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Upcoming Events

Adopt-a-Thon

April 4, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Carolina Home and Garden

Adopt-a-Thon

April 11, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fish Strong, Hubert

Adopt-a-Thon

April 18, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Petsense, Cape Carteret

Silent Auction

April 25, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
34N North, Cedar Point

Please check our website

<https://cchsshelter.com/events/> for more
upcoming events.

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Partnership with Petsense

The CCHS Shelter is now partnering with Petsense of Cape Carteret. Cats from the Shelter are available for adoption inside Petsense in Cape Carteret during regular store hours, even when the Shelter is closed. This means more opportunities to meet and connect with one of our Shelter cats. Petsense is also hosting monthly adopt-a-thons where you can meet some of our Shelter dogs as well. We'd like to thank Derrick Montanye, Store Manager, and the other wonderful employees at Petsense for this opportunity.



Petsense

**225 W B McLean Dr.
Cape Carteret, NC 28584**

CCHS Coloring Contest

The monthly CCHS Coloring Contest is a great way for the whole family to get involved and get to know some of our very special shelter animals. Each month we feature an adoptable cat or dog from the Shelter as a coloring page for children ages 8 to 12. To enter, participants can download one cat or dog monthly coloring page from the CCHS website (cchsshelter.com/events/), pick one up at the Shelter, or at one of the branches of the Carteret County Public Library. Entries may be emailed, mailed, or dropped off any time at the Shelter during business hours. (252) 247-7744, cchsshelter@yahoo.com, 853 Hibbs Road, Newport, NC 28570



FEATURED ADOPTABLES

Marishka

Marishka is a spayed 2 year old feline whose sass will rule your home. This treat-loving-machine will sit at your feet, rub against your legs, call your name, all in hopes you'll drop a few treats for her to indulge. She loves to lounge, and will even show off her belly amongst all of the beautiful colors of her coat. Be careful with her sweet gaze calling you over to rub her belly, she may want it, but she may not, and will definitely let you know. She's a sweet sass-a-frass who needs an owner who understands what comes with owning a sweet-sassy kitty.

Casterly

Casterly is a stunning, gentle-natured sweetheart who came to the shelter on August 7, 2025 when her previous owner could no longer care for her. She's been patiently waiting for someone to see just how special she is. This loving 8.5-year-old girl adores playing fetch, but is happiest soaking up body rubs and cuddles. She dreams of a peaceful home where she can be the only pet to shower her person with loyalty, and snuggly affection.

Harry

Harry is a 1-year-old neutered feline with a laid-back, independent personality and a friendly nature toward other cats. He may be a little shy at first, but with a gentle approach, he quickly warms up and shows his sweet side. Once he feels comfortable, Harry happily welcomes pets, treats, and all the affection you can give.

Mike

Meet Mike, a charming, happy-go-lucky sweetheart with gorgeous coloring who loves people, enjoys walks, and charms everyone he meets with his affectionate and playful personality. This handsome 3.5-year-old pup would thrive as a loving companion in a home where he can be the only dog. Although he would prefer to skip the car rides, he's not a fan. He has been here since October 2024 and deserves to feel the warmth of a loving home.



Marishka



Casterly



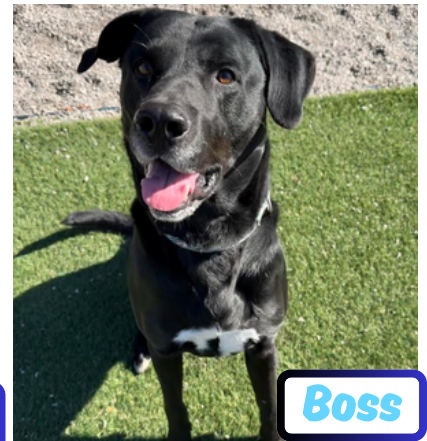
Aleera



Mike



Harry



Boss

Aleera

Meet Aleera, a gentle and affectionate 1.5-year-old feline whose outer beauty perfectly matches the loving sweetness in her heart. With her calm, easy-going personality and love for quiet, relaxed days, whoever adopts this gorgeous girl will truly be lucky to gain such a devoted, cuddly companion.

Boss

If you love Labs, you must meet Boss, a nearly 90-pound bundle of sweetness who came to the shelter as a stray on January 7, 2026 and has been patiently waiting for his second chance ever since. At almost 6 years old, this big, goofy boy loves a good game of fetch and would thrive with a loving person or family, a fenced yard to run and play, and a home where he can be the only pet soaking up all the love.

Fundraising

Taking care of the homeless and unwanted animals of Carteret County requires money. CCHS hosts many fundraisers throughout the year.

Adopt-A-Kennel Update

Thank you for your support! If you adopted a dog kennel or cat condo last year, you will receive a letter from the Shelter asking you to renew. If kennels are not renewed, then additional kennels will be available for adoption. Dog kennels and cat condos are \$525 for new adopters or \$500 for renewals. The form can be found on the CCHS website under [Donate - Ways to Give - Sponsor a Kennel or Condo](#). Money collected is used to help with food costs and care for the shelter animals.

Interested in Hosting a Fundraiser or an Event to Benefit CCHS?

If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser and using our name, Carteret County Humane Society, or logo in any of your advertising, please know that you need to complete a "[Third Party Fundraising Agreement](#)." The purpose of the document is to assure donors that the event is sanctioned by the Carteret County Humane Society and the money and goods collected will be distributed accordingly. The application can be found at: www.cchsshelter.com.

Pet Hub Tags

Pet Hub Tags offer an innovative tag to ensure that your furry friend can be easily identified and returned to you if they get lost. The tag has a QR code that can be easily scanned or a call can be placed to the 24/7 hotline to reconnect you to your pet. Pet Hub Tags are included with every adoption or can be purchased for \$10 at the shelter. You can visit www.pethub.com for more information.

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Adopt-a-Kennel Sponsors

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Patricia Kellish/Dog Robo
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Shawn Cherry Lucy/Ricky
Vegas-Shelter Moms
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In Honor of Buddy Cotterman
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ProEnvironmental
Carteret Leadership Class 2025
Harold McMillan and Anita Hale
Spoiled Rotten Charters #3
Spoiled Rotten Charters #4
The Clawges Family
Todd and Shelly Smith/Home
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Gunn Family
Michael E Compeggie, MD (dog)
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Fearsome Fivesome
Harper Thompson
Looking for Love
In honor of Oreo
Mike Lawrence Electric (cat)
Mike Lawrence Electric (dog)



Volunteer

Are you interested in getting more involved with your Animal Shelter? If so, visit www.cchsshelter.com. Under the *Get Active* tab, you will find opportunities which include: adopt-a-thons, cleaning, bottle feed/fostering kittens, cat socialization, clerical help, dog walking, fundraising, transport, and run sitting. Explanations on each activity are available on VicNet, the CCHS volunteer app.

Donate

CCHS accepts all types of donations on-site, including but not limited to: money, dog and cat toys, dog and cat food/treats, bedding (not pillows), and cleaning supplies. For a complete list of needs, please visit: www.cchsshelter.com.

Online donations can be made via: [Zeffy](#).



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Staff Spotlight

Ellen McGowan is the Assistant Manager and medical care supervisor at the CCHS Shelter. She is originally from Michigan but moved here to be close to her parents who moved to the area for the Marine Corps. Ellen has always loved animals. She has a zoology degree from Michigan State University. She worked at a zoo right out of college and was intrigued by the vet staff and wanted to be involved in vet procedures. Ellen has worked at the CCHS Shelter for 5 years. When asked what she loves most about her job, she said that she loves rehabilitating feral cats. Ellen said that she never knew how good at it she was, but has learned it's her passion. She says that "Cats are so cool and need a special person to gain trust." She feels honored to be that person.

Ellen recently took over management of the staff and most of the day-to-day decisions for the Shelter while the Shelter Manager was out on maternity leave. She formed relationships with rescue partners, Misplaced Mutts and County Maintenance, as she had to handle all necessary animal control calls.

She believes that it is most important for the public to know that we spend a lot of time rehabilitating scared, stressed, and sick animals. Ellen says that we are very fortunate that we rarely euthanize. Instead, the staff spends extra time to give these animals the care they need to blossom and have a wonderful life.

When Ellen is not at the shelter, she loves seeing live music and is often seeing a band play on the weekends. She loves to run and joined a run club because she believes daily exercise is important. She also loves reading books and spending time with her new husband.

Thank you, Ellen, for all of your hard work, love, and dedication to the animals at the Shelter. We appreciate you and all of the staff who work hard and put in long hours each and every day at the Shelter to care for the animals we serve.

