Few images warm our hearts more than a happy dog running to greet us. Their cheerfulness is infectious—it inevitably places a smile on our face, even on a bad day.

Our animal companions give us unconditional love and affection, bringing boundless joy into our lives. In addition, they even improve our health by lowering blood pressure, reducing stress, preventing heart disease, and fighting depression for their caretakers. Now, you have the opportunity to help with the health of a special little gal.

Grace, a five-year-old Chihuahua, has lost the use of two of her legs due to completely dislocated kneecaps and abnormal curvatures in her femurs and tibias. She was born with a condition that went untreated and now needs specialized surgery since her legs have continued to degenerate during her short life.

The complicated surgery Grace is facing will involve straightening her femurs and tibias, as well as returning her kneecaps to their proper location. The procedure entails cutting and removing her bone, followed by bone plating and pinning. Our veterinarian is confident Grace will enjoy a full and active life following this surgery.

You can help Grace run happily toward the lucky person who will adopt her and put a smile on their face too! The surgery that will help Grace walk again costs $4,000, so please give generously as soon as you are able, using the enclosed envelope or online at www.caspca.org. Grace and her new person thank you!
Canine Therapy: it’s not just rhetoric. Studies have proven that spending as little as a half-hour a week with a visiting canine measurably reduce the loneliness experienced by the elderly and boosts overall health. With this in mind, imagine what it can do for someone who adopts a canine or feline companion of their own. I know the studies to be true, not just because I have read the research, but because I have seen it with my own eyes.

Last winter, you may have read about my mother’s story in the SPCA’s Twelve Saves of Christmas. I described how my 81-year-old mother, a widow of a few years, was sad and lonely. She no longer craved the little things that make her smile. She casually mentioned getting a companion – a canine companion. In came Sophia, a three-legged, senior American Eskimo dog from the SPCA. She won my mother over and became my adopted “sister.” My mother adopted Sophia through the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA’s Seniors For Seniors program. This program allows senior humans to adopt senior animal companions at no charge. In addition, they are also provided free, ongoing veterinary care through the clinic at the SPCA. After Sophia’s adoption, life was once again full for my mom. They lifted each other’s spirits and motivated each other, and as a result, each awoke with a smile. Sophia needed love and care which mom happily provided and Sophia, in her own very special way, took care of my mother.

On a recent trip with Sophia to visit family, Mom suffered a stroke. She was taken by ambulance to a hospital where she would remain for six days. When Mom awoke in the Emergency Room, she immediately asked for Sophia. My aunt and uncle reassured Mom that Sophia was being well-cared for by their neighbor, but when I arrived the following day, Mom asked about Sophia again. I joked that I was going to sneak her into the hospital by wrapping her in a baby blanket and carrying her into the hospital like an infant. Mom desperately wanted to see Sophia, but didn’t want me breaking any rules. Recovering but struggling to gain her strength back, Mom was depressed (hospitals can do that to people). While speaking with a medical technician about Sophia, we learned that patients’ dogs were allowed to visit as long as they were well-mannered and had proof of all their vaccinations. The hospital’s policy, which I dearly hope all hospitals adopt, is that companion animals are considered a part of the family, and family is a great healer!

To say Mom was elated is an understatement! The next day I brought Sophia in. She was the perfect canine visitor and when she saw my mom, her tail wagged like never before. Mom yelled with delight and Sophia was instantly up on her bed. They spent several minutes simply loving on each other, with both overjoyed at the sight of the other. Soon they were both so at peace that they drifted off to dreamland, sleeping together just like they do at home.

Within 24 hours of that initial visit from Sophia, Mom was making even greater strides and had decided she was going to prove to the doctors it was time for her to be discharged ASAP. And she did.

For those of you with elderly parents, please consider encouraging them to adopt a dog or cat from the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA through their Seniors for Seniors Program. It will make a positive difference as they stroll through the sunset of their lives.

Today, Mom and Sophia are both happily together at home and thriving. Canine Therapy: it’s a magical cure.

by Liz Lewis

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Senior Pets for Senior People--A Life-Saving Match

If you are over the age of fifty, you can adopt a senior pet, like Tigger or Jester, from the SPCA at no cost and the SPCA will help by providing free routine medical care in our clinic. It’s a win-win— you give a less adoptable pet a chance at a loving home and you receive the love and companionship of your new best friend. For more information, contact an Adoption Counselor today (434) 973-5959 or customerservice@caspca.org
Give a Little Each Month and Save a Lot of Lives

Pledge your love for animals by becoming a Constant Companion.

SPCA Constant Companions give a little each month and help save A LOT of lives. By making a pledge to give monthly, supporters are helping to save thousands of animals who require special medical care like Jeremy, Dreamer, Sgt. Pepper and Samson.

| JEREMY | When Jeremy arrived at the SPCA in early December, he was covered in sores and almost completely bald. Now, after months of skin treatments, love and care, his fur is slowly growing back. Jeremy is recovering in a foster home and soon he’ll be ready for a forever family.

| DREAMER | Dreamer weighed less than a pound when she arrived at the SPCA and was so cold that her temperature didn’t register on the thermometer. Once warmed and stabilized, Dreamer was found to have severe eyelid agenesis which limited her vision, irritated her eyes and could cause blindness if not corrected with surgery. Support from Constant Companions made her surgery and recovery possible. Dreamer is seen on the left, resting comfortably in her new home.

| SGT. PEPPER | Sgt. Pepper was found running around an apartment complex in Charlottesville. His left eye had been previously removed and his right eye was ruptured and infected. Because of the eye’s poor condition, it required immediate removal by the SPCA Veterinarian. Although Sgt. Pepper is now blind, he has settled in to his new home and can find his way around. He spends a lot of time wrestling with his Aussie brother and sister, getting love from his cat cousins, and snuggling with any human who will offer him a belly rub. He is big fan of squeak toys and he loves playing tug-of-war.

| SAMSON | When Samson was found in a Barboursville yard, he was in a sad state. He was dragging his hind legs, unable to walk, underweight and covered in dirt. By the time Samson arrived at the SPCA in late January, it was likely he had been injured for some time. The SPCA Veterinarian discovered that both of Samson’s legs were severely fractured and felt it was possible that he had been hit by a car. Because of the severity of his leg injuries, he was sent to Virginia Veterinary Specialists for surgery. He returned to the SPCA for a lengthy recovery and once it was safe for him to begin walking, he was sent to recover in a foster home.

Today, thanks to the efforts of the SPCA and the support of our community, Samson rests comfortably in his new home. He enjoys chasing his adopted cat sister, watching the birds through the window and acting as a devoted study buddy. He is only able to enjoy these things because of the efforts of our caring community whose support made his surgery, recovery and new home possible.

Become a Constant Companion today and begin making a monthly contribution that adds up to a life saved. Your gift makes it possible for the SPCA to continue providing this critical life-saving care for our community’s pets in need.

It’s easy to pledge your love for local animals by using the enclosed envelope or signing up online to make a monthly contribution at caspca.org. Jeremy, Dreamer, Sgt. Pepper and Samson thank you.
On October 6th, 2012, six Charlottesville celebrities did their best Boot Scootin’ Boogie under a Neon Moon in search of dollar donation votes to support the animals at the SPCA for our annual Critter Ball! These local celebrities, paired with professional dancers, worked hard practicing and purrfecting their dance routines for the much anticipated Celebrity Dance Competition. In the end, Julie Bonistalli & Keven Sumter took home the Mirror Ball Trophy, but the real winners that night were the animals at the SPCA with more than $210,000 raised for their care.

Thanks to our 2012 Dancing Stars
Julie Bonistalli & Kevin Sumter
Meghan Crider & Mike Johns
Josh Hunt & Robin Grimsby
Matt Joslyn & Kristen Wenger
Cortland Neuhoff & Leslie Greene Bowman

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“Under a Neon Moon” Cocktail Sponsor
Animal Hospital of Ivy Square
Meet our 2013 mascot, Roman! This handsome guy is a three-year-old English Mastiff. Roman and Susan recently relocated to Charlottesville from Brooklyn, where Roman spent his free time volunteering with the Good Dog Foundation as a therapy dog for cancer patients. He’s enjoying the transition from city-dog to country-dog and likes to hang out outside with his new canine friends or wherever people are. He takes his walks on the Downtown Mall, and his size and apricot brindle fur means that kids there often ask his mom if he’s a tiger.

When not strolling the Mall, Roman prefers to relax, especially on someone’s lap. He also loves the water, but unfortunately he can’t swim just yet (Susan is planning to teach him this summer!). His other favorite pastimes include playing in the sprinkler, eating fruits and vegetables, and snuggling.

Each year, Critter Ball guests bid in a lively auction to crown their pet as the SPCA Mascot. Want to see your pet honored as the 2014 SPCA Mascot? Join us on October 18th at the 2013 Best in Show Critter Ball for your chance to claim the mascot title for your best friend!

The 2013 Critter Ball promises to be an evening of (fun)draising as we present our own version of the beloved 2001 mockumentary Best in Show. Five local celebrities are hard at work preparing with their pet for ‘competition’ at Castle Hill Cider Works in Keswick on Friday, October 18th. While our celebrities are preparing their pets (and themselves) for a turn in the ring, the SPCA will invite the community to upload videos of their own pets in action with the hopes of winning a wildcard spot and a pair of tickets to the Ball. Community members will vote with dollar donations to select the wildcard finalist through early September on the SPCA’s website. The top six finalists will advance to the final voting round at the Best in Show Party at the Jefferson Theater on September 12th.

At Castle Hill, guests will enjoy a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, dinner and a brief competition between local celebrities and their pets and the wildcard participant. The evening will culminate with a live band and guests showing off their own special moves on the dance floor. Details at www.caspca.org.
Check out our new TRIBUTE WALL ONLINE at CASPCA.ORG

You can now include a photo for the online Tribute Wall to honor or remember a loved one. Details at www.caspca.org

** Tributes listed below through February 15**

**IN HONOR OF PETS**

Allie
Annie
Anthony
Ash, Brenda & Napolion
Ashes
Aurora's 10th Birthday
Bailey
Bandit
Bella Frantz
Bentley & Cassie
Brixbox
Bitzy
Buddy
Casey
Caylee
Chantal, Nikki & Marty
Chico
Choe
Chopper
Cindy
Claire
Claire
Cleopatra & Gatsby
Cobie
Connie
Cooper
Croghan
Daisy Mae
Daisy May
Dakota
Diablo
Dreamer
Dreyfuss & Dallas
Dunkin
Emma
Finn
Finn - The Fabulous Puppy
Flash
Gilda
Grace & Tiger
Graue & Rose
Grey Grey
Gus
Gwennie
Hachiko
Isaac & Harriet
Izzy
Jackson
Jackson & Milly
Jasper
Jazzy & Pickles
Jenny
Josh & Toby
Josie & Squibbie
Kai
Keats
Lacy Ann, Sophia & Olivia
Lil' Girl
Louie
Maddie
Maddux
Maggie & Frankie
Manny
Marley
Mason, Priscilla, Lisa Marie, Jackson, Sylvia and Blueberry
Max & Boo Bear
Mellow
Molly
Momo
Mosby
Mrs. Poops & Marty
Muffin Schang
Oliver
Ollie, Zoni, Dream & Tasy
Pepper
Pete & Emma
Pippin & Piglet
Pixel
Puppy
Precious
Princess Farley
Ranger
Razor
Samson
Sandy
Sassy
Scout & Alex
Simon
Skipper, Friday & Milo
Slack
Snickers
Sophia
Spartacus
Tara
Flynn
Teddy
Tibbs
Tina
Toby & Bella
Tuck
Tux Baby Spencer
Vanessa & Ezekiel
Violet & Gray
Wally
Wrigley
Zarathustra
Zelle's Birthday
Zoe

**IN MEMORY OF PETS**

Abbey
Abbey Road
Acie
Alex
Amantha
Amber
Amy
Andy & Sparky
Angel
Annie
Apollo
April
And Rhi's Constellation of Eagles

Amana
Avery
B.C.
Baby Sis
Badger
Bailey
Bailey & Kahlu
Bandit
Bandit & Panda
Barney
Barrett
Bear, Fuzzy & Boots
Beau
Bella
Bella & Alexa
Belle
Belle & Starre
Bentley
Biju, Shanigans
Biscuit
Bixby
Bizou
Blake
Bo
Boo boo
Boo Rah
Brandgee
Brandi
Brandi
Brother Slaughter
Bubba
Buddy
Buddy, Misty, Chris & TJ
Buffy
Bullwinkle
Buster & Bailey
Buster Brown
Buzz
C.J & Sebastian
Cap'n
Cally & Guinness
Calypso
Caramel, Sasha & Dog
Casey
Casey Anne
Cashmere
Chance, Mr. Puss & Spider
Chanel
Cheslea
Cherokee
Cherub
Cheslea, Hamlet, Sheba & Jessie
Chester
Chevy
Cheyanne
Chichi
Chief & Cree
Chip
Chloe
Chopper
Chopper
Chuckie
Chui
Cinnamon
Clo & Nutmeg
Coco
Colby
Cookie
Cooper
Copencicus
Cuddles
Cutie
Czar
Daisy
Dakota
Daphne
Darby
Dawg Masten

Aarena
Arthur
Aspen & Clint
Astra
Atticus
Augie
Avery
B.C.
Baby Sis
Badger
Bailey
Bailey & Kahlu
Bandit
Bandit & Panda
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Bear, Fuzzy & Boots
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Bella & Alexa
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Cuddles
Cutie
Czar
Daisy
Dakota
Daphne
Darby
Dawg Masten

Dawgkin
DD
Deedee
Diago
Dickens Kiley
Dixie
Dixie & Dolley
Dolley Madison
Dolly
Dominio
Dooley
Dozer
Duchess & Dagger
Duke
Dusty & Patches
Dutch
Ebony & Domino
Eli
Elke
Ellen
Ellie Bean, Harley & Rucca
Elliott, Lizzie, Scoot, Sasha, Zoey & Jazz
Eloise
Elsa
Emma
Eppie
Eureka
Faith
Fauve & Timmy
Flower
Flynn
Foots aka Funny Feet
Frannie
Fred, Barney & Dexter
Freddomka
Furley
Fuzzy
George
Georgie
Ginger
Ginny Dog
Goose
Gracey
Gracie
Gracie & Lexi
Gray
Gwen
Gypsy, Chelsea, Lucky & Amber
Hagan
Henry
Hershey
Honey
Hudson
Hunter
Ike
Irky, Baby & Sport
Iris
Jack
Jack & Chloe
Jackson
Jacy
Jake
Jamal
Jasper & Tigger
Jazz
Jazzee
Jeng
Jeff
Jessie
Jessie, Queenie, Fudd & Brownie
Jetta
Joey
Josie
Jumba
June the dog
Justin
Kace
Kace
Kahlu
Kali
Katia
Katie
Kibbie
Kiara
Kiki
King
Kitty
Kodi
Kwan
Lady E
Lady Webber
Lady, Cooper & Ricky
Lee
Lego & Roscoe
Lena
Leon, D.C., Benni & Tweetee
Lillie
Lily
Little Squirt
Lola
Lu
Lu Lu
Lucius
Lucy & Chase
Luke
Magnie
Maggie & Grizzly
Mallory
Mao
Marly
Marley
Matilda "Tweetus"
Mattle
Max
May
Maya
MeiMei
Mellon & Raisin
Merlin
Mesa
Midnight
Midnight
Miss Annie
Miss Callie
Miss Callie
Miss Callie
Miss Kitty
Missy
Missy, greatest cat EVER!
Mitzi
Mocha
Mocho Kitty
Molasses
Molly
Molly & Charlie
Molly Pharr
Molly, Corky, Bailey & Annie
Monty
Moonlight
Moose
Moosic
Mosby
Mouse
Moxie
Nappy
Neba
Nellie
Nitro
OJ the cat
OJ
Opie & Oreo
Oslo
Otis
Patrick
Patriot
Peanut
Peave
Pepper
Pepper - Best Dog Ever!

Within two days of settling into his new home, William learned to ring a bell to let his adoptive family know that he needed to go outside to use the restroom. What a smart dog!
Pepper, the sweetest kitty ever!

Rags, Althea, Snowball & Bodhi

Pepper, the sweetest kitty ever!

Puff, Pug, Pusty, Puff, Queenie, R.K. Squirrel

Rags, Althea, Snowball & Bodhi

Puff, Pug, Pusty, Puff, Queenie, R.K. Squirrel

Pepper, the sweetest kitty ever!

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Shireen Allen
Anne Andreas
Ann Antrobus
George Atkins
Dick Atkinson
Charlotte Batty
Corydon “Chick” Baylor, Jr.
James Beazell
Emily Gail Berry
Lucy Beverly
Renny Beverly
Maurice Boger
Richard Bohleke
Vivian Bolling
Jade Boeing
Judy Hall Boykin
Nancy Breeden
Ruth Bums
Liam Buddill
Drew Bunn
Art Cahlil
James M. Cameron, Jr.
Mary Gaston Caperton
Nancy Caperton
Lorna Card
Farris
Chapin Carpenter
Avery Catlin
Robert B. Catterson
Robert B. Chapman
Robert J. Chmielore
Susan Michelle Clarkson
Jens Clausen
Alice Clements
Eileen Theresa Cordano
Matthew Crawford
John Cunningham
Lenita Cure
Ellen Cutchin-Nelson
Geraldine Huber Davis
Margery Anne Dawson
Molly Donovan
Dorothy Eckenrode
Raven Edwards
Sarah Eisenhart
Frank Hunter Featherston
Goldie B. Feigert
Vicki Faewel
Colleen Finch
Tom Fischer
Charlotte Fleming
Ennie Flynn
Logan Forsyth
Donald Frazier
Andrew Funk
Edmund L. Galaskda
Kate Scarlett Garber
Claude Gianniny
Russell Gilbert
Britt Gore
Gillian Gosley
Sophie Greenhalgh
Maynard Gross
Carol Grossman
Peter Guadalis
Bobby Hall
Dolores Haltiner
Princess Kiera relaxing with her new dad.

Dr. Doss & Staff
M. Michael Abel
Janice Arnon
Julia Avery
Norma Bailey
Rhea & John Baldino
Ginny Barber
Ruth & Harry Battestin
Dr. Andrew Forsman’s College
Graduation
Dr. Doss & Staff
M. Michael Abel
Janice Arnon
Julia Avery
Norma Bailey
Rhea & John Baldino
Ginny Barber
Ruth & Harry Battestin

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE
Jane Hanlon
Paul & Bobby Harris
Inez Haynes
Stephen Heim
Molly, Ann & Frank Hereford
Mora Herring
Jim Holbrook
Yona Stone Holroyd
Thomas Hopkinson
Phillip Houchens
Jonathan Adam Hukari
Betty Hutchinson
Margaret Hutchinson
Mary Pat Janssen
Edith Jaquith
Linwood Jennings
Edward G. Johnson, Jr.
Helen S. Kandle
Anne Kavanaugh
William G. Keller
Meta "Pete" Kelley
Karen Kennedy
Ellen Kent
Art King
D.M. "Butch" King
Mark Your Calendar!
Saturday, June 22 | 1-3PM
Kittens & Cupcakes Fostering Opening House

Thursday, June 26th
Drinks and Links-Connect What You Love
Join us at Zocalo from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

July 22nd-28th
C’Ville Shopping Week
Shop to support the SPCA’s dental care program. See www.charlottesvilleshoppingweek.com

Saturday, July 20th | 10AM-6PM
Rummage Store Anniversary Party
Join us for a day of amazing deals and fun!

Monday, July 15th-Sunday, September 8th
Best in Show Video Contest
Enter your best pet video for a chance to compete.

Thursday, September 12th
Best in Show Party at the Jefferson
Join us for the final round of video contest voting.

Sunday, September 15th
Tony Fogliani Memorial Golf Tournament
Tee it up to support the animals at the SPCA for the 11th annual tournament held at Old Trail Golf Course. Space is limited, call (540) 832-7614 for details.

Friday, October 18th | 6:30PM
Best in Show Critter Ball

Saturday, November 30th
Pre-Holiday Crafts for Critters Fair
Learn more at www.caspca.org and join our email list for updates.

Jane Ralston
Russell Ramsden
Charles Rausch
Lindsey Powell Rensch
GB Reynolds
Joseph Ringers
Katherine Saunders
Judy Saunders
Lois Schneider
Margaret D. Seal
Prewitt Semmes, Jr.
Charlotte Estelle Shifflett
Lorraine Shifflett
Martha Shifflett
Linda Sigmon
Mary Speasmaner
Stanley Spelman
Maxwell Spetz
Gordon Stevens
Mary Jane Knight Streetman
Jean Rogers Sullivan
Mrs. Taylor
Elizabeth Thacker
Nicky Theodore
Carol Thornton
E.G. Trembley
William Trevillian
James Trudger
Elaine Tuck
Craig Tucker
Linda Vaughan
Larry Venkataraman
Chris & Tony Vergara
Edgar Vidunas
Patricia Scott Waller
Louise Walton
Phyllis Warnock
Jerry & Howard Watkins & their dog
J.V. "Enoch" Webster
Richard Wells
Susan Whitlock
Jean "Carolyn" Wilkinson
Harvey Williams
Edward Wilson
Alex Wright
Pearl Harlow Wright
Heidi Yamaguchi
Athena Franconia Yreka
James L. Zauner