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PET CARE, SUMMER

Get your pets ready for summer

The summer months are fast approaching, and that means heat and bugs. These things can be just as much of a challenge for dogs and cats as they are for us. Here a few things to consider as it gets warmer:

- Make sure your pet has plenty of water, especially if they're left outside during the day.
- Make sure you don't leave the AC too high if you're not home. If you're worried about your bill, you can always leave on a floor or ceiling fan. If you pet is outdoors, make sure they can escape the direct heat/sun.

The blog is up!

Our [blog](#) is finally up and running. We'll be up-dating 2-3 times a week with posts from our fun and dedicated staff. Topics will range from health concerns to training tips to (pet) life hacks.

We are very excited to have added a blog to our social media presence. It will be a great way to connect with the community and provide a source of reliable information. We know there are a lot of websites out there, and we want to give accurate information in regards to dog breeds, pet care, and training.

Have a question or blog suggestion? Send us an [email](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

Donations needed

The shelter is partnering with some other shelters in county and we are in need of some pet supplies. We'll be transporting them to the appropriate shelters, so all you would need to do is drop off your donation at our front desk. These donations are eligible for a tax write off, so bring them in before April 18.

Items needed:

- Dog food: Purina adult and Purina puppy
- Cat food: Purina adult and Purina cat
- Bedding: new or lightly used and clean
- Hamster and Rabbit food
- Food bowls



Easter contest!

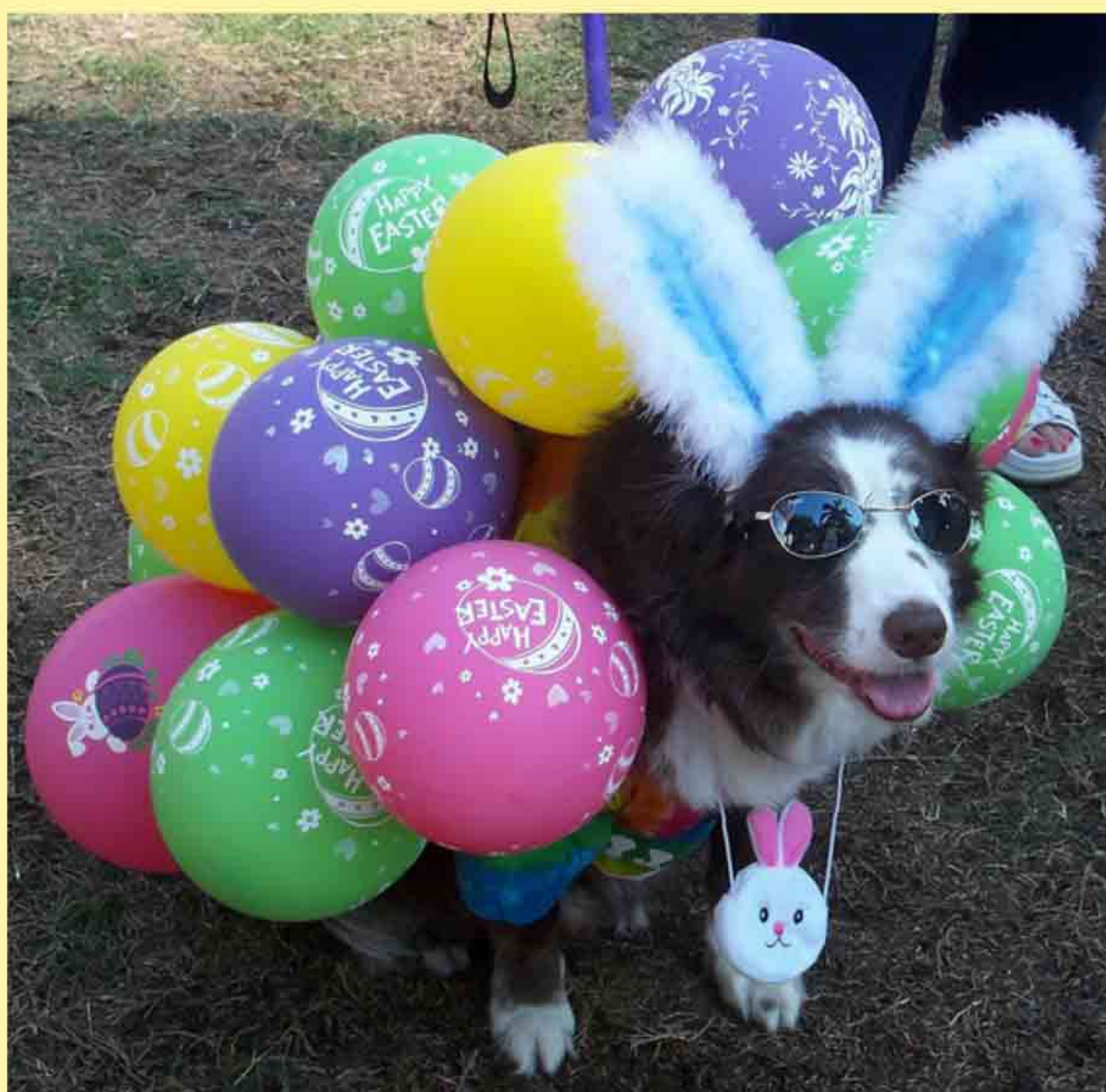
It's that time of year, so let's celebrate!

From March 1 to April 16, we'll be hosting an Easter picture contest. The winner will get a \$50 gift card to T.G.I. Friday's.

To participate, make sure you're following us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#). Take a picture of your pet celebrating Easter (baskets, bunny ears, eggs, whatever else) and post to our page on either platform. Make sure to tag us (@FriendswPaws) and use the hashtag "#EasterPets" so we see your entry.

The contest ends at midnight on April 16. Winners will be announced the week of April 23.

P.S. Even the bunnies should be decked out!





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Services



We offer a wide variety of services at Friends with Paws. In addition to adopting pets, you can volunteer, foster an animal, see the vet, and even get your pet groomed. However, due to our small staff, we require appointments to be made ahead of time for most of our services. You can do so by calling our office at 401-123-4567 or [emailing](#) us with the requested service in the subject line. Below are some of our services:

Service	Cost	Appointment Needed
Vet appointment	\$50	Yes
Yearly/Routine shots	\$25-\$60	Yes
Non-routine shots	\$40-\$80	Yes
Surgeries	Varies	Yes
Groomers	\$30-\$70	Yes
Adoption	Varies	No

Foster a pet

We take in a lot of rescues at our shelter. Sadly, they don't always come to us in the best condition. These animals often need extra care and attention before they can be adopted. That's where foster homes come in.

In foster homes, these animals can be rehabilitated to be family pets. Foster "parents" work the animal to get them comfortable around people and work on behavior training. This experience also allows to figure out the best type of forever home for these animals.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please fill read and fill out our [Foster Pet Parent](#) application and drop it off at our office at your earliest convenience. We aim to keep costs low for our foster families, so food, medical services, some pet supplies are provided by the shelter. You are welcome to buy your own supplies for your foster pet.

NEED TO SURRENDER A PET?

There are many reasons why you may need to give up your pet. We're not here to judge. Giving up your pet can be a very difficult decision, and we're here to provide a safe place for you to take them.

We a [Surrender My Pet information packet](#) available for you to look over. If you decide this is the right choice for you, please fill out the the attached form and return it in person to our front desk.

Have a question? Call us at 401-123-4567 or [email us](#). We are happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have about this process.



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Volunteer



Volunteers are our most important asset at Friends with Paws. They help keep the shelter clean and safe for the animals, give the animals special attention, and help out with front office work. We are always accepting new volunteers. Below, we've listed a few activities that we need new volunteer for and some job openings. If you are interested in filling any of these roles, please feel out our [volunteer application](#) or [job application](#) form.

- Dog walkers (volunteer needed)
- Dog groomers (volunteer needed)
- Cat groomers (volunteer needed)
- Assistant Manager (full-time job)
- Vet tech (full-time job)

Volunteer Descriptions

Beginner Volunteer

A beginner volunteer usually helps clean cages and spends time visiting with the animals. Training is available if a volunteer would like to do more around the shelter.

General Volunteer

A general volunteer does a little bit of everything, from cleaning cages to training the animals to helping with baths. Requires multiple training sessions.

Dog Walkers

Our dog walkers are very important as they help our dogs get a chance to stretch their legs and get some exercise. Requires multiple training sessions.

Dog/Cat Groomers

Our groomers do the dirty business of helping our animals stay clean and healthy. Requires multiple training sessions.

Job Descriptions

Assistant Manager

Assists our office manager complete and file paperwork, help with adoptions, prepare volunteers, complete inventory and payroll, etc. Requires at least a bachelor's degree in business/management and 1-2 years of experience.

Vet Tech

Veterinary technicians assist veterinarians in the care of animals. They may perform an initial evaluation of the animal's condition, clean and wrap wounds, check vital statistics, collect samples and administer medication.

Veterinarian

Veterinarians diagnose, prevent, and treat a variety of animal illnesses and diseases. They administer tests, observe conditions in animals, perform surgery, and prescribe medication and/or therapy. Work Environment. Veterinarians work in private clinics or animal hospitals.



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Date	Location	Tickets	Details
May 20	Shelter	N/A	Adoption event from 10am to 2pm at the shelter. Free shots and half-off on spay and neutering services for pets adopted.
June 13	Severn High School	\$15	Join us for a walk-a-thon and help raise money for Friends with Paws. The event will start at 7am and end at noon. Dogs are welcome, but they must be on a leash.
June 23	Willow Creek Park	\$10	Join us for a summer BBQ and learn some tips about getting your pets through firework season. Plus fun activities for the kids!
July 13	Glen Burnie City Hall	N/A	Join us and learn more about pit bulls! This breed is often portrayed as violent dangerous but they're anything but.
July 22	Shelter	N/A	Adoption event from 10am to 2pm at the shelter. Free shots and half-off on spay and neutering services for pets adopted.
July 31	AAC Farmers Market	N/A	Stop by our booth at the Anne Arundel County Farmers Market for information about the shelter and say hi to some of our adoptable pets (we have puppies!).
Aug. 8	Odenton City Hall	Tickets	Join us and learn more about pit bulls! This breed is often portrayed as violent dangerous but they're anything but.
Aug. 19	Shelter	N/A	Adoption event from 10am to 2pm at the shelter. Free shots and half-off on spay and neutering services for pets adopted.
Aug. 26	Willow Creek Park	\$10	Join us for an end-of-summer BBQ. Play games, get your face painted, and much more.



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About Us

Friends with Paws started in 1996 in a small building just off Annapolis. Originally, we could only house 70 dogs and cats at a time. Today, our facility can hold up to 200 animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils and other small pets. We are a non-profit, no-kill shelter. All money from adoptions, veterinarian care, and fundraisers goes back to the shelter to take care of the animals and maintain the staff and facilities.

CHECK OUT OUR BLOG

Looking for pet tips or (pet)life hacks? Wondering if a pet's behavior is a sign of illness? We have the answers!

Our [blog](#) is updated once or twice a week by our staff members. From health information to training tips, we have you covered.

Don't see a topic or have a suggestion? Send us an [email](#) or fill our [contact form](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

Our mission is to find a forever home for every animal in our facility and to educate the community about proper animal care. A lot of animals that come through our doors are from homes where their owners didn't realize everything that went into keeping a pet. To fight this, we host pet care forums and welcome the public to join us for in-house dog training sessions (you can bring your own dog or work with one of ours). We believe the more knowledge people have, the less overwhelming it will be when they bring home a new pet.

We have an amazing staff, from experienced veterinarians and vet techs to a dedicated management and front office staff. That said, volunteers are our life blood. We would not be half as success as we are without our volunteers. We know life can be chaotic so we accept [volunteers](#) all the time. We don't have time requirements and only ask for at least 24 hours notice if you're unable to make your shift. All of us at Friends with Paws look forward to seeing you, especially our furry residents.

We are opened Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. We are closed on holidays.



Our Staff

Dr. Lillian Thomas

Dr. Thomas has been us from the beginning. She has 20 years experience as a veterinarian. She loves her work and her patients. Dr. Thomas believes in quality care so she is available during office hours Monday through Friday, and can be contacted by [email](#). Dr. Thomas currently has two dogs and a cat, so she understands what it means to be a concerned pet parent.

Dr. Luke Matthews

Dr. Matthews is a new, but loved, addition at Friends with Paws. After finishing school in Missouri, he moved out to Maryland to be closer to his grandparents. He works the Saturday shift and co-organizes our volunteer and community outreach activities. He is currently fostering a pitbull puppy named May, who will be available for adoption soon.

Tech Melissa Andrews

Tech Andrews has been with us for five years, and has decided to go back to school and become a full-fledged veterinarian. But don't worry! She'll still be working with at the clinic and co-organizing our community outreach activities.

Tech Dave Smith

Tech Smith just started with us in April and we are happy to welcome him to the shelter. He and his 9-year-old boxer mix, Toffee, just moved to Odenton from Woodbridge, VA. In his spare time, the two have been exploring the area's hiking trails. He also enjoys camping and kayaking, and is looking forward to all the outdoor summer activities.

Maggie John

Maggie is our office manager and a paperwork wiz! From schedules to forms, she does it all. We'd honestly be lost without her. She's always on-hand to answer a question or help you fill out paperwork. Maggie also co-leads our volunteer program. If you have any questions, she'll be happy to answer them.

Jennifer Bailey

Jennifer is our web designer and social media manager. She was a newspaper page designer for two years in Wisconsin before moving to Maryland and working toward a degree in web development at AACC. Samples of her work can be viewed on her [personal blog](#).

Contact Us

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