

Local shelter helping control pet population

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In an effort to control the animal population, Randolph County Animal Shelter is working with Citizens for the Welfare of Animals in Clay County (CWACC) to provide low cost spay and neuter for area cats and dogs. Pets are transported to Irondale outside Birmingham to the Alabama Spay Neuter Clinic for surgeries. Over the past 10 years, the clinic has spayed/neutered over 100,000 cats and dogs. Over 3,000 of these pets have come from Randolph and Clay County transports.

Randolph County Animal Shelter helps distribute information about the low cost spay neuter and provides a safe location for transports. Employees at the shelter and volunteers assist with the transports. Each month approximately 30-35 pets

leave the shelter to go to the clinic.

The local transport picks up and delivers back once a month in Randolph County at the Randolph County Animal Shelter and once a month at the Clay County Farmers Market. You do not have to live in these counties to send your pet on the transport. These locations are just central areas for pick-up and returns. Your pets leave early one morning and are returned the next morning. A truckload of dogs and cats were picked up at the shelter in Wedowee last Tuesday and returned last Wednesday. Pet owners drove through the shelter, stopped and picked up their pets.

According to records, over 150,000 cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters in Alabama each year. The local shelter is helping to reduce these numbers by providing

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The Randolph County Animal Shelter has partnered with other organizations to provide convenient spaying and neutering services for pets.