

Voice for Animals (VFA) is grass roots, non-profit and no kill organization established in 1987 and originally headquartered in York, Maine.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Friends,

As you can see from this newsletter our ambitions for animals are great, as they always have been, and our needs are great, as well. We are determined to realize our goal of a shelter/ sanctuary but have a long way to go. Our newly established relationship with a rescue in Houston, Texas is a huge leap in the right direction but we still need volunteers and money to realize this goal of finding forever homes for dogs there. In this newsletter you will also see that the fate of horses in this country hangs in the balance. We want to save them from the unimaginable horrors of the slaughterhouse, but once again they need our money and our voices. The same would, of course, also be true about the millions of farm animals who are slaughtered daily. Won't you join us in helping them?

#### THE VOICE- AUGUST 2015

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Until they speak to everyone as clearly as we hear them through our hearts, there is a great and urgent need for you to join with us in becoming a

#### Voice for Animals

For the all the animals, Caryl McIntire Edwards



#### EORUM CLARITATEM VESTIG ATIONES

#### REFLECTING ON JULY

Voice for Animals started a wonderful friendship with a dog rescue in Houston, TX in July. We hope to be able to network and find foster families in New Hampshire and Maine so we can bring up dogs in need from Texas. More information in our special edition!



#### VFA WISHLIST

For those of you who would love to help V.F.A. but are not sure how, here are some items that would help us greatly:

- Donations
- Foster homes
- Walmart/Petco gift-cards
- Cat litter
- Cat food (canned/dry)
- Towels
- Cat blankets/beds

- Cat litter boxes
- Cat carriers/crates

If you would like to donate to V.F.A., please contact us on our Facebook page: Voice for Animals Inc.



I have been studying the traits and dispositions of the "lower animals" (so called) and contrasting them with the traits and dispositions of man. I find the result humiliating to me.

Mark Twain, Letters from the Earth

#### EORUM CLARITATEM VESTIG ATIONES

Vegan Barbecue Sauce Makes 12 servings



- 1 (5.5 ounce) can tomato paste
- 2/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 tablespoons mustard powder
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons smoked paprika
- 2 tablespoons sea salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh ground black pepper

2 teaspoons natural turbinado sugar (such as Sugar InThe Raw®)

#### Instruction

Blend tomato paste, apple cider vinegar, maple syrup, molasses, mustard powder, garlic powder, smoked paprika, sea salt, ground black pepper, and sugar together in a blender.

Pour blended mixture into a saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until just heated through, about 5 minutes. *Author: All Recipes.com* 

#### Barbecue Tofu Sandwiches

Serves: 6 servings



#### Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) package extra firm tofu
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 cups barbecue sauce
- 6 hamburger buns

#### Instructions

Drain the tofu between paper towels until most of the water has been squeezed out. Slice tofu into 1/4 inch thick slices. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet, fry tofu strips until golden brown on both sides. Add onion and cook for a few minutes, until onion is at your desired consistency. Pour in barbeque sauce (use more or less, according to your taste). Cook the mixture for ten minutes on low and serve on buns.

Author: All Recipes.com



#### VOICE FOR ANIMALS NEEDS YOU!



#### V.F.A WILL BE ATTENDING YORK DAYS IN MAINE!

VFA is looking forward to meeting our supporters and spreading our compassionate message.

We currently need volunteers with various skills:

- Applying for grants
- Fostering dogs & cats
- Newsletter assistance
- Event participants

We are still going strong with our online fundraisers found at:





#### YORK DAYS EVENT- AUGUST 2ND, 2015

Don't forget that Voice for Animals will be present at the York Days Craft Fair sponsored by York Parks and Recreation Department on its second day, Sunday, August 2nd, 2015. The event lasts from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have Voice For Animals information, two books about animals written by VFA members and catnip toys for sale. If you have been thinking about fostering or volunteering, now is the time to inquire! We would love to meet you and find out what department you would like to volunteer in.

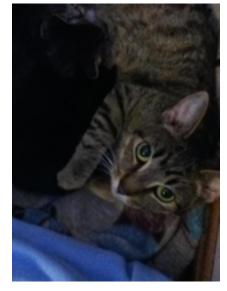
If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals.

### ~LEO TOLSTOY

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Saphira was seen on Facebook, very pregnant and being given away free so anybody who wanted her could have "pick of the litter". We took her and let her have her kittens in a safe and loving foster home. Her kittens have now gone to their forever homes and Saphira is available to find her special home. She is friendly, but reserved. She really will blossom in her new home. If you are interested in finding our more about our lovely Saphira, please email us at in2catz@gmail.com.





Papi is a 4 year old beautiful tabby. He is 14 llbs of sheer love.

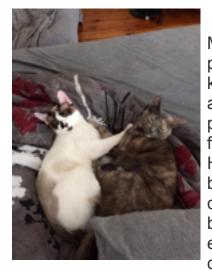
He is a special cat, a bit shy but so sweet and loving. Papi would never hurt anyone, including a child. He is a Big Baby who loves attention and will meow to let you know this. His purr is loud and immediate. If you are interested in learning more about this gentle giant please email us at in2catz@gmail.com

Do you have a success story to share of your VFA cat/kitten? We would love to hear! Please send your story to: <u>olivia.chasse@yahoo.com</u>



All animals are equal. But some animals are more equal than others. GEORGE ORWELL, *Animal Farm* 

#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT:



Meeko is a playful older kitten who we are hoping to place into his forever home. He is a sweet boy- a Siamese cross with beautiful blue eyes and a cream colored

short coat. Meeko has some digestive issues that require him to be on special food. He uses the litterbox just fine but his special food will add probiotics for intestinal health. He loves other cats and dogs and will eagerly make friends in his new home. If you are interested in learning more about Meeko and giving this special

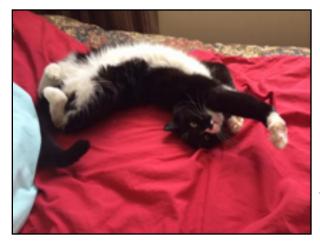


cat a second chance please contact us at

in2catz@gmail.com

Rhubarb is sweet and affectionate. She has been bounced around over the past few months because of circumstances beyond her control. She is looking for a forever

home where she can be lavished with love and attention. Rhubarb would do best as an only cat. If you are looking for a loyal companion, Rhubarb might be the girl for you.





Email Voice for Animals: <u>rlc4cats@comcast.net</u> for more information

#### HSUS UPDATES-

More than 150 animals were removed from a Chatham County property for their safety and protection. Chatham County Animal Services requested assistance from national and local groups for this large-scale animal rescue. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant for the property located at 3180 Silk Hope Gum Spring Road and found that many animals were in need of urgent veterinary care and living in unsanitary conditions. More than 150 animals have been removed from the property by Chatham County Animal Services pending the final disposition of this case.

Leigh Anne Garrard, director of Chatham County Animal Services, said, "I am relieved that we were able to come to the aid of these animals today. We have tried to work with the owner to ensure the proper care of the animals, but we reached the point that the animals had to be removed for their well-being."

The Humane Society of the United States, RedRover, Horse Helpers of the High Country, Code 3, Wake County Animal Shelter, Durham County Sheriff's Office - Animal Control Division, Red Dog Farm Rescue Network, PetSmart Charities<sup>™</sup> and local veterinarians assisted authorities with the rescue and removal of all of the animals. Erica Geppi, North Carolina state director for The HSUS said: "The collaboration among national and local groups in Chatham County today has saved numerous lives. We're grateful to Chatham County Animal Services, Chatham County Sheriff's Office and all of the local rescue groups for stepping up to help these animals."

Chatham County Animal Services became concerned about this situation when it received a report that more than 100 cats and dogs were kept in a small mobile home, and that livestock on the property also lacked proper care. When responders arrived on scene, they found approximately 150 animals living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions with untreated medical conditions.

Some of the animals were safely transported to local rescue groups, while others were transported to an emergency shelter where they will be thoroughly examined by teams of veterinarians and

receive any necessary medical treatment. PetSmart Charities is providing the necessary food and supplies for the animals.

Once legal custody of the animals has been determined and they have received needed care, Chatham County will provide more information for potential adoptions or donations.



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## House Committee Fails to Protect Horses

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee failed to adopt an amendment to prevent the slaughter of horses for human consumption on U.S. soil. The amendment to the agriculture appropriations bill, offered by Rep. Sam Farr, D - Calif., resulted in a tie vote, with the Chair of the Committee, Hal Rogers, ultimately failing to adopt the provision. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider a similar amendment, and The HSUS urges it to pass the measure and prevent the use of American tax dollars for this cruel practice.

Michael Markarian, chief program and policy officer for The Humane Society of the United States, said:

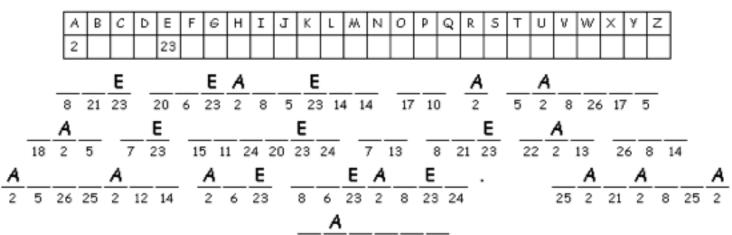
"The horse slaughter industry is a predatory, inhumane enterprise. They don't 'euthanize' old horses, but precisely the opposite: they buy up young and healthy horses, often by misrepresenting their intentions, and kill them to sell the meat to Europe and Japan."

#### Lawmakers voting yes on the amendment, to protect horses:

Sanford Bishop (D-GA), Ander Crenshaw (R-FL), Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Charlie Dent (R-PA), Sam Farr (D-CA), Chakah Fattah (D-PA), Michael Honda (D-CA), Steve Israel (D-NY), David Jolly (R-FL), David Joyce (R-OH), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Nita Lowey (D-NY), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), David Price (D-NC), Mike Quigley (D-IL), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD), Tim Ryan (D-OH), Jose Serrano (D-NY), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Kevin Yoder (R-KS).

#### Lawmakers voting no on the amendment:

Robert Aderholt (R-AL), Mark Amodei (R-NV), Ken Calvert (R-CA), John Carter (R-TX), Tom Cole (R-OK), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Kay Granger (R-TX), Sam Graves (R-MO), Andy Harris (R-MD), Jaime Herrera Buetler (R-WA), Evan Jenkins (R-WV), Steven Palazzo (R-MS), Scott Rigell (R-VA), Martha Roby (R-AL), Hal Rogers (R-KY), Mike Simpson (R-ID), Chris Stewart (R-UT), David Valadao (R-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), David Young (R-IA).



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## Cryptogram answer:

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." <u>Mahatma Gandhi</u>