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News from Second Chance

Hello friends of Second Chance,

We wanted to update you with some information about the art exhibition benefit we held last month, a sweet gift from the Durham Bulls, and the launch of our Pinterest account!



Our second annual **Art to the Rescue** exhibition ran from June 16 through June 30 this year. It was an awesome success! With over 30 pieces by well-known local artists in our show, and by implementing a new online bidding process, Second Chance was able to raise about **\$4,000** for the animals! We launched our online gallery so everyone could view—and bid on—the artwork early, and once the exhibition

opened at ArtSource Fine Art Gallery in North Hills, everyone really got excited about the pieces. The reception on June 30 was a lovely event with delicious food from Rocky Top Hospitality and Flights at the Renaissance, wonderful wine from BottleMixx, a raffle, and—of course—adorable adoptable dogs and cats! A reporter from the CW22 joined us to cover the event, too. We were thrilled with how the event turned out and are so thankful to everyone who participated, as well as the sponsors who helped make this event possible. (For more on our sponsors, see the final page of this newsletter.) Check out our photo album from this event on our Facebook page.

A couple of weeks after *Art to the Rescue*, the **Durham Bulls** raised **\$3,000** for Second Chance by opening their stadium for two hours on July 12 to **Pokémon Go** players. With the Bulls away for a bit, fans of this popular mobile game were given the exclusive chance to catch all the Pokémon they could find on the field at the cost of \$5 per person. Everyone out there had an awesome time and the Second Chance animals were able to benefit from the Bulls' generous gift!



Last but not least, we wanted to make you aware of our new **Pinterest page**! You can find it at <https://www.pinterest.com/2ndChanceNC>. In addition to boards featuring our ever-changing Cat of the Week and the rest of our adoptable animals, you'll also find instructions for do-it-yourself cat and dog toys and treats, humorous and cute photos of animals, and inspirational rescue stories. Follow us today and keep an eye out for the board we have coming next: photos from Second Chance events, potentially featuring YOU and your pet!

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Spotlight on the Animals

Roger



Roger is a spunky 8-month-old hound mix weighing in at approximately 43 pounds. Because this happy boy is energetic, an active family would probably be best for him, but because he is rambunctious, very small children might find Roger to be stronger than them. Roger's love of activity extends to toys, particularly hard chews, bones, and any toys that require a challenge. They're perfect for Roger's enthusiastic and inquisitive nature. Yet as much as Roger loves to play, snuggling up next to his foster brother or his human companions for a long nap is one of Roger's favorite pastimes. If you don't like puppy kisses, beware—Roger is extremely affectionate and loves to shower his family with kisses before flopping over for a nice long belly rub! With his very soft, short coat, there's minimal shedding.

Roger is housetrained and occasionally retreats to his crate on his own to snooze or gnaw a bone. Roger loves to take walks, but needs some work on his loose-leash skills. He is extremely smart and listens well; commands under his belt include "sit" and "down," and he's working on "shake," "wait," and "leave it." Roger is very loving and just wants to please his people!

If you are interested in meeting or adopting Roger, please apply today!



Pete



Pete is a great cat who is looking for an equally great family. This chatty boy is talkative and likes to tell you all about his day. He loves people and will seek you out for attention. In addition to having the best temperament ever, he also has FIV, which just means that his immune system isn't as strong as it should be. You can read more about this condition below and see how wonderful an addition Pete can be to your family!

Spotlight on the Animals

Birthday Corner: Arwen-Gigi

Our favorite office-occupying cat, Arwen-Gigi, turns 8 this month! Happy birthday, Arwen!

Arwen was adopted when she was very young and had a very nice family who took great care of her. But, she had some medical issues that her family and vets had a hard time figuring out. As a last resort, her family had to bring her back to Second Chance to see if they could help. Thankfully, with special low-allergen food, Arwen-Gigi is all healed up and ready to find her new family! The food isn't terribly expensive and she's well worth it! Since being promoted to the staff office, she has really come out of her shell and we have seen how feisty and affectionate she is. Please drop by the staff office in the Center and meet her to give her the happy, healthy future she deserves!



New Facebook Album: "Home at Last!"



Is your Second Chance pet a part of our new "Home at Last!" album on Facebook? If not, please send us a photo of the cat or dog you adopted from us in their new space and with their new family.

If you haven't seen this album yet, check it out and enjoy the 75+ photos of pups and kitties playing, sleeping, sunbathing, and snuggling. It's the most feel-good album you could imagine! These photos are an awesome reminder of why we do the work that we do.

Adoptions in June



Adoptions in 2016



Upcoming Second Chance Events

Check out the details of these events and more on our website's calendar:
www.secondchancenc.org/events

Ales and Tails with Lagunitas: July 23

*See some of our adoptable dogs at:
Ales and Tails at BottleMixx
Featuring Lagunitas Brewing Co.*

*Saturday, July 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Your friendly, leashed dog is welcome!*

*Raffle prizes: \$25 BottleMixx gift card,
bucket of cat goodies, bucket of dog goodies*



The Peanuts Movie: July 24

Join Second Chance at the Raleigh Little Theater (301 Pogue St.) for Movies in the Garden on Sunday, July 24 (movie begins at dusk). Families can stop by our booth for information about Second Chance and to meet some of our adoptable animals! Grab some food and beverages from the many options on-site and then enjoy a free showing of *The Peanuts Movie*.



Upcoming Second Chance Events

Bark in the Park: August 3

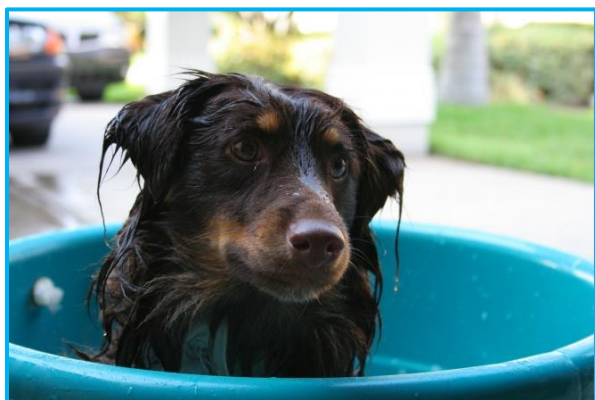
Ready to *bark in the park* with the Durham Bulls? Bring your best friend out to the final dog-friendly ballgame of the season on August 3 (game begins at 7:05 p.m.). Human tickets are \$7.99 and canine tickets are \$5 (taxes apply). All proceeds from canine tickets benefit Second Chance Pet Adoptions. We sold out last time, so get your tickets today!



Pints for Pooches: August 13

Mark your calendars for Pints for Pooches Saturday, August 13, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Compass Rose Brewery. Ticket packages include entrance and delicious food, tours and flight tastings, Compass Rose merchandise, and go-home growlers—keep your eye on our website for package pricing details, as the VIP package will be available to just 20 people! While you're there, take a chance in our raffle and couple your brew with favorite games like corn hole and giant Jenga (with prizes!).

Dog Wash: August 20



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!

August 20, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Unleashed at Stonehenge Market
7414 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh

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

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars now for
the Second Chance Pet Adoptions
annual gala and auction!

The Evening of Pawsibilities
Saturday, September 17
North Ridge Country Club

Supply July!: Our Wish List

Can you help with our wish list? Here are some of the items we need regularly:

- Purina One for puppies and kittens
- Litter (unscented preferred)
- Treats and toys
- Rolled rawhides for dogs
- Pill pockets for dogs and cats
- Corrugated cardboard scratching pads/refills
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dishwashing liquid and dishwasher detergent
- Laundry detergent (high-efficiency only!)
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Postage stamps
- Copy paper

**Are you an avid
Amazon shopper?**

Second Chance has an
**Amazon Wish List
for cats and dogs!**

If you order items
through our lists,
they'll ship directly
to the center!

Check out our website
for the links.

Did You Know?

FIV in Cats: FAQs

Taken from: <http://bestfriends.org/resources/fiv-cats-faqs>

What is FIV in cats?

FIV stands for feline immunodeficiency virus. It is a lentivirus, the same class of virus as HIV. FIV, which can live in many different tissues in cats, typically causes a weakening of the cat's immune system.

How do cats get FIV?

One of the tissues in which FIV lives is the salivary glands, so the most common route of infection is a deep bite wound from a FIV-positive cat to another cat. It can also be transmitted via blood, in utero, and possibly from milk from an infected mother cat. It is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, for cats to get FIV from just being around infected cats, from sharing food bowls, or from a person touching a FIV-positive cat and then touching a FIV-negative cat.

What are the signs of FIV infection?

There are no specific signs of FIV infection. FIV-positive cats have a weaker immune system so they are more prone to getting infections such as upper respiratory infections, ringworm, and dental disease. Other than that, FIV-positive cats tend to live normal lives and have a normal length of life.

How do I know if my cat has FIV?

There are no obvious signs of FIV so the only way to know is to do a blood test. The most common screening test is an ELISA test (often called a SNAP test) done by your veterinarian, which looks for antibodies to FIV. An antibody is a protein made by the cat in response to FIV infection. A cat can test positive as soon as two to four weeks after exposure, but it can take up to eight weeks.

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Kittens under six months of age may test positive after having received antibodies from their mothers, either in utero or via milk. It can take up to six months for these antibodies to go away. Thus, it is a good idea to retest a kitten who tests positive after he or she has reached six months of age.

Can FIV be treated?

There are no proven treatments to rid a cat of FIV. Most FIV-positive cats handle the disease well, but it is important to concentrate on treating the secondary illnesses.

What can be done to prevent the spread of FIV?

Cats should be kept indoors so they do not fight with a FIV-positive cat. Depending on where one lives, the rate of FIV-positive cats ranges from 4 to 24 percent. A FIV-positive cat can live with a FIV-negative cat as long as neither cat is a fighter, or the FIV-positive cat has no teeth. (FIV-positive cats commonly have severe dental disease, which often means it is necessary to remove all their teeth.)

Can FIV-negative and FIV-positive cats live together?

Yes, as long as the cats get along and do not fight. The risk that a FIV-positive cat could spread the virus to a FIV-negative cat can be minimized by having them live in separate rooms until you are confident that they will not fight with each other.

Can FIV-positive cats have a good and long life?

FIV-positive cats can live normal lives both in quality and duration. They do take special care in terms of monitoring them for signs of infection and they do have a tendency to have bad dental disease.

Second Chance has several FIV+ cats at this time.

We encourage you to consider whether you can give an FIV+ cat a good home. There are many misconceptions about FIV+ cats, so it's important to know the truth and give these kitties the second chance they deserve. Please ask about our FIV+ animals today!

Did You Know?

Beach and Pool Dangers and Treatments for Pets

Taken from: <http://aspcapro.org/resource/shelter-health-poison-control/beach-and-pool-dangers-treatments-pets>



Summer brings its share of pet emergencies, from exposure to water—whether chlorinated, salt, or fresh—so review these common toxicities explained by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center and be ready!

Beach

Ocean creatures: Starfish, jellyfish, sea urchins, squid—there are a lot of critters in the water that can cause harm. Fortunately, most of them live far enough out in the water that most pets won't come in contact with them. Pets often find sea creatures dead on the shore where they are likely to pose less of a problem.

Salt water: Many dogs just love playing in the waves—and when they do, they can drink a lot of salt water in a short time. Because of the salinity, hyponatremia can occur. Clinical signs may include vomiting, polydipsia, ataxia, depression, tremors, and seizures.

Red tide: This is a common name for an algal bloom caused by certain species of dinoflagellates; they are recognizable by their red-brown color. Not all red tides produce toxins; however, when they do, regional differences are noted.

Brevetoxins are primarily isolated from blooms in the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of California. Concerns may include ocular and respiratory irritation, gastroenteritis, disorientation, ataxia, and possible seizures. Pets can become ill from drinking the water, eating dead fish (mainly bivalves), or inhalation.

On the northern Atlantic and Pacific coasts, paralytic shellfish poisoning may occur and is often noted by ataxia, restlessness, paralysis, tachycardia, and potentially respiratory distress. Pets generally become ill by eating contaminated shellfish, particularly bivalve shellfish.

Blue green algae: Salt water has its red tides and fresh water has its blue green algae. The latter is a phylum of bacteria that gets the name from its color. Large accumulations or “blooms” of these organisms can be found in lakes, ponds and rivers. These bacteria can produce several types of very nasty toxins with microcystin (hepatotoxic syndrome) and anatoxin-a (neurological signs) being the most notable.

Sunscreen: Not one of the bigger worries at the beach, but make sure you know the basics by reading up on the common ingredients and potential concerns of sunscreens.

Pool

Pool chemicals: Chlorine, pool shock, pH balancer...there seems to be a never-ending list of pool chemicals. Even so, there are limited concerns, mainly gastrointestinal upset and oral and gastrointestinal ulceration.

Water intoxication: This scenario is the same as at the beach; the pet is having fun playing in the water and ends up drinking a lot. But instead of become hypernatremic like with salt water, the pet becomes hyponatremic. Pet owners often don't think their pets drink that much, so a good history is important, along with knowing the common signs: nausea, vomiting, lethargy, ataxia, weakness, coma, seizures and hypothermia.

Volunteer/Foster with Second Chance

Are you interested in helping Second Chance by donating your time as a volunteer or fostering a dog or kitten in your home? Apply through our website today!

Whether it's taking care of cats, helping out as an administrative assistant, or staffing our events, we've got a job for you! Have a special hobby, like photography or Instagramming? We can use your skills!

Or perhaps you've got room in your home for a dog or a kitten 6 months or younger? The more space we have in foster homes, the more animals we can rescue and save! Second Chance provides the pet's needs like food and medicine; you just supply the love and fun!

Contact Second Chance

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



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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/>

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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, attend our events, donate money and supplies, and support us in every way possible! You are our heroes.

We also want to thank our Platinum sponsors for their ongoing, substantial support, making events like *Art to the Rescue* possible. We are able to do more with their generous gifts. We encourage everyone to support these local businesses and thank them for all they have done for the animals:

Coming to Ales and Tails Saturday? You'll get to check out **BottleMixx**—a small, independent, and locally owned bottle shop that stocks a wonderful selection of American craft beers with a strong emphasis on North Carolina brewed beer, as well as some excellent Belgian & European imports, too (their collection totals over 1,000 beers!). They also have a fine selection of both New World and Old World wines (over 750 labels!). In the back of the store is the inviting tasting area where customers can enjoy samples of tap or bottle selections of the day—wine or beer. BottleMixx has plenty of cooler space so there is always cold beer and chilled wine for you to enjoy immediately at home or at your favorite tailgating spot.

Is your pup bored at home all day? At **Dogtopia of North Raleigh**, your dog will be supervised by a professionally-trained team and you can watch her burn some energy on a webcam from your office. At the end of the day, you'll pick up a happy (and tired) pooch. Dogtopia is also open on weekends, so your best friend can even go and play while you take care of errands and the household chores. Going out of town? Fear not—Dogtopia offers boarding services, too! Ask about their spa services for your dog, too, and bring home a clean, well-groomed pup!

Care First Animal Hospital understands that to be one of the best veterinary hospitals in Raleigh, they must genuinely care about their patients and their families. Their team of veterinarians and staff consistently provide clients and patients with exceptional medical care, uncompromising service, and authentic concern. By providing routine and emergency care, Care First fosters the connection between pets and the people who love them—including rescue workers and volunteers. Their veterinarians contribute hundreds of hours each year to several local organizations and participate in a number of community service projects, including spay and neuter programs, puppy raising programs, local dog and cat rescue programs, and rabies clinics. For these reasons and more, this network of animal hospitals serving pets across the Triangle is award-winning.

