Cooperation is Not a Dirty Word:  
*Teamwork Makes the Dream Work*

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• Dedication and perseverance

• Polite, professional and respectable with any and all correspondence

• Creativity mixed with legality

• Awareness of animal law as well as understanding of it

• Improve relationships with local fosters/rescues/humane organizations

• Distance yourself from those who would advocate violating the law

• Advocate for improvements in animal law locally and at the state level
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Friday, August 4th & Saturday, August 5th VESC is sponsoring the first 10 adoptions at Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond & Petersburg Animal Control Shelters

$25 adoption fee at all localities after the first 10

Save a life at your local municipal shelter:

#teamworkmakesthe-dreamwork
An endless supply of patience

- Patience is a must in animal care & control
- Tomorrow is a new day
- Work toward understanding each other
Dedication and perseverance

- We’re all in it together
- Dream the impossible...
  - Accomplish the possible
- Challenge adversity as a team

The Far Side by Gary Larson
Passion is often what drives the animal care and control world. Compassion is what helps us steer it in the right direction.

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- The art of politeness
- Professionalism
- Once you hit the send button…
Creativity mixed with legality

- Think outside the litter box
- Follow the policies & law
- Different ideas, different viewpoints

*Creativity is contagious. Pass it on.*
- Albert Einstein
KEEP CALM AND USE A CATCH-POLE
Awareness of animal law as well as understanding of it

- Know the law
- Legal updates
- Do you understand it?
Improve relationships with local fosters/rescues/humane organizations

- A little give & take
- Working toward a common goal
- Relationship bridge building
Yea, though ACOs walk through the valley of the shadow of dog bites, they will fear no rabies: for dog treats art in their pockets; thy catch-pole and thy leash they comfort them.
Distance yourself from those who would advocate violating the law

- Support the animal care & control team
- Put some space between you and the law breakers
- Obey the law
If you’re not rabid... thank your local **Animal Control Officer!**
Advocate for improvements in animal law locally & at the state level

- Is your voice being heard
- Where can improvements be made
- Be animal champions together
“If you do what you’ve always done, you’ll get what you’ve always gotten”
Guiding principles

- Serve citizens and animals
- Protect citizens and animals
- Treat people and animals with respect
- Be professional on and off duty
- Obey the laws the ACO enforces
- Prevent cruelty
What questions do you have?

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