

Northumberland County Sheriff's Office supports Garfield's Rescue Inc.

HEATHSVILLE—Northumberland County Sheriff Johnny Beauchamp recently presented a donation to Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI) vice president Karen Peterson in support of GRI's humane homeless feline rescue, spay/neuter/vaccinate, foster to adopt program.

Funds for the donation are generated by the Sheriff's Office deputy contributions of a set amount into a donation pot, each two-month period, from November 1- March 31, with March a "free" month, said Peterson. In exchange, the officers are allowed to grow a neat, well-trimmed beard for that time period.

The two entities recognize that community safety and good quality of life for pets are guiding principles in reducing euthanasia rates in shelters when animal welfare professionals engage in best practices and protocols, con-



From left, Northumberland County Sheriff Johnny Beauchamp presents a donation to Karen Peterson.

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Lifesaving programs and best practices include:

- Targeted spay/neuter ser-

vices to reduce the number of dogs and cats entering shelters.

- Foster and adoption programs to drastically minimize

the amount of time animals spend in shelters.

- Community cat programs that use trap/neuter/vaccinate/return and return to field to daily well managed community cat colonies to keep unowned, free roaming cats out of shelters.

- Various other programs such as neonatal kitten nurseries and transport programs.

GRI is grateful for the collaborative partnership they have among Sheriff Beauchamp and the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office and their animal control officers, animal shelters, animal rescue groups and community members to save the most lives as possible and utilize resources most effectively, she said.

By using data-driven decision making, collecting accurate and current data on how many and what types of animals are entering and leaving shelters, shelter leadership and rescue groups can decide exactly which lifesaving programs are needed most in their community, said Peterson.

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