



Larry Moncrief and Landon Moncrief trail a pup at the Bald Rock rescue site.

# Animal shelter rescue team brings in abandoned puppies

Saturday, Sept. 10, Randolph County Animal Shelter office manager Debbie Moncrief, with husband Larry Moncrief and stepson Landon Moncrief, rescued four abandoned starving pups at Bald Rock near Wadley. They had been feeding them for a couple of weeks in hopes they could capture them and bring them to safety at the shelter.

RCAS kennel manager Rickie Pool and kennel technician Annie Pool greeted the pups and got them settled in in short order with plenty of food, shade and water, which must have felt like luxury to them.

They are being socialized now in preparation for adoption.

The pups, about four months old, are Great Pyrenees with Walker or Bloodhound mix. They are Buddy (tan), Bully (tan w/ white sock feet), Betty (white with brown spots), and Biscuit (solid white).

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ford from Georgia adopted labs Bailey and Sam, and these lucky dogs now live poolside! They are the first pups to leave the newly built and painted RCAS Puppy Palace. The Puppy Palace was built in August with proceeds from the RCAS 3rd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

Races. Now the puppies enjoy outdoor playtime every day, sometimes for as much as six hours of romping and playing in the divided areas in their palace.

The puppies enjoy being separated from the larger dogs for play in the newly created concrete area with a roof over it, said Evelyn Smith, RCAS book sale fundraising chairwoman. "We have so many puppies right now," she said.

Patt High, who oversees the cardboard boat races, likes to do something you can see, such as the palace, Smith said.



Chris Ford with his new dogs Bailey and Sam



RCAS Employees Debbie Moncrief, Rickie and Annie Pool hold three adoptable pups.



Rickie and Annie Pool and Larry Moncrief prepare to release a puppy into the pen from the pet carrier.