

# Shelter reduces adoption fees for 'senior' animals

The Randolph County Animal Shelter is full of adorable dogs and cats and as a gift to the community is again declaring November Adopt A Senior Pet Month.

Often senior pets are passed over. From Nov. 19 through Nov. 30 the adoption fee is reduced to only \$25. You have up to 29 pets to choose from. They all want a forever home.

Any animal that is one-year old or older is considered senior. Board President Chuck Smith said, "Don't miss out on these great savings and on giving a home to these mature, wonderful pets."

The adoption record of 37 pets adopted in a month was eclipsed in October with 43 adopted.

The shelter staff and volunteers work hard promoting these animals, making photos and posting them on various sites, such as Pet Finder.

There is a detailed list of available cats and dogs, pets posted on Petfinder as well as those chosen by rescues. They monitor how many days until a photo sells a pet. Sometimes someone will be interested but by the time they call back someone has already adopted the pet, Smith said.

Since some are adopted quickly, the staff is constantly photographing and adding pets to the RandolphShelter.org web site.

If an animal is not already spayed or neutered those fees will still apply,

per Alabama law. Cat spay or neuter is \$35 and for dogs it is \$42.

On Oct. 27 the shelter had been in business for six years. During that time 1,551 dogs and cats were adopted, Smith said. He believes the 1,000th adoption was on July 10, 2012.

"Our progress is growing greatly. We keep expanding. We would really like a veterinarian to come to Wedowee. It would be wonderful to have them to spay and neuter. If we ever got a vet here in Wedowee we'd be their best customer," volunteer Patt High said. People on Lake Wedowee are looking for a veterinarian, she said.