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

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Cooperation is not a dirty word

- An endless supply of patience
- 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

Teamwork makes the dream work…

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:)

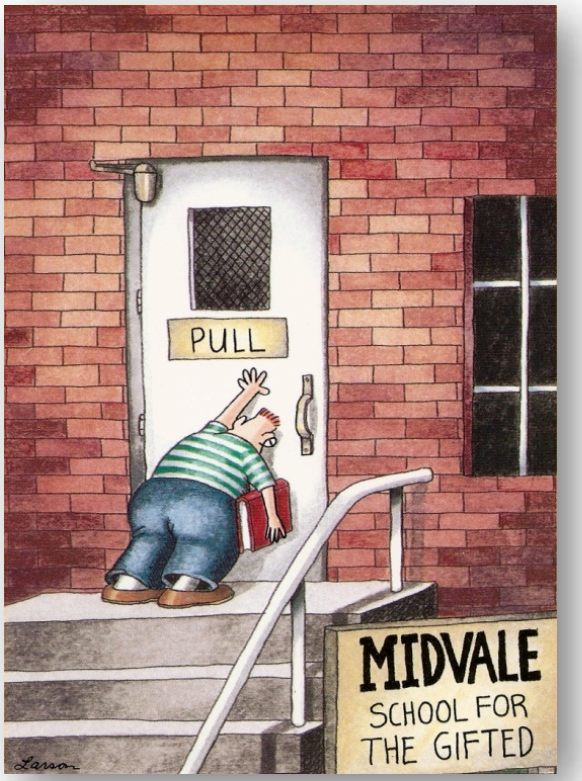
#teamworkmakesthedreamwork

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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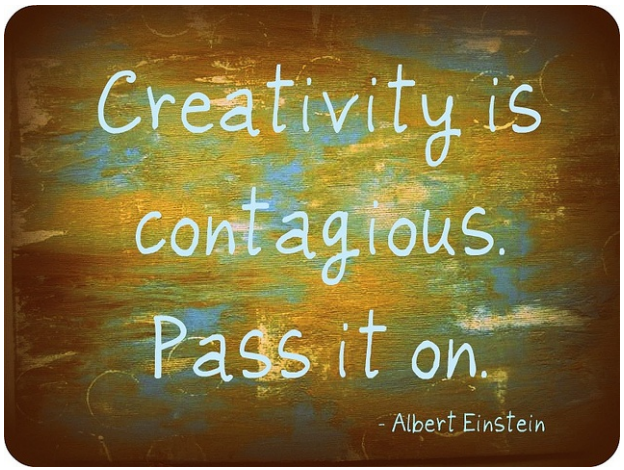
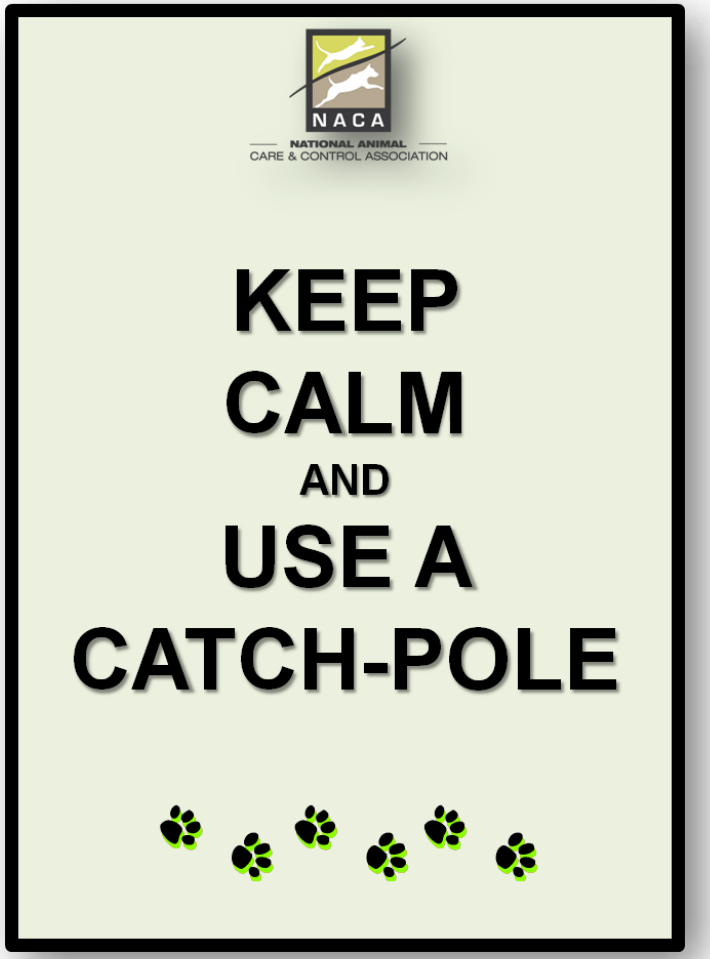
Polite, professional & respectable with any and all correspondence

- 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

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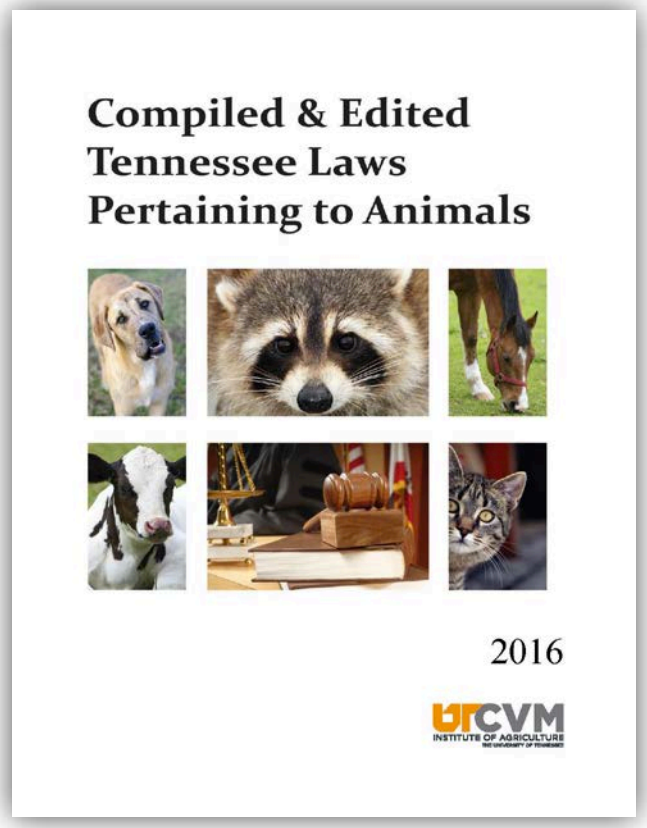
Awareness of animal law as well as understanding of it

- 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.

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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

ACCAT

Animal Care & Control Association of Tennessee

"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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