

An update from the animal shelter

WEDOWEE - Randolph County Animal Shelter celebrated operations manager April's fifth year at the shelter. We appreciate her dedication to the shelter.

We had our fall book sale and raffle in October that grossed \$7,000. Thank you to all our generous supporters.

We also presented our new T-shirts, a tie-dye design, for \$15, which may be purchased at the shelter or from Evelyn Smith.

We began our sponsored and "fixed long-timer special" (still going on). Five lucky dogs are on "special" with no adoption fee. And we have many more doggies and kitties available for adoption.

In October the staff hosted a volunteer party for all the RCAS volunteers, which was a wonderful way to see how many friends the shelter has earned. We greatly enjoyed seeing everyone, and it was a great party. The staff did a media presentation of their daily duties and showed how the volunteers are such a help to them and why they are so appreciated.

We adopted out 65 animals in the month of October and took in 71. We know that the county is full of strays, and we are working hard every day to adopt out, so we can create space for incoming animals. Please remember these strays were once someone's responsibility. If you rent and you are not supposed to have pets, please don't get one. If you don't want your female having litters, get her spayed. If you want your male to stay home, have him neutered. We need everyone helping to stop the stray population in our county. If you know someone looking for a dog or cat, tell them about your no-kill shelter that you support. If you are on Facebook, you can share our pictures so someone else might see the pet they want to adopt. And that will open a kennel for another stray animal.

Winter is lurking, so please make sure you are properly caring for fur babies. Especially for outdoor pets, prepare a warm place of safety, including a bed safe from rain and wind. We

have suggestions on our website, as well as how to make a safe inexpensive space for a stray cat living outdoors. If you have any questions to help make your pets comfortable during the winter, please give us a call.

If you are cleaning out closets, we would love your spare blankets, sheets, towels and T-shirts to assist our pets on their

beds with soft warmth this winter. Let's give them some comfort while they wait for a loving home of their own. If you know of a facility that regularly changes out linens, such as hospitals, hotels, etc., ask for their 'leftovers' for us. Good for our pets!

And please pass the word, we have a monthly spay/neuter clinic. The most expensive sur-

gery is \$80; check our website flyer prices. So far, 1,136 pets have used this RCAS service. Our next date is Dec. 18, and reservations are necessary. No walk-ups, sorry. They leave early Wednesday, and they come back about noon the next day to happy parents who no longer have to worry about litters. Pass the word!

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