



TOWN OF PERRYVILLE
BOARD OF APPEALS
APPLICATION

SE 2016-02

This request is for:

- Special Exception* [X] \$250
Variance [] \$150
Appeal [] \$250

*Must receive a recommendation from Planning Commission prior to BOA hearing.

A. Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant Chesapeake Feline Association Phone 410-507-0664 / 302-528-3642
Address 88 Spring Hill Lane - PO Box 743 North East MD. 21901
Signature Dawn Conley Date 8/15/2016

B. Property Owner Information:

Name of Property Owner VADR Ventures LLC Phone 443-309-7318
Address 1105 Perryville RD Perryville MD 21903
Signature _____ Date _____

C. Property Information:

Location 1105 Perryville RD Perryville MD 21903
Tax Map 0800 Parcel 0112 Property Size 0.817 ACRES Zoning C-2

D. Provision of Zoning Ordinance under which this Application is submitted:

Special Exception

E. Attach a letter that describes the purpose of this Application. Indicate the reasons why the applicant feels this request should be granted, the exact nature of the proposed use, and describe any further approvals or licenses necessary for the proposed use.

see attached

F. Attach site plan or sketch location of proposed project on property, showing distances from rear, front and side of property lines to project, and the dimensions of the project.

see attached

G. Due to Public Notice requirements, filing deadlines vary.

Applications must be received, including all required attachments by: _____

Office Use Only
Filing fee of \$250 Received with this Application on 8/23/2016 By: Battaglia

Planning Commission Approval Received On: _____

Board of Appeals Approval Received On: _____

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION
ZONING CERTIFICATE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Date: August 22, 2016

Property Owner: VADR Ventures LLC

Address: 105 W Branch Circle, North East, MD 21901
Street City, State, Zip Code

Address of proposed work: 1105 Perryville Road, Perryville, MD 21903

To whom it may concern:

This letter authorizes Dawn Cowhey, President Chesapeake Feline Association, as my agent, to obtain and sign an application from the Zoning/Building Official on my behalf for the address of proposed work as stated above.

Contractor: Chesapeake Feline Association

Address: PO Box 743, North East, MD

Phone Number(s): 410 507-0664

License No.: _____


Property Owner Signature

To be completed by Town representative

Town of Perryville - Attachment to Zoning Certificate # _____

Chesapeake Feline Association

"Saving lives one cat at a time"



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"Chesapeake Feline Association is an all-volunteer, 501 (c) (3), no-kill feline rescue, committed to creating a better world for cats and kittens by providing feline population control services in Cecil County. The Chesapeake Feline Association accomplishes this mission through the promotion of spay/neuter and vaccination of all cats and providing shelter services and adoption/placement resources.

Cecil County, rural in nature, has had many issues with free roaming cat colonies. Unfortunately, Cecil County suffers with a 11% poverty rate. These factors contribute to individuals that cannot afford to pay for spay and neuter services. CFA believes and science proves the only way to address the overpopulation of free roaming cats is to spay and neuter. By providing such services this will reduce the number of unwanted future litters from being born. CFA has a systematic approach to the TNR process and will work until a colony is 100% complete. Spay/Neuter is the cost effective way to care. The problems are global but the solution must be in every community. Spay/Neuter is more than a surgical procedure – it's the solution

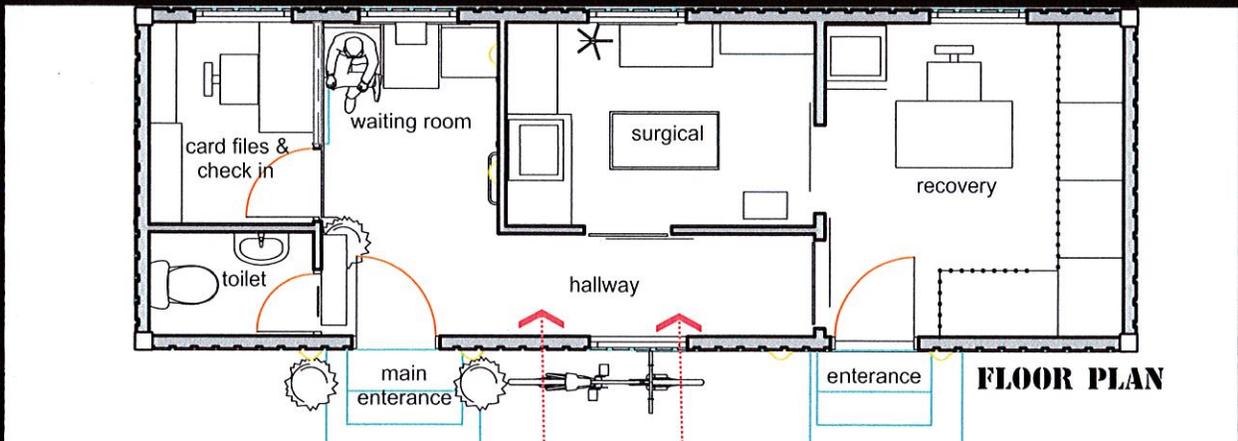
The Chesapeake Feline Association continues to provide medical and feeding assistance to the feral cat population at the Perryville Community Park. We have also been awarded multiple Perryville VLT grants to support our comprehensive TNR program.

The Chesapeake Feline Association has received national recognition by being selected as a recipient of a POD (standing clinic model as compared to a mobile clinic) free of charge from Lulu Rescue in Doylestown, PA. This modular unit is being provided to be used for spay/neuter services for a 3 to 5-year period in Cecil County. The POD is 720 square feet and will have a fully functional surgical area, reception area and recovery room. The POD will service the low to moderate income population.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter grant program, recognizing Chesapeake Feline Association's outstanding work, is awarding us funding to provide 500 no charge spays and neuters for the year 2017. In addition, capital funding was provided to augment additional surgical equipment needed to operate the spay/neuter POD. POD graphics are attached for your review. This award compliments our 2016 award from MDA to Spay and Neuter 400 Cecil County felines, which is ongoing. This grant (2017) funding will enable us to continue our mission to drastically reduce the overpopulation of free-roaming cats/kittens. The placement of this POD will be a game changer for the residents of Perryville and other communities in Cecil County. These two grants enables CFA to stop the over population of 900 felines free of charge for the county which is a huge

accomplishment. One female cat can produce anywhere from 3-4 litters of kittens per year, each having 4-6 kittens.

The POD will be staffed by 2 Part time veterinarians, 1 Vet Tech and 1 Practice Manager. This team will provide leadership, outreach and oversight within the clinic. Hours of operation will be three days a week from 7am-7:30pm. We will also offer rabies and distemper clinics. Our procedures and processes will be approved by the State Veterinary Board.



PERSPECTIVE 1

PERSPECTIVE 2





LULU'S RESCUE, WORKING ON A FOUNDATION OF PROVEN MODELS NATIONWIDE, HAS DEvised AN EXCITING LOCAL INITIATIVE THAT WILL HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS COMPANION ANIMALS.

OUR MISSION AT LULU'S IS RESCUE, HUMANE EDUCATION, AND SPAY/NEUTER OUTREACHES. ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING MOVEMENTS IN SPAY/NEUTER RIGHT NOW IS CLINICS OFFERING LOW-COST, HIGH-QUALITY, HIGH-VOLUME SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES. THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR THESE CLINICS AT START-UP IS ACQUIRING FACILITIES TO PERFORM THE SURGERIES—BUT WE HAVE FOUND A COST-EFFECTIVE WAY AROUND THIS PROBLEM. LULU'S IS NOW WORKING TO BRING THIS SPAY/NEUTER MODEL TO OUR COMMUNITIES BY ACQUIRING CONSTRUCTION TRAILERS (ONCE USED AS OFFICES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES) AND REPURPOSING THEM INTO SURGICAL PODS IN AREAS WITH EXTREME POPULATIONS OF COMPANION ANIMALS.

WE KNOW FROM OUR PREVIOUS 400+ SPAY/NEUTER OUTREACHES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THESE SURGERIES BEING PERFORMED AND THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS WHO LAND ON DEATH ROW IN SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. WITHOUT QUESTION, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SURGERIES DECREASES THE NUMBER OF PUPPIES BEING DUMPED IN SHELTERS. OUR SPAY/NEUTER PODS ARE AN ECONOMICAL WAY TO BRING MORE SURGERIES TO THE AREAS THAT NEED THEM MOST.

EACH POD WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: AN INTAKE/RECEPTION AREA, A SURGICAL ROOM, AND A RECOVERY ROOM. MATERIALS WILL BE PRIMARILY STAINLESS STEEL AND TILE, TO MAINTAIN AS STERILE OF AN ENVIRONMENT AS CLIENTS WOULD FIND IN ANY OTHER VETERINARIAN'S FACILITY.

WE ARE CONCURRENTLY WORKING ON A BUSINESS PLAN TO HAVE QUALIFIED VETERINARY STAFF IN PLACE IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATIONS, AND TO ENSURE THAT WITHIN 24 TO 36 MONTHS OF EACH POD BECOMING OPERATIONAL, IT WILL ALSO BECOME FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING. MANY LOW-COST, HIGH-QUALITY, HIGH-VOLUME SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS HAVE SHOWN THAT THIS MODEL CAN WORK NATIONWIDE, AND WE SEE NO REASON WHY IT CANNOT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES, TOO.

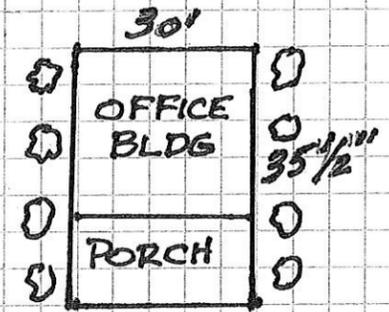
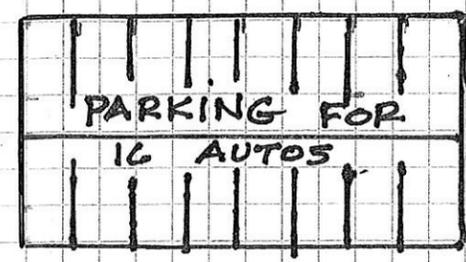
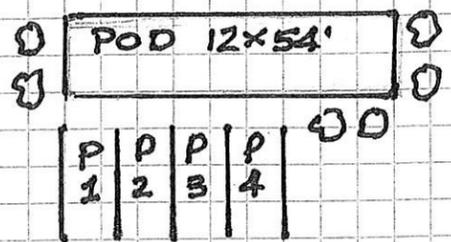
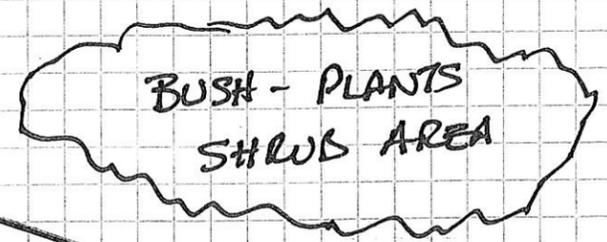
WE ARE ON TRACK TO HAVE OUR FIRST SPAY/NEUTER POD UP AND RUNNING NO LATER THAN SUMMER OF 2014, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR DONORS TO HELP US IMPLEMENT THE BUSINESS PLAN THAT WE HAVE PUT IN MOTION. AGAIN, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ANY GRANTS RECEIVED WILL GET US TO THE 24- OR 36-MONTH MARK, AT WHICH TIME WE EXPECT EACH POD TO BECOME FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING.



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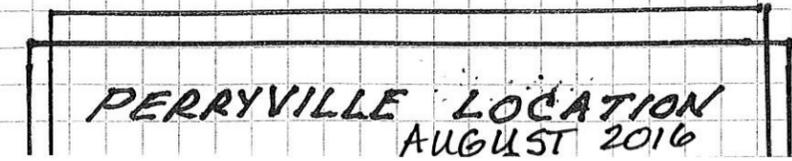
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1105 PERRYVILLE ROAD

CFA POD



VADR Ventures LLC
1105 Perryville Road
Perryville, MD 21903

July 26, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been meeting on a regular basis with the President of the Chesapeake Feline Association to discuss the association's plans of placing the "Miss Cat Spay and Neuter POD" on property located at 1105 Perryville Road, Perryville, Md. The property is owned by VADR Ventures LLC for which I am the resident agent.

The present assumption is that the POD will be used on the property for at least 3 years and the lease in which the association and VADR Ventures will enter will reflect same.

If there is an extension required VADR Ventures LLC will make every effort to accommodate the association.

I look forward to a working relationship with CFA to support this organization's goal of reducing the feral over population in Cecil and the surrounding counties.

Cordially

Ann Jackson



Lulu's Rescue Incorporated
PO BOX 46
Pt. Pleasant, PA 18950
EIN: 27-1943588

June 13, 2016

Dear Members of the Advisory Board:

Lulu's Rescue is a 501(c)3 charity headquartered in Pennsylvania and we are thrilled to be partnering with Chesapeake Feline Association, a well established and widely recognized 501(c)3 group in your community. CFA works diligently to create a better world for cats and kittens, by providing feline population control services in the Cecil County area, through promotion of spay/neuter and vaccinations of all cats and by providing sheltering services and adoption/placement resources.

Our organizations are like-minded in our belief that low-cost spay/neuter assistance programs, for owned animals, is key to solving our country's homeless companion animal crisis.

Lulu's Rescue recently started an initiative repurposing modular buildings or single-wide trailers into spay/neuter surgical units (PODS). We are pleased to be able to offer a 12 x 60 foot modular building to CFA, including surgical equipment, to assist them in eliminating companion animal overpopulation in Cecil County and surrounding areas through aggressive spay/neuter efforts, education, and community outreach.

As you probably are aware, CFA has been on a seven year mission to offset the lack of education regarding pet care and sterilization. They have made huge strides in publicizing the importance of life-saving spay/neuter surgeries and assisting the community by offering services at affordable costs. As a result, there is a quantifiable decrease in animals entering your county facilities. Since their inception in 2009, CFA has greatly reduced pet overpopulation and suffering in your community with the sterilization of 2,000 plus cats.

To give you an idea of the significance of 2,000 spay/neuter surgeries and what that means for your community, keep in mind that in seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce an incredible 370,000 kittens.

There are more than 8 million dogs and cats entering shelters in the United States each year and less than half of that number will be adopted out to a loving home; the rest will be killed. Communities around the country are bearing the burden and suffering the expense of picking up

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stray and homeless animals, housing them, and then eventual euthanizing these homeless companion animals. Not to mention the suffering these animals face.

So, as you can see, the work CFA has done, has aided in saving many, many more animals from the cycle of homelessness, neglect, and probable death. Additionally, taxpayer monies used to capture, house, and euthanize these animals can be freed up for other social programs significant to your large community.

We are excited to see what CFA can do with the use of our modern, efficient and highly productive spay/neuter POD to maximize their energies and the significant work they do for Cecil County.

Director Dawn Cowhey of Chesapeake Feline Association is a force of nature. Given Ms. Cowhey's former life in corporate America, the goals she achieved and the awards she won there is little doubt in the minds of Lulu's Board of Directors and myself that Ms. Cowhey will take our initiative opportunity and save a significant number of both dogs and cats from entering the already over burdened municipal system.

I have full confidence that not only will Ms. Cowhey and CFA save, literally, millions of animals lives in the underserved communities of Cecil County they will also save the county hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be funneled into much needed social programs in the community.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, I can be reached at the number below.

Congratulations on having such an incredible non-profit in your community.

For all those yet to be saved,

Michele Armstrong

Founder & Executive Director
Lulu's Rescue
www.lulusrescue.org
215-432-2212

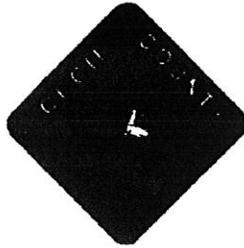
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COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY

Cecil County Administration Building
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2110, Elkton, MD 21921

March 21, 2016

Jane Mallory
Spay and Neuter Grants Program
Maryland Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Mallory:

The Cecil County Council supports the grant request from the Chesapeake Feline Association of North East, Maryland to the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Cecil County has a population of 11.2% who live under the poverty level. The feral population has been a problem for many years and affects our towns and rural communities. The County's animal care and control authority has been overwhelmed with calls for feral cats.

The Chesapeake Feline Association is a non-profit, 501 c3, no-kill organization that works tirelessly to reduce the over population of free roaming cats and kittens within the County. This association provides a program to Trap, Neuter, and Release within the communities. They also have been successful in working with adoption partners to find homes for adoptable cats.

In 2015, Cecil County Government awarded this organization a community grant of \$5,000 to provide services to the community. Under this grant, the organization successfully altered 122 felines. However, there is still significant needs for funding to do more.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Maryland Department of Agriculture support the grant request from the Chesapeake Feline Association.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Hodge". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert J. Hodge
Council President

Copy: Steve Connelly

Chesapeake Feline Association opens first base of operations

Seeks volunteers, foster homes

By JANE BELLMYER
jbellmyer@cecilwhig.com

NORTH EAST — It's kitten season and that means the volunteers at Chesapeake Feline Association Inc., are very busy.

"We've taken in 100 kittens so far and six queens with litters," said Donna Corcoran, secretary of the organization, which will soon of-

ficially open its first base of operation off Irishtown Road in North East.

Corcoran said it is a regular occurrence at this time of year to discover that a box of kittens has been deposited on their doorstep.

Dawn Cowhey was frequently checking on a newborn ball of dark fur to see if Xena needed attention.

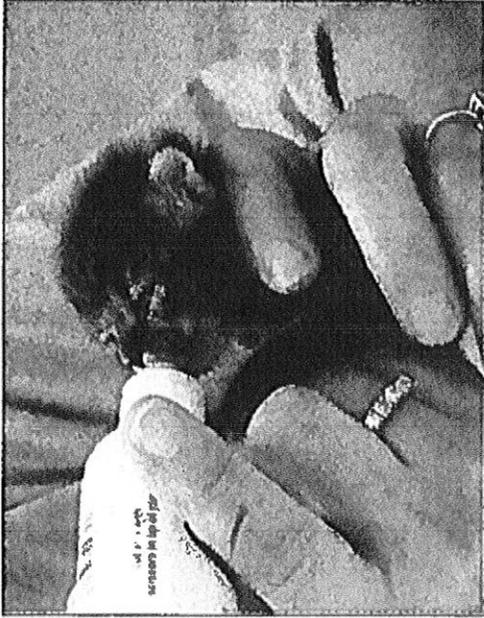
"Yes, I named her after the warrior princess," Cowhey said as she cuddled the kitten. "She's a fighter."

Xena came into Cowhey's

care when she was less than a week old. Her eyes still have not opened, but it didn't stop the young animal from finding the bottle Cowhey offered and begin feeding heartily.

The association was founded in 2009 when a group of women who had been working alone on the feral cat populations in Cecil County came together. Now with nearly 60 volunteers,

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CECIL WHIG PHOTO BY JANE BELLMYER
Xena has just about mastered drinking from a bottle. The rescued weeks-old kitten is being fostered by Chesapeake Feline Association until she is old enough to be adopted.

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CFA

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Chesapeake Feline Association has linked with the Best Friends Network to relocate some of its rescued cats to New England. "They've done such a great job with spay-neuter clinics that there's a shortage of cats," Cowhey said.

CFA took 25 cats to waiting homes in Massachusetts and Maine.

Meanwhile, the work continues here to gain control of the feral colonies by conducting trap-neuter-return programs. Trap-neuter-return means cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, given basic health care and vaccinations and returned to their colony. Kittens and adult cats that can be domesticated are fostered until new owners are found.

"TNR is a beast you have to deal with," Cowhey said. Applied properly, however, she said it works.

"We know all the cats in (Perryville Community Park)," Corcoran said, noting CFA volunteers feed the cats and monitor the colony. "We know if a new cat comes in."

Colony cats will have



Her eyes are barely open but Xena, a weeks-old kitten under the care of Dawn Cowhey from Chesapeake Feline Association, can find the bottle of formula. CFA is looking for people willing to be baby bottle parents to rescued kittens.

Dawn Cowhey, vice president of the board of directors of Chesapeake Feline Association, fawns over a young kitten in her care. Donna Corcoran, secretary of the North East-based nonprofit, cuddles the weeks-old kitten named "Xena."



CECIL WHIG PHOTO BY JANE BELLMYER

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"We need volunteers to socialize and foster these cats," Cowhey said. "We need bottle baby parents. We provide all the training."

Help is also needed for the adoption events and fundraisers, including an upcoming golf outing at Ruggles Golf Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground on June 26. Foursomes are needed, but Cowhey said

if someone who does not golf or cannot attend would like to sponsor a foursome, they will find soldiers at the base to fill the team. "Last year, we had 12 soldiers play who were about to be deployed," she said.

A Memorial Walk will also be held in Perryville Community Park in September. "We do an event with pretty much every holi-

day," Corcoran said. And like any nonprofit, Chesapeake Feline Association can also use donations of cash and supplies. "In-kind donations are huge for us," she said.

Local grocery stores call her when they get damaged containers of food or litter that can't be sold, but are still salvageable. The group is actively seeking grants to support

its TNR programs, noting they are constantly being asked, but do not have the funding to address what Cowhey calls "the overpopulation of feral cats in Cecil County."

Monetary donations can be made through the group's website www.chesapeakefelineassociation.org. Forms to adopt a cat or volunteer are also avail-

able online.

Marianne Redding
5 Cecilton Manor Drive
Warwick, MD 21912

May 26, 2015

To Whom it may Concern:

I writing to express my gratitude to Chesapeake Feline Association for all the help and support you gave to me and my family. Recently, a feral cat gave birth to kittens in my yard and unless Chesapeake Feline Association assisted me these kittens would have remained feral and homeless.

For weeks I tried every resource in Cecil County and was turned away. Staff at Buddies for Life, the county animal control agency, were rude and refused to assist in any way. In fact, I was told they would be put to sleep if they took them in but they were not accepting any cats. Every other rescue agency was full and would not consider cats born to a feral mother.

Dawn Cowhey from Chesapeake Feline Association immediately took my call and guided me to help socialize the kittens for adoption with them. The kittens remained in my care for another week and she took them today. I had a chance to meet four wonderful and dedicated rescue workers - Mary, Dawn, Donna and Jen. They impressed me with their devotion to the rescued cats and dedication to help cats even in the most questionable circumstances. This group had recently been to Hollingsworth Manor, one of Cecil County's most dangerous areas, trapping cats and rescuing kittens. Chesapeake Feline Association understood the risk trapping in that area but their devotion to saving these animals outweighed the risk. I know the risk they put themselves in as a former worker at the Cecil County Department of Social Services. Saving the cats and kittens was outweighed the risk for them. They are truly devoted to their cause.

As a Maryland State employee working at the Health Department, part of my job is develop county resources. Until I found myself needing help with these kittens, I never realized how critical the need is for Chesapeake Feline Association to continue to help residents find help for abandoned, sick, stray and feral cats. For weeks, I reached out to rescue groups and Chesapeake Feline Association was the ONLY rescue group willing to help me place these kittens. In fact, they offered not only to take the kittens but to neuter the feral mother cat.

I highly recommend Chesapeake Feline Association for any grants, funding or assistance offered to Cat rescue groups. This group consists of volunteers and they dedicate their time and own money to help these cats. In fact, I am so impressed with their work, I am signing up to volunteer at their adoption events or in any way I can help them.

They are in critical need of funds, volunteers and donations to keep up the excellent work they are doing in Cecil County. They have applied for grants to continue their work and I highly recommend the group to receive grant funding and endowments to continue their excellent work.

Sincerely,


Marianne Redding

To whom it may concern:

I am a volunteer/adopter of Chesapeake Feline Association. CFA is a great nonprofit shelter that I myself have seen from 2 sides. As a volunteer I can tell you that this group puts their heart and soul into helping every cat/kitten find a loving home. While in the care of CFA they are very well taken care of. Along with myself, many volunteers work hard at getting Chesapeake Feline Association's name out there by fund raising, social media, word of mouth, etc. After seeing the joy I get from volunteering I have referred some family members and friends to volunteer also. As an adopter I can tell you that I adopted a healthy happy cat with the most loving personality. Our new family member has made such a great impact on our lives. We plan to adopt again from Chesapeake Feline Association in the future.

Kelly Delp

SWAN CREEK VETERINARY CLINIC

2015-A PULASKI HIGHWAY
HAVRE DE GRACE, MD 21078

RICHARD P. STRETT, JR., V.M.D.

410-939-9500

SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE

PAULA WINTERS, D.V.M.

410-939-9554 FAX

BY APPOINTMENT

DANIEL G. HOPKINS, D.V.M.

RICHARD P. STRETT, III, D.V.M.

JOHN HELLER, V.M.D.

KELLY M. HOOPES, D.V.M.

REBECCA C. SMOOT, D.V.M.

March 26, 2015

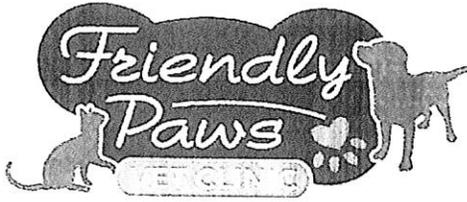
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Chesapeake Feline Association (CFA), to show my support for this worthy organization. I am currently one of the primary care veterinarians who provide treatment to CFA's ill or injured cats, and we routinely see several of their cats per week at our clinic. The CFA volunteers seem to have a genuine care and concern for the cats that they rescue, and they follow recommendations for treatment and care to the best of their capability. They are an organization deserving of further financial support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy L. Bodycott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy L. Bodycott, DVM



Havre de Grace-Perryville Pet Center, LLC
Friendly Paws Veterinary Clinic

951 Beards Hill Road, Suite i
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001
410-272-8656

www.friendlypawsvet.com
vetstaff@friendlypawsvet.com

Bradley Price, DVM
Melanie Hagood, DVM

May 16, 2015

Chesapeake Feline Association
PO Box 743
Northeast, Maryland 21901
chesapeakefelineassociation@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

Friendly Paws Veterinary Clinic has been working with the Chesapeake Feline Association for about 2 months. We have provided spay/neuter and sick evaluation services, medications and health certificates at reduced pricing to help CFA with their charitable mission. Chesapeake Feline Association in my opinion has been responsive to our recommendations for allocating and providing services to the cats in their care especially relating to adoptability, capture / release, infectious disease transmission, and quality of life issues. CFA seems to be taking a reasonable approach to allocation of their resources for those cats that may be adoptable, and that are treatable versus those cats that may be a hazard (aggressive or contagious), or who are not treatable and will probably have a poor quality of life.

In their charitable mission of improving the quality of life of cats and reducing the population of non owned cats, CFA seems to be using their resources well and would be a fit organization to receive a grant to continue their work.

Sincerely,


Bradley Price, DVM

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Chesapeake Feline Association. First let me give you a little background on myself, I have had the pleasure of working for Dr. Douglas Foreman at Cherry Hill Dog and Cat Hospital and also Dr. Curtis Baughman at Applebrook Veterinary Clinic and also completed my veterinary technician training in the United States Army. I have been working with and around animals since 2005, needless to say my love and passion for animals is deeply engrained in my heart, cats especially. Before I married my husband in 2012 we decided we needed to open our hearts and our home to an additional furry creature and decided to look at kittens for adoptions.

I had been looking on adoption websites and had fallen completely in love with just about every picture that I saw of a kitten. My husband suggested we actually go to physically see a kitten that way we could better understand the temperament and see if our personalities would mesh. After being disappointed in a few places we looked we found kittens at Petco in North East. We contacted CFA and made an appointment to meet a volunteer to do a meet and greet and see if we could find a kitten who would match us.

At the meet and greet we meet a volunteer with CFA who took our application and let us hold the kittens we thought would be a good match. The first little guy I picked up, wanted nothing to do with me, but immediately took to my husband. He actually walked up his shirt and started rubbing the top of his head against my husband's chin. Well that was it, my husband immediately fell in love with that kitten, who we later named "Gibbs". But the main reason we came to the meet and greet was so I could get my cuddly kitten. So I looked at a few more thru the cages while my husband sat smitten with the new little grey tabby he held. Finally I found a little chunky orange tabby with almost the exact bulls eye mark the little grey guy had. So I picked him up, flipped him around to hold him like a baby and rubbed his belly. He immediately began purring and closed his eyes. (We later named him Magee, but he ended up with the nickname of Fatty) That was it, what started as an adventure for me to find a cute cuddly kitten, turned into finding two cute, cuddly kittens. So we filled out the adoption papers and waited patiently while they did the required background checks.

Well low and behold 3 years later these cute little guys are still a part of our family. Gibbs and Fatty are just as much part of our family as our human kids. If it weren't for CFA we would have never found our precious boys and brought them home to their furever homes.

Without CFA 100's if not 1000's of kittens would die each year. Our counties stray and feral cat population is completely out of control. CFA works with fosters and CAN and WILL make a difference in these kittens lives. Without CFA the cat and kitten populations in Cecil County would likely be 10 times what it is now. The wonderful volunteers there have taken the time out of their lives to educate people on cats, how to care for newborn kittens, what to do when fostering. Without CFA where would these kittens be? Why would anyone not want an organization that is only doing good in the community? CFA has been working miracles for years when it comes to cat and kitten adoptions. You can simply ask all those who have adopted from CFA and you will find your answer. CFA must stay open. CFA ALL THE WAY!!!!

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Anderson-Bensinger

Sarah Bensinger

Michael Bensinger
General Manager
Petco 2820
97 North East Plaza
North East, MD 21904
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May 20, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to recommend Chesapeake Feline Association (CFA) to anyone and everyone that is looking to adopt a cat or kitten. My first encounter with CFA was just over three years ago when my wife and I were looking to adopt a cat. At the time I did not work for Petco. We went into the North East Petco to look at adoption cats. We meet one of the volunteers and she was great with us. She showed us the kittens that they had at the store and talked to us about the special they had going on if you adopted two. My wife fell in love with a dark tabby, but he wanted nothing to do with her. So she gave him to me to hold while she held an orange tabby. The dark one started head butting me and rubbing all over me and the orange one did the same to her. Needless to say the two kittens picked us and we filled out paperwork for adopting them right away. The whole adoption process was very smooth and easy to do. CFA even had the kittens neutered and a health check done on them before we picked them up. The cat's names are Gibbs and Magee, and have been an awesome addition to our ever growing family.

Since that time I was hired on at Petco in Christiana DE. I worked with a few other adoption groups with that store, Faithful Friends, Greyt Expectations and the DE SPCA. I found with working with these groups many of the volunteers and leaders of these groups were very hard to deal with and not very willing to work with people looking to adopt. While still at the Christiana Petco I would recommend people to go to the North East Petco and talk with the CFA because of my experience with them. In February of 2015, I became the General Manager of the North East Petco. Since then I have worked closely with most of the volunteers from CFA to help them with adoptions in our store. They have already this year adopted out more cats at this time of year than they have done in the past. We have had several successful adoption events with the CFA and wish to continue having more successful adoption events with them. CFA does a great job taking care of the cats they adopt out and putting them into a good home. I have recommended the CFA to dozens of people, friends and family over the past three years. Everyone that I have spoken to and know that has adopted a cat from CFA has never had a bad thing to say about their experience.

The CFA volunteers are in my store at least two times every day to make sure the cats have fresh food, water and play/socialization time. The cats that are brought into our facility are always seen by a vet

first and are up to date on their shots. All of the CFA volunteers are friendly and respectful to everyone they speak to.

For all these reasons and more, I think that anyone seeking to adopt a cat or kitten should definitely talk to a person from CFA and meet their cats. I would recommend the CFA over any other adoption groups in our area because of the way they care for the cats in their care and the wonderful people that have helped them become the group they are today. Should you have any questions, I invite you to contact me at the number or address above.

Sincerely,

Michael Bensinger

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bensinger", written in a cursive style.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Abigail Lightning-Bingham and I am the Director of Animal Services here in Cecil County. We have had the pleasure of working collaboratively with Chesapeake Feline Association.

It is our understanding they have applied for a grant through the Department of Agriculture to provide free and low cost sterilization to the public. With the receipt of this grant, it would fulfill a great need for the people and the animals here in Cecil County. It is our hope, this grant will also assist in the sterilization some of the animals we receive in our care and custody.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

For the Animals,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abigail Lightning-Bingham".

Abigail Lightning-Bingham

Director of Animal Services

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March 21, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

The County Council members of Cecil County would like to express their endorsement for The Chesapeake Feline Association, North East, Maryland. This non-profit, 501 c3, no-kill organization works tirelessly to reduce the over population of free roaming cats/kittens within the County. Their mission is to provide TNR to our residents within the communities that are unable to afford these services. Chesapeake Feline Association also removes any adoptable felines and works with their adoption partners to find homes for these cats. Chesapeake Feline Association fully vets these adoptable cats prior to placing them for adoption.

Cecil County awarded this organization a VLT Community Grant of \$5,000.00 in 2015 to provide services to the community. Under this grant, the organization successfully altered 122 felines.

If Chesapeake Feline Association is awarded this grant, The Board of Commissioners is confident that this group will continue to make a difference for the community they serve.

Respectfully,

Robert Hodge,
County Council President
Fifth District