



I wanted to see Rikki's baby pigs because I thought that it would be a learning experience for me. Also because I had never seen a baby pig that was that young before. I love helping animals and I thought helping Kerry feed the little guys would help both Kerry and the little pig! Honestly, I thought feeding a baby pig was definitely not something someone that doesn't live on a farm would do every day. I had a blast! I'm super glad I did it. Would I do it again? Of course I would! I was nervous to feed a baby pig (I have no clue why) but once he latched on and "went to town" I felt relief. The baby pig looked furry in a way. He was so soft! I was really happy when I started to feed the pig. I will definitely miss the feeling of a soft, wiggling, sign of life in my two hands. Like I said, I will definitely do it again if I'm ever asked again from Kerry!

---Beth McMaster



If you follow the email newsletter, Hairballs, or you were out to visit over the summer, you probably saw the baby pigs. Everybody at Rikki's is supposed to stop by the Speuter Clinic on the way in and babies aren't supposed to happen. Bella arrived during the last snow storm this year. She was a stray pig who kept breaking out and going walking. Street walking, we were to find out four months later! One morning Valerie came running to my office shouting, "You've got to come see what's in with the pigs!" Baby pigs. Bella wouldn't accept the little runt, so Prince had to be bottle fed. The pigs still don't like him. But he has lots of cat friends. Ernie the feluk kid is his best friend.

Donna joined us this year as the Chairperson of our Golf Tournament. It was a lot of fun and a great success. Donna has brought a lot of big new ideas that look like they're going to be a lot of fun. Check out "Cruisin' for the Critters - A 60s Tribute Party", to be held on Friday, May 6, 2011, at Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg! It's a whole new avenue of adventures for Rikki's Refuge. Donna hopes to have many such events in the future. And she needs YOUR help! If you'd like to be on the team creating these fun new adventures, let me know and I'll put you in touch with Donna. Thank you Donna, you're going to make 2011 a landmark year!!

Dennis and Crystal Bane were in charge of the 2010 5K Race, Jan and Katarina volunteered the day of the race. The overall female winner again this year is our very own volunteer Kristina Anderson. Austin Scott was the overall male winner. Elliot Carl from the REACH program participated! Congratulations Kristina, Austin and Elliot, we're very proud of you.

Special Thanks to Ed Norlander of Ed's Awards and Engraving, Culpeper for donating the awards. Patterson Construction Company, Fredericksburg for sponsoring race. Tim Fleming for his monetary donation making it possible! Virginia Runner Fredericksburg [www.VaRunner.com](http://www.VaRunner.com) for supplying gift certificates and for helping Jan's feet feel good. She says they deserve a big endorsement!

Thank you Dennis and Crystal for all the work organizing this one and making it a success. Do I hear whisperings of an extreme marathon up and down the hills and thru the woods at Rikki's in 2011? Keep your ears open, runners!



In 2008 Dr. Meredith Vargas, five volunteers from Rikki's (including me), and others traveled to Pana, Guatemala to set up a Speuter Clinic for the indigenous Mayan people. The fundraising for that clinic had come mainly from yard sales and other activities. This year Dr. Vargas introduced the idea of holding a Speuter Clinic here, and using the funds to run the clinic in Pana. The doctors all donated their time, and all the materials were donated. Spays were only \$50 and neuters only \$35; all of which will be used to run the Pana Speuter clinic. What a genius idea! Dr. Vargas will be traveling back to Pana this December for her 3rd Annual Marathon Week Long Speuter Clinic!! May you "fix" more animals than ever!!

### Rikki's Run 5k Run/Walk Results

Overall winners: Austin Scott (m) and Kristina Anderson (f)

Second Annual Rikki's Run 5k Run/Walk Winners

Male

Female

19 & < Austin Scott 21:15  
Elliot Carl 48:05

Kristina Anderson 23:13

30 - 39 John Conley 21:53

Cadence Heden 24:18

40 - 49 Dan Guerrero 22:06

Dana Landacre 26:26

Paul Fetzer 26:31

Loretta Fleming 38:02

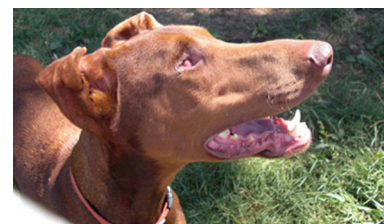
50 - 59 Ed Norlander 23:44

Ruth Montano 43:47

Foster Bliss 24:17

Sue Haney 43:47

Joel Masher 30:02



I stumbled upon him  
it was at a pet fair need I mention  
He was being led by a volunteer  
sweet as could be looking for attention

With bowlegged front legs  
his brown eyes were happy and huge  
He wore a vest to take donations  
and wore a sign for Rikki's Refuge

I followed this wobbly fellow  
back to where he and his friends were set  
I was curious to see just who  
would take this fellow and make him a pet

The group was called Rikkis  
I made a donation to them right away  
But I wanted to get a closer look  
so I asked them if that was OK

Pigs and goats and cats to name a few  
dogs and sheep would give me a lick  
They were all there plus many more  
at this place named after a cat they called Rikk

From far and near they had come  
all to this glorious place  
Each had taken a much different path  
but there was a smile on each face

Some abandoned some abused  
all here for reasons I wish were better  
But before I could get sad  
a sweet little kitten asked me to pet her

The humans work hard and long days  
they do it all with such little money  
They feed and clean and protect  
wind rain snow or sunny

Please help if you can  
we will take every penny we find  
But most of all  
just keep this in mind

No matter which way they got here  
dropped drove or however  
Once they got to this place  
they were then home forever

--- Ken Lickliter

