

# Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia NEWSLETTER

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## Ho, Ho, Photo!

Photos with Santa are for fur kids too!

Bring your pets to the Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe for this special event on December 9, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We'll have goodies, raffle baskets, and a special appearance by Bethany Dalton, author of the children's book *Toddly Oddly*. She'll be reading from the book at 1 p.m.

Old or young, big or small, slobbery and smelly too—come one, come all—we can't wait to see you!



## Adoption Tails

Two years ago, AFNCWV volunteers Donna and Jim O'Connell decided it was time to give their cat Toby a sister. They actually hadn't planned on it, but when they saw Trixie at our sanctuary, they felt a connection. A few days later they met again at an adoption event, and we're happy to say they're all living happily ever after! "During the short time that Trixie's been living with us," Donna told us, "she's overcome her severe shyness and adapted well to her ferocious brother. They play well together (most of the time). She amuses herself with her toys, chatters at the birds, and watches the neighborhood children at play. When she wants whole-body pets, she literally throws herself on the floor and flips from side to side until her needs are met. She is a pure joy and we are so glad to have her share our lives."

The O'Connells' story shows how volunteering and adoption can change the life of an animal and bring joy to your home too!

## Volunteers Needed

Ready to start a new habit? How about one that gives back to the community and requires little of your time? Our Thrift Shoppe is in need of volunteers to run the register and help sort and stock donations. The Shoppe is critical to our mission of helping animals in need. The funds generated through our sales go directly toward supporting our no-kill sanctuary.

We make giving your time easy with flexible hours. Work as little or as much as you can! This is a great opportunity for students in need of volunteer hours or for any animal lover with a few hours to spare. We couldn't do what we do without our precious volunteers!

## Putting the Fun in Fundraising

From Girls' Night Out to Bingo to Dog Day in the Pool, we're looking back on a great season of fundraisers. We look forward to these events not only for the funds they raise but also for the time we get to spend with fellow animal lovers—and our beloved furry friends too!

It takes a lot to keep our sanctuary in operation year round, and all the money we raise goes toward that cause. We want to give a shout out to all our donors, participants, and volunteers: **You're the best!**





## **Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia**

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*The mission of Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia (AFNCWV) is to operate a high quality, non-profit sanctuary and foster program, providing refuge, aid, and care for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals, free from the threat of unwarranted euthanasia.*

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## **Donate Those Extra Dollars!**

At year's end, it's a great time to take stock of your charitable donations. If you're looking for a place to put your dollars, we'd love for you to consider Animal Friends. Our sanctuary animals are always in need of food, vet care, and other essential items. We're dedicated to giving the best to these creatures put into our care. When you donate to us, you're helping us do just that.

Donate with PayPal at [animalfriendswv.org](http://animalfriendswv.org) or  
send a check:  
P.O. Box 1090  
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**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

**Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe  
Mountaineer Mall, Greenbag Road—**

**304-290-0161 Hours:  
Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 11a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

## **Cold and Snow: Get in the Know!**

As you gear up for winter's long haul, take note of these helpful tips for keeping your beloved pets safe and healthy.

- ✓ **Take shorter walks.**
- ✓ **Do not leave ANY PET outside for long periods.**
- ✓ **Honk your horn before starting your car to dislodge a cat that may be under the hood.**
- ✓ **Wipe down your dog's feet, legs, and belly after walks in case they've picked up toxic de-icing chemicals.**
- ✓ **Provide appropriate shelter for animals that must stay outside.** Including unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (change water frequently or use a pet-safe, heated water bowl). Make sure the floor of the shelter is off of the ground (to minimize heat loss into the ground), and bedding should be thick, dry and changed regularly. The door should be positioned away from prevailing winds.

**It's also a great idea to provide shelter for feral or stray animals that might wander onto your property!**  
Adapted from American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines