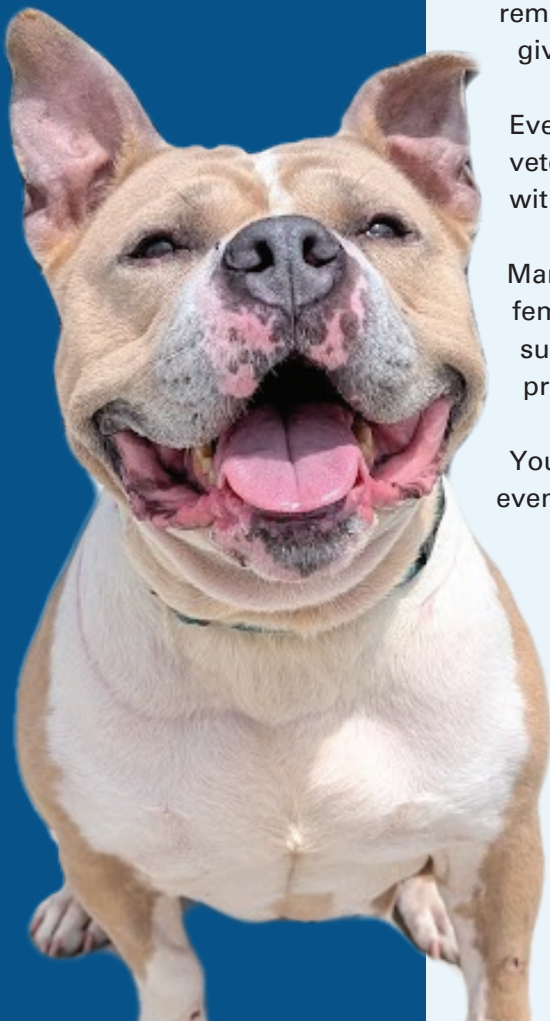


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Three Surgeries, One Remarkable Comeback

With her joyful smile and constantly wagging tail, it is hard to imagine everything Peppa Pig has overcome. When we transferred this cheerful 4-year-old to the Richmond SPCA from our friends at Powhatan Animal Shelter, she arrived with mammary cancer and many small skin tumors. Her care would require not one, but three surgeries.

To remove her mammary tumors, Peppa underwent a double radical mastectomy, which required two procedures. After the first surgery, Peppa spent several weeks healing in the comfort of a foster home before returning for the second.

Peppa then had a third procedure to remove all 21 of her skin tumors, giving her the best chance for a healthy future.

Every step of Peppa's treatment was provided by our skilled and dedicated veterinary team, who ensured she received advanced cancer treatment without ever leaving our care.

Mammary cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting unspayed female dogs, and many cases can be prevented through early spay surgery. Peppa's experience is a timely reminder of the importance of preventive veterinary care.

Your support made Peppa's recovery possible. Thank you for ensuring that even the most complex cases are guaranteed healthy, happy futures.



Peppa Pig found her forever home in July.

Help protect your pet's health. Mammary cancer is often preventable through timely spaying. Our Susan M. Markel Veterinary Hospital offers high-quality, affordable services to help keep pets healthy for years to come. Call us at (804) 521-1330 or email us at clientservices@richmondspca.org to schedule a spay or neuter appointment for your pet.

Red Wagon Is Ready to Roll

At just 2 months old, Red Wagon received a life-altering diagnosis.

This tiny kitten arrived in our care with congenital abnormalities affecting her pelvis and hind limbs. Red Wagon's back legs were not functional and severely limited her mobility, creating risks to her health and well-being.

After carefully evaluating her condition, our veterinary team made the compassionate decision to amputate both of Red Wagon's hind limbs to relieve her discomfort and give her the best opportunity to move freely and enjoy a healthy life.

While recovering from surgery in a foster home, Red Wagon quickly showed everyone that her disability would not diminish her spirit. She is energetic, curious and endlessly playful—exactly as a kitten should be. Today, Red Wagon is happily settled with a loving adoptive family committed to cheering her on as she grows.

So far in 2026, the Richmond SPCA has cared for more than 1,100 homeless kittens. Many arrived sick, injured, or orphaned, requiring expert medical treatment and foster care prior to adoption. Red Wagon's story is extraordinary, and her happy outcome was made possible by your support and the devoted care of our remarkable staff and volunteers.



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Trust Takes More Than a Fortnight

In 2024, Fortnight was surrendered to the Richmond SPCA and was struggling to adjust to a world that felt unfamiliar and overwhelming. At only 2 years old, he'd spent too much of his young life lacking stability and the attention every pet deserves. New places intimidated him, routine walks were stressful, and connecting with people made him anxious.

Fortunately, Fortnight received something many dogs in his situation desperately need: time, patience, and individualized support. The Richmond SPCA's trainers were determined to help him build trust and overcome the fears he developed at such a vulnerable age.

They started where Fortnight felt safest, introducing him to quiet spaces and one-on-one interactions with familiar people. Trainers incorporated treats and food puzzles into his outdoor enrichment, helping him discover that the world was not so frightening after all. Every small victory

mattered—from the first time he paused to sniff instead of nervously scanning his surroundings to the moment he eagerly accepted a treat during his walk.

Little by little, Fortnight's true personality emerged. Staff discovered an affectionate, goofy dog and lovingly nicknamed him Forty. As people became less frightening, Fortnight grew increasingly convinced that, despite weighing nearly 70 pounds, he belonged in their laps.

The final step in Fortnight's journey was finding a home that understood his boundaries and would continue building his confidence. In June, he was rewarded with a family of his own. They offer the security, comfort, and patience he needs to simply be a dog.

Fortnight's story is a reminder that some of the most rewarding adoptions take more time. If you're thinking about welcoming a pet into your family, we invite you to visit the Richmond SPCA, meet one of our longer-stay dogs and cats, and talk with our adoption counselors. You could be the hero a pet has been waiting for.

Not all wounds are physical, and your generosity gave Fortnight the time, resources, and individual attention needed to heal.



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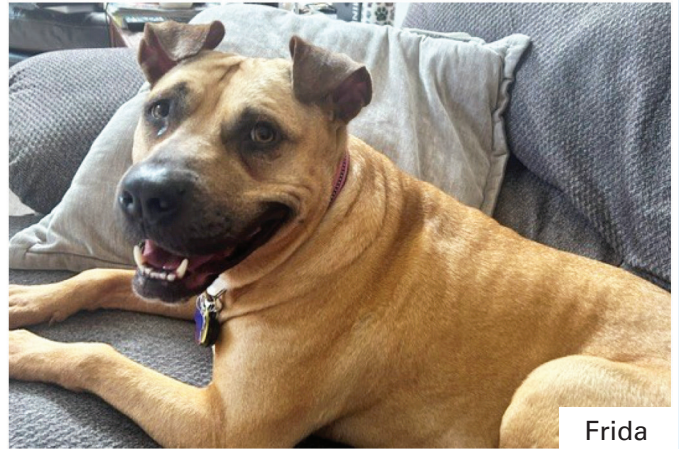
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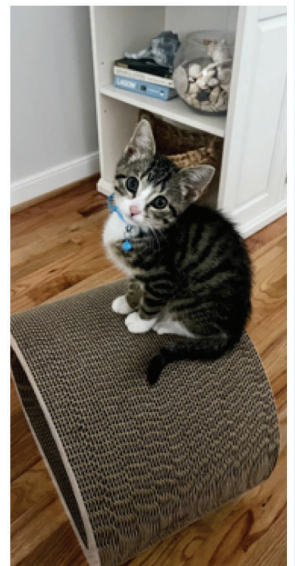
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The Richmond SPCA, founded in 1891, is central Virginia's oldest full-service humane society. Each year we serve more than 18,000 pets across the community in our shelter, veterinary hospital, spay and neuter clinic, training programs and pet retention services. Since becoming no-kill in 2002, the Richmond SPCA has found loving adoptive homes for more than 80,000 dogs and cats. We are an independent nonprofit and not a chapter or affiliate of any other organization with Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in its name, including but not limited to the ASPCA.

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