

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia NEWSLETTER

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Dog Day at the Park

Join us at **Marilla Pool, Sunday, August 19** from 10-4 for the ultimate canine pool party! Bring your canine pals to the pool for a

fun day of swimming and games, plus a concession stand with yummy snacks.

This event is **donation only**, benefitting our no-kill animal shelter. We'll have Animal Friends T-shirts with cool new designs for sale too!

Proof of vaccine history should be available if requested. PLEASE make sure your pets are completely vaccinated before coming to this event. Also note we do NOT allow pronged collars or flexi leads at this event.

Happy Tails!

Minnie is living the life in her new home! She loves her family and doggie sister sooo much! Her new mom, Jess, told us, "Her new favorite thing is the hairdryer and vacuum—lol! She loves to bite at them and lick at them. She is doing so much better at house breaking. Her biggest flaw is she loves everyone and every dog, so sometimes she wants to run to the neighbors to visit their dogs. She is such a love!"



Fun, Food, and Funds!

Our annual Girls' Night Out fundraiser was held May 5 at Atria's restaurant. With gift baskets donated by local businesses and designer purses up for grabs, plus great food and beverages, the event brought together all the right elements for success! We'd like to extend a special thank you to Atria's and to Hillcrest Veterinary Clinic for the donation of our grand prize. Looking forward to next year!

Get Involved!

Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe, located at the old Morgantown Mall on Greenbag Rd., is in need of donations and volunteers. The Shoppe is crucial to our operations, providing funds for the heart of what we do: our no-kill shelter. Please keep us in mind if you have gently used items for donation. We offer pickup. If you or anyone you know can donate time in the Shoppe, call us at 304.290.4738. Any amount of time—even a couple hours a week—would be so helpful!

Meow Lounge

Our new "catio" is in the works! We plan on extending the roof and enclosing part of the porch to create a place for our cats to hang out, relax, and get some fresh air. The catio will create a more beneficial atmosphere for our kitties, and we'd greatly appreciate any donations toward its construction. Check out our GoFundMe page on Facebook at "Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia" to find the link, if you'd like to contribute.

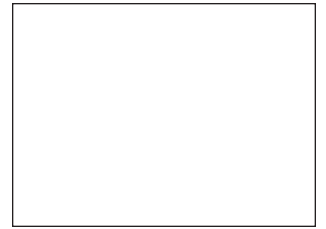


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The mission of Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia (AFNCWV) is to operate a high quality, non-profit sanctuary and foster program, providing refuge, aid, and care for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals, free from the threat of unwarranted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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Hot Weather Checklist for Pet Safety

- ✓ Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle, since even with the windows open, a parked car, truck or van can quickly become a furnace.
- ✓ Don't force your animal to exercise after a meal in hot, humid weather. Always exercise him or her in the cool of the early morning or evening.
- ✓ In extremely hot weather, don't leave your dog standing on the street, and keep walks to a minimum. He is much closer to the hot asphalt and his body can heat up quickly. His paws can burn.
- ✓ Never take an animal to the beach unless you can provide a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for her to drink. Rinse her off after she has been in salt water.
- ✓ Please be sensitive to old and overweight animals in hot weather. Brachycephalic (snub-nosed) dogs (especially bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus) and those with heart or lung diseases should be kept indoors in air-conditioning as much as possible.
- ✓ Avoid walking your dog in areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals, as poisonings increase during the summer when gardens,

lawns and trees are sprayed. These chemicals can sicken or kill an animal.

- ✓ Be alert for coolant leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant and ingesting just a small amount can cause an animal's death. Consider using animal-friendly products that use propylene glycol rather than those containing ethylene glycol.
- ✓ A clean coat can help to prevent summer skin problems, so keep your dog or cat well groomed. If he has a heavy coat, shaving your dog's hair to a 1-inch length will help prevent overheating. Don't shave a dog's hair down to the skin; this robs him of protection from the sun. A cat should be brushed frequently to keep his coat tangle-free.

Kids' Shirts Now Available!

Find them at the Thrift Shoppe! 6 months and up. Here is Marley and baby Cameron showing off his new shirt!

