

Announcing our New Vice President



Following the passing of Michael R. Frey, we began the search for a new Vice President. Fortunately, the transition happened quickly when a current board member, Nancy Abbott, stepped into the leadership role. Nancy has been an active member of our board for years and, as always, she graciously stepped up to fill a vital role within our organization.

Here is a little more about Nancy. Nancy is a commercial lender with TD Bank and has been with the company since 2009. Prior to joining TD Bank, she worked with Alliance Bank, Signet Bank, Bank of Virginia, and Colorado National. Nancy brings more than 20 years of retail and commercial banking experience to the role. Her volunteer experience includes board service with Brookfield Swim Club, Inmed Partnerships for Children, and Friends, where she has served since April 2018. Nancy has also volunteered throughout the community with Fairfax County Public Schools, Girl Scouts, and the Chantilly Youth Association. Nancy and her husband, Mark, have lived in the Chantilly community for more than 30 years. They have four children, and over the years, have collectively rescued 10 dogs. Nancy and Mark currently have two dogs, Kiki and Finley. Their rescue dog, Ben, passed away last year.



Nancy, thank you for your generosity, leadership, and continued support. Our organization is stronger because of your dedication, and we are truly grateful for all you do.

FFCAS in the Community

FFCAS had a very busy spring in the community, participating in Viva Vienna, Fairfax County Animal Services Spring Fling, Braddock Bark, and other events. Our President, Evelyn Grieve participated in the Sideline podcast sponsored by CYA. It was a pleasure to connect with community members and share the mission of Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Thank you to everyone who stopped by at any of these events or tuned into the podcast. To listen to the podcast, follow the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/@CYASidelinePodcast>



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Success Stories

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Simba



Simba was brought to the Shelter as a stray by a young family when they learned pets weren't allowed in their building. Over the years, he developed severe damage in his right eye, a retinal detachment in his left eye (corrected with funds from FFCAS), and hypertension. Despite his health challenges, Simba quickly found the perfect home. His new family fell for him right away — especially his "chirp."

His family says Simba is loving, playful, and always wants to be part of daily life. They're grateful for him and for the care he received before finding his forever home.

Midyear Recap of what we accomplished so far with your support!

Dental Care: 17
Medical Care: 6
Senior Pet Voucher: 16
Rabbits (Spay/Neuter): 33
TNR Program: 102



Dynasty



Mellie



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Fat Daddy



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Reduce your Tax Liability

Some benefits of using qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) in 2026:



- Individuals age 70½ or older can give directly from an IRA to a qualified charity.
- The distribution is excluded from gross income, which can reduce taxable income.
- QCDs can satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) without raising taxable income.
- They offer a tax-efficient way to support charitable causes.
- QCDs provide flexibility in charitable giving while preserving control over retirement assets.

Estate Planning

Many people consider their pets part of their families. Most pet owners would not be happy to have their pets placed in a shelter, no matter how "good" the shelter may be. In Virginia, pets are considered tangible personal property, so planning for who cares for your pet is essential. While Virginia law allows for pet trusts, many people prefer to avoid that complication. Instead, consider who might care for your pet and confirm they are willing. You can make a specific gift of your pet and its accoutrements to that person and perhaps, include an amount of money reasonably related to the pet's age and health to help offset the cost of caring for your pet. Figure out what happens if the gift outlasts your pet and voilà, you're done! Thank you Bettina! Lawton Legacy Planning, PLLC.

If you are inspired by Friends' work, consider joining the Forever Friends Legacy Society by including Friends' in your estate planning. For more info, email foreverfriends@ffcas.org.



Tribute to Michael R Frey



Friends is pleased to announce the rededication of its tribute garden to Michael R. Frey, our former Vice President who passed away earlier this year. "The Frey Tribute Garden" offers a way to memorialize a special pet or person in a lasting way with a personalized engraved brick, while also supporting shelter pets awaiting their forever home. And for a limited time, you can maximize your tribute with our "Buy One Brick, Get One Free" offer! For more info, visit our website.



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About Friends

Friends is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. By funding emergency medical care, dental care, spay and neuter, parasite prevention, and animal enrichment programs, Friends joins in the Shelter's effort to ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home. Thank you for all that you do to make our work possible!

Board of Directors

- Evelyn Grieve, President, Co-Founder
- Nancy Abbott, Vice President
- Jill Westeyn, Secretary
- Albert Wu, Board Member
- Michael Frey, Board Member Emeritus



Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

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