

HAMPTON ROADS PET RESOURCES



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REHOMING YOUR ANIMAL

Adoptapet.com

Visit rehome.adoptapet.com to create a profile of your pet, and it will be seen by millions of pet adopters. You then will have the ability to review applications on your pet, as well as meet possible new adopters. Rehome will provide you with everything you need to protect the transfer of your pet ownership. It is simple, safe, and FREE.

To List Your Pet

1. Go to <https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>
2. Create a pet profile
3. Be sure to include a positive description and quality pictures

Your pet will then be featured. It's that easy!

Rehome also allows for you to ask for an adoption fee. If you choose.

Additionally, Rehome encourages you to meet potential adopters in Petco stores.

Describing Your Pet

When writing a profile for your pet who needs a new home, you might be tempted to share all the reasons why you are rehoming your pet or share all the "negative" information up front. Don't! Always be honest but always remain positive.

It's important to remember that what might be negative to you may not matter to others. For example, a dog who does not like cats might make a perfect pet for someone with a cat allergy! Also, remember that the word "children" has a different meaning to everyone. Someone might consider an 18-year-old a "child" and see "no children" as a reason they cannot adopt, but your pet might only need a home without toddlers. Use the profile to showcase your pet.

Remember That Your Pet's Personality is Always a Positive

Instead of...

Needs a lot of exercise
Is aggressive towards children
Needs a lot of attention
Doesn't get along with cats/dogs

Try...

Will make a great running buddy
Needs a home without children
Loves people
Prefers to be your only pet

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Don't Rule Out Adopters Before They Can Contact You

You may think your dog would do best in a house with a yard, but what if someone lives in a condo with a dog park? Or someone who runs on the beach every day? Your cat might prefer someone who works from home – but what about someone who works part-time, or a house with lots of family members with someone usually at home? Be open-minded and encourage potential families to contact you.

Make Sure You Use an Email Address that You Check Regularly

The Rehome sites allows adopters to ask you questions using the platform and you should get an email to alert you. Don't let questions go unanswered!

Here is an example of a positive description for a dog named Luna. Luna needs a new home because she is not getting along with the three young children in the home. Her mom writes:

Luna is a sweet and friendly dog who has lived with another dog and even a cat! She is very smart and would love an owner who can take her for walks and teach her tricks. She is housebroken and kennel-trained. Luna is a very loyal dog. She is not pushy and will seek your affection on her own terms. Luna would prefer not to live in a home with small children. She is spayed, microchipped and up to date on her vaccines.

Most Importantly – Use Quality Pictures

The best profiles have a variety of pictures where you can clearly see the pet. We suggest at least four – one of the pet's face, one of the pet with a family member or other pets, one that shows the pet's size and, if possible, a video. Pictures should be in focus, colorful and without a filter.

PetFinder

Petfinder is a for-profit internet company that operates the largest online pet adoption website serving all of North America. The company reports that it currently lists more than 315,000 adoptable pets from nearly 14,000 animal shelters and rescue groups. While you are not able to list your pet to rehome on PetFinder, they do offer resources and tools on their site.

www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/dog-rehoming/

Rescue Me

Need help today? Fill out a short survey to post an animal in minutes. Within 2 hours, Rescue Me will send information about your animal to hundreds of adopters in your area interested in your breed. Many people receive adoption inquiries the same day.

www.rescueme.org

SOS Pets, Hampton Roads, VA Facebook Group

This page is for people, shelters and rescues to post animals that are in need of homes.

www.facebook.com/groups/1619023698364694/

MORE TIPS FOR REHOMING YOUR ANIMAL

It's not an easy decision to find a new home for your pet. Finding a home for your pet on your own and keeping them out of the shelter is beneficial to both your pet and others in need. The shelter can be a very stressful environment for any pet.

A healthy pet is easier to re-home. Make certain your pet is up to date on all vaccinations. Provide copies of the vet paperwork. If your pet is not spayed or neutered, we highly recommend getting this done. Please refer to the Spay/ Neuter Section of this guide for low-cost services.

Ask family, friends and co-workers if they know anyone who is looking for a new pet. It is better for your pet if you are able to re-home him or her yourself. Ask people in person, but also leave a flyer so they can contact you if they know of someone or decide to adopt your pet themselves.

Create flyers, post to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Next Door, and on church, work or veterinary/pet store, restaurant and coffee shop bulletin boards. Make colorful and creative flyers highlighting special information about your pet.

- Be as descriptive as possible (name, weight, breed, gender, pet's health, play habits, likes & dislikes)
- Tell a story – many write the story from the animal's perspective.
- Include recent photo(s)
- Include your name and contact information (phone number / email address).
- Include the date you posted & date you need a home by
- Consider asking for a rehoming fee. This will help cover the cost of getting your pet spayed/neutered, and up to date on vaccinations prior to rehoming. You can always choose to donate the fee to your local animal shelter!

LOST & FOUND PETS

Lost & Found Pets- Hampton Roads VA

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lostandfoundpetshamptonroads>

VA LOST PET Facebook Pages

www.facebook.com/notes/lost-found-dogs-virginia/va-lost-found-pet-fb-pages-groups/755773484499296/?fref=mentions

Pawboost

www.pawboost.com

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SPAY & NEUTER

No More Chasin' Tails

www.nomorechasintails.com/index.html
757-255-8804

Norfolk SPCA

norfolkspca.com/spay-neuter
757-622-3319

VA Beach SPCA

vbspca.com/spay-neuter-services
vbspca.com/neuter-scooter (Mobile clinic for different Hampton Roads and Eastern Shore locations)
757-739-9306

Chesapeake Humane Society

chesapeakehumane.org
757-546-5355

Suffolk Humane Society

www.suffolkhumanesociety.com/low-cost-spayneuter
757-538-3030 and press 1

Spay Hampton Roads

Pets in Cradock, Brighton, Prentis Park, Shea Terrace & Port Norfolk neighborhoods in Portsmouth qualify for free vaccines and free spay/neuter
artanimals.org/spayhr
757-456-1354; 757-456-1215

Peninsula SPCA

peninsulaspca.org/services
(757) 595-1399, ext. 112

PETA Mobile Spay Neuter Clinics

Low-cost and sliding scale/ free spay/neuter (pit bulls sterilized for free)
<https://peta.org/spayneuter>
757-622-7382 Option 3
Link to fee sheet:
<https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETAClinicFeeSheet.pdf>

Williamsburg

Gwendolyn's Wish
Offers financial assistance to pet owners for spay/neuter and basic vet care in the City of Williamsburg, James City County, upper York County, Eastern New Kent County.
gwendolynswish.org/



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SPAY & NEUTER

RICHMOND

Richmond Animal League

www.ral.org/index.php/our_clinic
804-379-9725 option 4

Helping Hands Vet Care

Affordable dental and outpatient surgeries
www.helpinghandsvetva.com/procedures-pricing
804-355-3500

Prevent A Litter

Providing high quality, affordable, and accessible spay/neuter services to the public without regard to income or geography.
preventalitter.org

A.L. Shilling Spay and Neuter Clinic

shillingspayneuter.org

Richmond SPCA Susan M. Markel Veterinary Hospital

Heavily subsidized care for low-income pet owners as well as for those who adopt animals from the SPCA.
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/programs-services/hospital

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FOOD & SUPPLIES

Friends of Norfolk Animal Care Center Pet Pantry

Norfolk Residents only. Long term formal support, informal one-off assistance.

www.friendsofnacc.com/pet-pantry

Norfolk SPCA

norfolkspca.com/emergency-pet-pantry

757-622-3319

Chesapeake Humane Society

<https://chesapeakehumane.org/pet-food-pantry/>

757-546-5355

Peninsula Pet Pantry

Peninsula Residents only.

www.peninsulapetpantry.org

757-243-1170

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

<https://www.peta.org>

757-622-7382 then # key.

Doghouses, straw bedding, food and other supplies.

Heritage Humane Society Kibble Kitchen

Williamsburg residents.

heritagehumane.org/kibble-kitchen

757-221-0150 ext. 0

MEDICAL SUPPORT & FUNDING

Animal Resources of Tidewater

www.artanimals.org

info@artanimals.org

757-456-1215

757-456-1354

Paws in Need

Offers assistance for emergency and lifesaving procedures for pets in Hampton Roads
pawsinneedva.com

The Pet Fund (National Organization)

Assists owners with medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay & neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.

www.thepetfund.org/for-pet-owners

Diabetic Cats in Need

info@dcin.info

dcin.dreamhosters.com

Waggle

www.waggle.org

"Go Fund Me" for Pets, www.waggle.org is an option for families to raise funds for medical procedures for their pets. Bonus: Rescue groups and shelters are able to use Waggle too!

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LOW-COST VACCINES & VET SERVICES

Norfolk SPCA

norfolkspca.com/vet-services
757-622-3319

Chesapeake Humane Society

chesapeakehumane.org/clinic/
757-546-5355

Affordable Veterinary Services of VA

www.affordableveterinaryservices.com/
757-965-4482
Two locations

VA Beach SPCA

vbspca.com
757-739-9306

PETA Mobile Spay Neuter Clinics

Low-cost and sliding scale/ free spay/neuter
(pit bulls sterilized for free)
<https://peta.org/spayneuter>
757-622-7382 Option 3
https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETA_ClinicFeeSheet.pdf

Peninsula SPCA

www.peninsulaspca.org
757-595-1399

Deer Park Animal Hospital PADS Program

www.newportnewsvet.com
757-595-9720

LOW-COST VACCINES & VET SERVICES

Heritage Humane Society

heritagehumane.org
757-221-0150

P.A.W.S Clinic

www.pawclinic.com
757-496-9858

PETCO (Vetco)

Newport News/Hampton stores on selective dates
stores.petco.com
Newport News: 757-833-0925
Hampton: 757-262-0444
Virginia Beach: 757-474-1018

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Heavily subsidized care for low-income pet owners as well as for those who adopt animals from the SPCA.
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/programs-services/hospital
richmondspca.org
804-521-1330

Helping Hands Vet Care

Affordable dental and outpatient surgeries
www.helpinghandsvetva.com/procedures-pricing/
804-355-3500

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EMERGENCY VETERINARY CLINICS

After-hours veterinary emergencies.

Bay Beach Veterinary Hospital

<https://baybeachvets.com/>
Virginia Beach: 757-427-3214

BluePearl Veterinary Hospital

<https://bluepearlvet.com/>
Chesapeake: 757-366-9000
Virginia Beach: 757-499-5463

The Cove

<https://thecovevets.com/>
Suffolk: 757-935-9111

Acredale Animal Hospital

<https://acredaleanimalhospital.com/>
Virginia Beach: 757-523-6100

Peninsula Animal Referral Center

<https://www.parcvets.com/emergency-care->
Yorktown: 757-874-8115

Pet Poison Helpline

<https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/pet-owners/emergency/> 1-855-764-7661
info@petpoisonhelpline.com



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BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

The Freckled Paw
thefreckledpaw.com
757-620-2538

Endless Pawsibilities
endlesspawsibilitiesk9.com
Todd Valentine: 757-342-0782

The Keene Pack
www.thekeenepack.com
757-818-5499

Heritage Humane Society Dog Training Classes
heritagehumane.org/dog-classes

Richmond SPCA
richmondspca.org/what-we-do/resources/pet-behavior-helpline-library

Best Friends Animal Society
www.bestfriends.org or
resources.bestfriends.org/pet-training

Behavior help lines
resources.bestfriends.org/article/pet-behavior-helplines

ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)
www.ASPCA.org or <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care>

HOSPICE ASSISTANCE & IN-HOME, END OF LIFE CARE

Hampton Roads Vet Hospice
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
<http://hrvethospice.com>
hrvethospice@gmail.com 757-474-5968

Lap of Love
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
<https://www.lapoflove.com>
HamptonRoads@LapofLove.com
757-401-6195

Tom Wood, DVM
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
<https://euthhome.com/>
DrTomWood@euthhome.com
757-373-1863

Angel Pets Veterinary Hospice
Veterinary hospice and in-home pet euthanasia
<https://angelpetvet.com/>
757-774-7040

Pet Peace of Mind
National support network helps human hospice/palliative care patients care for their pets.
petpeaceofmind.org
503-363-0499

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE

Red Rover's Domestic Violence Safe Escape Grant Program

Offers financial assistance for domestic violence victims and their pets. Funding mainly provides to help with cost of temporary pet boarding although other costs such as urgent vet care can be considered.
redrover.org/domestic-violence-safe-escape-grants

Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims (SAAV)

All volunteer organization arranges safe harbor for pets of domestic violence victims when an abuse victim seeks refuge from an abuser.
saavprogram.org

State-by-State Safe Havens List

List of programs throughout the country offering help to domestic violence victims and their pets.
ahimsahouse.org/safehavendirectory

Sheltering Animals and Families Together

Global initiative offering guidance to domestic violence shelters on how to house families together with their pets.
alliephillips.com/saf-tprogram/saf-t-shelters

COMMUNITY CATS

Please consult your local ordinance for more information

Feral Affairs Network

www.Feralaffairs.org
feralaffairs@yahoo.com

Billy The Kidden Rescue

www.billythekiddenrescue.org/contact-us
1-800-608-4511
billythekiddenrescue@gmail.com

Cat Team 7

catteam7.com
Contact on Facebook or through website

Operation Cat Snip (TNR assistance)

artanimals.org/operation-cat-snip-inc
info@operationcatsnip.org

Alley Cats Allies Feral Friends Network

Caregivers, experts, and veterinary professional resources
www.alleycat.org/our-work/feral-friends-network

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<https://peta.org/spayneuter>
757-622-7382 Option 3
<https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/PETAClinicFeeSheet.pdf>

Meow Haven

meowhaven.org/contact-us
757-813-1996
Meow_haven2018@yahoo.com

Richmond SPCA (spay/neuter)

richmondspca.org/
804-521-1330

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PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING

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My Pit Bull is Family

My Pit Bull is Family manages the nation's largest database of dog inclusive rentals along with a robust Community Partner database.
www.mypitbullisfamily.org/

NORFOLK

Arlay Point Apartments

www.arlaypoint.com
757-210-9582

Ingleside Square Apartments

757-466-8111

Regent University Village Apartments

757-352-4890 ext. 3

Watermark at Talbot Park

757-353-3596
www.livewatermark.com

Park Crescent Apartments

parkcrescentapartments.com
1-833-200-9228

VIRGINIA BEACH

Arbor Trace Apartments

www.arbortrace-apts.com
757-425-5588

Banyan Grove

www.banyangrove-apts.com
57-431-8600

Colonial Village at Harbor Club

www.maac.com
757-422-2787

SouthmBeach Apartments

www.southbeachvb.com
757-437-0001

226 Oceana

www.pegasusresidential.com/226-oceana-virginia-beach-va/
757-300-1798

Sparrows Point

sparrowspointapts.com
1-833-200-9715

Providence Green Apartments

www.providencegreenapts.com
757-317-4364

Bakers Crossing

757-426-4370

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PORTSMOUTH

Crawford House

www.crawfordhouseapts.com
757-956-6435

The Quarters Park View

www.thequartersatparkview.com
757-673-7500

Pepperwood Townhomes

www.rentpepperwoodtownhomes.com
855-440-9659

Sterling King Apartments

www.sterlingkingapartments.com
757-399-0058

Towne Point Landing

www.townepointlanding.com
757-484-0195

MILITARY DEPLOYMENT ALTERNATIVES

Dogs On Deployment

Dogs On Deployment is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit which provides an online network for service members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments.

www.dogsondeployment.org

Myra Smith: va-norfolk@dogsondeployment.org;
757-503-0298

Sarah Ailes: sarahailes.baking@gmail.com

911FosterPets

rescuefoster.com/

911FosterPets is a peer-to-peer foster base community. Search criteria is available for both families in need of temporary housing for their pets and families able to provide the temporary housing.

Guardian Angels for Soldiers' Pets

gaurdianangelsforsoldierspets.org
254-248-1818

PACT (People + Animals = Companions Together)

www.pactforanimals.org
info@pactforanimals.org
610-581-4141

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WILDLIFE

Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline
1-855-571-9003

Wildlife Crime Line
1-800-237-5712

This is for reports of wildlife being harmed. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will typically send someone out to investigate.

Wildlife Response Inc
www.wildliferesponse.org
757-498-2600

Virginia Beach SPCA
vbspca.com/wildlife

REPTILES

Virginians Interested In Protecting Every Reptile (V.I.I.P.E.R.)
www.facebook.com/VIIPER.US
Viiper2008@yahoo.com

BIRDS

The Feathered Nest
757-253-2113

Altons Keep Bird Rescue
www.facebook.com/tommy.whitehawk
757-469-6909
Altonskkeep@yahoo.com

RABBITS

Friends of Rabbits
www.friendsofrabbits.org

House Rabbit Society
rabbit.org

PIGS

Rikki's Refuge
rikkisrefuge.org



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SHELTERS

Norfolk Animal Care & Adoption Center

www.norfolk.gov/nacc
757-441-5505
nacc@norfolk.gov

Norfolk SPCA Adoption Center

www.norfolkspca.com
757-622-3319

Virginia Beach Animal Care & Adoption Center

www.vbacac.com
757-385-4444

Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter

www.nnva.gov/2311/Peninsula-Regional-Animal-Shelter
757-933-8900

Chesapeake Animal Services

www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/Police-Department/Animal-Services-Unit.htm
757-382-8080

Chesapeake Humane Society

chesapeakehumane.org
757-546-5355

Virginia Beach SPCA

vbspca.com
757-427-0070

Portsmouth Humane Society

portsmouthhumanesociety.org
757-397-6004

Peninsula SPCA

peninsulaspca.org
757-595-1399

Suffolk Animal Control

<http://www.suffolkva.us/153/Animal-Control>



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So you found a lost animal. Now what?

Here are some important tips to help that animal get home.



Home is where the pet's heart is!



Collar and microchip

If you can safely approach the animal, start by calling/texting the number on its collar. You can also visit a vet or a shelter and ask them to scan for a microchip.



Go for a walk!

While being safe and practicing social distancing, walk the dog in the neighborhood it was found. Ask neighbors for help! This is also the perfect time to post "found pet" signs.



Animal Shelters

Google local animal shelters and complete an online found pet report. Send a photo of the pet with the date/location and your contact information.



Social Media

Take a photo of the animal and post it on social media, such as the Lost & Found Pets Hampton Roads group on Facebook, as well as similar sections on NextDoor and Craigslist. Include the location where the animal was found.



Finding Rover and PawBoost

Take a good, clear photo of the pet and register it on [FindingRover.com](https://www.findingrover.com) for free! [PawBoost.com](https://www.pawboost.com) provides a virtual flyer.



Your pet is lost! Oh no!

Here are some important tips to help your animal get home.



Take a walk!

Scout your neighborhood for your pet, calling and holding pet's favorite treat. This is also the perfect time to hang fliers!



Social Media

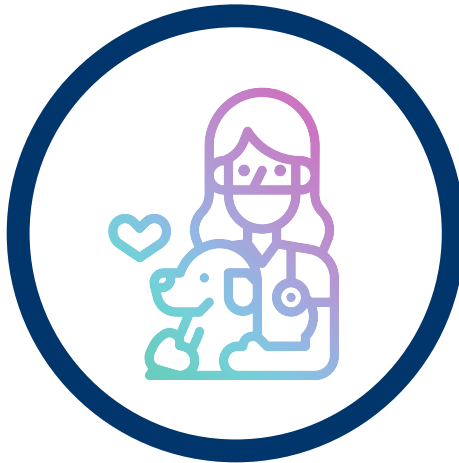
Post a photo of your pet on social media, especially Lost&Found Pets Hampton Roads on Facebook. NextDoor and Craigslist also have lost and found pet sections. Include the location the pet is missing from.



Animal Shelters

If your pet is lost in Norfolk, NACC is your first stop. Contact us at 757-441-5505 or email nacc@norfolk.gov. NACC's website is updated hourly.

Send the pet's photo and your contact information. Check with other Norfolk shelters and shelters in other cities, too.



Contact a vet

Call your veterinarian as well as any vet offices near your home.



An ounce of prevention!

Protect your pet and pave the way home. Make sure your pet wears a collar with its name, along with your contact info as well as city & rabies tags. Microchip your pet, and ensure your contact information is updated.



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Take a good, clear photo of the pet and post on FindingRover.com for free! PawBoost.com allows you to create a virtual flier that is distributed throughout the community.

What to do if you find kittens



► Are the kittens visibly sick or injured?

YES: Take the kittens to a veterinary clinic immediately.

NO: Estimate the kittens' age by what they look like.

Eyes still closed or just beginning to open:
1–2 weeks old



Eyes open and alert, becoming mobile:
2–4 weeks old



Very mobile and often talkative, can eat food:
4–6 weeks old



Very active and playful, weighs 1–2 lbs.:
6–8 weeks old



Very active and playful, weighs 2 lbs. or more:
8+ weeks old



Can you see the nest or hiding spot?

Avoid handling the kittens and watch them from a distance to see if the mama cat returns to care for them. If she does, leave the kittens with her, since it greatly increases their chances of survival.

What if the mama cat doesn't return after six or more hours?

Take action by doing one of the following:

Take Action


- 1. Care for the kittens.** Take the kittens to your local vet for a check-up and vaccines. Or foster the kittens through your local shelter's foster program.
- 2. If you can't care for the kittens yourself, find someone who can.** Ask your family, friends and neighbors.
When the kittens you've cared for reach eight weeks old, they're ready to be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and adopted.
- 3. Can't care for the kittens or find someone who can?**
Ask your local shelter for assistance.

NACC 5585 Sabre Road | (757) 441-5505 | nacc@norfolk.gov


Taking newborn kittens to your local shelter should be a last resort.

Many animal shelters are unable to provide the around-the-clock care that kittens need. In fact, at many shelters (without the help of foster homes), newborn kittens are at risk of being killed within 24 hours of arriving. The best thing to do for kittens under four weeks of age is to leave them with the mama cat until they are eating on their own, and then contact your local shelter for spay/neuter resources.

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 5585 Sabre Road, Norfolk, VA 23512

 www.norfolk.gov/nacc

 757-441-5505

 nacc@norfolk.gov

 facebook.com/norfolkanimalcarecenter

 twitter.com/norfolkanimals