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Check Before You Mow

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Eastern Cottontail rabbits reproduce throughout the spring and summer, typically starting in mid-March and nesting through mid-September. Nests are found in shallow depressions on the ground [cottontails do not burrow]; nests are covered with soft grasses and are lined with tufts of the mother rabbit's fur. The average litter size for rabbits is five, though mothers may give birth to as



few as one and as many as 12! Since young rabbits grow up quite quickly, "doe" rabbits may have three or four litters in a season. Mother rabbits are very secretive, so they don't draw attention to their nest; it is very rare that you will see a mother rabbit coming and going. The doe feeds her young only twice a day -- at dusk and dawn.

Young rabbits disperse from the nest at 15-20 days old. By three weeks of age, they are on their own in the wild, though are still very small -- they're only about the size of a softball! Rabbits have the best chance of survival when they are cared for by their mothers.

It's a good idea to check your yard before you mow; because rabbits are in shallow nests, it's easy to mow the "top" off of their nest, possibly injuring babies. Do not attempt to mow within 10 feet of a rabbit's nest if there are babies present. You can protect a nest during mowing by placing a plastic lattice laundry basket upside down over the nest. It's best to remove the basket after mowing. Leave the nest area as undisturbed as possible while the young rabbits grow.



If the nest **must** continue to be protected, cut a hole in the laundry basket very close to ground level about 3-4 inches in diameter so that the mother rabbit can enter/exit from either side. If you have a dog who has access to the nest/basket, place a very heavy rock or object on the overturned laundry basket (not so heavy as to crush the basket). Once the babies are gone, the basket can be removed and the nest destroyed to prevent the nest from being reused.

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Spain, 3 year old neutered male, possibly Lab/Hound mix. Spain is a happy, friendly guy. He is affectionate and loves people. He is an average energy dog. He enjoys a long walk or romp but is also content to lay around the house with his family. Spain has not lived with children but he seems friendly with them. He is good with cats and other dogs, but does best with dogs that are his size or larger because he doesn't know how to tone down his play with small dogs.



Zeta, 11 month old female, was rescued with her mom and sisters. Both sisters have been adopted and Zeta is wondering why she is left behind.



Zeta is independent, and confident. She does not like to be held, but is OK with petting. When she wants attention, she will meow and come to you, often following you around like a puppy.

Nicholas

Ten month old Nicholas is a sweet boy. He is super affectionate and loves attention. Like most cats, Nick loves to play. He is very handsome and a great all-around cat!



Panda, 4 year old female. Previously lived with 9 other cats. Both her owners have passed away, so her world has been turned upside down. Panda has been in a couple different homes and will need time to get adjusted. She is fine with other cats and most non-energetic dogs that won't chase her.

Pets for Adoption



Idgie is a spayed, 11 month old Hound mix that is the happiest dog you will ever meet. She loves dogs, cats and children. Idgie is housebroken and crate trained.

She is a special needs dog that has a condition called Neosporosis that affects the muscles in her hind legs, giving her a peculiar stance and gait. Idgie can run and play like a regular dog, however she can't go for walks or climb a lot of stairs. Idgie

likes to go for car rides, but she has to be helped into the seat. This girl needs adopters that will be willing to take on her special needs and be aware of her limitations.



Cassie is a 2 year old female tabby. She is a super sweet kitty who loves attention. She is OK with other cats and dogs, but may take a while to warm up to them. She enjoys brushing and petting and looking at the world from high places. Cassie is microchipped.

Opal and Flower , 1 year old Guinea Pigs, were a bit nervous at first but are getting friendlier every day and love to be petted. They also LOVE their veggies. Guinea pigs make great pets - they are small, docile, make cute noises, and have a lot of personality.



For more information on any of these pets, either call

757-357-4214 or email: info@iowchs.org

(Phone messages are not checked everyday.)

Please check www.petfinder.com to see more pets that are available through the IOW Humane Society.

Remember ...

- Never chase a rabbit to capture it. The stress of being chased can be dangerous to a baby rabbit. Rabbits are a high-stress species prone to a condition called capture myopathy, which is caused by chase and stress. Capture myopathy can lead to damage to internal organs, and even death.
- Never give food or water to injured or orphaned wildlife. Inappropriate food or feeding techniques can lead to sickness or death. Baby rabbits have particularly sensitive stomachs and require a special diet. Cow's milk will make them sick.

NOTE: Each animal's nutritional, housing, and handling requirements are very specific and must be met if they have any chance of survival. Raising a wild animal in captivity is illegal unless you have a state permit.

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is located in Waynesboro and was formed in 1982 to provide quality health care, often on an emergency basis, to native wildlife. For more info on baby rabbits and what to do if you find an injured rabbit, visit <http://wildlifecenter.org/baby-rabbit>

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND INJURED WILDLIFE

Please remember, caring for a wild animal requires a state permit, and your Good Samaritan efforts to save an injured or orphaned animal may do more harm than good. There are many resources in Virginia and the Hampton Roads area that provide assistance with your wildlife questions and concerns.

- [Wildlife Response Inc. \[WRI\]](#) (757) 543-7000
- [Virginia Beach SPCA Wildlife](#) (757) 263-4762
- [Evelyn's Wildlife Refuge](#) (757) 430-2886
- [Wildlife Center of Virginia](#) (540) 942-9453

Wildlife rehabbers

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries maintains a comprehensive list of wildlife rehabilitators statewide. It is accurate and up-to-date. If there is no listing for your city/county, look for a rehabilitator in an adjacent county. Do not call the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators.asp>

Please be mindful that rehabilitators are private citizens. Telephone calls to rehabilitators should be limited to daytime hours only.

Peta SNIP Van Schedule, March 2017 (partial listing)

4/7	Suffolk, Tractor Supply, 3000 Pruden Blvd
4/10	Franklin, Island Tan, 188 Stewart Dr
4/19	Wakefield, Great Valu, 608 S County Dr
4/20	Suffolk, Tractor Supply, 3000 Pruden Blvd
4/25	IOW County Animal Shelter 13044 Poor House Rd
4/26	Franklin, Island Tan, 188 Stewart Dr
4/27	Smithfield, Tractor Supply, 13500 Benns Church Blvd

For more information, a complete list of services and prices, complete monthly schedule, and to download admission forms, please visit PETA's website:

<http://www.peta.org/about-peta/learn-about-peta/helping-animals-in-hampton-roads/snip/>

VACCINATIONS	SPAY/NEUTER
<p>\$15 each for altered animals or animals under 6 months</p> <p>Please note: Dogs and cats 6 months of age or older that have not been spayed or neutered will not be vaccinated on the SNIP van.</p>	<p>Dog: \$100 (spay) \$80 (neuter)</p> <p>Cat: \$45</p> <p>Animals older than 6 years 11 months or weighing more than 70 lbs. will not be spayed/neutered on the SNIP van</p>
<p>Appointments not necessary for vaccinations. Hours for vaccinations: 10-11 AM</p> <p>Vaccine hour may be cancelled when temperature is above 87 or below 40 degrees.</p>	<p>Appointments required for all spays/neuters. To make an appointment, call 622-7382, option 3</p>

CASH or CREDIT

Come and join the fun at Captain Chuck-a-Muck’s restaurant in Carrollton. Enjoy good company and conversation, great food and signature drinks and desserts, all without the muss and fuss of doing it yourself. Indoor and patio seating. Well-behaved doggies will be served a special batch of hush puppies (hold the onions, please).

please dine & raise funds

2017 *Dander & Pollen fundraiser*



Wednesday, April 12
5 pm - 9 pm
Captain Chuck-a-Muck’s
21088 Marina Rd, Carrollton VA



APRIL IS HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH



AMERICAN HEARTWORM SOCIETY
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Isle of Wight Humane Society is a home based foster organization. We do not have a physical shelter. Our foster volunteers take adoptable animals to Petco in North Suffolk (Harborview area) and Petsmart on Jefferson Ave in Newport News for viewing and adoptions. Additionally, you can often find us at local places of business in the Smithfield/Carrollton area for adoption and fundraising events. Please visit and like our facebook page for current information.

See our adoptable animals

<p>(Most) Saturdays 12-4</p>  <p>12142 Jefferson Ave Newport News</p>	<p>Sunday 12-4</p>  <p>1011 University Blvd Suffolk between Michael’s and Krogers</p>
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Why fit in when you were born to stand out?

~ Dr. Seuss



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Patty Allen
Judy Colwell

David Nesselroad, *in memory of Bailey* from little dog Parker,
beloved dog of Teresa Williams

Rosemary May, *in memory of Carolyn Blomgren*

In memory of Shirley Lewis Bonenberger, a lover of animals and
amazing volunteer:

Vicki & Richard Reza
Henrietta Kaplan

PetSmart Charities
PayPal Giving Fund
Gimme Shelter
Bob Wiatt, Heritage Antiques



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Isle of Wight County Humane society needs volunteers to clean cages and provide one-on-one time for our adoptable cats at the Luv-a-Pet Center inside PetSmart on Jefferson Ave, Newport News. (PetSmart employees do not clean cages).

Cleaning takes 2-3 hours, depending on the number of cats we have up for adoption, and you can clean anytime during the day, according to your schedule. Volunteering even one day a month will help us maintain the cages and help these cats get adopted! You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer.

Interested? Please call 357-4214 or email info@iowchs.org
The kitties thank you!



The **Humane Society** holds meetings twice a month, on second Mondays and fourth Wednesdays. Please come to a meeting and learn more about us.

Mon	Apr 10	6:30PM	Carrollton Public Library CANCELLED
Wed	Apr 26	7:00PM	IOW Rescue Squad, 13080 Great Springs Road, Smithfield
Mon	May 8	6:30PM	Carrollton Public Library
Wed	May 24	7:00PM	IOW Rescue Squad, 13080 Great Springs Road, Smithfield

The **Isle of Wight County Humane Society** is an all volunteer 501.c.3 non-profit organization that receives no government funding. We depend on corporate and private donations to fund our work. We have no office, no building and no salaried employees. If you would like to make a donation, please send your tax deductible contribution to the address below. Or, donate on our website using the PayPal Donate button. You do not have to be a member of PayPal to make a donation.



Please note, the IOW County Humane Society and IOW County Animal Control are two different entities. If you are trying to reach the shelter, at 13100 Poor House Rd., please call: (757) 365-6318

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