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Sweetie

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Greetings from the best 'lil Shelter in 'Bama

Last month we had 48 adoptions, making a total of 6,219 adoptions since we opened 10/27/07. A part of our success is due to the Randolph Leader newspaper. It is with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the loss of John W. Stevenson, Publisher and Editor of The Randolph Leader newspaper. As you may know the Leader loved cats and there were always a couple to greet you at their office door. So, in Johnny's memory, we will be doing a cat special for the entire month of March; all cats will be free to good homes including their spay or neuter voucher.

Sweetie, a Pit Bull Terrier mix, was brought to us, 'skin and bones' with no body temperature on 2/1, almost frozen to death from the outdoor environment. The RCAS staff laid out floor pads and blankets and a heating pad and curled up with Sweetie, as she struggled to live. Food was prepared and she ate a little, but she barely moved for 24 hours. The next day we rejoiced, that she made it, and was walking and eating. She has been gaining weight for two weeks, in anticipation of her ride to a northern rescue partner where she will have all her needs taken care of, including vet care and an adoptive family who will love her.

Our volunteer photo team, Ellen Wiley Sims, Linda Ann Barber, Patt High and Kees Collee did four photography sessions with our dogs in our fenced Bark Park play area. They used toys and treats to help get the best action/beauty shots they could, showing the pet's face, body and personalities, too! The dogs got some sun and exercise with the toys, as photographer Ellen took high resolution beauty shots with natural lighting. The multiple views of each dog or cats (done indoors) are then placed on our Facebook, PetFinder, and website pages, so clients can "shop online".

Our next book sale fundraiser will be held at the Roanoke Warehouse on April 6th and April 13th, from 9am to 1pm. Our bi-annual book sales are a large part of our income, and we ask for your book donations to increase our sales inventory, please!! We gratefully accept your books, CD, DVD, tape donations at any time during our business hours at RCAS, Tuesday through Saturday 9am to 3pm. Or you may leave items on the covered porch at the Old Cotton Warehouse, Roanoke, as well. (This is across from the Randolph Leader newspaper and the Cedarwood Cemetery. We are unable to accept encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines or VHS tapes, as they are poor sellers.)

As always we thank you for supporting YOUR SHELTER with donations and volunteering.
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