## Mother and dozen puppies show up at shelter

On Thursday morning, Nov. 20, the Randolph County Animal Shelter staff got a big surprise. As Elizabeth Stanford opened the gates she found a frozen blanket with four puppies and their mother. She put them in her car and carried them into the shelter to warm them up.

Liz began to worry that there may be more puppies out in the freezing cold, so she took the mother dog back up the hill to look around. The dog went straight to four more babies cuddled in the

tall weeds outside the fence. As Liz was scooping up the puppies, momma came back with one more in her mouth.

They finally got this group settled inside when the mother dog went back to the door and began to whine. Upon being let out, she brought back one more puppy. Surely that 11th pup was the last one!

The next day the mother dog became very anxious and broke out of her kennel. The last puppy was at the very back of the shelter yard. This made an even dozen precious furry little pups.

Pumpkin Spice has proven to be a very caring mother with a gentle loving spirit. Liz has lightened her burden by taking one of the puppies home with her.

The shelter staff invites everyone to come by and see Pumpkin and all her beautiful babies at the shelter, located on Animal Shelter Road just off of Hwy. 48 west of downtown Wedowee.



**Pumpkin Spice**