

People & Co

Animal shelter prepares for fall book sale, raffle fundraiser

by April Richardson

August has flown by. Football season is in the air, along with cooler weather, we hope. Randolph County Animal Shelter's adoption total for August was 48 pets, with a lifetime total of 6,611.

Fall book sale

The annual fall book sale will be Oct. 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will also have a raffle, with the drawing held Oct. 19 at noon (need not be present to win). RCAS stores the books at the old cotton warehouse on Main Street in Roanoke (across from Cedarwood Cemetery), where you can visit both days for indoor book browsing. The sale will have all types of inexpensive reading material, and you may donate back your old books too!

Both the book sale and the raffle are fundraisers for RCAS animals, and we hope you will purchase raffle tickets at \$1 or six for \$5 in advance at RCAS or call Evelyn at (256) 282-8171 to purchase.

Tickets will also be sold at the book sale. There are some exciting prizes:

First prize - Two tickets to the MoneyLion 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series Race for April 25 and two tickets to the Geico 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race April 26

Second prize - \$300 in cash

Third prize - handmade bear claw pattern lap quilt

donated by Ellen Lavin

Rescue groups help

RCAS has picked up two new 501(c)3 rescue groups this month. One is a dachshund rescue, which accepted Murphy, a senior dachshund with the heart of a pup. Murphy came into RCAS in June as a stray with bad teeth and a fatty tumor that was making his life uncomfortable. RCAS had some wonderful people volunteer to pay not only his vet bill, but they provided transportation to and from the vet as well, so "Murph the Surf" could be made almost as healthy as a puppy. He went on his freedom ride Aug. 14.

The second new rescue partner is a Basset hound rescue, which took Sam, a 4-year-old Basset mix on his freedom ride Aug. 31.

Both rescue groups saw the dogs' photos on the RCAS Facebook page and initiated contact with the director. She went into action and got these fur babies their ride out of the shelter. Rescue rocks!

Cold weather coming

Please be thinking about fall and winter and preparing a warm and dry place of safety and security for your pets. RCAS has suggestions on their website, as well as how to make a safe inexpensive space for a stray cat, living outdoors. If you are cleaning out closets, RCAS would love your spare blankets, sheets, towels and T-shirts to assist pets with soft

warmth on their beds this winter. Let's give them some comfort while they wait for a loving home of their own.

Spay-neuter

Volunteer Tracy Berry's fundraising for spay and neuter fund sent eight "long-timer" dogs to be "fixed" at Irondale Spay and Neuter Clinic. Tracy has enough donations to send eight more dogs for spay/neuter on Sept. 25. If you would like to donate, you can go to RandolphShelter.org and hit the donate button or send a check to RCAS at 104 Animal Shelter Rd., Wedowee, AL 36278. Either way, please specify in a note that your donation is for the spay and neuter fund for shelter dogs. Surgery for the girls is \$67, and the 'boys' are \$62. Thank you!

Please pass the word, RCAS has a monthly spay/neuter clinic on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The most expensive surgery is \$80; check the RCAS website for prices. Almost 1,100 pets have used this RCAS service, and the next date is Sept. 25. Reservations are necessary. 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!

We do appreciate each and every effort you make in the behalf of animals.