



🎩 2026 AUCTION DONATIONS 🎩

Dear Community Partner,

On Saturday, April 18, 2026, The Heritage Humane Society will welcome 350 of the region’s most engaged philanthropists, business leaders and animal advocates to the DoubleTree by Hilton Williamsburg for our 2nd Annual Black Tie & Tails Gala. This elegant, sell-out evening is one of our most important fundraisers and the momentum is quickly building.

New Experiences

For the first time, the gala will feature a **Live Auction** and **Paddle Raise**, along with an enhanced online **Silent Auction** that allows guests to bid in real time throughout the evening. The result is greater visibility for our partners and greater impact for the animals who depend on us.

Your Opportunity to Gain Community Visibility and Help Homeless Pets

We invite you to be part of this inspiring night by donating an item or experience to our Silent Auction. Popular contributions include:

- Unique behind the scenes or hands-on experiences
- Gift cards
- Sports, show or event tickets
- Wine tours or spirit tastings
- One of a kind items
- Themed gift baskets
- Getaways or experiences beyond Hampton Roads

Your donation will be showcased to an influential audience while directly funding food, medical care, enrichment and shelter for homeless pets in our community.

Your Community Animal Shelter, a Home for Second Chances

As Greater Williamsburg’s largest open admission animal shelter, The Heritage Humane Society serves Williamsburg, James City County, York County and surrounding areas. In 2025, over 1,900 animals found loving homes through our care. More than 80% of our funding comes from private support, and we do not receive funding from national organizations. Community partnerships power every rescue, every treatment and every second chance. **Proudly, 86 cents of every dollar raised goes to the care of the pets at our shared community shelter.**

We would be honored to highlight your generosity at this signature event. To contribute, please complete the enclosed auction donation form or contact donate@heritagehumane.org. Event details are available at heritagehumane.org/gala.

Thank you for helping create hope, healing and new beginnings for the pets who need us most.

With sincere appreciation,

Kimberly Laska, CAWA
Executive Director



2026 AUCTION DONATION FORM



We appreciate your support for our Auction and/or Raffle for the Black Tie and Tails Gala. Please complete this form and return it with the item(s) or donation so that we can process a tax receipt for you.

Your contribution will be used to support the pets. Thank you for your support!

Contact Person: _____

Business Name & Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Contact Primary Phone #: _____

Name & Description of Donated Item(s): _____

Estimated Fair Market Value: _____

Donation Restrictions or Terms if applicable: _____

- I do not wish to be added to the Heritage Humane electronic mailing list
- I would like to save resources by having my tax letter sent electronically
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*Donated items are not guaranteed to be used in the 2026 Black Tie & Tails Gala. The Heritage Humane Society reserves the right to decide what donations will be included in the auction. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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heritagehumane.org/gala | 757-221-0150 | donate@heritagehumane.org

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2025 IMPACT REPORT



Thanks to the support of our donors, volunteers, fosters, and staff, The Heritage Humane Society positively impacted thousands of pets and pet owners in 2025. Animals are the core of our mission, but our community is the reason we exist.

1,927 SUCCESSFUL ANIMAL OUTCOMES	244 HAPPY REUNIONS WITH OWNERS	41 TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE PARTNERS	216 TRANSFERRED IN FROM PARTNERS	94.51% LIVE ANIMAL RELEASE RATE
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1,476 TOTAL ADOPTIONS	498 DOG ADOPTIONS	888 CAT ADOPTIONS	90 OTHER ANIMALS	33 CAREER CATS
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22,900 VOLUNTEER HOURS	1,366 FOSTER EXPERIENCES	77 AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS
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17,895 FOLLOWERS
@HHSWILLIAMSBURG

4,079 FOLLOWERS
@HERITAGEHUMANE

109 ADOPTIONS AT SCHWARTZY'S CAT COVE

HUMANE EDUCATION

42 ANIMAL ACES KIDS' CLUB MEMBERS	35 BIRTHDAY PARTIES	264 YOGA CLASS PARTICIPANTS	85 ANIMAL CAMP PARTICIPANTS
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The Kibble Kitchen & Beyond program has provided pet food and supplies to struggling households. This vital service helps keep pets in their loving homes and out of the shelter.

8,386 PET MEALS PROVIDED

EXPANDED PARTNERSHIP WITH VA DINER RESULTED IN...

507 CANS OF NEUTER NUTS LINE SOLD

648 TOTAL PRODUCTS SOLD

-EVENTS-

HOSTED OUR FIRST "BLACK TIE & TAILS" GALA

351 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

86¢ FROM EVERY DOLLAR GOES DIRECTLY TO ANIMAL CARE

Rescue Wagon 2.0 hit the road with hundreds of pets traveling throughout Hampton Roads to prepare for their adoption day by getting spayed or neutered.

OTHER OUTCOMES: In 2025, a total of 2,039 animals came through The Heritage Humane Society's doors. 165 pets remained in our care on Dec 31, 2025. The Heritage Humane Society is an open admission shelter and we take in animals in many different states of health. In addition, neonatal puppies and kittens born to mothers in stressful shelter situations face an uphill battle. Euthanasia at Heritage Humane Society is performed with kindness and dignity to relieve suffering and is part of providing humane care to animals who are suffering. In 2025, 28 animals died and 84 animals were euthanized at the Adoption Center or while in the care of our veterinary partners for extreme medical /quality of life concerns or severe behavior concerns.

