



Melvin Brooks of Pilots 'n' Paws

RC Animal Shelter shares newsletter

2020 is here and we are hoping for another successful year at YOUR shelter. In December we adopted out 53 animals, and we took in 46 animals.

We started the new year out right by Carter (a dog) being the first adoption of the year. Then we had Ms. Tiny's adoption, assisted by a flight by pilot Melvin Brooks, part of the Pilots 'n' Paws team, taking her to her fur-ever home in Hardin, Ky. Tiny's YouTube video: https://youtu.be/wxn6vP_WgQ Tiny came into the shelter with an infected eye. One volunteer adopted Tiny and saw her through her surgery and recovery. Her eye surgery was paid for by a group of volunteers, and her spay surgery was provided through the donations of another group of volunteers. During Tiny's recovery, YOUR shelter was working on finding her a rescue or a fur-ever adopter to give her a home. Three more volunteers drove Tiny to Anniston Municipal Airport on Jan. 7, where Tiny hopped aboard a Mooney aircraft for the flight of her life. And that, our supporters, is another fulfilling rescue YOUR shelter is smiling about.

December was a great month. We had our second annual Santa Paws Christmas event. Every animal in our shelter had Santa bring them toys, food, treats and some even got bedding from their donor. The furbabies were videoed getting their goodies, which we posted on Facebook. We thank everyone who participated in Santa Paws, and to all our supporters and donors who donate all year long - we couldn't do what we do without what you do!

As we close out last year, we have now adopted 6,811 dogs and cats since Oct. 27, 2007. Our transport spay neuter program has served 1,205 pets as of Dec. 31, 2019; that's 630 dogs and 575 cats, including feral cats, since the transport program began in March



Cindy Hightower with Tiny

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The December 2019 board meeting came with some emotions. Chuck Smith stepped down as president, and Vice President Bob Davis is succeeding him. Board member Marty Kirby is now vice president, and Secretary Christine Hardin is also retiring. Board member Ellen Clack is succeeding Chris. They may retire, but their hearts remain with us and they continue the transition with excellent advice, including Mr. Chuck, who is now president emeritus. We thank all the volunteers who are currently serving on our board or who have served on our RCAS Board of Directors.

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!

Please pass the word, about the monthly spay/neuter clinic. The most expensive surgery is \$80. Check our website flyer prices. Our next dates are Jan. 22 and Feb. 26. 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.