

October 8 will be a day for the dogs

Barktoberfest, a chance for dog lovers to strut their stuff, with their dogs, will be held in downtown Roanoke on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot next to Gerson's Garden. Proposed events include blessing of the dogs, a dog parade, a costume contest, door prizes, live entertainment, pet service vendors, and pet and people portraits. All proceeds will benefit the Randolph County Animal Shelter.

To participate in the parade, the cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. This includes a bandana for your dog. A registration of \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the event includes an event T-shirt.

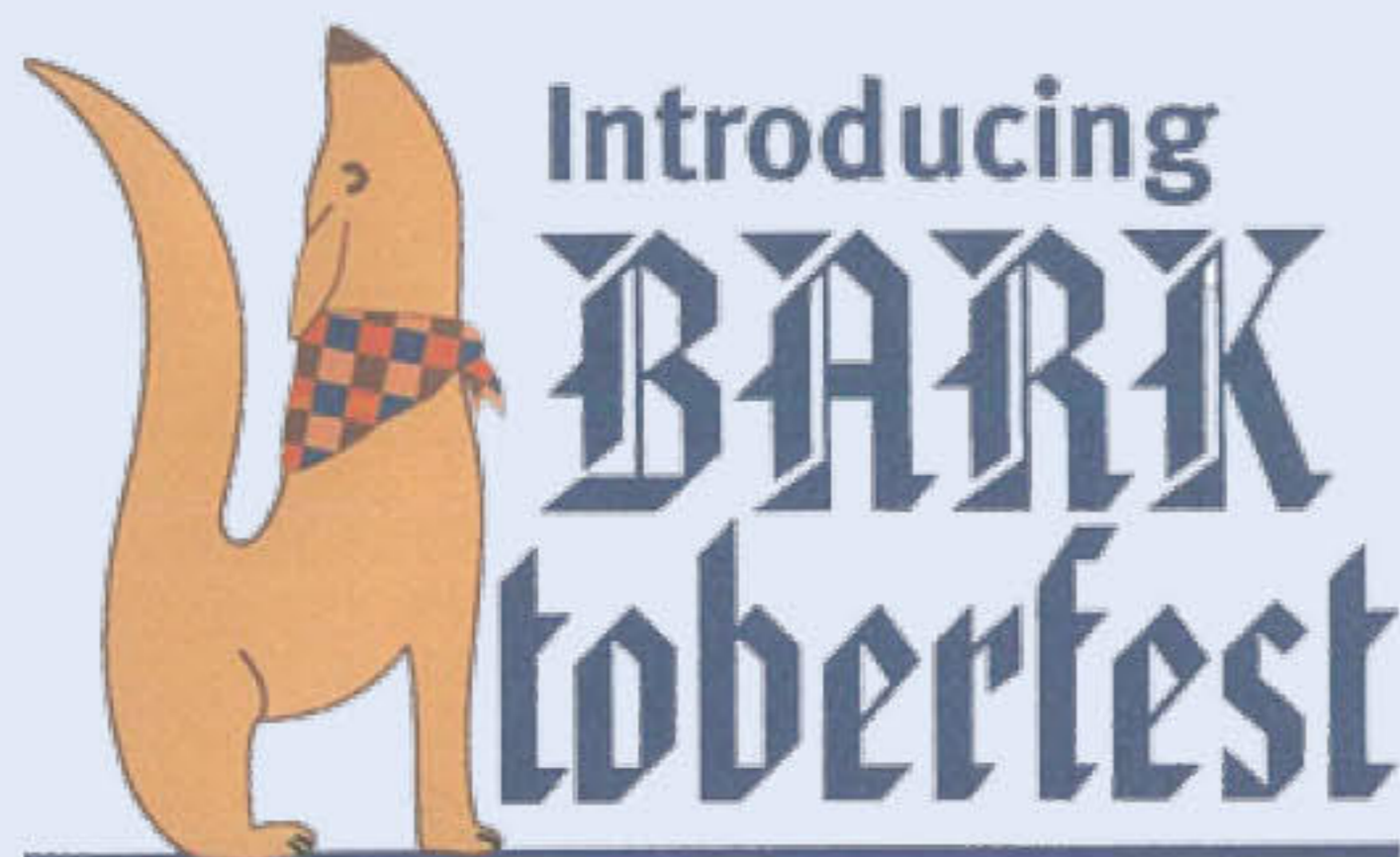
Barktoberfest also will be an opportunity to donate to the shelter needed items such as pet beds, toys,

food, treats, and retired-from-service towels, linens and comforters. The shelter will have a booth set up at the event.

Volunteers also are needed to walk a shelter dog, transport shelter animals to the event, and act as referees.

Registration forms are available at the Randolph County Animal Shelter in Wedowee and at

Gerson's Garden and The Randolph Leader office in Roanoke. Participants should RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 15, to the animal shelter, in person or by mail (104 Animal Shelter Road, Wedowee, AL 36278, phone 256-357-0101) or to Gerson's Garden. For more information email Barktoberfest.RCAS@gmail.com or see the Facebook page @ [BarktoberfestRCAS](https://www.facebook.com/BarktoberfestRCAS).



Animal shelter book sale

Randolph County Animal Shelter's Book Sale will be Saturday Oct. 8, and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the "Ole Cotton Warehouse" on Main Street in Roanoke.

Books may be dropped off at the warehouse at anytime

and also at the animal shelter on Hwy. 48 west of Wedowee. The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. We are unable to accept encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines.

Spay and neuter program

Randy Morris from Wedowee Marine has donated \$1000 to be used for the shelter's spay neuter program. This donation will be matched by the Birmingham spay and neuter program. This will allow many people in the community who were not able to take advantage of past programs to have their pets spayed or neutered. This program is targeted

for low-income, unemployed and military families.

Registration for this program will be at the Randolph County Animal Shelter booth next to Gerson's Garden at Barktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. or by calling Robyn at 334-863-0101. This program will be available until the funds are depleted.