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## This Week's News

We need  
*Your*  
help!



When 68 dogs were seized and brought into our care last week, we already had 91 dogs in the shelter. That's a lot of dogs! We are doing everything in our power to rehabilitate the dogs that were brought to us (and we received a \$10,000 grant to help us do it) and take care of all the other animals in our care! And beginning next week we are going to begin reopening our facility to the public.

But we need your help! We are looking for volunteers that can provide general help at our facility. We really could use your help to clean our facility, serve our community, and care for our animals. (Since they are part of an active court case, volunteers will not be able to interact with the 68 dogs that were seized.) We are looking for volunteers to provide general help around our facility. Some things that we need help with:

- Laundry
- Cleaning
- Answering Phones
- And more!

[Click here to volunteer](#)

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## Pet Center Receives Matching

# Grant

BISSELL Pet Foundation has awarded the Pittsylvania Pet Center a \$10,000 matching grant to provide emergency support to 68 dogs recently seized from a hoarding situation. This collaborative effort ensures that all pets receive compassionate care prior to finding loving adoptive homes.

A search warrant served by Pittsylvania County Animal Control Officers at a residence on April 12 led to the seizure of 68 dogs that were found there. These dogs were in extremely poor condition. This grant from the BISSELL Pet Foundation will help the Pet Center provide care and medical treatment to these dogs.

“BISSELL Pet Foundation is committed to supporting the shelters that need us the most during times of crisis,” said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. “We are honored to be able to help Pittsylvania Pet Center with these deserving pets.”

[Read the full release](#)

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## PittCo Happenings



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Noah Robbins, Assistant Fire Marshal with the Public Safety Department, talks about the responsibilities of the Fire Marshals in the community. Some of the services that they provide include annual fire inspections for County businesses, smoke detector installations, and fire investigations. Noah explains local burn laws, provides some safety and fire prevention tips, and highlights how the Office is ready to assist County businesses and residents.

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## Volunteer of the Week: Tommy Barber

Chief, Mt Hermon Fire & Rescue



It all started in 1990 when Tommy had some friends who were volunteers and encouraged him to give it a try. While out on a training exercise, Tommy went into a fire, and that was when he fell in love with fighting fire. Now he is still doing it 32 years later.

His duties as Chief involve recruitment and retention, administration, and responding to calls. One of Tommy's most memorable calls was when a woman gave birth to her baby. Afterward, he went home and woke his mom to tell her all about it. "It was an amazing experience."

Volunteering has given him a different outlook on life, on how precious it is.

"I have seen people come into this world and people leave it. Volunteering is very rewarding. You see people at their worst and it is our job to make it better."

#PittCoVolunteers

Interested in volunteering? Let us know:  
[pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/volunteer](http://pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/volunteer)

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

## STATEWIDE BURN BAN

4:00 P.M.

February 15 - April 30, 2022

**MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500**

Contact the Virginia  
Department of Forestry for  
additional information.

[www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)



1. No burning until after 4:00 p.m. if the fire is within 300 feet of woodland, brushland, or field containing dry grass or other inflammable material.
2. Fire must be attended at all times if the fire is within 150 feet of woodland or other dry fuel leading to woodland.
3. No fuel may be added or fire started after midnight.
4. Law applies to campfires, warming fires, brush piles, household trash, stumps, fields of dry grass and brush, or anything capable of spreading fire.





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