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PawPrints



Sweet Caroline!

Who'd have believed she'd come along?

Confident, relaxed, and adaptable, this girl has playing it cool down to an art.

Along with her striking appearance, Caroline boasts proficiency in German and a 90% success rate in coming when called!

Lovable, chatty, and unique, this girl will make the perfect addition to your heart.

Caroline is a 1-year-old Torte currently residing with a foster parent. She is microchipped, spayed, and up to date on vaccinations.



Whiskers aka Sir-Purrs-A-Lot

Searching for the purrfect personal assistant? Whiskers has you covered! Clever, quiet, and mild-tempered, this fellow will have your budget balanced and chair warmed before your first cup of coffee. Having been a stray, he appreciates having regular access to wildlife observation without the need to marshal the sky wizards. These days he gladly accepts payment for his services in nuzzles and catnip.

Whiskers is a 9-month-old domestic shorthair. He is microchipped, neutered, and up to date on vaccinations.



The Good News of 2020

In reflecting on the past year, although it came with many challenges, there was plenty of good news to celebrate. In 2020, CCA helped improve the lives of over 600 animals. Through the TNR program, 267 community cats were trapped, altered, vaccinated, and are now living safely in managed colonies in the Upstate. Our Low/No Cost Spay/Neuter program provided services for 278 animals. Together with the community cats, that's 545 animals no longer adding to the pet overpopulation problem! And as for a safe home and loving family of their own, 138 stray, abused or abandoned animals were adopted! CCA was also able to help many additional animals by providing pet food to guardians during difficult times and by contributing financially toward necessary life saving medical treatments for others.

We could not have accomplished all of this without CCA's generous supporters. Our donors, veterinarians, volunteers, and staff rose to the challenges of 2020. Because of you more than 600 animals are now safe, healthy and loved. Now that's what we call good news!

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Shelter Wish List

- Arm and Hammer Multicat Litter
- Wet Cat and Kitten Food (Authority Brand)
- Dry Cat Food (Nutro brand)
- Peanut Butter
- Kongs
- Wobblers
- Pill Pockets
- Nutro Dog Food
- Dog Toys (all kinds)

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Memorials & Honorariums

Rick & Diane Saint	In honor of Julie Dunlap for always being there when I ask for your help with the shelter animals.
Ruth Abercrombie	In memory of my sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie & Edwin Sturgis.
Kara Queen	In honor of Susan Chappell.
Kevin & Deborah Simmons	In memory of our beloved friend Melody Colvin, who spent tireless hours volunteering at CCA. We know she would like nothing better than knowing that her four legged friends are being well taken care of.
Betty Way	In loving memory of adorable Schnauzer, Matisse, who had a heavenly home with Joyce and Bob Stoddard and precious furry kids, Romeo and Ira! Happy Way was blessed and honored to be their loving home for vacations!
Richard, Lynn & Garrett Smith	In memory of Kim's beloved dad, Buck Ledford.
Angela Crowley	In loving memory of Buck Ledford, whose kind heart and love for animals, lives on within his daughter Kim.
Sandra Adcox	In memory of Kim Ledford's father, Buck Ledford.
Janet Jones	Merry Christmas in honor of Mike & Lisa Gault
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Susan Chappell	In memory of my precious dog, Hope, who brought so much joy to my life for nearly 13 years.
Mike & Nancy Ellis	In loving memory of our precious son, Benji.
Tamala McCall	Merry Christmas to Alan & Deborah Goldstein.
Steve & Janis Patton	In honor of Betty Way.
Von & Linda McCaskill	in memory of Buck Ledford, Kim Ledford's beloved father.
Wayne & Cynthia Raines	In honor of Bill Burton in appreciation of his rescue work and helping my friend, Janey House.
James & Melissa Benton	In honor of Betty Way.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Cheyenne, canine companion of Sue and Bill Burton.
Cathy Campbell	In memory of my dad, Frank Enslin.
Steadman & Donna Ariail	In memory of Susan Chappell's beloved "momma" dog, Hope.
Dr. Steven & Mandi Schrum	In memory of Molly Harnesberger.
Peggy Kleinfelter	In memory of Mike Kleinfelter.
Janey House	In honor of Bill Burton. He's helping me with a very challenging cat trapping project which I appreciate so very much. Thank you all also for all of the great work that you all do.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Renee & Tracy Franklin's special boy, Garfield.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Kacie, a beloved Beagle mix, who was a member of the Izzo family.
Lee & Anne Sneed	In memory of Herman "Buck" Ledford.
Lucile Wenck	In honor of Bill Burton. He taught me how to trap years ago and even loaned me traps. He is like the "Ever Ready" bunny that just keeps going & going & going!
Betty Way	In loving memory of the precious pets, Buddy and Chief, who shared a heavenly home with Helen & Cecil Eller. Happy Way was honored to love and care for them when Mom and Dad went on vacation!
William & Lynne King	In memory of Barry Jones.
John & Cheryl Harison	In loving memory of our precious dog Scotty. We adopted him from CCA 15 years ago. He passed away on Nov. 3rd, 2020, at the age of 18. We will be forever grateful for the time we had with him.
Dennis & Sue Lockwood	In memory of Lisa Watkins.
Samuel & Barbara Burgess	In honor of Job Way.
Cathy Campbell	In memory of Kim Ledford's dad.
Betty Way	In loving memory of 16-year old Maltese Poodle, Romeo, for whom Joyce & Bob Stoddard made a heavenly home for 15 years! He was so petrified as a pitiful stray, I had to trap him; but he went from an unloved stray to the Royal Way and I find great peace with that! Those happy endings keep us rejuvenated!!
Julia Urban	In honor of special cats Elliott and Sophie, who were pets of a neighbor of mine.
Diane Turner	In honor of our newly adopted Springer Spaniel, Poppy (Seed).
Betty Way	In loving memory of Susan Chappell's "Mama Dog," sweet adorable Hope!
Mike & Deborah Mazerall	In memory of Casey and Dudley.
Barbara Burns	In memory of my sweet O.
Elaine Knight	In loving memory of my fur-baby. R. J. was 17.5 years old when he passed away on 9/1/2020.
Betty Way	In loving memory of precious 16-year old kitty, Tink, who Susan Chappell adopted from CCA on 1/8/20! However, I find peace in knowing first-hand that one whole year in Susan's heavenly home is like a pauper winning a million dollar lottery for every adorable furry kid who enters her awesome door!
Marian Gentry	In memory of Tony Gentry.
Susan Chappell	In memory of my precious cat, Tink, who I adopted from CCA when she was 16. Even though I only had her for a little over a year, I miss her as much as if I had her all her life.
Julie Dunlap	In memory of Kim Ledford's father.
Andy & Denise Alexander	In memory of "Anna" our 16-year old dog that passed this year.
Ann Chaffee	In loving memory of Ora Bechtler.
Peggy Baker	In memory of Judy Walker.
Patricia Dillow	In memory of Judy Walker.
Joseph Kolakowski	In memory of Paul Anthony Gentry.
Kim Ledford	In memory of Gracie, the most affectionate cat ever of Anne and Lee Sneed's.

Memorials & Honorariums continued...

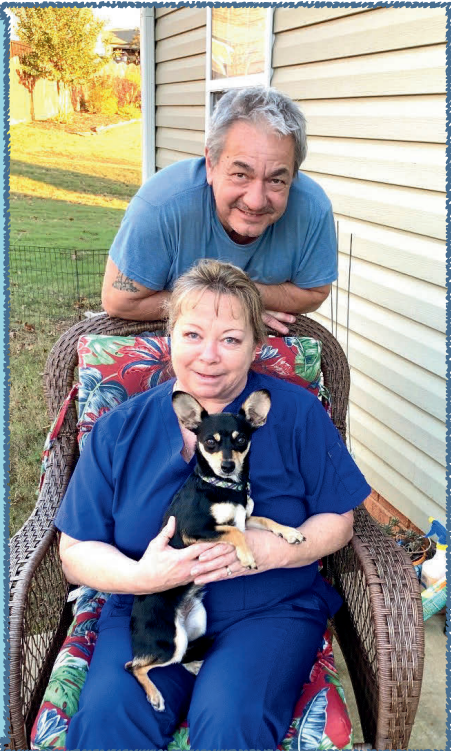
Kelly Gainey	In memory of Paul Anthony Gentry and honor of Ted Gentry.
Sarah Evans	In fond memory of Tony Gentry.
Stefany Gonzalez	In memory of Paul Anthony (Tony) Gentry, RIP.
Jason, Amy, Josh & Carrie	In loving memory of Tony Gentry, gone but never forgotten. We will continue your charity work with animals and remember your passion and dedication to God's most innocent creatures.
Debra Atlas	For Maple.
Harold & Marie Goff	In loving memory of Paul Anthony (Tony) Gentry.
Cindy Smithers	In honor of Bill Burton.
W F & Jeanette Harnesberger	In honor of Betty Way and all those who help with our furry friends.
Susan Chappell	In memory of Debbie and Creighton Douglas's sweet cat, Harry.
Tim & Georgia Greaves	In honor of Betty Way. We love her and are so thankful she loves dogs like we do.

Look who was adopted!

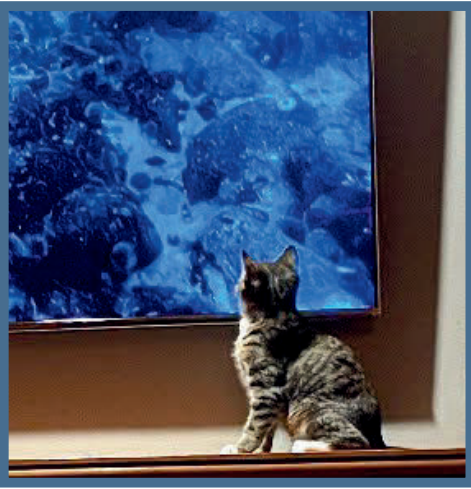


Angus was found lying on the side of the road bleeding from the facial area, refusing to move. Thanks to coordination and quick thinking, he was swiftly loaded into a van full of children and taken to Martin Veterinary Clinic for care. After recovery and vetting, Angus made the journey to CCA and immediately became a staff favorite due to his happy disposition and appreciation for good snacks and bad dancing. Angus now shares his good energy and love with mom Janice and brother Allan. Janice says, "He is amazing, very smart, and has seriously saved Allan's life."

Diego Rumor has it a stork delivered Diego to the wrong doorstep in Williamston one fine day. We suspect those adorable ears interfered with the wind pattern. Being sure he would grow into them; foster mom Lauren took him safely into her home where he continued to charm all who crossed his path. Within days, he caught the attention of the Kutsin family and made the journey to their home. He was warmly welcomed by his new family, including his brother Tobi, and continues to thrive in their loving care. Tobi unexpectedly passed away from pancreatitis recently. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to The Kutsin family.



Randall After beating Ringworm with his "This is Us" littermates, Randall chose to explore a modeling career in studio 2 at CCA. Much of his youth was spent leaping from shelf to shelf for action shots or perching atop towers for his adoring fans, yet something was still missing from his life. Despite fame and exquisite looks, Randall found himself without a family to share it all with. After conducting several interviews, he finally landed his perfect match with the Hartwell family. He now spends his days basking in the glow of mutual admiration and love.



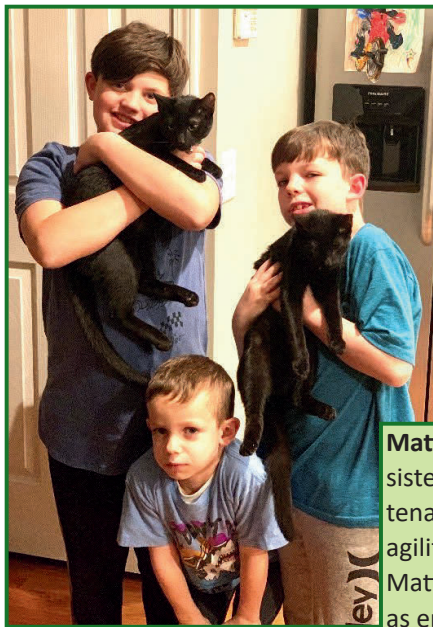
Diego: Curious, energetic, impulsive, and possessing a love for the limelight, this “Umbrella Academy” kitten proved true to his namesake from the start. Dull moments were not allowed during his waking hours and his favorite antics included sneak-attacks and circus-in-the-sink. Despite his rough-and-tumble nature, he does possess a soft side and enjoyed being nuzzled and cuddled when his siblings were not looking. However, he saved the real connection for his mom, Kate. While he still enjoys stunts such as shower crashing on occasion, his favorite activities now include watching cat tv, sunning himself in the window, and cuddling Kate while she studies.



Allison: The kitten that stole the shelter manager’s heart! In a litter of 6 it can be difficult to stand out, but Allison found her own way to do so. While she enjoyed playing and doing cat things with her littermates, she also treasured her personal time. Chirping like a bird, twirling under the wand, and swaying when sleepy were part of the charm, but a sweet, gentle personality and ability to get along with all was her most endearing quality. She now resides happily with the Price family and her chosen person, Annabelle.



Look who
was
adopted!



Matthew and Bates: These two young lads were found quite a way from Downton with their sister Anna by a local veterinary technician who agreed to foster them for CCA. During their tenancy, they found their greatest joys jumping in and out of boxes, racing on their self-made agility courses, and splashing in the water fountain. Thanks to Adeline’s care and cooperation, Matthew and Bates were adopted to the Newhouse family and now share a home with 3 boys as energetic and enthusiastic about life as they are.

Finn: This young fellow and his littermates were brought to Tiger Town and abandoned in the spring. Unlike his littermates, Finn initially struggled with basic cat tasks such as grooming and eliminating in the proper place. He was affectionately called “The Bed Pooper” for the first few months of his life but eventually learned that it is hard to make friends with that sort of habit. Over time he blossomed into a beautiful young lad with a charming personality that we all grew to love dearly. While adoption day was bittersweet, we are thrilled that Finn now has a home of his own with dad Michael and siblings Waffle and Toast.



NOTABLE UPDATES

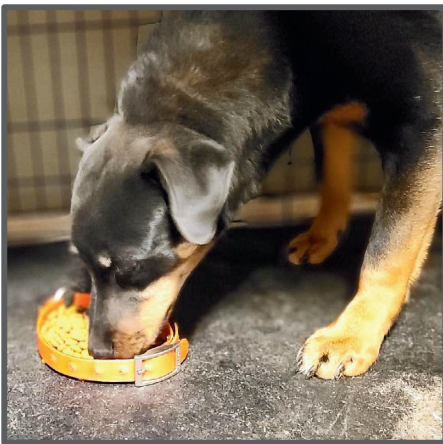


Britta was a resident at the shelter when Andrea from Labor of Love Rescue and Transport, a fellow animal welfare non-profit who CCA has previously collaborated with, came out to visit and meet our shelter manager, Amanda. When Andrea spied Britta, she knew without question that LOL's partner rescue in Canada would love to find her the perfect home. CCA agreed that if Britta wasn't placed locally by the time the next LOL transport was scheduled, LOL could put Britta on the roster to become a Canadian. The rest is history. Take a peak at Britta's new life..."The cold hasn't bothered her on our morning or evening walks...She was on the ice the other day and was a kid in a candy store. Nothing beats her waggles when I get home though. Her excitement is overwhelming and makes coming home to her that much more fun..."
Meilleurs voeux dans votre nouvelle vie Britta! Amour, CCA.

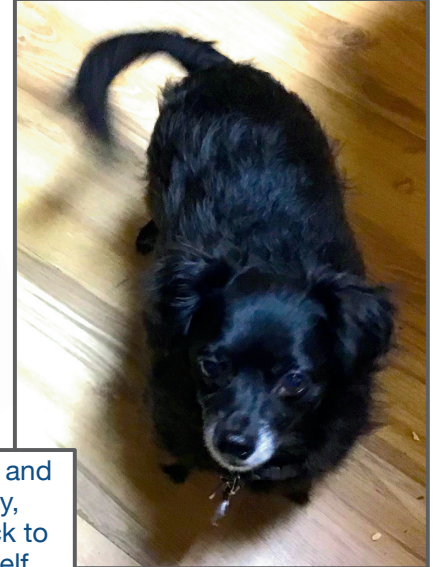


Truman: Unfortunately, Truman was experiencing difficulties in his new home and it was decided that, in his best interest, he needed to come back to the shelter. But fortunately, as luck would have it, there was a special transport of "littles", small dogs only, heading to Canada leaving in just days and there was space for Truman! It was his quickest route to his forever home and where he found his soulmates... "Truman is such a great dog. He is so gentle, lovable and cuddly...He mostly follows us around the apartment. He loves to be chased inside so good exercise for all of us...he is not going anywhere, he is meant for us...We both think he is an old soul who has been here before." Welcome home Truman!

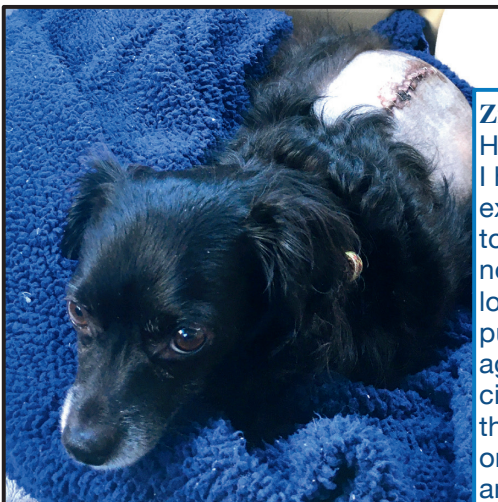
Leo: One of two young nomad brothers listed in the 2020 Winter Edition of Paw Prints has started his own new chapter in life. While brother Eli found his home with long-time CCA supporter Carol Slagh, Leo remained behind, still unsure as to whether humans could really be trusted. Thanks to Lori Raymond, who took an active interest in Leo's welfare, the perfect foster home was secured in November. Natalie Hopper generously agreed to the task of rehabilitation and continues to help this fearful juvenile develop confidence in himself and humans. We are incredibly grateful to these two ladies for their love and dedication to Leo and look forward to watching him progress.



<— Leo, using his collar as a bowl to learn it is not something to be feared.



Zipper, before and after surgery, thankfully back to his "Zippy" self.



Zipper

Hi my name is Brittainy Shirah. I have a Dog who is 8 years old, he had a collapsed disk in his back and was in excruciating pain, he also lost feeling and use of his back legs. I was desperate to get him some help. His surgery was going to cost me \$4,500 Dollars and I did not have that kind of money! I was not able to get credit to pay for it either. I looked all over the US for a place that would help my baby cause I could not see putting him down he was not terminally ill and he was not old. Well finally after agonizing for a week or so I found the most amazing Organization. Concerned citizens for animals group and they donated ... and I set up arrangements to pay them back ... every month till paid in full. I will never quit being grateful to this organization and the caring people who run it. Zipper is now fully recovered and running around, back to normal.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT... PLEASE MEET RAY CHARLES

My name is Ray, and all the girls say I am pretty fly for a blind guy! I was found in the road by a nice lady who brought me to CCA. My eyes were heavily infected, and I was in quite a pickle before my new friends nursed me to health and sent those fleas packing. My eyes have healed up a great deal and I can see shadows in my left one! I can do all the things my best buddies Whiskers and Finn can do, some things even better. My hobbies include bug catching, audiobooks, and sprinting on the treadmill.

Ray Charles is a 9-month-old domestic shorthair with special needs. Due to early trauma and neglect, Ray developed a severe infection leading to ulcers in both eyes. While his corneas have completely healed, he does have some residual issues that will likely be long-term such as cataract and the potential for glaucoma. Ray also suffers from vertical nystagmus, which causes his eyes to bounce up and down while he holds his head still. Despite these disabilities, Ray can lead a normal and fulfilling life. He is mild-tempered, affectionate, and has no problem entertaining himself while the others rest. Are you the perfect home for this special fellow?

Ray is neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated. Please contact ccaoptions@gmail.com if you are interested in fostering or adopting Ray Charles.



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Who We Are

Founded in 1980, Concerned Citizens for Animals is celebrating 41 years of improving the lives of homeless animals in the Upstate. Through our shelter operation, and a variety of community service programs, CCA offers a second chance to neglected, stray and abandoned animals.

As the oldest no-kill shelter in the Upstate, CCA provides treatment, sterilization, care, and a safe haven for its residents until loving homes are found. Prospective homes are screened, references are checked and home visits made to ensure the animals are placed with responsible, caring individuals and families.

CCA's Feral Cat Program employs the TNR (trap, neuter, and return) process to assist feral cat colony caretakers in maintaining the health of the colony and curbing the colony's growth. Our Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program is effective in alleviating animal suffering by reducing the number of unwanted canine and feline births in the Upstate.

The combined efforts of an involved management team, a dedicated caretaker and an active volunteer force create a powerful influence in the lives of the animals in our care and those in the community we serve.

Mission Statement

CCA shall not euthanize any animal unless it is beyond medical care, and suffering would be the permanent result of medical treatment.

CCA shall operate an animal shelter for abandoned, sick, injured, or otherwise homeless animals.

CCA shall maintain an adoption program to permanently place homeless animals in qualified homes.

CCA shall maintain a low-cost spay/neuter program for the community.

CCA shall strive to prevent or stop any abuse, neglect, or otherwise inhumane treatment of any animal.

**Concerned Citizens for Animals is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
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