



Rude Ranch Animal Rescue newsletter

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Dedicated To The Rescue, Care And Adoption Of Homeless Animals



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The open garage must've looked like a pretty safe place for kittens, at least that's what one mother cat thought as she snuck in and promptly gave birth to a litter. The owner of the garage, an older lady (she's 93!) wasn't happy that the kittens were in her garage, but enjoyed watching them run and play as they grew. Once the kittens were weaned, the mother cat left one day and didn't come back. However, the kittens did stay behind and made the garage their "home base". Even though she couldn't touch them, the lady was very attached to the kittens and didn't want anything to happen to them. When they were almost 4 months old, she contacted a local veterinarian for help.

The kittens were rounded up, spayed, neutered and given vaccines. As they were living outside, the kittens were also eartipped. Thinking that the kittens would eventually start exploring the neighborhood, the veterinarian also suggested putting break away collars on the kittens, so people would realize they had a home. Soon the kittens were back in the garage, happily playing, and exploring.

A few weeks later, one of the kittens got his front leg through the collar. The collar was still pretty loose on him, so there wasn't enough pressure to make the collar break. The caretaker noticed the collar, but she couldn't catch the kitten to fix the collar.

Unfortunately for the kitten, the collar didn't break and over the next few months the kitten continued to grow while the collar didn't. Soon the collar was growing into the kitten's skin. The lady knew it was a problem, but by now the kittens were almost 8 months old and with no human contact (and her age)

the kitten would not let her get close enough to even try to get the collar off.

She called several agencies asking for help for the kitten, but there were no resources available.

She finally got in contact with Marion Hosmer, member of the Anne Arundel Community Cat Coalition and an expert at catching and fixing stray, feral and community cats. Even though this kitten was in Prince Georges County, Marion knew he needed help - by now the collar had been embedded

around his shoulder, leg and neck for almost 8 months. It took two days to catch the kitten. Marion realized he needed immediate help and brought him directly to the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook.

As soon as we saw the kitten, we knew he must have been in great pain. The collar had rubbed away all the fur and skin round his neck, back and under his front paw. It was not only rubbing on the raw flesh, but had constricted the muscles and tissue underneath. Everytime he moved, the collar was constricting his body and rubbing on delicate tissue.

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Bogey was trapped with his leg through his collar, suffering intense pain for months.



A Note from our Executive Director

Welcome to our Fall Mewsletter!

We hope everyone had a happy and relaxing summer with your families and pets! At Rude Ranch the time flies by! It seems like just last week I was writing about our plans for the spring and summer!

Things at The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, Rude Ranch's high quality spay and neuter clinic are going great! We are well on our way to spay and neuter over 6,000 cats, dogs, and rabbits this year! The demand for our services has been incredible! We're still forming partnerships with several humane societies, rescues and animal controls to provide spay and neuter services to all that need them. We are always looking for new rescues and shelters to form new partnerships!

We are getting ready to start our twelfth year participating in the Combined Federal Campaign and the Maryland Charity Campaign. We are also participating in the National Capital Area United Way for our seventh year. These programs enable federal, state, county and corporate employees to donate to their favorite charities through payroll deduction - an easy way to get a tax deduction and help Rude Ranch at the same time. If you have a friend or family member who participates in any of these campaigns, please let them know about us! Our designation numbers are: CFC: 45379, MCC: 52-2312763 and United Way: 9664.

In addition to the CFC events this fall, we are planning our annual Putts Fore Mutts Golf Tournament on September 18th at Queenstown Harbor. Come join us for a great day of golf and food! Last, but not least, is our annual Photos with Santa Claws Event at Crunchies Pet Foods in Crofton, Saturday, December 9th. I'm always very happy to recreate my role as Santa Claws for all the furballs! The more unusual the pet, the better! (Last year an opossum stopped by!)

I would be remiss if I didn't remind you that Rude Ranch's book, The Best Little Cat House in Maryland, is still getting great reviews and available in Kindle format. If you haven't read it yet, you can still get it at the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, The Sanctuary or Amazon.com. All proceeds from the book go back to the animals. Don't forget: It also makes a great Holiday gift for the animal lover in your life!

As always, I want to extend a special thanks to our adoptive families, contributors, supporters and volunteers who are vital to our success in our goal to save abandoned and neglected animals and place them in new loving homes. Without you, we could not help the animals.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Rude
Executive Director

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Planning on moving across the street/state or country soon? Don't forget to let us know so we can update our mailing list. Just send an email to info@ruderanch.org with your new address and we will take care of the rest.

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Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is a volunteer based, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of homeless animals in the Maryland and DC area. Our goals are to find permanent loving homes for adoptable animals placed in our care; to provide a safe haven and rehabilitation to feral and neglected cats rescued from abusive situations; and to put an end to needless euthanasia because of pet overpopulation.

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The Life Saving Mission Continues

Everyone at Rude Ranch had high hopes when we opened the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook back in October, 2012. We wanted the clinic to become a valuable tool, reducing the numbers of homeless cats, dogs and rabbits in Maryland, ensuring a brighter future for all animals across the state. As the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook approaches it's 5th anniversary we are happy to report that the clinic is achieving its goals! As of July, 2017 the clinic has spayed or neutered over 26,000 cats, dogs, rabbits, and guinea pigs. (And a sugar glider and two opossums!) We've partnered with over 50 humane societies, rescues and SPCA's to help them prepare animals for adoption. Thanks to generous support from the public, we've been able to provide over 10,000 free or very low cost spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care to low income families and senior citizens. As a result, many animal shelters and animal control agencies in Maryland have seen a significant reduction of animals relinquished to them, and most importantly, in the need to euthanize healthy animals due to lack of space.



Over the years we've noticed a lot of trends regarding pet's names and breeds. Labradors and lab mixes are still very popular, although bichon's, yorkie's and yorkie mixes are also very popular. While most cats are mixed breeds, maine coons are still our most popular breed with ragdolls and siamese coming in a close second. Great Danes and Mastiffs are still the biggest dogs, this year alone we've had 3 Danes that were 130 pounds and over. The biggest dog so far this year was an English Mastiff aptly named Hercules (163 pounds). He came in with his sister, Athena (149 pounds). Diesel is still one of the most popular names for big dogs, while Ziggy, Buddy, Gunner and Hunter are always popular. Bella, Sasha, Ginger and Gracie are the most popular female names. There are still a lot of pets that are named after foods, as we still see a lot of Oreos, Marshmallow's, Cupcakes, Tic Tac's and Skittles. We're glad most of our clients named after food weren't here the same day as Sir Munch A Lot: he might've gotten the wrong idea and thought he was looking at a menu!



Hit the Links! Putts Fore Mutts Returns!

Mark your calendars! The Ninth Annual Putts Fore Mutts Golf Tournament, hosted by the Putts Fore Mutts Foundation, to benefit Rude Ranch Animal Rescue and The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook will be held September 18 at Queenstown Harbor! Major sponsors for the tournament include Tito's Handmade Vodka, Mini of Annapolis, Annapolis Catering, Howard Bank, and WRNR FM.



Last year's tournament was a huge success raising over \$35,000 for Rude Ranch and other local animal charities. This year's tournament will be even bigger with fantastic food, a silent auction and more!

The tournament will be a 4 person scramble. Registration starts at 9 with a shot gun start at 11! You can also participate in the putting contest, long drive and others.

For more info, sponsorship opportunities, and to sign up go to www.PuttsForeMutts.org!



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Dale's Story

Dale came to the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook as part of a feral TNR group from Community Cats Coalition rescue on the Eastern Shore. She was cat #32 (hence being named after hockey player Dale Hunter, even though she's a girl). What we didn't know was that she had been hit by a car 2 weeks before she was brought in. Even worse, she had been pregnant and although the kitten did not survive, it was still inside her. Because of this unexpected complication, the surgery took much longer than normal and she had an extra-long incision. Due to this, we did not feel comfortable immediately releasing her back to her colony so a staff member, Katie, took her home to foster Dale while she recovered.

That's when Katie (and her husband, Drew) got the second surprise: Dale was not feral...in fact, Katie says Dale is one of the friendliest cats she has ever met and they decided to foster Dale until she finds her Forever Home.



Do you have room in your home for Dale?

Dale recovered well from her surgery and has settled in to her temporary home. Dale is approximately 5-years-old, she's a gorgeous brown tabby with bright green eyes. Dale loves attention and will do anything for a head rub or chin scratch. While Katie says Dale is definitely a house cat, she admits Dale is not without her "sassy" moments and she will let you know when she wants to be left alone. Because of Dale's sassy side, she would do best in a home with someone who has previously owned cats and in a home without children. Dale would also prefer to be the only feline in the family (though Katie and Drew are still slowly introducing her to their two male cats). Dale has decided, however, that Katie's 55- pound pit bull is now her best friend, so Dale could most likely go to a home with a cat-friendly dog.

Dale is extremely playful and intelligent. She loves to chase feather toys, jingle balls, and laser pointers, but she will also sit on your lap for snuggles. She also comes when she's called...and is learning "sit." She has used her litter box since arriving and has not had any health problems since her surgery. She is up to date on her vaccines and tested negative for FIV/FELV. She is also microchipped.

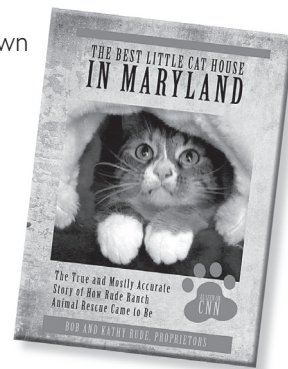
Please consider adopting Dale. She had such a difficult life before coming to the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook and while Drew and Katie are enjoying fostering her, Dale deserves a Forever Home where she can enjoy a life of head rubs and play time.



The Best Little Cat House In Maryland: The Purrfect Gift for the Animal Lover in Your Life!

It's Official! *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland* is one of the funniest, most touching books you will ever read! It's the official story of Rude Ranch Animal Rescue. It is now available in hardcover, softcover, ebook and Kindle editions!

The book explains many little known facts such as how Rude Ranch got its name, what the sanctuary was originally used for and even explains what to do in unusual situations such as floating down a river in a Chevrolet Suburban or what to do with a runaway goat in a thunderstorm. You can even find out how our own Tommy Tomcat landed at Rude Ranch!



Available through the Rude Ranch website (www.RudeRanch.org/shop/... it really is our sales page!) and Amazon.com. It makes a great gift for any animal lover. The proceeds of each purchase go right back to the furry residents of Rude Ranch.

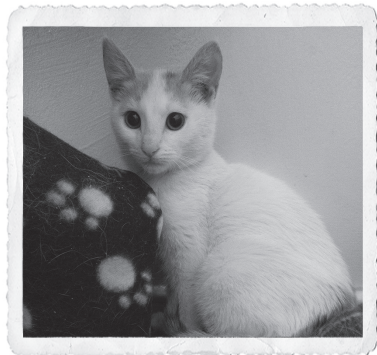


The Votes are In: Brooklyn

During the time that Rude Ranch has existed, we've had to come up with a lot of names for our furry residents. Sometimes a new furball comes in and we are at a total loss for a name. That's how "Brooklyn" got her name!

Brooklyn arrived at Rude Ranch via the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook. Originally brought in from the Brooklyn Park area the kitten was a stray living in an alley, she had many fleas, making her anemic. Her fur was covered in dirt and tar from living on the street, and she was so underweight, the bones in her spine stood out. The emaciated kitten clearly was not healthy enough to be spayed that day. Unfortunately there was no one in Brooklyn Park to take her in and help her get healthy. Her only hope was to go back to the alley and try to survive, or come to Rude Ranch.

It didn't take much to decide to bring her to the sanctuary, especially once she was tested and came up positive for FELV (feline leukemia). We settled her into our leukemia area and Baby (one of our newer FELV residents) quickly took the kitten under her paw. Thanks to Baby, the kitten's fur was soon shiny and clean. However, she still didn't have a name!



Found in Brooklyn Park, the name Brooklyn is a purr-fect fit for this little girl.

As she was technically a community cat, we figured the community should help name her! We posted her picture on Facebook and asked for suggestions. We got many great names, but variations of Brooklyn and Marshmallow were the most popular. It came down to a vote between the two and in the end Brooklyn won out.

Brooklyn is grateful to everyone that helped choose her name. While she still looks to Baby for guidance, she is getting braver everyday, coming out to meet people and play with the other cats. She did learn rather quickly it's a really bad idea to pounce on Firefly's tail!



Rude Ranch Furballs Ready To Invade Government Agencies

While most dogs have been taking it easy this summer, snoozing in the sun, playing with their families and plotting to steal hot dogs off the grill, Bunny, Rude Ranch's fund raising miniature pinscher has been busy getting ready for the Fall CFC and MCC season! Once again Rude Ranch is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign, Maryland Charity Campaign, the Baltimore Charity Campaign, and the National Capital Area United Way!



Bunny is ready to meet-and-greet at all of her favorite government agencies!

If you've never heard of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) or the United Way, here's how it works: If you work for the federal government, state government, or a corporation, you can pick one (Rude Ranch!) or several charities to donate to through payroll deduction. Once you designate Rude Ranch, your agency will deduct your tax deductible specified amount from your paycheck and send it to Rude Ranch. Your generous donations through CFC, MCC and the United Way help us to provide the day to day care, medicine, food and litter to our residents, spay/neuter veterinary care for low income families and spay/neuter surgeries for homeless animals (and don't forget plenty of Pupparoni's and pig ears for our working dogs!).

Not a government employee but have a friend or family member who is? Let them know about Rude Ranch. We love to come to the agency events to see everyone, so if your agency is having a charity event, let us human employees know about it at info@ruderanch.org!





Ask Tommy: Advice from Our Feline to Yours

Welcome to the latest edition of Ask Tommy where your four-footed and feathered friends can ask Tommy for advice on how to handle humans. Tommy's life experiences include a brief career as a kitty condo model, food taster, and shelter spokescat. At the ripe old age of 21 he's now "writing" this column to pass his wisdom on to the next generation of felines.

Dear Tommy,

My Humans are so mean to me!!! They are making take this horrid stuff called medicine! It's bad enough that I have to take this stuff, but my humans say I have to take it for the rest of my life!! Help!

Sincerely, Poked & Prodded

Dear Poked & Prodded,

I understand your frustration with your humans giving you medicine everyday... it might taste bad, disrupt your nap schedule or your humans may need practice giving it to you. But remember it is important that you take it, especially if you have epilepsy, diabetes or your kidneys are starting to fail. Without these medicines you could get sicker, go into a coma or die.

Depending on what medicine you are on, there are several ways you can work with your humans to make it easier for everyone. If you must take a pill, you can have your humans put it inside of another food that you like, such as a little piece of lunchmeat or a little cream cheese. They can also get pill pockets which come in yummy flavors and are designed so that humans can put a pill inside of them. If that doesn't work, your humans can always try a something called a pill popper. Also, tell you humans not to cut or crush a pill unless your vet says it ok... some pills have a special coating so that it dissolves slowly in your stomach. Without the coating, you will get too much medicine at one time.

If you have to get fluids, (I also get fluids every other day) make sure your humans warm them up a little first. (Tell them not to go overboard, just put the bag in a bowl of hot water for a few minutes.) The warm fluids will be less of a temperature difference when they enter your body! When it's time for you to get the fluids, have your humans give you

a small plate of your favorite food or treat. (Or if you have two humans, make sure one is busy giving you chin rubs while the other one is giving the fluids)

If you are diabetic and need insulin, you need to keep a pretty consistent schedule of when you eat and when you get your meds. You need to make sure you stay on a low carb diet. You also need to have a small meal when you get your insulin shots. Your humans can give you your insulin shot while you are eating. Your vet will need to figure out how much you should eat and how much insulin you need and how often. Your humans may need to check your blood sugar (glucose) levels at home. The most accurate way to do this is with a drop of blood and a glucometer. The test doesn't need much blood, so have your humans prick a blood vessel in the tip of your ear. (Tell them to put a dab of vaseline on the spot first, that will make the blood easier to get on the test strip and not absorb into your fur.)

Sincerely,



Don't Forget . . . Santa Claws is Coming to Town December 9th!

Even though the first Holiday Decorations aren't in the local mall yet, Rude Ranch Executive Director Bob Rude is already letting his beard and hair grow for his upcoming role as Santa Claws! For the past 15 years, Bob has played Santa to countless dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, ferrets and even a monkey! Why? To help raise money for the furry residents here at Rude Ranch!



Take home a photo of your pet with Santa.

What will be the most unusual animal to pose this year? (Last year it was a opossum!) Who will set the record for the most animals in one photo? (Still the 10 Greyhounds!) To find out, come to Rude Ranch's Photos with Santa this December at Crunchies Pet Foods, 2421 Crofton Lane on December 9. Check our online events calendar for more details at www.RudeRanch.org.





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Some of the tissue and skin around and under the collar was already necrotic (dead). There was also massive infection, all the way into the kitten's chest. We immediately sedated the kitten and went to work. As soon as we cut the collar away, his whole body seemed to expand... it was almost as if he could finally take a deep breath. We cleaned his wounds, placed drains around the infected areas and sutured together what we could, knowing it would take a long time to repair the damage.

Although removing the collar brought the kitten almost immediate relief, he still needed a place to recover and heal. He needed followup antibiotics, additional sutures (as his skin grew back), and monitoring. His original caretaker could not provide these things for him. Fortunately, Cheri, one of the Spay Spa's vet techs felt bad for him and offered to care for him.

The kitten settled into a crate at Cheri's house, and cooperated when getting his medicine. His demeanor reminded her of the late Humphrey Bogart. She thought Bogey would be a perfect name for him and it stuck. After a few days, Bogey got bored at Cheri's house and busted out of his crate. It took several days before he cooperated to come back in for a re-check. He managed to pull all of his original sutures out

during his escape from the crate, and there was still a large infection deep in the wounds in his chest. We surgically cleaned his wounds, placed new drains and re-sutured his wounds. In light of his recent escapes from a dog crate, Bogey moved into a secure room at Rude Ranch.

Over the next few weeks, Bogey came to the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook every week to check on the infections, and have the wounds re-sutured to close them and help him heal. Bogey went through 9 wound cleaning and suturing surgeries before his wounds were completely healed.

Over the course of all this, Bogey started to learn to trust humans. Now he makes a "ruckus" playing at night (we often find his toys in his water dish in the morning) He still has a special "hiding spot" he runs to when startled, but now he expects chin rubs and ear scratches when someone enters his room.

Bogey will soon move in with our Gen Pop area of the sanctuary while he starts to acclimate to being able to run and jump with out restriction or pain. Bogey and everyone at Rude Ranch want to thank everyone that contributed towards his care. Soon after he will be ready to start a new life in a forever home!



YES, I would like to help the animals . . .

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue relies on donations and volunteers to carry out our mission to save the animals. We receive no federal funding. Your donation of a few dollars* or a few hours of your time can go a long way toward helping our cause.

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