A Journey of Love, Loss, and Reunion

Animal Community Relationships Guide a Long-lost Feral Cat back to Her Caregiver and Kitten

Every so often, you hear a story that gives you hope; is uplifting; restores faith in humanity; lets you know that there are loving people willing to do everything they can to address problems that both animals and humans are facing. This is one of those stories.

Karen Moore works at the Maryland Department of Transportation in the offices at the Bay Bridge toll center. Over three years ago, a calico cat began skulking around the exterior of the building. Not wanting to see the calico go hungry, Karen began feeding it and called her “Valencia.” One spring, Valencia had a litter of kittens. Unfortunately, Valencia and her kittens soon became unwelcome guests, and Karen had to act, trapping Valencia and one of her kittens, “Willow” and brought the traps back to Severna Park, right of East-West highway. The plan was to relocate Valencia and Willow and give them a new life, full of the same love, in her neighborhood.

When Karen tried to transfer Valencia from a trap to a carrier, Valencia got out and bolted away. Karen was heartbroken. She searched her neighborhood. She reached out to many folks, including the Rude Ranch-supported trapper Rose Flynn, asking her to be on the lookout. Months passed without word, and winter came. Karen remained hopeful that Valencia would return back to her and Willow.

Ken and Monica Wrye live adjacent to Kinder Farm Park, where they spend a lot of time just strolling. On one walk, they saw a cat scurry around one of the Kinder Farm Park pavilions. They returned with food, and soon Ken and Monica became the caregivers to this calico, “Pavlina.” In her second year in the park, Pavlina got pregnant. With the help of the Ken and Monica, Maryland Park Rangers trapped the kittens and sent them to Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control (AACACC) for spay/neuter, socialization, and adoption. Before Pavlina could be trapped, she got pregnant and had a second litter. The Park Rangers decided the jig was up; Pavlina and her kittens were trapped and sent to AACACC.

On a positive note, Pavlina’s kittens got adopted. But Pavlina was feral and did not have a home, so there was a chance she could be euthanized. In an attempt to save Pavlina, Ken and Monica reached out to none other than Rose Flynn to intervene. Rose brought Pavlina to

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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Everyone here at Rude Ranch hopes you and your family are staying safe and healthy. It’s been a very weird and difficult year for most of us. Thank you for continuing to support our mission and helping us save so many needy animals. It is with mixed feelings that we write our final letter as Executive Director and President. We are finally moving on and semi-retiring from the working world. We will still be involved with Rude Ranch and remain on the Board of Directors. With that being said, we are extremely excited and happy to announce that we found an incredible couple who are excited to continue Rude Ranch’s work.

Drs. Erik and Sandra Andrulis joined our Board of Directors in February of 2020 just before the Covid-19 pandemic began. Talk about making for an interesting transition! They joined the Board and then we had to close our clinic for 8 weeks. We reopened at the end of May and started moving things forward on the transition. All has gone well (other than figuring out how to function in a Covid-19 world) and beginning in January of 2021 they are now at the helm of Rude Ranch as our new President and Executive Director.

Dr. Sandra Andrulis has been one of our relief vets for 5+ years and jumped at the chance to take over Rude Ranch. Of course, she had to discuss this over with her husband and, fortunately, he was just as anxious to take on our mission. Sandra graduated from the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine and has been working in shelter and spay/neuter medicine for most of her career. She is also Chief of Baltimore County Animal Services and runs their spay/neuter program so has an awesome understanding of the issues faced by people working in animal welfare. Dr. Erik Andrulis received his Ph.D. in molecular biology and biochemistry from Stony Brook University and was an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He also founded the Mid-Atlantic Research Institute, a 501(c)(3) organization that specializes in grant and intellectual property monetization for nonprofits.

We will still be managing the sanctuary portion of Rude Ranch for the near future and helping with the transition, but Sandra and Erik will be the new driving force taking Rude Ranch into a bright new future.

Once again, thank you so much for all you support over the years. We’ve grown from a small Mom and Pop organization that did a few adoptions and a few spay/neuters, to an organization that has had a major impact on the animal welfare of our County and the State of Maryland. We could not have done it without the support of our adoptive families, volunteers and all the individual, corporate, and institutional donors.

With gratitude,

Bob Rude & Katherine Evans
Outgoing Executive Director & President
A Note from the Incoming President and Executive Director

Since receiving 501(c)(3) determination for Rude Ranch Animal Rescue in 2001, Bob Rude and Kathy Evans Rude have dedicated their lives to finding permanent loving adoptive homes for animals placed in their care; to providing sanctuary and rehabilitation to feral, neglected, abandoned, homeless, and abused animals; to helping rescue partners, community caregivers, and the public receive low-cost spay/neuter and related services; to promoting and enacting legislation and best practices for trap-neuter-return; and to eliminating unnecessary euthanasia of healthy animals due to overpopulation. This year, after 20 years of executive service to Rude Ranch, Bob and Kathy are stepping back to guide and support the nonprofit organization as members of its Board.

With my wife and partner, Sandra Andrulis, DVM, I am honored to have been selected by Bob and Kathy to assume leadership roles at Rude Ranch. I am also thrilled to apply our complementary energies, expertise, and passion to Rude Ranch’s mission. I come to Rude Ranch with a background in academia, laboratory management, basic scientific research, grant writing and administration, environmental health, non-profit management, and online sales and marketing. Dr. Andrulis boasts two degrees from Cornell University and over 20 years’ hands-on experience in private clinics, non-profit shelters, spay/neuter, governmental agencies, Eastern medicine, and housecalls. Together, we have fostered over 150 animals and currently have two owned rescue dogs and a three-legged amputee foster cat with an upper respiratory infection.

Dr. Andrulis and I joined the Rude Ranch Board of Directors last year and have worked alongside Bob and Kathy since then to learn the ropes, to address the most challenging COVID issues, and to assume day-to-day operations. I have met many of the amazing rescue partners and clients and have affirmed our commitment to them. I look forward to meeting and celebrating all of you – prior and existing clients, donors, sponsors, and grantors. In my words and actions, I aim to share our love of animals with you. I believe that the most virtuous organizations are those that live both for and through people. And I believe that the most virtuous people are those that live both for and through animals. Rude Ranch and its people are the most virtuous. I trust that you share my beliefs.

I realize that we have big shoes to fill now…and in the years ahead. As part of this shoe-filling process, we have made several small accomplishments in our first year: we fostered, adopted out, and cared for over 60 cats in the Rude Ranch sanctuary and at our own house (an ersatz albeit loving sanctuary extension); performed over 5000 spay/neuter surgeries at the clinic; launched a streamlined clinic software including online payment and appointment booking; updated the clinic website; upped our social media game; and more. We do all of this to build upon Bob and Kathy’s legacy and steward Rude Ranch Animal Rescue for the next generation.

In the coming year, I plan to establish an annual animal welfare award in their names to honor their service to animal welfare. Until then—and until we can celebrate them properly at a “sem-retirement” gala—please join me in wishing Bob and Kathy the best in health, happiness, and wet kitty kisses as they golf and draw across the next undulating putting canvas of their lives.

Warmest paws,

Erik D. Andrulis, PhD
President and Executive Director
Elizabeth Hines joined the Rude Ranch family in 2015 during her sophomore year at the University of Maryland, College Park, with bright eyes and a bright future ahead of her. Elizabeth, then working as a veterinary technician at Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, dreamed of eventually going to veterinary school to become an animal doctor and clinical researcher. In 2017, while pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degrees – one in Animal Sciences and another in Physiology & Neurobiology – Elizabeth’s dream was realized: she was admitted to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM) at Virginia Tech. We said our goodbyes and good lucks and sent her off into the world!

Fast forward to 2020. Pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and a Master in Public Health with a concentration in Infectious Disease, Elizabeth reached out to us to inquire about the possibility of performing a veterinary externship at Spay Spa & Neuter Nook under the guidance of Dr. Sandra Andrulis. The intent of the rotation was to give Elizabeth exposure to high volume spay and neuter. Elizabeth arrived on December 7, 2020 for the first day of her two-week-long externship. She jumped right back in from where she left off in 2017: did check-in, pre-surgical examinations, animal induction and prep, surgeries, post-operative care and oversight, and discharge. Almost every client that Elizabeth met were happy to support the development of her spay/neuter skills.

And they – like us – were thrilled to have our homegrown talent return. Elizabeth’s story speaks to the culture that runs deep within Rude Ranch Animal Rescue – people who love animals helping one another hone their skills and experience to help even more animals. We are so proud of Elizabeth and all that she has done and will do for animals. We wish soon-to-be Dr. Hines congratulations on her impending veterinary degree and her planned residency in pathology at Texas A&M!

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is proud to announce that it has been named a “2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit” by GreatNonprofits, the leading website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits.

This “2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit” badge provides nonprofits with online clout: a form of social validation to prospective donors, volunteers, and sponsors. GreatNonprofits is the largest donation website for nonprofits and where people share stories about their personal experiences on more than 1.6 million charities and nonprofits.

“We are pleased to be ranked as a 2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit,” says Erik Andrus, executive director. “We are proud of our accomplishments this past year including re-opening and staying open in light of COVID; successful transfer of administrative duties; sustained partnerships with dozens of animal rescues resulting in hundreds if not thousands of animal adoptions; hundreds of saved feral cats; thousands of successful spay/neuter surgeries; grant funding from Banfield Foundation, Best Friends Network, State of Maryland, and several private foundations.”

The Top-Rated Nonprofit Award is based on the rating and number of reviews that Rude Ranch Animal Rescue received. “Five stars are not enough for this organization. I came onboard in 2002 thinking I’d get some ideas for starting my own rescue. I quickly learned I could never hope to do half the job they do but hung around because they run such a terrific organization and I’m proud to be part of it,” wrote Lynn Hopkins, a Rude Ranch board member. “If you would like to testify to Bob and Kathy’s impact on animal welfare or tell everyone about your experience with our great nonprofit, search for Rude Ranch Animal Rescue on greatnonprofits.org and leave a comment!”

This is the first year that Rude Ranch has entered the annual campaign for this recognition.
Norma Behlke remembers the first day that she and her husband Charlie started volunteering with Rude Ranch Animal Rescue: October 1, 2004. Over 15 years later, she is still shows up regularly, every Monday through Thursday, at Spay Spa & Neuter Nook.

In their first two years of volunteering, Norma and Charlie would show up on Saturday mornings at PetSmart in Annapolis, MD, to help Bob Rude and Kathy Evans Rude with their adoption clinics – assisting with moving carriers, speaking with prospective adoptees, and managing paperwork. After two years of assisting with adoptions, Norma and Charlie redirected their energies to help Bob and Kathy at the Rude Ranch sanctuary – on a weekly basis cleaning rooms and cat trees, scooping litter boxes, filling food and water bowls, and observing patients. Norma would even bring her grandson to help out, or, as would usually happen, to play with the kitties and cats at the Ranch. Norma remembers sitting on chairs, tables, and floor stuffing envelopes with that years’ newsletter – and helping tote them to the post office for hand mailing.

Despite her passion to help, Norma had to step away from volunteering to address several family issues, including the loss of her beloved Charlie. But her love of animals and respect for Rude Ranch brought her back. Following attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Spay Spa & Neuter, Norma asked Kathy if she could help at the clinic. Days later, Norma was back helping – this time, working the front desk at the clinic, making appointments, taking calls, helping customers, and data entry. Nine years later, she is still doing this.

Throughout her time volunteering, Norma has annually spearheaded Rude Ranch’s basket bingo at the Annapolis Elks’ lodge in Annapolis – arranging and preparing all of the baskets and also making fresh homemade baked goods for every bingo. On a related note, Norma once baked over one hundred cookies for Bob to take with him when he was called to rescue animals after Hurricane Katrina. Norma’s baked goods were so good and so popular, they helped solidify Bob’s reputation as the “Cookie Man!”

When asked why she chose to support Rude Ranch for all these years, Norma said “because of their commitment to helping animals to get spayed and neutered and to help stop overpopulation and [because] they have initiated numerous programs to accomplish this for both owned and feral cats.”

As part of her service to Rude Ranch, Norma has fostered over a dozen cats, including one black cat named Salem that fondly remembers. Andy, the cat with Norma in the picture, was a feral kitten that was homeless when brought in to Spay Spa & Neuter Nook many moons ago. Norma took Andy in. Norma told me that she believes “They [Rude Ranch] have greatly improved the lives of so many animals.” Well, Norma, so have you.

Rude Ranch Blasts off into the Twitterverse

With all the hubbub around twitter during the Presidential election, the denizens at Rude Ranch Animal Rescue became more restless, demanding that their voices be heard in that litter box of a social media platform. Not political voices, mind you, just “feed me – ignore me – pay attention to me – leave me alone – pick me up – put me down – feed me” voices. You know, cat voices.

After 15 years of running smoothly, twitter is having a hairball thrown in its gears by the cats, dogs, and humans at Rude Ranch. Expect to hear all types of voices and personalities as each and every one of us jockey for your attention and for the attention of A-list celebrities, sports figures, and politicians. (All the cats at Rude Ranch know they are much more important than all of them, anyways.)

If you are on twitter and want to see what’s going down, check us out at @ruderanchrescue. Follow them and hope you enjoy the show!
Meowser came to us from Anne Arundel Animal Control after testing positive for both FIV and FeLV. Meowser absolutely loves chin rubs and ear scratches.

At Spay and Neuter Nook for her spay day, super-sweet pet of the day Pepper is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, adorable, and loves cuddles, kisses, and belly rubs.

Rudy, our newest Rude Ranch resident sent over from Anne Arundel Animal Control. We’re giving him a warm, caring place where he can rest and recover before he goes to his forever home.

Ernest and all the other cats here at Rude Ranch want to say how grateful they are to AACAR Realtor® Community Service Committee which just sent us a very generous donation.

We’re just nuts about little pups Hazelnut, Macadamia, Cashew, and Coconut! These adorable puppies stopped by today to hang out for their spay/neuter appointments with University of Maryland student Allison Hatfield and vet tech Elizabeth Siebenhar.

Can you help lovely kitty Isabella? When her mom died of COVID-19, this senior sweetheart had nowhere to go. Thankfully, Rude Ranch was there to take her in and provide a place where she can be warm, safe, and loved for the rest of her life.
Absolutely adorable puppies Hamilton, Eliza, Angelica, and Peggy from Saving Grace Animal Rescue of Maryland visited with vet tech Megan Reason and Dr. Tha Perry for their spay/neuter surgeries!

It warms our hearts when outdoor kittens get an indoor option and this is what happened with feral siblings Pebbles and Bam Bam. These lil cuties were young enough to be socialized! Pebbles required medical care for his eye.

Talk about a character! One day last quarter we had three huskies, all of whom were cute - but this one was surely the cutest! We were certainly not lacking for entertainment today!

Who needs some good news right about now? We sure do! And we have it! Thanks to Rude Ranch and SAVECats, this friendly boy from our mega colony is off to his forever home courtesy of Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control.

The cutest pups came into Spay Spa for their neuter surgeries today! Wombat the blue Merle Australian Shepherd puppy is the most handsome and snuggly little guy! We are so happy to be a part of Wombat’s adoption story!

We couldn’t resist printing this photo of sweet Holland Lop lady and pet of the day Holly, who was in for her spay day. (We fell in love with her wiggly nose and very soft ears!)
A Note from Incoming SAVECats Program Manager

Hello everyone! My name is Niki Cochran and I wanted to introduce myself as the new SAVECats program manager. I have previously been the program manager for Alley Cat Rescue and, before that, was an animal control officer in the District of Columbia. I currently live in Takoma Park, MD, with my 3 year-old son, husband, coonhound, and a rotating cast of kitties.

Some of you may not be familiar with the SAVECats program because it is the newest program under the Rude Ranch umbrella. SAVECats (Spay/Neuter And Vaccinate Every Cat) was created in 2018 after Bob Rude successfully lobbied for county bill 96-17 which enables community cat caregivers to practice trap-neuter-return (TNR) for outdoor cats. This law also grants outdoor cats that have been spayed, vaccinated, and ear tipped the right to live in their communities.

This piece of legislation, so important to the core values of Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, birthed the SAVECats program. SAVECats works directly with Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control (AACACC) to identify colonies and caregivers in need of TNR or conflict mitigation services. SAVECats also works directly with the public when they express a need for TNR services by providing trapping supplies, scheduling cats for surgery and assisting with trapping.

SAVECats is fortunate to have a grant from the State of Maryland that allows for every outdoor cat in Anne Arundel County to receive TNR services for free. In 2021 alone, we were able to help 1,200 cats get the vital medical services they need to live long, healthy lives outside. This would not be possible without the small army of volunteers that go out every day in the snow, rain, and Maryland humidity. We are grateful for their selfless service.

Have we caught your attention yet?! Are you interested in becoming more involved with the cats in your community or looking to help support this program? We are always looking for more volunteers to help trap cats, transport, assist in the surgical clinic and work at events (post-COVID) that help promote our message. Additionally, we can always use donations of many kinds: towels, newspaper, food (open and gently expired is fine) and cat supplies.

While the State of Maryland grant does cover the cost of basic medical care, we also have a commitment to provide a cat with anything medically necessary to help it become healthy, including services such as wound care, removing teeth or eye surgeries. If you are able to help support this care, consider giving to SAVECats. For more info on how to help, please visit aacsavecats.org.

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue has operated its low-cost spay/neuter clinic, Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, since 2012. The highest priority of our non-profit clinic is the care of owned and community animals while supporting those individuals, shelters, and rescues that need the most help. One critical component to that care is having talented veterinarians and amazing staff. Another is providing accessible resources both in person and online. Regarding the latter, after the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook website undergoing only minor changes over the last 9 years, we are pleased to announce a complete revision.

We have added “book appointment” for clients and trappers that need spay/neuter services; added information about the history, mission, and vision of Rude Ranch; updated services and pricing; showcase our partners, SAVECats program, and staff – and that’s just the first menu tab! We have also provided clients and donors a suite of giving mechanisms as well as a set of resources for animal rescues, clients, volunteers, and sponsors interested in working with us.
Saved from the End of the Road

Shot in the Eye with a Plastic BB and Left to Suffer, Uma Finds a Forever Home

According to Sue Nevins, Founder and Director of Road Runner Rescue, one of Rude Ranch and Spay Spa long-time partners, the Eastern Shore Animal Control (ESAC) facility in Melfa, VA, euthanizes over 100 cats a month. Thousands of cats are surrendered to ESAC every year and very few are adopted; if one cat gets adopted in a month, that’s a good month. The high surrender, high kill, low adoption rate occurs because ESAC serves not one but two Eastern Shore counties: Accomack and Northampton. Both of these counties have ~20% or their population below the poverty line (13% is the national average), are rural, and have low population density. As such, feral and outdoor cat populations are not managed, and have the opportunity to explode.

It is for these reasons that Sue drives to ESAC at least once a month to save the animals that she can. “I take all the friendlies, and if there is a feral that is nice, but perhaps not adoptable – I will take it too for release on a farm,” she told Erik Andrulis. Two months ago, Sue picked up one such cat that had reached the end of the line.

Uma was in bad shape: she was not eating, had matted hair, was drooling, and had one eye crusted over with pus and grit. Uma was skittish and unsure of people at first, but not aggressive. So, Sue loaded Uma and 20-some other cats into carriers and drove them to Spay Spa & Neuter Nook for spay/neuter and medical attention.

Dr. Sandra Andrulis saw Uma when she arrived in the clinic and decided that the eye needed to be removed. Upon taking out the eye, Dr. Andrulis discovered a plastic BB lodged inside of it, suggesting that someone actually pointed a BB gun at Uma and fired it. It is absolutely horrific that someone would shoot this innocent, tiny little cat. We could only imagine how much pain Uma had suffered having the BB in its eye, and for how long she had suffered.

Because Uma looked like she was at death’s door when she arrived at Spay Spa, Erik and Sandra took her home for observation and TLC. After two weeks, Uma was eating, drinking, purring, and warmed up to people. Rude Ranch reached out to SPCA of Anne Arundel County, who agreed to put Uma up for adoption. We are pleased to report that Uma was adopted and now has her forever home! Everyone here at Rude Ranch is so happy that we were able to help Uma recuperate and learn to love and trust humans again after such a horrible experience.

University of Florida Shelter Medicine Program Visits Rude Ranch’s Clinic

A student currently enrolled in the University of Florida’s Master’s program for Shelter Medicine, Madison Warnke, contacted Rude Ranch in January. Madison had a mid-term project for her class which required an on-site tour and interview of a veterinarian at a spay/neuter clinic. Wanting to help out, Dr. Sandra Andrulis invited Madison to come and spent an afternoon with us to learn how Rude Ranch Animal Rescue runs its non-profit clinic. There were twenty pre-planned questions about spay/neuter, clinic management, and best practices, which Dr. Andrulis answered.

After her visit, Madison told us that she was inspired and commended us for our work, “Thank you for providing such amazing and high-quality care for community cats. What you have done with your SAVECats program is a significant accomplishment.”

We were glad that we were able to help Madison out with her mid-term project. We thank Madison for her visit and wish her the best in her studies!
Rude Ranch Animal Rescue

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue Gets a New Logo

You may have noticed our new logo on the top of our newsletter, on our facebook page, or on our new twitter account. We hope you love it as much as we do! Before we discuss the new logo, the story of the retiring Rude Ranch Animal Rescue logo - uniquely recognizable with its inverted scripted Rs, stylized stenciled red porte-cochère, under which neatly sits a cat named “Bones” needs to be retold.

Bones (full name “Bag of Bones”) described his condition when found in an abandoned apartment complex back in the early 1990s and surrendered to then-Anne Arundel County Animal Control. Although he had little hope of surviving, Bones was rescued by Bob and Kathy, and lived for another 10 years at Rude Ranch.

Bones’ legacy is Rude Ranch’s mission: finding permanent loving homes for neglected animals. And yet, Bones is just one of the tens of thousands of cats and dogs that Rude Ranch has rescued, rehabilitated, fostered, and adopted. It is from that love that we began our development of a new logo.

Working with Valerie Wilson, a 14-year Rude Ranch volunteer and talented graphic designer, we tried over a dozen different versions before settling on the final logo: A red heart enveloping silhouettes of a dog and cat. The color scheme and font type (verve standard) match that of the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook logo, seamlessly, simply, and effectively connecting the sanctuary and clinic by iconography.

Want to Support Rude Ranch through Workplace Giving?

With over 5 billion dollars in donations, Benevity is one of the largest workplace donation platforms. Hundreds of Fortune 1000 companies around the world have chosen Benevity to facilitate their workplace volunteering, granting and giving. Rude Ranch has been fortunate to receive support from employees at BAE Systems, Sprint, Liberty Mutual, AT&T, UnitedHealth Group, and Abbott Laboratories. There are over 5 million donors that have access to the Benevity Causes Portal. If you work at a Benevity partner company, are one of these donors, please consider giving to Rude Ranch’s (Benevity ID: 840-522312763) General Use Fund or to our Project entitled, “SAVECats: A MD No-Kill Community Cat Program.” If you are on Benevity and use Spark, please consider running a Peer Matching Campaign for Rude Ranch.

YourCause, acquired by Blackbaud, partners with hundreds of companies through its Global Good Network. Since being founded in 2008, YourCause has processed over 2 billion dollars in donations. Rude Ranch has received support from donors at Mitsibushi UFG Financial, Pfizer, and New York Life. If your company does workplace giving through YourCause, please consider donating to Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, EIN 52-2312763. We make a point to be active on this portal, uploading stories about our good work on a biweekly basis.

In 2019, Fidelity Investments, a broadly diversified financial services company with more than $7.3 trillion in client assets, announced the introduction of the Fidelity Workplace Giving program. The new program allows employers to integrate charitable giving into their current benefits program, while offering employees a way to easily manage their philanthropic activities. If your company is registered with Fidelity Workplace Giving, please consider donating to Rude Ranch Animal Rescue.
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Rude Ranch and Spay Spa & Neuter Nook to help with spay/neuter and finding a barn home for Pavlina.

When Rose saw Pavlina’s markings, and put two and two together, she deduced that this could be the long-lost Valencia that Karen had lost two years prior. She called Karen and asked her to provide more details about Valencia and to send over a picture. Lo and behold, it was Valencia!

Karen was overjoyed. She rushed to AACACC to retrieve Valencia. Now Mama and Willow are together again, and all is well. Karen never gave up hope. Thanks to the amazing community of animal lovers and caregivers, no one else should ever, either.

YES! I want to help save the animals!

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue relies on donations from YOU to carry out our mission to provide sanctuary and care to homeless, abandoned, at-risk, and special needs animals. We receive no Federal funding. All donations are tax deductible.

There are many ways that you can help us with your generous donation:
- A $40 donation will provide food, kitty litter, and toys for one of our feral, FIV, FeLV, or geriatric cats for a month.
- A $200 donation will cover medicine and veterinary care for one clinic visit for a special needs cat.
- A $480 donation will support the care of one of our special needs cats for a year.
- A $1000 donation will help defray the costs of spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations of 20 community cats.

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Mission Statement

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-Washington, DC-Virginia metropolitan area. Our mission is to find permanent loving homes for adoptable animals placed in our care; to provide a safe haven and rehabilitation to feral, neglected, and abused animals; and to put an end to the euthanasia of healthy animals because of pet overpopulation.

Do you want to help animals at the sanctuary? Do you want to help animals at the clinic? Do you want to help animals in the field? If you answered “yes” to any one of those questions, we have volunteer opportunities just right for you! From cat herding to doggie duty, from animal intake to human outreach, from print media to social media, we need your help. Contact us at info@ruderanch.org, info@spayspa.org, or info@aacsavecats.org today!

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