The Companion A Second Chance Pet Adoptions Newsletter

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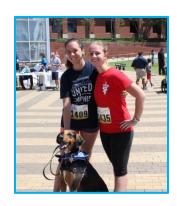


Meet Coco—just one of our current adoptable kittens!
See Coco and the others at our Adoptathons, Saturdays, noon-4pm at the center!

News from Second Chance

Hello friends of Second Chance!

We are so excited to share with you that we had a record-breaking 5K fundraiser with our May 15 **Racing for Rescues** event! Thanks to our participants, raffle-ticket buyers, and sponsors, we raised over \$20,000 for Second Chance Pet Adoptions! We are already planning next year's event and couldn't be more excited (or hopeful that the weather next year will be as absolutely perfect as it was this year)!





In the vein of breaking records, for the first time ever, we sold out the canine section of the June 8 Durham Bulls **Bark in the Park** game! With 729 dog tickets sold, Second Chance took in over \$3,600—which leaves us absolutely stoked for the next Bark in the Park on August 3! Make your dog's day—get your tickets today!

We also wanted to make you aware of some changes among the Second Chance staff. Our former Communications Developer, Sarah Weisenburn, is now our Operations Coordinator—congratulations, Sarah! We couldn't have found someone better for the role.





Meanwhile, as the new staff member, I face the challenge of filling Sarah's shoes. It'll be tough, but I'm honored to have been chosen to contribute to the Second Chance mission; I am already thoroughly enjoying being a part of the Second Chance team and am so proud of this organization, our staff members and volunteers, and our supporters!

Sincerely,
Rachel Cronmiller
Development and Communications Manager

P.S. – I'd love to hear from you! Please feel free to send your feedback on this newsletter to me at rachel@secondchancenc.org. We plan to launch our interactive newsletter by September, so we look forward to incorporating your feedback to make even more improvements!

Spotlight on the Animals

Tegan



If you attended our *Racing for Rescues* event in May, or *Bark in the Park* earlier this month, you might have seen Tegan having a ball!

Tegan came to us from the Wake County Animal Center (WCAC) as "Lulu." She had a badly broken leg and was in the "rescue only" portion of the shelter. When we arrived at WCAC to bring some pups back to Second Chance, WCAC's rescue coordinator, Cindy, asked us to stop and meet Tegan. Cindy explained that Tegan was a really sweet girl, but she would need to be euthanized the next day if no rescue took her.

We met her, and she was amazing—and treatable! We were thrilled to advance our mission by taking Tegan in and getting her medical assistance. After recovering from an amputation, Tegan's winning personality quickly secured her a new "forever home" with parents Jessica and Mike. She's been a rising star at recent Second Chance events—and her fame will only increase now that she's on Instagram! See more pictures like these by following her @TeganTheTripawd!



Hunter



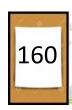
Hunter is one of the most lovable boys here at Second Chance! He is super mellow and gets along with everyone, but there are also times when he's playful! Hunter will do great with humans who want to snuggle and cats who want to wrestle! (He also won't mind living with chill kids or dogs.) Hunter's getting some extra love this week because it's his birthday! Will you give him a second chance for his 2nd birthday? He's waiting for you!

Adoptions in May





Adoptions in 2016



Upcoming Second Chance Events



Our second annual benefit art exhibition begins today!

Up to 90% of the proceeds from the sale of the artwork will go to Second Chance.

Art to the Rescue will feature over 30 pieces of art of various themes and medium provided by more than 20 well-known local artists. View the artwork online and electronically bid in a silent auction beginning today, June 16! (Visit our website for the link.) The artwork will go on display live at ArtSource Fine Art Gallery in North Hills on Saturday, June 25, and will remain on exhibit through the closing reception. Visit the Gallery to see the art in-person and place your bids!

Join us at the closing reception!

Purchase a ticket to our closing reception (\$15 in advance or \$20 at the door) to enjoy an evening of great food and wine, fantastic artwork, and adoptable animal guests! Flights at the Renaissance and Rocky Top Hospitality have agreed to donate wonderful hors d'oeuvres and desserts again. See the artwork and win it by placing your bids that evening—and get in on the raffle fun, too, for great prizes!

Thank you to our Art to the Rescue sponsors!







Upcoming Second Chance Events

Dog Wash Fundraisers at Unleashed



June 18, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Unleashed at Stonehenge Market (7414 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh)

Do you love it when your pup is clean...but dread bath time?

Have a better Saturday— we'll take care of your dog's bath for you!

Suggested \$10 donation per dog to benefit Second Chance Pet Adoptions

June 25 & July 2, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Unleashed at Crescent Commons (2066 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary)

Save the Date!



Bark in the Park with the Durham Bulls Wednesday, August 3
Game begins at 7:05 p.m.



Evening of Pawsibilities
Second Chance gala and auction
Saturday, September 17

To see more information about these and other upcoming events, visit our website: https://www.secondchancenc.org/events

Keeping Pets Cool in the Hot Hot Heat

Excerpted from: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets_safe_heat_wave.html

The summer months can be uncomfortable—even dangerous—for pets and people. Follow these tips for helping everyone in your family stay healthy and comfortable when the heat is on.

Never leave your pets in a parked car. Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.

Watch the humidity. "It's important to remember that it's not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet," says Dr. Barry Kellogg, VMD, of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. "Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly." <u>Taking a dog's temperature</u> will tell you if there is a serious problem. Dogs' temperatures should not exceed 104 degrees.

Limit exercise on hot days. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, <u>limit exercise to early morning or evening hours</u>, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears (who are more susceptible to skin cancer) and shortnosed pets (who typically have difficulty breathing). Asphalt gets *very hot* and can burn your pet's paws, so <u>walk your dog on the grass if possible</u>. (If you can't hold the back of your hand to pavement for five seconds, it's too hot for your dog!) Always carry water with you for your dog.

Don't rely on a fan. Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) Fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people. <u>Provide ample shade and water.</u> In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, <u>it makes it worse</u>.

Watch for signs of heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. Animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs—like boxers, pugs, shih tzus, and other dogs and cats with short muzzles—will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat. If you suspect your dog is suffering from heatstroke, <u>see a vet immediately</u>.

Contact Second Chance

Check us out on social media to see cute photos and videos and learn about our events!

- **SecondChanceNC**
- SecondChancePet
- SecondChanceNCPets
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- Coming soon!

Our mission: to champion homeless cats and dogs who are healthy or treatable, in the quest to find their forever homes and engage with the community to promote responsible pet ownership through education—ultimately reducing future generations of homeless animals.

Website: https://www.secondchancenc.org/ **Email:** secondchance@secondchanenc.org

Phone: 919-851-8404 **Fax:** 919-851-8401

Visit: 6003 Chapel Hill Rd., Ste. 133, Raleigh, NC Hours: Mon.-Fri., 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday Adoptathons: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We also have **adoptable cats at PetCo!** Visit them at 416 Crossroads Blvd., Cary.

Thank You!

We could not operate the center and rescue so many animals without you! We offer a heartfelt thanks to those who visit our center, volunteer with us, share our social media posts and information with others, attend our events, sponsor us, donate money and supplies, and support us in every way possible! You are our heroes! Thank you for all that you do for the animals.

