The NNPP Pet Gazette

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A “Thank You” Letter from the President

As we embark on our future fundraising campaign, I want to take a minute and look back to our early years to say a special thank you to those who stepped up in our early days to support our project with very large and generous gifts. Certainly, in the beginning, we were helped by a very generous donation from Randy Hudson, who contributed his parent’s waterfront property and wanted us to remember Vernelle and Randolph Hudson (his parents) and his mother’s special dog, Dumpster – you can guess where that name came from. We also were blessed to have the money donated very early on by Vicki Kinsel to buy our property on Devil’s Bottom Road. There were also significant donations made by the Animal Welfare League (who have blessed us with many gifts), and Marianne Krop and Dick and Rita Scott. And, of course, the donation from the estate of Garfield and Andrea Fricke allowed us to build our pavilion. While we have had many generous donors, for whom we are truly grateful, these donations of $100,000 or more, in the early days, were true gifts of faith, and we are privileged that you stepped up early to get us to where we are today. We continue to move forward with our plans to build a “no-kill” shelter that will serve the Northern Neck and honor those animal lovers who have believed in our mission from the beginning.

With Gratitude,

Terrie Dort
President
Northern Neck Partners for Pets

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THE LEMONADE STAND

Northern Neck Partners for Pets was recently honored to receive donations from some young fans, the children of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock (UUFR) in White Stone. The kids, ages 3 to 12, were encouraged to help raise money and awareness for a cause that benefits the Northern Neck.

“Children often have wonderful ideas regarding how to help and problem solve, with lots of energy and determination...,” said Belinda Gaskins, UUFR’s religious education director.

Millie Mayhew, age 9, proposed the idea of a lemonade (and cookie) stand. The others agreed. NNPP was selected as the first recipient of proceeds because the group liked NNPP’s mission to build a no-kill animal shelter and adoption center for the 4-county region. Gaskins helped coordinate the sales effort.

The group’s first-ever lemonade stand (with cookies) debuted after the church service on August 8. They were excited to raise $207 from congregation donations. The second stand appearance was at Tri-Star Supermarket in Kilmarnock on Saturday, August 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coincidentally, the 20th was also National Lemonade Day!

The kids, parents, Belinda Gaskins, and NNPP volunteers made cookies. NNPP’s official dog mascot, Cowboy, stopped by the event, as did NNPP members. The second lemonade stand raised $1,300. In the future, kids in the group can pick other non-profits they want to help. Luckily Ashlin Kenyon (age 10) has already picked us to help again in the future. Hooray!

CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED

STELLA MAYHEW (12)
MILLIE MAYHEW (9)
HAZEL MAYHEW (6)
DANIELLA MCLAUGHLIN (9)
GAVIN MCLAUGHLIN (7)
COLLIN HARRIS (4)
JAMESON HARRIS (5)
ASHLIN KENYON (10)
EDEN GINSBERG (7)
TIFFANY YANG (7)
The Fricke Pavilion is the first structure erected on Northern Neck Partners for Pet’s lovely 35.8-acre site at 790 Devils Bottom Road in Lancaster. “This building is named to honor two deceased animal lovers, Col. Garfield Fricke and Mrs. Andrea Fricke, who donated money to NNPP in their estate. We are using it in a manner we know they would value,” said President Terrie Dort.

The Fricke Pavilion will be an activity center for NNPP, and Northern Neck Kennel Club (NNKC) has been invited to share it as their new home. They put up a regulation-size ring adjacent to the building and now are offering indoor and outdoor training classes and fun activities for all dogs, breed and non-breed. When our shelter is built, NNPP gets the opportunity to showcase and train shelter dogs to encourage adoptions.

Many Northern Neck Partners for Pets members also are members of local cat groups and assist the county shelters. We plan to help cat groups and the four county shelters by letting them showcase their animals for fostering and adoption. When our shelter is completed, we’ll be able to help cats and dogs even more!

All photos by NNPP members Martha Hall and Karen Spraker

Left column, top to bottom: Belinda Gaskins as costumed dog, Capital Campaign chairman Eric Nost and NNPP president Terrie Dort cut ribbon, NNPP’s Martha Sheridan pets puppy, two dog owners attend with their dogs.

Right column, top to bottom: Rachel Clarke as costumed cat, NNPP canine mascot Cowboy, Rappahannock Record reporter Jackie Nunnery interviews Eric Nost, Bryna Brennan with Canine Companions trainee dog Sims, Dr. Mike Molineaux grills hot dogs, Susie and Bob Norman serve hot dogs and ice cream.
NNPP’s Fricke Pavilion

GRAND OPENING

WHERE: 790 DEVIL’S BOTTOM RD. LANCASTER, VA

NNPP president Terrie Dort and Lea Bruffy, vice president of Northern Neck Kennel Club, introduce the training demonstrations.

Sisters KC and Kelli Tignor apply glitter to those who want it.

Gabriela (Gabby) Vaculovicova, director of Northumberland County Animal Shelter (NCAS).

Animal Welfare League at a table staffed by Jeanne Schiavo, Kathie (Kat) Bryant, and Sara Ford.

Sara Ford, president pf Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck (AWL), awards NNPP president Terrie Dort with a ceremonial check representing the $50,000 NNPP achieved by meeting a challenge gift from AWL. Earlier, in 2020, AWL issued a challenge gift of $100,000 that NNPP met. AWL has been our primary benefactor from NNPP’s inception.

Cyndi Lee and Ginger Tinsley of Cat Cove Inc. at table on left; Ann Bedford (at right) of Garfield’s Rescue at table on right.

NNKKC members and their dogs gather to go outside to demonstrate how the outdoor ring will be used.

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NNKC
TRAINING CLASSES

By Bryna Brennan
NNKC Public Relations

The Northern Neck Kennel Club is offering six fall training classes starting in mid-September. All sessions will be held at Northern Neck Partners for Pets’ new Fricke Pavilion.

NNKC put up an American Kennel Club (AKC) regulation-size ring in time for the grand opening of the events pavilion on June 11th. NNKC members and their dogs then demonstrated some of the activities they will provide to Northern Neck residents,

“We are thrilled to offer our classes and events at NNPP’s amazing facility,” said NNKC president Catherine Bennett.

The fall six-week classes include basic obedience, puppy kindergarten, tricks, agility foundations, fun agility, and Canine Good Citizen.

For further information contact northernneckkennelclub.com
Nancy Schaffer was a close friend and former co-worker of NNPP board member Gwen Keane. She was in the process of relocating to Lancaster County after selling her condo in Northern Virginia. She was actually packing up and moving when she suddenly died of natural causes. We are so saddened because there were great plans for Nancy to join Northern Neck Partners for Pets. Because she was a great dog lover there were thoughts she might also join the Northern Neck Kennel Club.

Alas that was not to be, but Nancy did not forget NNPP. She left us many lovely things that we are selling in our booths at Kilmarnock Antique Gallery. Plus, NNPP vice president Alfie Butts and his wife Jessica were smitten with Nancy’s sweet, young Labrador Rey and offered her a loving home. Nancy also left NNPP a bequest of $100,000 so we are dedicating a room in her honor at our animal shelter and adoption center when it is completed. Nancy is with us in spirit in so many ways. Bless her!

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**Sims is a Canine Companions Dog in Training**

Sims is a service dog in training. She belongs to Canine Companions, a 45-year-old organization that provides dogs to people who have physical disabilities — free of charge.

Pups like Sims arrive at the homes of volunteer puppy raisers at 8 weeks. They stay until they are about 18 months old. Then the dogs go to Professional Training, where they learn skills such as opening doors, putting on lights, and picking up all manner of objects.

Sims is the 8th puppy that Bryna Brennan has raised. For more information about Canine Companions check out [https://canine.org](https://canine.org).

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**OYSTER SHELL ORNAMENTS WITH NNPP LOGO**

By Artist Carol Muratore

Smaller shells are pendants with string, larger shells are trinket dishes -- at $15 each

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