

Garfield's Rescue reports successes

Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI) recently reported its activity contributing to a "great year" for cats in the Northern Neck.

This has been a great year for homeless cats in the Northern Neck. Since Garfield's Rescue Inc.'s (GRI) inception in March of 2020 through the end of the year, GRI has rescued and fostered 313 cats, reported president Ann Bedford

"Sixty-one percent of the cats and kittens we take in are found by caring citizens and Northern Neck Animal Control Officers at businesses and residential locations," said Bedford. "Many of these are thought to be abandoned pets due to their friendli-

ness and adoptability.

"We also support our Northern Neck county shelters and partner rescues by taking adoptable kittens and cats when space is unavailable or the feline has special needs," she said. "This is about 12% of our intake. Another 27% are owner surrenders. The better news is that 208 of those cats were adopted and are now with their 'forever' families."

She urges pet owners to spay or neuter their animals and to encourage friends and neighbors to spay or neuter their pets. The Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck provides assistance with spay/neuter costs for owned pets, said Bedford. Addi-

tionally, those who encounter homeless or community cats in their neighborhood can contact a local rescue agency to make them aware and to seek help with getting the cats spayed/neutered which prevents reproduction and unnecessary suffering of animals.

The not-so-good news is that approximately 100 cats remain in GRI's foster custody waiting for their "forever" home, said Bedford. They need a lot of food, litter, medical attention and miscellaneous supplies as they wait to be adopted by a loving family.

Donations can be made at garfieldsrescue.org or by mailing a check to Garfield's Rescue, PO Box 257, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.