

RCAS thanks friends for successful 2018

WEDOWEE - Randolph County Animal Shelter thanks you for a very successful adoption year. With your help and support as of Dec. 31, the shelter has adopted out 6,171 dogs and cats.

The shelter opened Oct. 27, 2007, and among the goals were to reduce strays on the roads and to have fewer unwanted animals born. To that effect, the shelter generally s about 75 dogs and 20 cats until they find their fur-ever homes.

They also offer access to low cost, high quality spay and neuter surgery for dogs and cats. The surgery is available for ANY cat or dog ... no matter where you got the pet or where you live. If you need a little assistance to use this service, please call (334) 863-0101 and speak directly with the transport coordinator, Robyn Smith.

During the holidays, the



shelter attracted many adopters - including from Miami! Fay, a beautiful German shorthaired pointer mix, was whisked off to a life of leisure on Jan. 3. She arrived at the shelter four months prior as a frightened and timid girl. She slowly warmed up to the staff and won the hearts of everyone. When her new mom saw her online photo, she fell instantly in love. Upon meeting at RCAS, the magic was there, and the girls got acquainted on the way home to Florida!

RCAS has been recog-

nized as a no-kill shelter, and they are also a registered 501(c)3 charity. This combination attracted a non-profit organization called Best-Friends.org to visit President Chuck Smith and director of operations, April Richardson. Best Friends helps no-kill shelters find grant money. Things wear out and currently the shelter is in need of new kennel fencing and sturdy outdoor dog beds.

RCAS is fortunate to have some volunteers, but they could sure use more (like YOU). Recent volunteers have helped purchase and install many new UV-protected and laminated signs for the facility, including the large sign on Highway 48. After seven years, the signs were bent and fading. So RCAS is back to looking cheerful and colorful with welcoming and informational exterior signage that sets the pleasant

tone for customers to tour the facility or adopt.

RCAS invites clubs and organizations to assist with fundraisers, a help day or donations such as winter bedding, including towels, cat litter, and canned puppy and kitten chow (no chunks). Maybe you have photography skills and can help keep up with the pet beauty photos to post online! Perhaps you would like assist the photographer with playing/walking with the pets during the photo shoot.

RCAS is greatly looking forward to getting a copy of the February *Lake Wedowee Life* magazine. Joyce McKinney and Kelly Caldwell interviewed President Smith and Director Richardson on Jan. 16 and took photos. RCAS loves to get the word out about the shelter and appreciate being included in this magazine.