

It's springtime - time to spay or neuter your pet

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We can tell spring is on the way with the increase in spay-neuter reservations for the next date of March 26. Please call (334) 863-0101 or educate yourself first at ww.randolphshelter.org and then call for your spay and neuter reservation! Since starting our services in November 2015 for Randolph County Animal Shelter and the public's pets, we have sent 947 pets to get "fixed" - 497 dogs and 450 cats, including feral cats that are re-released into the wild.

We educate the public about this spay-neuter service for dogs and cats not only so we can reduce pet intakes at the shelter but also reduce animal suffering.

Did you know the average adult dog waits six months for adoption, while a puppy or a cat takes about a month to find a new home? So you can imagine our joy when we had six pet adoptions on March 2! Kitties Missy, Midnight and Blackie were adopted, as well as dogs Scooter, Poppy and Blue.

Blue was a long-timer resident since March 20, 2018, and he was under vet treatment for heartworm disease. In fact, the sweet adopters adopted him and Poppy to go to their Woodland home.

And then three days later, another long-timer found her home due to a young man's big heart. Bessie, a tree-walking coonhound had been with us since Nov. 14, 2017, and she was under vet treatment for heartworm disease. The teenager told his mom he wanted the dog that was

here the longest. These adoptions mean the world to us and revive our hearts.

Book sale

We have our bi-annual Book Sale coming up April 6 and 13, both Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get your summer reading materials.

We gratefully accept your book donations as always, and we appreciate your bringing them to RCAS or leaving them on the porch at The Old Cotton Warehouse (where we hold the sales in Roanoke, across from The Randolph Leader newspaper). Please

no encyclopedias or school books as they do not sell. We look forward to your buying new books, too!

And for the fisherman and fisherwomen, please consider supporting the Rickey Childs Memorial Fishing Tournament June 1-2. We are one of the two charities that will profit from the payout, including the Disabled American Veterans. What a delightful surprise to be asked to participate. Thank you!

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

American Legion to observe centennial

The American Legion is celebrating 100 years of service this year, 1919-2019. In recognition of the occasion, Randolph County Post 53 will serve free hot dogs to our local

Randolph County veterans. Post 53 will be at Walmart on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. All Randolph County veterans and active duty personnel are welcome.

Sending stuff to The Leader

The Randolph Leader welcomes submissions of articles and photos of human interest, community, society and club news.

The e-mailing of photos and articles helps us get the item in the *Leader* more quickly and with less errors than those items brought in or mailed in that have to be typeset (again).

Articles and photos

may be emailed to vanesa@therandolphleader.com. When attaching and emailing a photo from a cell phone, please select "Actual Size."

The Leader staff will not handle customers' cell phones to try to get information or photos off of them.

For more information, call (334) 863-2819.

Dine With Us!