Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is an independent, local, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Operating the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, an open-admission facility and Alexandria’s only animal shelter, the League touches the lives of more than 6000 animals every year, including strays, lost pets, local wildlife, rescue animals, and animals surrendered by their owners. The AWLA is committed to addressing animal homelessness, promoting animal welfare, and serving as an educational resource for the community. More information is at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org

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Thank you so much for your interest in and support of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria! We’re so excited to share the stories of Alexandria’s animals, as well as our staff, volunteers and community. Commenting Policy: AWLA reserves the right to delete all comments that contain

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Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
Saturday, March 20th, 2021 at 5:20pm

Just a pup and his stick. Goku is described by his #AwesomeFoster as, "the goodest boy" and we agree! Also described as, "the most gentle, loving, sweetest, cuddly boy" and, "you will immediately feel his love and fall in love with him too," you should probably make an appointment to meet Goku because he can't wait to meet you!
Schedule a virtual or in-person appointment at AlexandriaAnimals.org/Adopt-By-Appointment.

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Saturday, March 20th, 2021 at 1:10pm
Rocky celebrating the first day of spring like...
Spring is just a day away, which means we'll start seeing more of our wild neighbors and their babies! The best way you can help wildlife in Alexandria is to admire it from a distance, but if you ever have a concern about a wild animal, our Animal Services Officers are here to help. You can reach them through the Alexandria non-emergency line at 703.746.4444. #FridaysInTheField
Springs Means Baby Wildlife in Alexandria

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
Friday, March 19th, 2021 at 1:15pm
Happy #FosterFriday from Cookie and Chispin! Here's what they have to say:

Chispin: Greetings, y'all! I'm Chispin; a sweet, soft, southern belle looking for a new home for me and my best friend, Cookie. Check out our pics aren't we cute? I'm mostly white cutie in my sleek blue coat. Cookie is tan and black, rocking the red plaid. It is lovely to meet you--virtually at least.

Cookie: Belly rubs are the best!

Chispin: Ummm, excuse me, Cookie. I was talking the to the nice people.

Cookie: Yes. And you agree with me. Belly rubs are the best!

Chispin: Yes, yes. And I'm sure we can find a great home with lots of belly rubs.

Cookie: Yeah, and you know we also need a home that will be patient. Other dogs tend to scare you and when you get scared you get barky.

Chispin: Well, whatever, Cookie, you think bicycles and cars need to be chased.

Cookie: Well, of course! If foster mom let me at them I could catch them you know!

Chispin: Uh-huh. Good thing you're not that big and easy to control. I know foster mom is working on our confidence and manners on leash, but I tell ya' we are sweet as potato pie inside the apartment. We would NEVER have an accident indoors ---it isn't lady like. And although human food smells delicious, I know I'm only allowed to batt my eyes longingly. We are ladies and all feet stay in the floor. Counter surfing and trash investigations aren't for us.

Cookie: Oooh, tell them just yesterday the upstairs neighbor said he hasn't heard us at all. And according to foster mom these walls are THIN.

Chispin: I love keeping foster mom company, sleeping next to her desk or on the foot of the couch.
Cookie: I love belly rubs and snoring on the couch with foster mom. Yeah, foster mom knows us pretty well now. I’m sure she’d answer any questions you have. Or help us meet.

Chispin: It would be lovely to meet you.

Cookie and Chispin are stopping by the AWLA this weekend, so if you'd like to meet them during your adoption appointment, all you have to do is ask! Interested in meeting them next week from their #AwesomeFoster's home? Contact us at adoptions@alexandriaanimals.org or 703.746.4774 option 2!
Vinny was found last fall after a hurricane hit the Lake Charles, Louisiana, region - in a ditch, weighing barely 4 pounds and with a severe jaw infection. He was found by a retired local Animal Control Officer who immediately realized she wanted to help him, and ultimately, fostered him for 5 months as he more than doubled in weight, but he still needed more time to recover.

Vinny's foster contacted truefaithfulpetrescuemission who brought Vinny to a new foster home, where a pack of pups just his size and speed helped his sweet, silly personality shine. It was clear he was ready to find a family to call his own, so he was brought to the AWLA.

And look at him now! Whether he's playing with toys, having words with his favorite bed or rolling around on one of the many fluffy blankets he hopes you'll provide, Vinny is still loving every day in his own quirky way. Now weighing in at more than 12 pounds, Vinny still prefers his life leisurely, and he's looking for a companion who helps him showcase his chill, oddball vibe. If you're interested in learning more about this goofy senior dachshund, email us at adopt@alexandriaanimals.org or call 703.746.4774 option 2.