

CRITTER CHRONICLES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF



Inside this issue

3Q19 SHELTER
SNAPSHOT

COMPASSIONATE
COMMUNITY

CRUISE-IN COLLECTS
15,280 LBS. OF PET
FOOD

FIXIN' TO SAVE CLINIC
UPDATE

PAW IT FORWARD

MAKING HEART
CONNECTIONS
HAPPEN

LEND A HAND

NOV. 2 BOW WOW AND
MEOW 5K

NOV. 16 OYSTER
ROAST

SAVE THE DATE



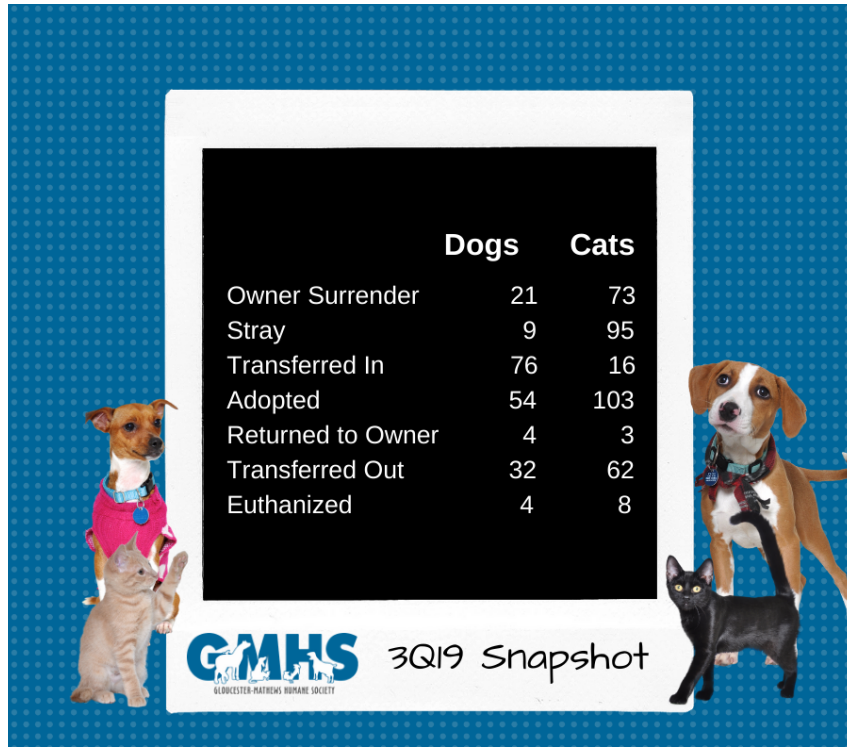
Clinic Communications Specialist Caitlin Donnelly (left) and GMHS Vet Care Team Member Cait Fitzgerald (right) welcome client Paul Suberville (center) and his Chihuahua Bootsie to the Sept. 21 clinic.

MCF Funds Rabies and Microchip Clinic

GMHS and **Fixin' to Save Spay & Neuter Clinic** celebrated Responsible Dog Ownership Day (Sept. 21) by hosting a rabies and microchip clinic. Funded by a grant from the **Mathews Community Foundation**, the event offered free rabies vaccinations and low-cost microchips for clients' pets. This was the third free rabies and low-cost microchip clinic offered by GMHS in the last 10 months.

Dr. Leslie Dragon, of **Four Paws Mobile Veterinary Clinic**; GMHS Vet Care Team Member **Cait Fitzgerald**; and Fixin' to Save Clinic Director **Candy Six** and Communications Specialist **Caitlin Donnelly** staffed the event, which served pets ranging from a 15-year-old poodle to a 1-year-old tuxedo cat. Twenty-nine dogs and seven cats were vaccinated, and six pets were microchipped. Thanks to MCF for making the clinic possible!

3Q19 Shelter Snapshot



Thanks to generous support from our staff, volunteers and donors, GMHS is able to provide daily care, cover special medical needs, foster pets in homes as needed and arrange transportation to adoption-guaranteed agency partners for homeless pets.

We are also committed to education, outreach and transparency.

GMHS' annual statistics are available on our [website](#), and we are pleased to share a quarterly shelter snapshot with you, our friends and supporters.

Visit us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @gmhumansociety to view monthly shelter snapshots.

Compassionate Community

In addition to **CA & J Farm**, **Eastfields Farms**, **Little Lights Child Care**, **Mission Pawsible Grooming** and **Shore Bites**, 3Q19 community support included (clockwise, from top left) donations from a local clown group during National Clown Week; **Kelsick Specialty Market** raised funds for the shelter in July during their Year of Support; local businesses celebrated the Dog Days of Summer by offering special promotions to benefit the shelter; and **Carter and Kara**, respectively, requested donations of pet food and supplies for their birthdays. GMHS thanks all of our 3Q19 and continued supporters for your heart for homeless pets!



"WE LOVE WORKING WITH OUR CUSTOMERS AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES ON THE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR GMHS. THIS ANNUAL CRUISE-IN RAISES THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF DOG AND CAT FOOD ANNUALLY FOR GMHS. IT IS VERY REWARDING TO SEE PEOPLE OPEN THEIR HEARTS FOR SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE."

KEN HOUTZ
PRESIDENT, KEN HOUTZ
CHEVROLET BUICK



The collective efforts of individuals and businesses made the 2019 Corvette vs. Camaro Cruise-in the most successful in the event's eight-year history.

Cruise-in Collects 15,280 lbs. of Pet Food for GMHS

On Oct. 5, car and pet lovers gathered at **Ken Houtz Chevrolet Buick** for the 8th Annual Corvette vs. Camaro Cruise-in. Benefitting GMHS, the 2019 cruise-in collected 15,280 pounds of pet food, the greatest amount of food collected in the history of the event.

An array of eye-catching cars was on display, and attendees cast their vote for their preferred model--Corvette or Camaro--by donating a bag of pet food. While the Corvettes once again captured the winner's trophy, the real winners were the homeless pets cared for by GMHS.

In keeping with tradition, Ken Houtz Chevrolet Buick matched donations of pet food made by local businesses. **Southern States of Gloucester, Walmart Gloucester, Nuttall's Country Store, Moughon's, Inc. of Mathews** and **Deltaville Market** were among the first businesses to donate, contributing more than 6,000 pounds of pet food to kick off the event and playing a role in surpassing the 12,427 pounds of food collected during the 2018 cruise-in.

GMHS feeds more than 40,000 pounds of food to homeless pets each year. The annual cruise-in is a celebration of the positive effects to be experienced by our community when we work together towards a shared goal. Our thanks to the Ken Houtz Chevrolet Buick team and all of the businesses and individuals who made the event a wonderful success!

Fixin' to Save Clinic Update

2019 is proving to be another great year for the **Fixin' to Save Spay & Neuter Clinic** and the people and pets they serve. The year's 3,000th surgery was performed in September, and the clinic is on target to alter more than 3,500 pets by year's end! Call (804) 694-0349 to schedule your pet's appointment.

Through a raffle and the Nov. 16 oyster roast, GMHS seeks to raise \$20,000 to purchase a wet table and anesthesia machine and retrofit the clinic space to provide dental cleanings for shelter pets. The cleanings will promote pets' overall health and wellness and remove a barrier to adoption. Raffle and oyster roast tickets can be purchased at the GMHS front desk.

Stay in touch with Fixin' to Save by visiting them on the web at fixintosave.org, on social media @FixintoSave and by email at fixintosave@gmhumanesociety.org.

The advertisement is a dark-themed poster with a blue border. At the top, a white banner reads 'GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY'. Below it, the title 'Oyster Roast' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath the title, 'RAFFLE TICKETS' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The price '\$20 EACH' is prominently displayed, followed by '6 FOR \$100 OR 13 FOR \$200'. Below this, it says 'PURCHASE TICKETS AT GMHS FRONT DESK' and 'DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE OYSTER ROAST ON NOVEMBER 16'. A line of text states '100% OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT HOMELESS PETS AT GMHS'. The word 'PRIZES:' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. To the left of 'PRIZES:' is an image of a Hamilton musical poster, and to the right is an image of a gold cuff bracelet. Below the Hamilton poster, it says '2 TICKETS TO HAMILTON SAT. DEC. 28, 2019 AT 8 PM ORCHESTRA, ROW H AT CHRYSLER HALL PLUS A \$150 VISA GIFT CARD'. Below the bracelet image, it says 'A BEAUTIFUL GOLD CUFF BRACELET DESIGNED BY BURKE'S JEWELERS, VALUED AT \$2,200!'. At the bottom, a small line of text reads '*WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. FIRST PRESENT WINNER DRAWN GETS CHOICE OF PRIZE*'. The background of the poster is decorated with various oyster-related items like oysters, shells, and lemons.

Paw It Forward

What does it cost to save the lives of homeless pets at GMHS?

- \$700 to \$3,000 to treat a litter of puppies with canine parvo virus
- \$500 to \$1,800 to repair a broken leg
- \$300 to \$1,000 to treat heartworm disease
- \$250 to \$750 for behavior rehabilitation after physical abuse
- \$100 to \$300 to transport a van of cats and kittens to partner shelters
- \$75 to \$200 to treat a litter of kittens for upper respiratory infection
- \$50 to \$150 for wellness care (testing, vaccinations, deworm, flea/tick treatment)
- \$40 to \$100 to treat a skin or ear infection
- \$30 to \$80 for spay/neuter surgery
- \$25 to \$70 to feed a dog or cat for one month



Click on the paw print, make a donation and **Paw It Forward** to help save and transform the lives of homeless pets. Thank you for making ours a life-saving community!



Making Heart Connections Happen: 3Q19 Adoptions

Fun fact: So far in 2019, GMHS has helped 481 *now* formerly homeless pets find their match--pets just like those pictured!

Could you be the next to make a heart connection?
Come see us and find out.

Check out our new operating hours, pay us a visit and
find your match:

Monday and Wednesday, 11 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday, Closed
Thursday to Saturday, 11 AM to 4 PM
Sunday, 1 PM to 4 PM



"THE JOY, HAPPINESS AND SENSE OF FULFILLMENT OUR VOLUNTEERS EXPERIENCE KNOWING THEY HAVE HELPED THESE ANIMALS IS IMMEASURABLE. THE AMOUNT OF PLEASURE AND EXCITEMENT EXPERIENCED BY THE ANIMALS IS INCREDIBLE."

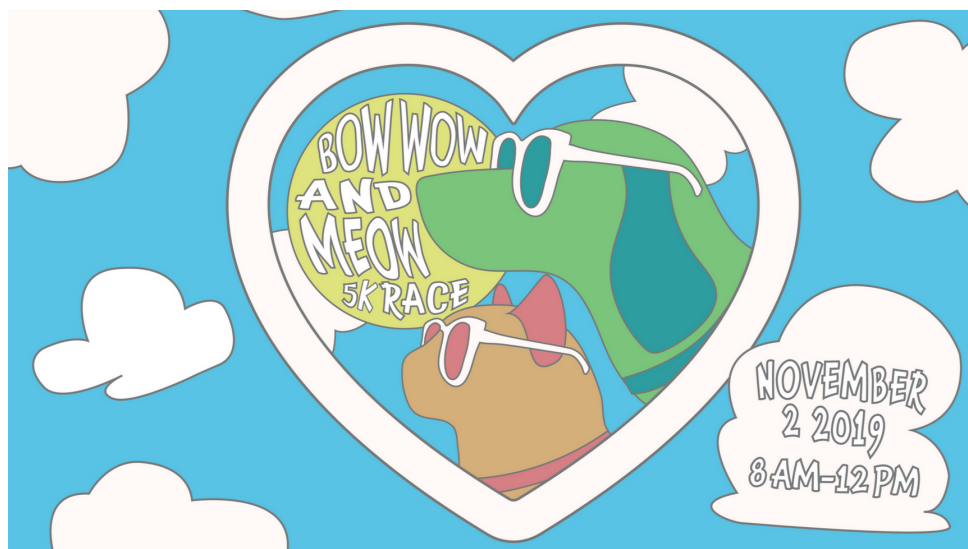
WAYNETTE PETTY
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR



Lend a Hand

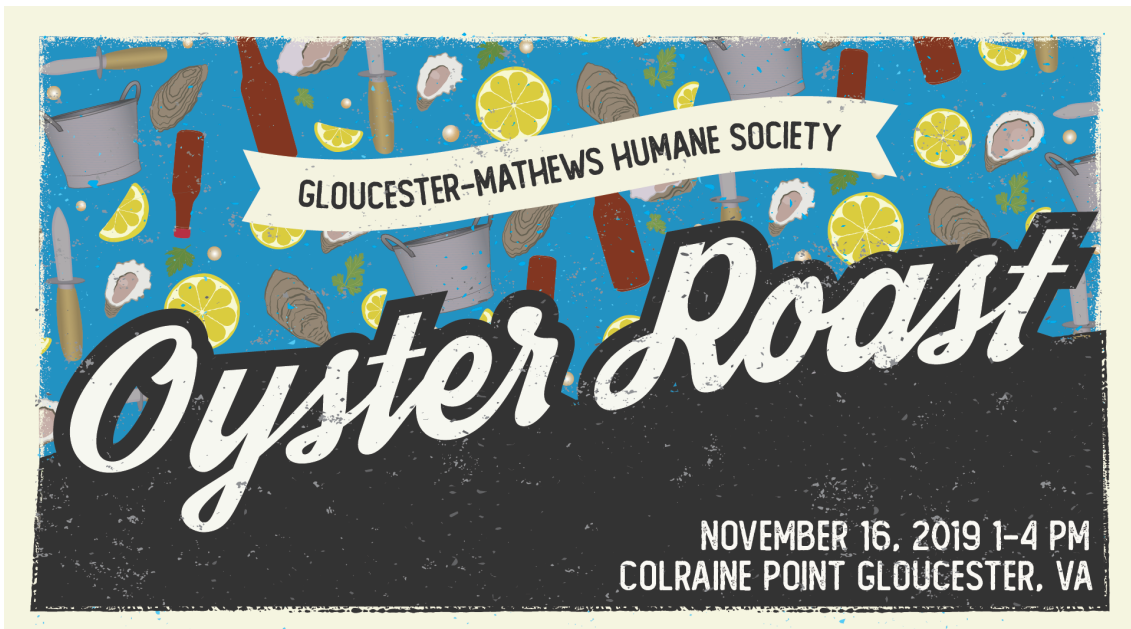
Have you thought about volunteering with GMHS? It is a great way to help homeless pets, give back to the community and make new friends. Prospective volunteers are invited to attend a volunteer open house, held the second Thursday of each month, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, in the shelter's lobby.

Our next session is scheduled for Nov. 14. Join us and learn about the many ways you can lend your time and talents to save and transform the lives of homeless pets. Registration is not required. Visit the [Volunteer Program](#) webpage for additional open house dates and more information.



Nov. 2 Bow Wow and Meow 5K

Colonial Sports and **B&B Event Planners, LLC** invite you register for the Bow Wow and Meow 5K Run/Walk. This exciting event will take place Saturday, Nov. 2, at York River State Park, and benefit GMHS. With a Mutt Strutt, walk/run options and the collection of pet food and supplies, this chip-timed race offers a fun way for our community to come together to save the lives of homeless pets. Check out the race [website](#) for more information and to register. Race-day registration available.



The Oyster Roast at Colraine Point

We are grateful to our hosts and sponsors who have underwritten the cost of this event. Their generosity ensures 100% of your donation will benefit the animals at Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society.

Many thanks to:



Steve Bland
Barbara and Mike Clague
Jean and Dick Crowder
Sara Delo and Buddy Bland
Alice and Scott Grady



Lynn and Chip Hornsby
Pat and Ken Houtz
Lizz and Jerry Lester
April and Manuel Martinez



NAKED MOUNTAIN
WINERY & VINEYARDS

Elizabeth and Hugh McCormick
The Dean and Cam Williams Foundation
Tina and John Phillips
Joyce Richter
Kathy and Ted Wilmot

Nov. 16 GMHS Oyster Roast

It is time for the annual GMHS Oyster Roast, a fun event benefitting a wonderful cause!

Your experience on stunning Wilson Creek will include a Champagne and oyster bar. Oysters will be served roasted, on the half shell, Rockefeller and fried. Also offered for your enjoyment will be an array of seasonal dishes and sweets prepared by **Chef Win Goodier** of **Nuttall & Co.**, a chowder prepared by **Waypoint Grill** and a vegetarian soup prepared by GMHS' very own **Pamela Mullins**, all served with wine and beer.

Music by **Something Different Duo** will enhance the surrounding beauty of Colraine Point, the home of our gracious hosts **Bobby Hatten** and **Joyce Moore**.

Tickets are \$125 each and available for purchase at the shelter, by calling (804) 693-5520 or via mail (with a check or money order payable to GMHS). Only 50 tickets remain, so get yours today!

Save the Date

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR **AT THE**
GLOUCESTER-MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL

HOLIDAY *Open House*

Sponsored by



Meet Santa!

Holiday Cookie Sale (\$8/dozen; \$15/2 Dozen)

Furry Angel Tree

Refreshments

Holiday Games/Prizes

... and much more!



December 8, 2019

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society
6620 Jackson Lane
Gloucester, Virginia 23061

Visit gmhumanesociety.org/events to learn more!

