

Shelter

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eral reasons, he said. Among them are the shelter's excellent website and the fact that the animals are so healthy.

When the animals come in first they are photographed, then a "Yap" sheet with information about them is prepared telling whether the animal likes dogs or children. Then they get a Parvo shot and vaccination. The photo is put on the website, on Pet Finder, Pet Point, Facebook, two newspapers and two radio stations. Steps like this are why the adoption rate is much higher than the national average, Smith said.

He said there is no way they would survive without their excellent volunteers, who will drive a long way for free or reduced cost food donations for the animals.

Smith's presentation on the need to replace the floor where many of the dogs are located preceded a board vote of the 12-member board to move forward with sloping the floor so there will be drainage to protect the animals and the humans who wash out the pens.

He is talking to two contractors but needs to get the \$5,250 price down where they can afford it. They will welcome any donations, he said. They are holding back funds to make sure they have



These little guys let it be known they are ready to go home with someone.

enough to finish the year which ends Sept. 30.

Anyone wanting to make a donation can send it to RCAS, 104 Animal Shelter Road, Wedowee 36278.

Smith wanted Wedowee Mayor Tim Coe and Randolph County Commissioner Terry Lovvorn to see the operation. Wedowee gives a \$4,000 annual donation, the only municipality that gives the amount tied to the population, he said. Wedowee has been supportive since they started, and Coe helped them get the property off State Highway 48. Wadley does not have the money and cannot donate so they have a special deal where they are charged per dog. Roanoke donates \$5,500. Woodland gives a small amount.

By law the county is supposed to support the shelter. He said he got \$800 a month after he pleaded for that.

He unsuccessfully asked for \$200 more or \$1,000 a month.

He said Lovvorn and Commissioner Doyle Allen do occasionally send over community service workers to help. Commissioner Larry Roberts has been attentive, he said.

Debbie Moncrief, shelter manager, said the previous month they adopted 37 dogs, of which nine were adopted by the elderly in a special event making the adoption less expensive.

"We have 48 dogs and 20 cats right now and some are absolutely gorgeous. We have a very big selection and they are in good physical condition," she said.

Smith said occasionally an animal will get out but when the staff comes in in the morning it will be waiting to go back into the pen.

A fundraiser, the bi-an-

nual book sale, is coming up Oct. 6 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chris Mitchum's warehouse on Main Street across from Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke.

For sale will be books, CDs, DVDs and tapes. One of the best buys around are new and used books with prices start at 75 cents. There are hard and softcover books and collectible comic books.

The volunteers separate the books and other materials into genres such as westerns, novels, travel, etc. If you have any donations please leave them at the warehouse front door or at the animal shelter so they can sort them prior to one of the shelter's biggest fundraisers of the year.

The nearby Randolph County Historical Museum on Main Street will also be open during the book sales from 9 a.m. to noon.