fundraiser
- ❖ Adopt a Shelter Cat Month!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. Father's Day Open House |
| 5. | 6. | 7. Vintage Tuesday | 8. | 9. | 10. National Black Cow Day | 11. Yard Sale |
| 12. World Memorial Day | 13. | 14. World Sea Turtle Day | 15. | 16. | 17. Ugliest Dog Day | 18. |
| 19. | 20. American Eagle Day | 21. Vintage Tuesday | 22. | 23. | 24. | 25. |
| 26. | 27. | 28. Vintage Tuesday | 29. | 30. | | |