

G R E A T S T R A Y R O U N D U P

1. ‘Bail out’ your buddies to benefit animal shelter

Here’s a switch. Next Friday, it will be humans in cages to benefit the city’s stray animals.

The non-profit Friends of Chesapeake Animal Services will stage its first big fundraiser, “The Great Stray Roundup,” from noon to 9 p.m. at the Greenbrier Mall center court.

The event is modeled after similar fundraisers, such as the American Heart Association’s “Cardiac Arrest” where local notables are “arrested” and “locked-up” in a mock cell and released only after being “bailed out” by donations to the charity.

So far, Chesapeake Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff, Chesapeake Police Chief Kelvin L. Wright and superintendent of Chesapeake Animal Control Kathy Strouse have volunteered to be arrested on Friday.

Several school principals along with various Chesapeake businessmen and women will also be rounded up and hauled off to “jail.”

The Great Stray Roundup was organized to not only raise funds to help assist the city’s new Animal Control shelter, but also to bring awareness to its work and needs and the new organization dedicated to help Chesapeake’s stray animals.

Patti Hamilton is the president of Friends of Chesapeake Animal Services, and its founding members and chief volunteers include Rick Hamilton, Ferne O’Hara and Mary Brinker.

The group, began in July as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was organized to help raise funds for the city’s new animal shelter to be built on a 17-acre parcel of land west of where North Battlefield Boulevard intersects with South Military Highway. Once the project begins, the new shelter is expected to be built within 15 months.

But the effort needs additional funds to get construction underway. Proceeds from Friday’s Great Stray Roundup will benefit the shelter project.

For more information or to volunteer to be rounded up, contact Patti Hamilton at 487-0021 or visit www.friendsofchesapeakeanimalservices.org.

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who’s who?

Friends of Chesapeake Animal Services officers/board: President Patti Hamilton Vice president Lydia Plaster Secretary Ferne O’Hara Treasurer Deborah Stanley Parliamentarian Mary Brinker Board members Rick Hamilton, Suzy Kelly, Debra Ross and Bridget Vincent

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