

ATTENTION PET LOVERS

KOOLAI AND SYLVESTER NEED YOU!!



Several times a week you pass the Animal Services Shelter on Route 301 in Queenstown. Have you ever wondered about the animals that are sheltered there? Why are they there? Will they remain there for a long time? Are they well cared for in their confinement?

I have been to the shelter and found it to be bright, clean, and a wonderful spot for a short stay for a dog or cat. The staff gives food, medical attention, and devotion to each animal. That is not enough. Remember, these animals were once family pets used to long walks, romps in the park, and playing with children. Now they are living in an adequate space with limited play time and short walks once a day. Many of these former pets have become depressed because they have been at the shelter for months. A depressed animal is much harder to place for adoption.

What can you do to help these forgotten pets?

Walking a dog or dogs for just one hour a week would be wonderful. An exercised dog is a happy dog.

Spending time with the cats to keep them socialized is another way to help. Contrary to popular belief, cats like to be with people and they respond warmly to a little petting and grooming. If you get up early in the morning, you could help with feeding the cats and cleaning the cages.

If you don't want to work with animals directly because it makes you too sad, then you could help in the reception area greeting potential owners and answering phone calls.

The following lists are the primary volunteer opportunities that must be filled if Queen Anne's County Animal Shelter is going to reach it's goal to keep animals healthy and safe until a quick adoption occurs.

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ADOPTION COUNSELOR
FOSTER PROGRAM
CLEANING
SOCIALIZATION
TEMPERAMENT
GROOMING
EXERCISE
INFIRMARY ASST.
SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC
RECEPTION

WORK WITH RESCUE GRPS
SPAY NEUTER DAY
ADOPTION DAY
EDUCATION
ADOPTION HOME VISITS
FOSTER HOME VISITS
TNR PROGRAM
MEDIA
FUND RAISING
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT
BOARD LIAISON
GRANT APPLICATIONS
WEB SITE SCHEDULING
NEWS LETTER

Did you know you can support the homeless animals of Queen Anne's County simply by purchasing your family's groceries? It's true. Adopt-A-Pet, Inc., the shelter's all-volunteer nonprofit organization fundraises throughout the year to help Queen Anne's homeless animals with emergency medical care, heartworm treatment, as well as other programs, and was a generous contributor toward the realization of the spay-neuter clinic at the shelter.

Now you can help Adopt-A-Pet assist animals in need each time you purchase your family's groceries by registering your MVP card in the Food Lion Shop & Share Program. Here's how it works; you purchase groceries at your local Food Lion grocery store. The cashier swipes your MVP card during checkout. That's all there is to it. Food Lion records the total cost of the transaction and a percentage of your grocery bill is automatically credited to Adopt-A-Pet, Inc., at no additional cost to you! Each quarter Food Lion will send a check to Adopt-A-Pet, representing all grocery transactions for that quarter.

To participate in the Food Lion Shop & Share program, we need a minimum of 25 participants. Please reregister your MVP card each January to Adopt-A-Pet (Chester, Md.) at Food Lion's web site at: <http://www.foodlion.com>. Click on MVP card. Next click on *Lion Shop and Share*. Then click on Register MVP Cards. Click on select organization to select the charity. Select the state, city (Chester) and the Organization (Animal Resource Foundation, Inc). If you do not have a computer, you can contact Food Lion Customer Relations at 704-633-8250, extension 3810, and they will enter your information for you. Remember, the organization is the Animal Resource Foundation located in Chester, MD. Thank you for helping our animals in need!