

# June 2024 Quarterly Newsletter

A 501(c)(3) Organization  
Incorporated on  
September 23, 1996

## Letter from our President:

It is with much gratitude and great pride that we extend our sincerest thanks to each one of you. Whether this is through your volunteer dedication, generous donations, shopping at our 4 Paws Thrift store or your compassionate service as fosters; each plays a vital part in the success of our mission to the community. Thank you! - Be sure to join us at our Annual Meeting, to find out more about our 2023-2024 accomplishments, and to learn more about how you can further support IRHS. Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 25th at 7pm at Tony and George's Seafood/Italian Restaurant in West Point. Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Shumaker, President

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Thank you!

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## IRHS Society Board

- President- Benjamin Shumaker
- Vice President- Lisa Pelley
- Secretary- Teresa Glidewell
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- Canine Co-Chair- Margie Hurson

## 4PAWS Thrift Store

- Chair- Benjamin Shumaker
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## Fundraising and Adoption Events

Pet adoptions and Fundraising,  
Saturday, June 22, July 27, and August 24  
from 10am to 2pm  
at Tractor Supply in King William



**HELP!!** We currently have more than 25 cats & kittens in foster care with more on the way very soon! We are in **URGENT** need of cat/kitten food & supplies. Please shop our Chewy Wishlist or contact us at (804) 785-9113 if you would like to drop off donations. Most needed are Purina Kitten Chow Naturals dry food, Fancy Feast Kitten pate, Sheeba kitten pate, Purina One Healthy Kitten dry food, Friskies cat food (no gravy), Purina Cat Chow, KMR kitten formula and non-clumping cat litter. We can send you a Donate Link online through Chewy or click on the link featured on our Facebook page. This link is not IRHS intent to solicit donations outside the localities in which we serve which are King William, King and Queen, and Essex Counties.

### Tailgating Raffle

Basket includes:

- \$20 gift certificate to Food Lion
- Crit Smith 14" Portable Grill
- Boat Drink Cooler
- Kingsford Charcoal
- Kingford Lighter Fluid
- Light Up Ring Toss Game
- 2 BIC lighters
- Tong/ Spatula Set
- Dish Towel
- Plastic Table Cloth
- Oven Mitt
- Sauce Bottle
- 10 Weber Foil Grill Pans
- Grill Brush
- BBO Sausage
- Grill Mates Hamburger Seasoning
- Grill Mates Steakhouse Seasoning

Drawing will be held on June 29, 2024

Tickets : \$5 each or 5 for \$20

For more information please text (804)366-





# Stories of Impact



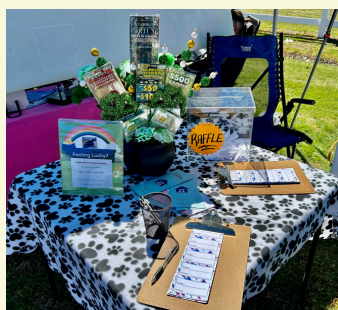
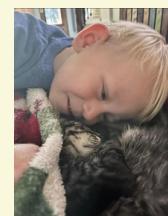
**Miss Annalise came to us with a severe ear infection that caused her head to tilt to the side. With the donations provided by wonderful people in the community, we were able to get her on a long-term regiment of multiple antibiotics which helped to take care of the infection. Annalise was adopted into her forever home on May 7, and she loves playing with her new family.**



**Sawyer was adopted on June 24, 2023 to a wonderful family and was immediately welcomed by their older cat Chloe. Sawyer is spoiled, living his best life, and can be found most of the time napping on a bed or with Chloe.**



**Meet Daisy and her boys. She was adopted on May 21, 2016, with her brother Severus, to a young couple in VA Beach. Unfortunately, her brother passed away at a young age due to an unknown medical condition, and the family was devastated, but they still had sweet Daisy. She is a traveler, and when Dad's job moved them to New Orleans, Daisy went with them. When they moved back to VA, she helped them pack and headed home. The family has grown, and she has raised two young boys and is their fierce protector. She is the queen of her castle, and if you don't find her with one of her boys, she is basking in the sunlight. Daisy's family recently rescued a kitten from the streets, and she is showing her the ropes of living the best life in the Hoch family.**



**On Saturday, March 16, the IRHS mascot, Catnip, and several volunteers were present at Dragon Run Brewery for their vendor event, raising funds for the needs of rescued pets in foster care. These needs include veterinarian care, vaccinations, spay and neuter certificates for potential adopters, pet food, kitten formula, heartworm and flea and tick preventative, protective shelters, blankets, towels, and any other supplies needed.**



## **We love Fosters and/or Volunteers!**

**Come join us in any capacity that you can manage, whether it be Fundraising, Fostering, or Volunteering! We would love to meet you and learn of your talents that could help homeless animals and animals in need. We have opportunities for pet care, organizational skills, networking, social media, record-keeping, adoption counseling, event-planning, and we welcome any other ideas!**

**We would like to send out a big thank you to the Regional Animal Shelter (servicing King William and King and Queen Counties), Tappahannock/Essex County Animal Shelter, and the local Animal Control Officers of these localities for working harmoniously with us to help with the placement of dogs and cats in suitable homes.**

**We would also like to thank our local businesses for allowing us to place donation containers in their locations. Thank you to: Andy's Automotive, Furry Godmother Pet Spa LLC, Tony and George's Restaurant, and Tri County Animal Hospital.**

**And last but not least, we send a thank you to our community for your generous financial donations!**



**This is Audrey, a Buff Domestic Short Hair. She was born on December 2023 and weighs in at 4 lbs. She is a bundle of joy and comes as a set with her sister Augusta. Both kittens have had eye infections and been treated, however Audrey's issue has left her with a right eye that is no longer functional and unfortunately will need to be removed. Donations are needed for Audrey's eye surgery. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.**



**This is Augusta, a Buff Domestic Medium Hair with gorgeous soft and fluffy fur. She is Audrey's sister and sight companion and has a sweet demeanor.**



**Adoptable Pets  
Call us at (804)885-3109 if you are interested in any of these furry babies**

**This is Cinder and Wisp. They will be ready to adopt around the end of June. Cinder is a black/brown male with some faint tabby stripes, approx. 6 weeks, already very affectionate, loves to play in a box and with his mouse, and actually likes ear cleanings, face wiping, and is getting used to baths. Wisp is a Tortoiseshell female, approx. 5 weeks, loves attention and face rubs, plays, and sleeps curled up with Cinder. Since they came to us without a mother, we are teaching them how to eat kitten pâté, clean their faces and bodies, and they already know how to use the litter box. They can be adopted separately or together. They will be dog and cat-tested, and currently do not exhibit fear of noise, including a vacuum. Cinder and Wisp will be great companions to a loving owner.**



**Meet Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Pepper, Oregano, Ginger, and Pumpkin; more of the cuties under foster care!**



**Adonis and Ophelia are brother and sister. They were born in September of 2023. Adonis is a gorgeous Gray DSH with underlying low lights of dark gray stripes. He loves dogs and to play with other cats. He is sleek like a panther and loves to stalk his toy mouse.**

**Ophelia is a gray tuxedo. She likes dogs and other cats. She is very affectionate and will grab your hand to let you know it is time to rub her belly. She is Adonis's protector and playful sister. She likes to keep tabs on everything he is doing. Both cats like to sleep in the bed but Adonise prefers to be under the covers. Both cats are up to date on their vaccines and have been tested for FELV/FIV (Neg).**

**Ophelia has already been spayed, and Adonis has been neutered.**

**Your support of Indian Rivers Humane Society and your patronage of 4 Paws Thrift Store is greatly appreciated. We post all our fostered animals on PetFinder when they are ready to be adopted. Look for us on Facebook and Instagram for current updates. 🐾**