



## Lynchburg Humane SOCIETY

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Dear Supporter,

*A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*  
-Margaret Mead

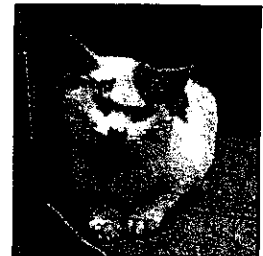
We are so grateful for your participation in, and support of, our amazing transformation over the last five years. We made sweeping changes that affected many in this community, **but no one more than the animals we served.** We have gone from only 49% to a 94% save rate while simultaneously affecting radical change in how we handle and view animals without owners. Over 1,500 animals looked to us for food, shelter, and medical care last year.

This summer is an ongoing part of that sweeping change that we expect from ourselves and the community at large. *"The Summer of 1,000 Lives"* campaign taught us so much about how much we need this community and our supporters, and how we might plan for operating in our new building. The Lynchburg Humane Society has adopted out over 525 animals and brought in more than 200 pets from other local pounds, many that may not have made it out alive. We have truly made a difference and it is all because of you. **Here are two such stories of where your help has saved a life.**



**Harvey**, an older hound/shepherd mix was sitting at the Campbell County public shelter waiting for his owners to reclaim him and, unfortunately, no one came. We got an email saying that Harvey was URGENT and needed placement or he was going to be put down that very day. We immediately took Harvey right in. Yes, Harvey is an older dog at 8 years, but he still has many great years ahead of him. Age should never be the primary reason for any animal to be euthanized. He deserved a second chance and YOU gave him one because now he is in his new home where he will live out the rest of his life with love.

**Victoria** arrived at the Lynchburg Humane Society at only 4 weeks old. She was saved by two sisters after she was attacked by a neighborhood Tom cat and suffered from claw damage to both her eyes. Victoria went to Peaks View Animal Hospital where they removed her eyes because of the extensive damage. The staff there kept her until she was old enough to be adopted and she now lives in her new home getting pampered every day.



The Lynchburg community continually proves it is a caring place because of all the help and support we receive every day to provide care for our poor helpless animals waiting for homes.

The Lynchburg Humane Society is a visionary organization that is always looking for what we need to do next. With the new facility nearing completion, the Board of Directors has developed this new long range plan for the organization:

- Strengthen Community Awareness- The best way to get people involved in saving lives is to make them aware of our programs and to promote adoption and our other services.
- Maintain No-Kill Status and Increase to a 96% Live Release Rate – We not only want to maintain our No Kill status, but improve our treatment resources for the large number of saveable pet's we care for each year so even more make it out of our shelter and into good homes.
- Grow Intervention Programs- In 2013 we helped 423 animals stay out of the shelter system and we would like to see if we can provide more programs to support owners with veterinarian care and behavior resources to help keep pets in their existing homes. Sometimes providing simple things like food or flea and tick prevention will help owners maintain the proper care for their pets and reduce the occurrence of animal suffering. This is especially important for those who may have limited resources.
- Establish Regional Programs - We are committed to ending the needless deaths of the healthy and adoptable pets in our region. **This is possible only because of the support of people like you.** We hope to expand our already established programs by taking in more pets from the area pounds that would otherwise be euthanized. This year we have saved 282 animals from Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Buckingham and Amherst Counties. Along with helping the overcrowded county shelters, we hope to reduce the at risk population by continuing to provide low and no cost spay/neuter services.



**Will Rogers said "Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."** We promise that the Lynchburg Humane Society will never "just sit there" and will continue to be leaders and set trailblazing goals towards greater results for animals and people in our region. **We firmly believe that our joint efforts are the reason why we are able to do so much.**

**We are very excited to be expanding our operations this year as we grow into our new Humane Education and Adoption Center. Our new facility is vital to our continued progress and our ability to save even more lives. We will need the community's continued assistance to maintain and grow our operations. We would just ask you to consider making a donation to our annual operating fund so we can continue to provide the day-to-day care these pets in need deserve.**

2014 will prove to be one of the most exciting for Lynchburg pets as we complete our new building and become a regional center focused on changing the lives of the animals in our entire region. Help be a part of this amazing vision of a No Kill Community, give today and make a difference.

Thank you for your support,

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Lynchburg Humane Society