

Randolph County Animal Shelter volunteer Tracy Berry and RCAS director of operations April Richardson look over Santa Paws donations generated through Facebook and coordinated by Berry.

'Santa Paws' treats RCAS

Each and every pet at Randolph County Animal Shelter was sponsored during the Santa Paws gifting event, organized by RCAS volunteer Tracy Berry. The mountain of bagged food, four rows deep, as well as canned dog and cat food, treats, toys, cleaning and office supplies were gratefully welcomed.

In mid-November Ms. Berry inspired pet lovers, via Facebook posts, to choose a pet to gift. The donor received a photo and information on 'their pet(s)'. The need was shared, and word

spread quickly. Donations are still arriving by wing and by wheel from local donors and as far away as California, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama! Some of Santa's Helpers ordered through the shelter's Amazon Wish List as seen at RandolphShelter.org (free shipping to RCAS). And if customers ordered through the AmazonSmiles program, RCAS earned an extra one half of one percent from their purchases, at NO cost to them!

AMX Logistics, a familyowned trucking company

based in Dothan, celebrated their 30th anniversary of service with RCAS. The company chose to share 30 acts of kindness in the communities they serve, and RCAS was honored to be chosen. AMX Vice President Ed Berry delivered 30 cases of dog food, 30 pounds of dog treats, 30 rolls of paper towels and AMX swag for door prizes. All sweet treats!

And the employees of McMaster-Carr Supply in Douglasville, Ga., set up an office Christmas Tree of Giving, and collected many office

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supplies and cleaners from pet lovers. Employee, Ms. Berry, delivered them.

Donations of canned food, treats and blankets, towels and winter bedding are always a welcome gift, not just at Christmas. These items provide comfort for the orphans, until they find full-time love in a permanent home of their own. As of Dec. 8 RCAS was housing 86 dogs and 17 cats. The shelter is normally open Tuesday to Saturday 9-3, but will not be open to the public Christmas Eve or Day. Adopters should come no later than Dec. 20, next Saturday!

The RCAS Board and Staff sincerely appreciate your help to make ends meet, all year round. They say, "We couldn't do half of what we do for the ones who depend on us ... without YOU! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Merry Christmas!"

