## Shelter keeping pets comfy this summer

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My goodness, summer came on fast, but we were ready; dog beds and pools are helping our outdoor dogs beat the concrete heat! We reached our goal of 50 donated dog beds, because of YOU, our friends, buying them for us. Thank you ever so much!! All the beds are in use, and we invite you to

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\$35, three children for \$45 or four children for \$55 per week. Transportation is provided for an additional \$10. A one-time membership fee of \$25 also applies. Breakfast, and lunch are

come see them!

And while you are visiting, you can enjoy the dog antics during the daily pool party! A kind volunteer purchased 10 plastic pools for our doggies and they are having a blast with them. The first day we posted a video on our Facebook page of 'Magnificent Mattie' frolicking in her pool. And the volunteer also brought the staff Gatorades and cooling bandanas, which we so appreciated!

We also want to express our deepest thanks to Amie's Bohemian Organic Market in Wedowee for becoming our first RCAS Gold Corporate Sponsor! One of the perks of gold is to name a new incoming pet, and they chose a black lab who they named Jaimoe. He is available for adoption!

And we are pleased to welcome The Crow's Nest in Wedowee as our first Bronze Corporate Sponsor! Please see our website for more information about becoming a corporate sponsor. We are a registered 501(c)3 charity.

In April we achieved 55 adoptions, and in May 65 adoptions giving us a lifetime total of 6,444 adoptions! Thank you for your supporting us on adoptions and our June 1 book sale as part of the chamber event Summer on Main. We earned \$700 in book sales and enjoyed visiting with you!

Currently we are doing some maintenance around the shelter as cutting trees along our fence line to avoid winter problems. We could use your hands, as a volunteer, to help us take down four old dog kennels and put together four new ones. Would you stop by and fill out a volunteer application,

so we can get a team together? We always love to see the community involved.

And pet lovers and friends, let's try to share our knowledge with others on ways to keep pets comfortable this summer; leave plenty of fresh cold water, give them a shady covered spot, and try not to let them walk on paved surfaces that can burn their sensitive pads. And, when it is just 75 degrees on a cool morning ... if you lock your car up ... it goes to 118 degrees! Yikes, too hot for Spot!

As always, we thank you for always supporting your shelter with donations and volunteering!

Come see us, we love visitors!