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The Isle of Wight County Humane Society is an all volunteer organization that promotes responsible pet care and the humane treatment of animals in our local community.

Is chocolate poisonous to animals?

If I can eat chocolate, why can't my dog? It turns out that, for animals, a chemical in chocolate called theobromine is the source of the problem. Different types of chocolate contain different amounts of theobromine. It would take 20 ounces of milk chocolate to kill a 20-pound dog, but only 2 ounces of baker's chocolate or 6 ounces of semisweet chocolate for the same size dog. Symptoms of theobromine poisoning include: vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death. Will it hurt your dog if he ate a few M&Ms that were dropped on the floor? Probably not, but it's best to keep ALL chocolate away from your pets at ALL times.



FREE OFFER

Free spays and neuters.

See Page 6 for details.

Pets for Adoption

Janie, female, 1 1/2 years old. Janie is a mix between a tabby and calico. She may be a bit shy at first, but once she gets to know you, she is a lap cat who loves to snuggle. She loves to play with other cats and gets along well with dogs.



Milana, 3-5 year old spayed female. Sweet, sweet, sweet! Milana loves attention. She is a very happy lap cat. She has beautiful, long hair and needs to be brushed or she will mat.

Four large pups: Mastiff/Shar Pei/Rottweiler/Rhodesian Ridgeback mixes. About 14 weeks old. These puppies are big and will grow into big dogs, probably 85-95 pounds. They would not be appropriate for apartment living. Although the puppies are very affectionate, we do not recommend them for homes with small children. See them at Petsmart, Newport News, Sundays 12-5



Pets for Adoption

SPECIAL NEEDS **Grayson** is a neutered male grey tabby 2 - 3 years old. He was part of a feral colony but would like an indoor forever home where he will be the king of the castle. He is extremely loving, social, loves attention and is good with children and people of all ages and did we



say he loves attention? He has had limited experience with dogs. **He is FIV positive.** He is healthy and with regular care will live a normal life. Due to State regulations he must be an indoor kitty.

PUPPIES!! Beagle mix. Available in February.

For more information on any of these pets, either call 757-357-4214 or email: info@iowchs.org

(Phone messages are not checked everyday.)

Availability of pets changes daily, so if you see one you like, act NOW!

Please check www.petfinder.com to see more pets that are available through the Humane Society. The IOW county animal shelter has its own website with pictures of animals for adoption: www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us On the right side of the web page click on the link that says "Adopt a pet". (Look for the picture of the paw-prints).

Success stories...



Reebok waiting for the school bus.

Reebok, a large 2 year old black lab was in our foster care for over 3 months. During that time, he made many trips to Petco on the weekends, looking for his adoptive family and hoping for a forever home. His wish came true when the Fadden family found him on Petfinder.com and wanted to meet him. Here are some comments from Brenda Fadden about Reebok's transition to his new home:

“Reebok is doing great. He's settled in and seems to be very comfortable with his new home and family. It was over a week before we got to hear his voice. Then he barked one bark when he saw his “big brother” Patrick coming up the driveway from school.

•••also known as **Happy Tails**

He gets to go for walks 3 times a day and play in the back yard. He's getting good at bringing the tennis balls back for us to throw again. He has been excellent with our younger daughter, Liz's toys, although once in a while he tries to add a stuffed animal to his collection.

Thank you, IOW Humane Society for taking Reebok in and caring for him. He is a treasure and we are so happy to have him with us."

From Years Gone By:



While all her friends were playing with their cats and dogs, little Rose Vessels hitched up her pet goat and went for a ride around the

neighborhood. The goat's name? Billy, of course!

If you have a success story you would like to have included in a future issue, please contact Linda at:
info@iowchs.org

**February is
National Prevent a Litter Month**

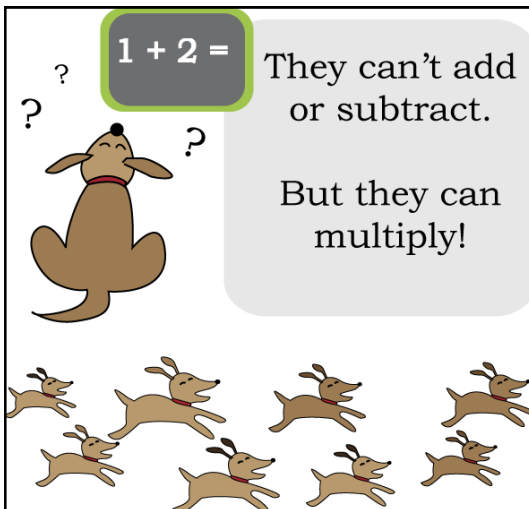
Every Spring vast numbers of unwanted litters arrive at animal shelters. To prevent these litters, please do your part and be a responsible pet owner.

In conjunction with National Prevent a Litter Month and National Spay Day, which is February 28th, we are offering **free spays/neuters** for income qualified citizens of Isle of Wight.

To see if you qualify, and to make an appointment (for the end of February) please call:

Kim: 647-9031

Dawn: 238-3313



The **PETA Mobile Spay and Neuter Van** (the SNIP Van) visits Smithfield every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Napa Automotive Parts, 1802 South Church Street.



There have been some changes to PETA's policy. Please note changes in red type below.

VACCINATIONS	SPAY/NEUTER
<p>\$15 each for altered animals or animals under 6 months</p> <p><i>*Please note: Dogs and cats 6 months of age or older that have not been spayed or neutered will not be vaccinated.</i></p> <p><i>Also, breeders may not bring their puppies for vaccinations.</i></p>	<p>Dog: \$80</p> <p>Cat: \$45</p>
<p>Appointments not necessary for vaccinations.</p> <p>Hours for vaccinations: 10-11 AM</p>	<p>Appointments required for all spays/neuters. For more information or to make an appointment, call 365-4207</p>



CASH ONLY, Please



We “like” the
Windsor Park Dog Park
in Smithfield

The Windsor Castle Dog Park offers two separate exercise areas; one is ~1/2 acre and the other ~1/4 acre, and each has a double gated entry and exit point. Each of the two fenced areas is partially shaded by a mixture of hardwoods and pines providing cooler areas to play during the warmer months of the year.

Benches have been provided for the human population and water source for the pups at play. Dog cleaning stations are located at all entry points of the park trails with one located right beside the dog park.

Prior to entering and using the Dog Park, all dogs must be registered at Town Hall (310 Institute Street) and all owners/handlers must read and agree to abide by the Dog Park Rules. There is an annual fee for using the dog park.



For more information, please visit:
<http://www.windsorcastlepark.org/page/dog-park/> where you can download the park rules and registration form.

Did You Know?

The Military Working Dog

One of the biggest news stories of 2011 was the demise of Osama Bin Laden. The military team that carried out the search and destroy mission included commandos, Navy Seals, and a war dog - a Belgian Malinois named Cairo.

Like his human counterparts, Cairo was in full battle regalia for the mission. Cairo was wearing a canine flak jacket costing around \$20,000. The vest included a video camera mounted on the dog's back which caught a "dog's-eye view" of the action. A tiny earbud was inserted in Cairo's ear. This earbud was connected to a wireless transmitter that allowed his handler to whisper commands from several 100 yards away while watching live action images captured by the video camera on the dog's back. The vest also included an antenna, battery pack, and Kevlar inserts, making the vest bullet and knife resistant.

Cairo also wore his doggles (goggles for dogs) that were designed to protect his eyes from dirt and debris churned up from the helicopter's blades during the team's descent.

That was one well-trained and well-equipped pooch. Congratulations, mission accomplished!

Information for this article was taken from [The Dogs of War](#), by Lisa Rogak

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15th: Tropical Smoothie Café fundraiser
5-8 PM, Carrollton

February 21st: SNIP Van, Keens Auto, Smithfield

Free Spay/Neuters, the end of February. See Page 6

See our adoptable cats and dogs
every **Sunday 12-5**
at the following locations:



Jefferson Commons
Newport News



Jefferson Avenue
Newport News

Visit us on **Saturdays 12-5**



Jefferson Avenue
Newport News

CATS ONLY ON SATURDAYS



“There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.”

Ben Williams

“A cat is a puzzle for which there is no solution.”

Hazel Nicholson

THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU

Taunya Tae Photography
(for hosting a pet portrait fundraiser at Pawsitive Attitudes in January)

The Peta SNIP van, Cindy Emmanuel, and crew for hosting Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic, January 25th



For the donation of \$100 gift card





The **Humane Society** holds meetings twice a month, on second Mondays and fourth Wednesdays. Please come to a meeting and learn more about us.

We don't bite!

Mon	Feb 13	6 PM	Nike Park Senior Center
Wed	Feb 22	7 PM	IOW Rescue Squad, 1802A Church Street, Smithfield
Mon	Mar 12	6 PM	Nike Park Senior Center
Wed	Mar 28	7 PM	IOW Rescue Squad, 1802A Church Street, Smithfield

The **IOW Humane Society** is an all volunteer organization that receives no government funding. We depend on corporate and private donations to fund our work. We have no office, no building and no salaries. Therefore, all monies collected go directly to the care of animals in our county. If you would like to make a donation, please send your tax deductible contribution to:

Isle of Wight County Humane Society
PO Box 273
Smithfield, VA 23431

Or, donate on our website, using our Paypal Donate button. You do not have to be a member of Paypal to make a donation.



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