

Summer 2023

Paw Prints



Featured Adoptables



Elsa

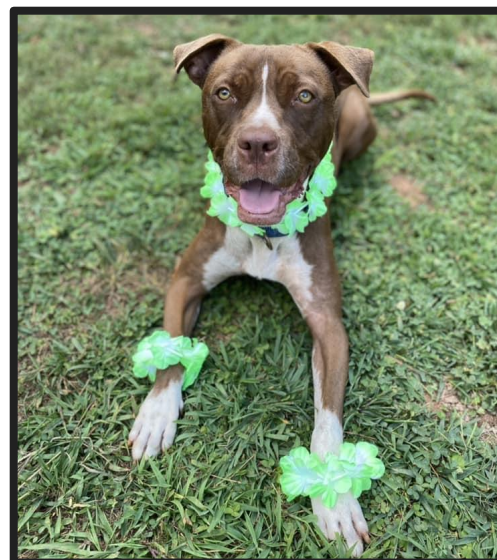
"Are you someone who is a little bit like me?" Poised, curious and slightly sybaritic, Elsa stands proud and tall over her kitty kingdom. Like the ice queen herself, she oozes confidence and remains attentive to her subjects. Though she finds comfort in her palace, she yearns to explore beyond the walls and be more than a stereotype. Beautiful, powerful and ready to grow, Elsa is looking for someone who will help celebrate her value. Are you that someone?

Elsa is a 3-year-old domestic shorthair queen. She is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped.

Monk

"You had me at 'Aloha!'" Monk is a quirky yet sturdy lad who loves to learn and is eager to please. Whether the game is fetch, tug, or solo squeaking, he can adjust his activity according to your needs. A sucker for love, he will do most anything for a belly rub and melts to the floor at the touch of your hand. When life gets too serious, Monk will be the first to help you flip that frown upside down!

Monk aka "Monkey" is a 3-year-old large mixed breed looking for a home to entertain you in. He is up to date on vaccinations, neutered and microchipped.



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Glimmers of Hope



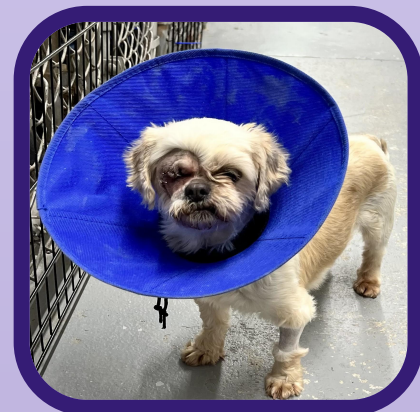
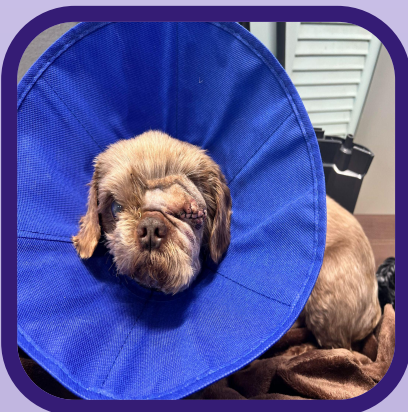
We have all heard the stories and perhaps watched the shows about animal hoarding. Humans typically begin rescue work with good intentions, but soon find that one person cannot sustain large groups of animals alone without some form of repercussion. Sadly, this outcome can also be found in the breeding world. Irresponsible behavior known as “Backyard Breeding” is a sad reality that leaves animals severely neglected with little, if any, concern for their medical needs.

This spring, CCA received an unusual plea for help from a family desperate to break this terrible cycle of abuse for monetary gains. The mother had recently passed away, leaving 31 exhausted adult dogs in their care with no resources with which to sustain them. Finding everything from sour, matted fur to missing teeth and infected, bulging eyes, it was clear these animals needed serious medical care and fast.

Rescue operations were quickly arranged with a non-negotiable agreement that all breeding cease immediately. While assistance was expected from another local group, this proved unsuccessful. On March 19, 2023, CCA began the liberation effort for all 31 dogs.

The oldest in most dire need of medical care were transported first but their ride to freedom was anything but smooth. Only a few miles from the shelter, their vehicle was struck by a careless driver, slinging, and slamming them against their crates before coming to a stop amidst ongoing traffic. Thankfully, none were physically injured, but the psychological effects were evident. The little group of survivors proved their strength and resiliency through this and multiple major surgeries stemming from neglect over the next few weeks, becoming such an inspiration that they were officially named “The Fantastic Five.”

Since the wreck, the living conditions and health of the remaining 26 dogs have improved dramatically, with nearly all now at the shelter and some already in homes of their own! Despite their heartbreaking past, glimmers of hope are seen every day through newly bright eyes, curiosity, and tail wags. We hope you will continue to follow us as we pour our hearts completely into the mission of healing this little group... one life at a time.

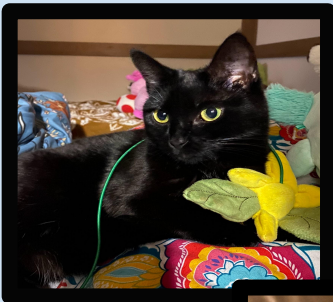


LOOK WHO WAS ADOPTED!



Whiskers After 3 years of making everyone's coffee, warming their chairs, yet being overlooked in the shelter, everyone's favorite assistant was finally noticed. Allow us to present Whisky in his new assignment, supermodel! His manager kindly provided us with some recent headshots from a local shoot. She says, "He deserves to be famous," and we could not agree more. We are so happy for you Whiskers! It was truly time for your big break!

Harley, now known as Murphy Relinquished by a physically abusive owner, Murphy was taken to fellow rescuer Jimmy's facility for rehabilitation. After a surprise diagnosis, he reached out to CCA for help in finding quality homes for his crew. Harley came to CCA, where much time was spent helping her overcome her fear of leashes. In time, she caught the eye of a patient and loving foster parent who ultimately committed to helping her overcome trauma and anxiety. Murphy now enjoys exploring Greenville, no doubt drawing admirers everywhere she goes. Congratulations Murphy!



Kallie If two's company and three's a crowd, four must be the lucky number. Caregiver Grace and her canine companions, Hope and Crystal, set out to find a feline friend. Along came Kallie, who exclaimed "take me home!" and that is when 3 turned 4. Grace heard talk of foster-fails before, but never imagined she would "fail" so quickly. A month of love and care was enough for Kallie to consider their house her forever home. Since adoption, this frisky feline has been working 3rd shift at the biscuit factory, laser chasing, and practicing her stick-and-poke tattoo skills on her new mom. Kallie and her new family love to gather and discuss hot topics over snacks and share snuggles under self-made forts.

LOOK WHO WAS ADOPTED!



Oscar He may have lived in a trash can, but he is far from a grouch! After being found near an abandoned trailer this spring, Oscar was brought to CCA for medical treatment...and a serious bath! Easy-going and social from the start, Oscar made friends quickly and purred his way into a home only 1 month later. Now he spends his days playing with brother Moxie and sunning in his window perch.

Graham, now known as Ryeliey, was the first of the “Fantastic Five” to land a home thanks to his degree from the School of Good Looks. The youngest of the group, he had to put in additional effort, and a few night classes, to be taken seriously by his elders. His hard work paid off when he stole the heart of Mom Jerri during the Parade of Pups at the shelter. A comforting, constant companion, Ryeliey now accompanies Mom wherever she goes and proves himself especially helpful during tutoring sessions for children. Mom says he is “absolutely perfect, has so much personality, and is loved by everybody that meets him.” We couldn’t be any happier for you Ryeliey. You make us proud!



Ellie, now known as Bianca. This bewildered bride-to-be left her former name and her worries at the altar after being ditched by her groom on their wedding day. From the beginning, Ellie pronounced her resiliency by braving through ringworm and her break-up with her presumed sweetheart. Inadvertently, Warrior cat Ellie crossed paths with a lovely human who promised to provide a loving home for her to flourish. These days, Ellie prefers to be addressed as Bianca or Princess Beans. Report says she is an absolute snuggle bug, serenading her mom and grandparents with “mews” and making biscuits with her secret ingredient: LOVE!



Cooper It’s a bird, it’s a plane, it’s a super Cooper! Chatty and full of life, Cooper weaseled his way into the hearts of all who met him. A lovable escape artist with energy to burn, he found himself at CCA by way of rescue from an animal hoarding case. A grade 4 patellar luxation slowed his roll for a time, but he bounced back with treatment and charmed his way into a family as delightful as he is. He now lives his best life by the pool and enjoys cuddling with Mom when she reads.



RESCUE IS A ROLLERCOASTER

In the world of animal rescue, there are individuals who go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our furry friends. Susan Chappell is one such exceptional person, whose unwavering love, commitment, and passion for animal welfare has touched the lives of many. Her stories are an inspiring testament to the incredible bond between humans and animals, and the resilience that can be found in the face of adversity.

Susan's journey as an animal rescuer began long before Cleo and Dilly entered her life. After losing two cherished cats back-to-back, she could have understandably been overwhelmed with grief and turned away from her passion. However, her love for animals was unwavering as evidenced by her adoption of 16-year-old CCA cat named Tink. Despite knowing her time would be limited, Susan made sure her remaining year was filled with comfort and joy. Sadly, Susan ultimately bid farewell to Tink but the pain of losing yet another beloved companion only seemed to strengthen and solidify her determination to make a difference in the lives of animals.

Susan's journey continued when she adopted a pair of friends named Cleo and Dilly and it was an act of compassion that changed their lives forever. Dilly had tragically lost her previous owner to suicide, while Cleo had endured a life of abuse before finding refuge at CCA thanks to fellow rescuer Jimmy. Under Susan's nurturing care, Cleo and Dilly flourished, healing emotional wounds while forming a deep bond of friendship. She opened her heart and home to these two beautiful girls, providing them with the love, security, and stability that they desperately needed.

Tragedy struck just a few weeks after their adoption when Dilly fell ill and passed away from a suspected brain tumor. Susan had only known Dilly briefly, yet it felt as if their connection stretched beyond time, for Dilly was not only special, but an extraordinary companion that she cherished dearly. The loss devastated both Susan and Cleo, as they mourned the loss of their wonderful friend. It was a heartbreaking time, and many would have given up. But once again, Susan refused to let despair consume her or break her spirit. Motivated by Cleo's lingering sadness and need for companionship, Susan mustered the courage and strength to continue her journey. While CCA did not have an immediate answer, Susan's loyalty to the rescue community paid off when she found another remarkable dog named Margie at a local shelter. This new addition brought joy and laughter, not just to Cleo's life, but to Susan's as well.

In navigating the roller coaster of the rescue world, Susan demonstrates resilience in the face of adversity, proving that love knows no bounds. Her story serves as a reminder that even in the face of adversity, love, commitment, and passion can empower us to overcome challenges and create a better world for those who cannot speak for themselves.



Meet Gus!



A story like his could break your heart, but the intense joy Gus emits since rescue is so strong, you almost forget his years of neglect, if you believe it at all. Gummy Bear, Snuggle Bug, Gus-Gus. These are just some of the names he has acquired since arrival. Despite his past, this loving, resilient gentleman remains open and curious about the world around him, much to the delight of staff and volunteers. Silly and adventurous, “Gallopig Gus” follows his nose wherever he roams and makes superb mental maps of new surroundings. He learns quickly and adapts so well; it is easy to forget he lives in the dark.

Gus wants to be your friend. He loves you already...and he hasn't even met you yet! Adopt Gus today!

Gus is an 11-year-old Shih Tzu who will give more love than he can ever receive. He is neutered, up to date on vaccinations, and microchipped.



Meet Grace!

“My love for animals was inherited from my grandma. From feral cats to shelter pups, our house was always overruled by furry friends. When I found CCA, not only did my dedication grow, but I also found a community who shared the same mission: to change animals' lives for the better. I am studying to become a vet tech so that I may continue to follow my dream. Thanks to CCA, I have been given a safe space and launching pad for my life ahead.”



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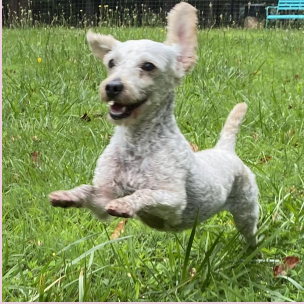
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Tangerine

Tangerine is the true definition of girl boss. Left to raise 4 kittens on her own, this single mom hustled to provide a happy life for her young. As her babies have left their nest, this affectionate beauty is ready for what every cat wants: a home where she can be loved!

Tangerine is a 4-year-old domestic shorthair. She is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped.



Blossom

Kickstart your morning with a big cup of Blossom! Much like the feeling after an extra espresso, Blossom is bright-eyed and ready to take on the day ahead! “Large” and in charge, this boss babe is CEO of fun-entertainment. Are you ready to live to the fullest? Apply to adopt Blossom!

Blossom is a 5-year-old miniature poodle. She is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped.



Georgia

This rising star hung her hopes and sold her car for that midnight train ride, but unfortunately, she landed at a local construction site instead. Thankfully, a loving vet tech and her parents made room in their lives and home to nurse her and her 4 kittens to good health. A sweet, friendly girl, Georgia loves scratches and gets along well with other cats. Given the opportunity, she will make a wonderful companion to your home!

Georgia is a 4-year-old domestic shorthair. She is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped.



Clementine

This beauty with stunning green eyes lives up to the meaning of her name, calm and gentle. Diligent and sensible, you can depend on her to be a supportive listener on a bad day. She might even make you a cup of tea! Laid back and quiet, she enjoys lazy days on the Catio listening to her favorite song, “Soak Up the Sun.” Clementine is looking for a loving friend who will join her in sharing life’s quiet moments. Are you that someone?

Clementine is a 3-year-old domestic shorthair. She is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped.



Archer

Archer is my name and pupperonis are my game! I am a bit reserved when meeting new people, so my volunteer friend, Bella, is coaching me this summer so I can reach my full potential! My caretakers say I am warm and loving and a calm approach wins me over. Are you the kind, patient human who will help further build my confidence?

Archer is a 9-year-old Maltese. He is up to date on vaccinations, neutered, and microchipped.



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In memory of Stephanie Pike's feline kids, Ryder and Nicholas.
Valentina's birthday present.
On behalf on Jen's 40th birthday, save all the cats!
In memory of Alaina Fisher.
In loving memory of Shiloh.
In loving memory of Dudley, Casey, & Milo.
In memory of Deborah "Deb" Young.
In memory of my beloved "Star."
In memory of Peggy Shott.
In loving memory of my aunt, Doris Chappell, of Pickens, SC.

In memory of Debra Young. I will miss her personally but I will miss her the most because she was an incredible advocate for animals.
In memory of Kay Cooksey's Momma dog. Semi-feral Momma was part of a pack of five living in the Clemson University Forest in 2010.
Once all five were rescued by CCA volunteers, Kay adopted Momma along with one of her pups!
In loving memory of dear friend, Aletha Turner, beloved wife of Herb and devoted Mom to charming feline rescues, Buddy and Baby, and sweet rescue dog, Pal!
Their precious kids were showered with royalty and Happy Way was honored to be their #2 loving home!
In loving memory of adorable Jack Russell, Billy Jack, who was blessed to share Susan Chappell's huge heart and heavenly home for 14 amazing years!
To honor Susan Chappell for adopting charming CCA canine girls, Dilly and Cleo, to experience the most joyful and loving adventures in her awesome Doggie and Kitty Resort! Amanda and Grace were great co-ordinating the Happy Ending!
In memory of my wonderful, remarkable dog Billy Jack, who I had the honor of loving for 14 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

In memory of Bandit.
For Jill's bed! Dexter says he feels bad that she got hurt chasing him! Feel better soon, Jill!
In honor of Rufus Stoddard.
In loving memory of Mo Dimmick, one of Momma Cooksey's pups. Mo went from feral to fabulous and will always be fondly remembered walking the neighborhood carrying her purple dinosaur!
In memory of our Lala, formerly known as "Little Red", adopted from CCA in 2011.
In honor of Job Way.
In memory of Judy Stamey.
In loving memory of sweet Dash, Stephanie's best friend!!
In memory of the little poodle companion, Dash, of Stephanie O'Dell.
In memory of Cecil Parsons of Pickens, SC.

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Betty Way

Betsy Richardson
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In loving memory of Barbara Burgess who was an angel to animals and Meals on Wheels for over 30 years where she provided love and food for precious animals! I was honored to know her as a special friend and customer at Happy Way to board her kitty!

In memory of Barbara Burgess.

In memory of Macry's sweet Mo who found a place of love with Marcy.

In memory of Julie Dunlap's Bailey who found a safe haven with Julie.

In memory of Mark Smith.

In honor of Michelle Collins.

In memory of Pat Hetrick.

In honor of Kim's birthday.

Bailey was a hound rescued as a stray by Pickens Co. CCA volunteers. He was adopted by Saluda, another CCA dog.

In memory of Pat Hetrick.

In loving memory of Bailey, Julie Dunlap's canine companion, who was rescued by CCA volunteers.

In memory of Alaina Fisher.

In honor of Patsy Greer.

In memory of Alaina Fisher.

In memory of Dixie Murdock's beloved dog Winston.

In memory of the passing of my friend's brother Christopher Czerniekewski. He will be missed.

In memory of Alaina Fisher.

In honor of Susan Chappell.

In memory of Sasha, Pat & Jim Collins' sweet little doxie.

In memory of Alaina Fisher.

In memory of Margaret Marie Alaina Fisher.

In memory of Alaina Fisher.

In loving memory of Alaina Fisher.

In memory of Brad Roberts.

Merry Christmas in honor of Mike & Lisa Gault

Merry Christmas in honor of Travis & Melissa Spain

Merry Christmas in honor of Michael & Brittany Gault

In memory of David Geisler.

In memory of Carolyn Waterfield.

In honor of Betty Way and in memory of Tom Way.

In honor of Kim & Amanda for their dedication and service to CCA.

In memory of my brother, Bradley Scott Roberts.

In memory of Brad Roberts.

In honor of my faithful and adorable pets and the hard working staff and volunteers at CCA.

On behalf of Bradley Roberts.

In honor of Pam Davis whose birthday is December 25th.

In memory of Barry Jones.

In memory of JET, a loving and much loved cat.

In honor of Deborah "Deb" Ramsey.

In loving memory of Mike Fishbein's wonderful lab, Remy.

Memorials and Honorariums

Janet Jones
 Kimberly Ledford
 Janet Jones

Dave & Robin Barnes
 Derek Manet

Susan Chappell

Betty Way

In memory of Barbara Boggs.
 In memory of Grace Boyles' sweet Samo Kitty Boo.
 In memory of the sweet 21 year old cat, Sierra, of Ms. Shirley Caulder.
 In memory of Frank McGowan, III.
 In honor of Bandit and to thank everyone at CCA who kept Bandit safe and happy for his many years with us. Special thanks to Amanda for providing a home environment to live out his final days. He will be missed.
 In memory of Jo Moffett's sweet yorkie, Katie, who I had the pleasure of getting to know and love.
 In loving memory of adorable Dilly and to honor angel Susan Chappell for her loving adoption of Dilly and Cleo from CCA just several months ago.

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As the oldest no-kill shelter in the Upstate, CCA provides treatment, sterilization, care, and a safe haven for its residents until loving homes are found. Prospective homes are screened, references are checked and home visits made to ensure the animals are placed with responsible, caring individuals and families.

CCA's Feral Cat Program employs the TNR (trap, neuter, and return) process to assist feral cat colony caretakers in maintaining the health of the colony and curbing the colony's growth. Our Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program is effective in alleviating animal suffering by reducing the number of unwanted canine and feline births in the Upstate.

The combined efforts of an involved management team, dedicated caretakers, and an active volunteer force create a powerful influence in the lives of the animals in our care and those in the community we serve.

Mission Statement

CCA shall not euthanize any animal unless it is beyond medical care, and suffering would be the permanent result of medical treatment.

CCA shall operate an animal shelter for abandoned, sick, injured, or otherwise homeless animals.

CCA shall maintain an adoption program to permanently place homeless animals in qualified homes.

CCA shall maintain a low-cost spay/neuter program for the community.

CCA shall strive to prevent or stop any abuse, neglect, or otherwise inhumane treatment of any animal.

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