



Gracie the dog, Fidgy the Guinea pig and Godrick the cat are just three of the many animals whose lives have been saved and transformed thanks to the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society and the kindness and generosity of its supporters.

The power of kindness and generosity

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Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society's animal welfare programs and services help thousands of pets and families every year through temporary shelter, compassionate care and access to services that keep pets out of the shelter and in their homes.

The neediest pets in the communities we serve count on us, and we are able to save and transform so many lives because we can count on you, our friends and supporters. Every year, your kindness and generosity have a positive effect on thousands of people and pets, and we are privileged to share a few of these successes with you.

Who you've helped

Your support transforms the lives of cats like Godrick. Handsome Godrick was a six-day-old kitten found on Route 17 in Gloucester. When

brought to GMHS, he was in poor condition and covered in feline lice. Our dedicated medical team spent much time treating Godrick and restoring him to good health. At six months old, he was transferred to one of our Highway to Home adoption-guaranteed partners, where he is sure to find his new forever family soon. He is happy and healthy thanks to you.

Your contributions save the lives of small animals like Fidgy the Guinea pig. He was rescued by our partners at Gloucester County Animal Control from a dumpster, where he had been discarded like a piece of garbage. Fidgy looked and felt awful and was diagnosed with a terrible case of sarcoptic mange. Months later, sweet Fidgy has finally received a clean bill of health, is available for adoption and cannot wait to squeak his way into your heart!

Your gifts transform the

lives of dogs like Gracie, a two-year-old Labrador-Retriever mix, who spent most of her life outdoors, tied to a tree. Upon her arrival, Gracie tested positive for heartworm disease. Because of life-saving partners like you, Gracie, and any dog who tests positive for heartworm disease at GMHS or Gloucester County Animal Control will receive the treatment necessary to lead healthy, happy lives in their forever homes. We are pleased to share that Gracie found her heart connection and will be fostered until she has completed her heartworm treatment and is formally adopted. Your investment saved Gracie's life, and her outcome is priceless.

Your donations of pet food and supplies help stock our Pet Pantry and keep pets out of the shelter and with their families. Given the unprecedented challenges so many individuals and families are facing due to COVID-19 and its economic impact, now, more than ever before, pets offer a source of comfort. Pet Pantry clients benefit from the ability to keep their pets as much as the pets do from receiving necessary food.

GMHS is grateful to have so many friends and partners and honored to share in these successes with you. Your active support and heart for homeless pets makes ours a life-saving community. Thank you for ensuring GMHS remains a beacon of hope and a safe harbor for homeless pets.



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The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society is looking for new volunteers to fill multiple roles. Here, volunteer manager Waynette Petty is pictured with Daphne, a 7-year-old dog that is deaf and currently available for adoption.

Humane society virtual volunteer open house to be held Nov. 12

BY MELANY SLAUGHTER

The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society is looking for new volunteers and will hold a virtual volunteer open house on Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. via Google Meet.

According to April Martinez, chief executive officer of GMHS, and Waynette Petty, volunteer manager, the greatest need of the shelter is its Highway to Home program where volunteers transport animals to rescue shelters sometimes 300 or more miles away.

Current volunteer opportunities at GMHS include canine/feline wellness assistants, front desk assistants and local/long distance transport associates.

At the November open house, Petty will present all of the humane society's current volunteer opportunities and will answer questions afterward. New volunteers will receive one-on-one training instead of

group training due to social distancing requirements.

To attend the open house, email Petty at volunteer@gm-humane.org.

People must be 16 years of age or older to volunteer at the humane society. Children who do not meet the age re-

quirement can still give back to the shelter by making toys and treats for the animals, guided by the GMHS craft activity book. The link to the craft activity book is www.gmhumane.org/uploads/1/9/1/9/19198013/craft_activity_book.pdf.



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Clinic performs record-breaking number of surgeries

Despite the effects of COVID-19, the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society's Fixin' to Save Spay & Neuter Clinic, located in the White Marsh Shopping Center, has altered a record-high number of pets in the past three months, as the need for spay and neuter is greater than ever.

"At Fixin' to Save Spay & Neuter Clinic we are dedicated to meeting the needs of our community through low-cost spay and neuter services," said clinic director Cassandra Six.

"Spaying and neutering has a significant impact on our community," said Six. "Just one unaltered female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in only six years. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce an incredible 370,000 kittens. By offering affordable spay and neuter services, our goal is to alter as many animals as possible to help control the pet population."

In an effort to further increase access to services, the clinic has debuted Wellness Package Deals. Available only at time of surgery, package deals provide pets with rabies vaccine, DHPP or FVRCP vaccine, microchipping, heartworm test or Feline Leukemia/FIV Test, nail trim and ear cleaning. The package price represents a 10 percent discount on the cost of individual services listed. All services

must be rendered to receive discount.

Call 804-694-0349 to schedule your pet's appointment and ask for the Canine or Feline Package when booking an appointment. Stay in touch with the clinic team by visiting them online at fixintosave.org or on Facebook.



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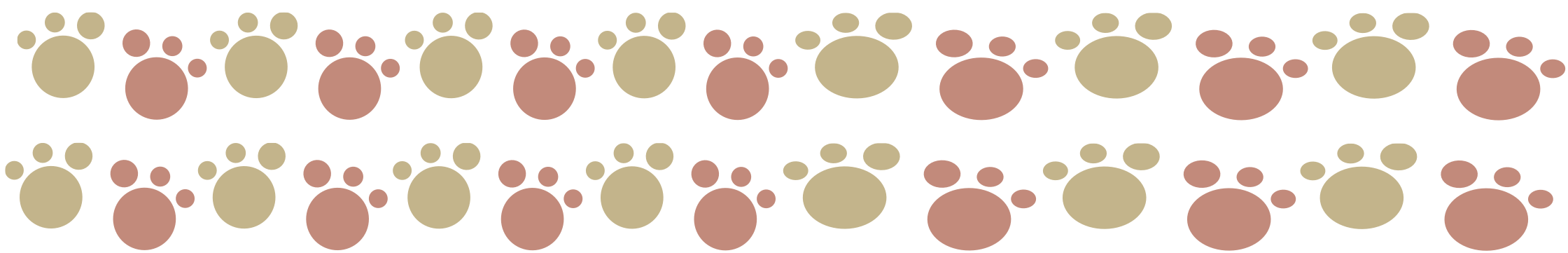
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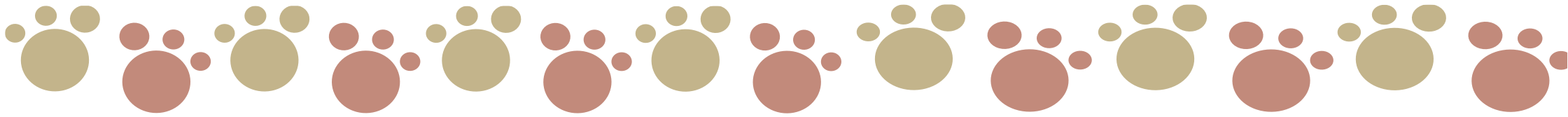
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New Gloucester Kennel Club classes start next month

The Gloucester Kennel Club will be starting a new round of classes in November at the club's training facility at Woods Cross Roads.

Rally Novice Class is for dogs and handlers that want

to learn the skills for AKC Rally Novice. This is a beginner class and the GKC instructors will guide participants every step of the way. This class starts Monday, Nov. 9, from 10-11 a.m. and runs for six weeks.

Puppy Kindergarten is for young dogs between the ages of 12 weeks and six months.

The Puppy Kindergarten program focuses on handlers and their puppies getting off to a good start in their lifelong

relationship. This class starts on Monday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon and runs for six weeks. This is an AKC STAR Puppy class.

Manners Class is for older dogs who know how to sit,

stay and down but need to know what to do when friends come over, a package is delivered, table manners, and door etiquette. This class starts on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to noon and runs for six weeks.

The GKC follows all local, state, and national COVID-19 protocols and masks are required during all classes. Registration and payment for all of these classes can be done online at gloucesterkennelclub.org.

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