

Animal shelter prepares for spring book sales and raffle

The Randolph County Animal Shelter is preparing for its spring book sale and raffle, which will be held on Saturdays, April 8 and April 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the "Ole Cotton Warehouse" on Main Street in Roanoke.

It is across from Cedarwood Cemetery.

Fundraiser chairwoman Evelyn Smith said, "This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Your shelter is doing real well because of the support of our friends in Randolph County who have always supported us through these many years. We at the shelter appreciate all you do for the animals; each one is special."

She said books are needed to sell and raffle tickets need to be sold.

The prizes for the raffle this year are: 1st Prize-\$300; 2nd Prize-.22-gauge Mossberg Blaze Automatic Rifle and 3rd Prize-Meadowcraft 45-quart cooler (similar to the Yeti). You do not have to be present to win. The drawing is at noon on April 15.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased at the animal shelter in Wedowee, from board members or by calling Evelyn Smith at 256-282-8171.

Books to be donated may be brought to the shelter in Wedowee or dropped off on the porch at the warehouse in Roanoke. Books are needed. Please do not leave any textbooks or encyclopedias.

The book sale is always a fun day so please come out and enjoy it with us, Smith

said.

A new service the shelter provides is DNA tests on dogs. April Richardson, shelter manager, and Elisabeth Stanford, director of operations, said they will give adoptors a kit to do a swab and then mail it in.

Call the shelter at 256-357-0101 for more information or e-mail them at randolphanimal@centurytel.net. The cost of the DNA test is \$65 per dog, of which the shelter gets \$10.

The test is for health purposes. Some dogs cannot take certain medicines and it can tell owners that, as well as doing a genetic background. They said people need to be patient because they have to send it off and it takes awhile to get it back.